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CORP 01	21/10/10	10	Senator COLBECK	Senator COLBECK—What is the basis of that charge, can you tell me? How is that charge of \$1,800 determined? Mr Mrdak—I might defer to Mr Banham, our chief operating officer. Mr Banham—There are largely two components of the rate. One is the actual location of the document and the copying fee. The other one is to actually go through the document and root out the relevant components. It is an estimate of how much it will cost us when we do the full brief. Senator COLBECK—So \$1,800. I would assume it would not be all that difficult to find it. I have no idea who has made the request either, just for the record. If it is us, I plead innocence on that. Can you give me an indication of how that cost is built? Obviously, you locate the document and copy it, but I would not have thought they were hugely onerous processes. The major project, I would have thought, would be going through the document. Can you give me a sense of how big it is and what size it is? Mr Banham—The actual schedule of fees is set out under the act. It prices per page for copying. The incoming government brief is a fairly large document. There is also a large volume that talks about the portfolio and the department. The applicant has the right, once they see the estimate of charges, to reduce what they are asking for. So they may want to drop off a couple of the large volumes and then the cost will reduce. Senator COLBECK—So it is set out and designed under a formula. Do you have to make an estimate of the time that it is going to take you to go through to do the selection process? Mr Banham—Yes, Senator. The per page fee is fixed. The estimate is of how long it will take us to go through and edit the document and to review it. Senator COLBECK—And the charge-out rate is also fixed under the act? Mr Banham—It is, Senator. Senator COLBECK—So what is the hourly rate? Mr Banham—I would have to take that on notice.
STP 01	21/10/10	13	Senator COLBECK	Senator COLBECK—Can you recall whether he was a candidate suggested by the minister or a candidate suggested by the department? Mr Mrdak—I would have to take that on notice. I do not think any of the three of us

				were involved in the process, so I will take that on notice. Senator COLBECK—Can you take on notice to give me as much detail as you can around that particular appointment. If it is appropriate, can you give me some background on the qualification that came with that. Mr Mrdak—Yes.
NB-II 01	21/10/10	16	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Are there any others in active consideration, Mr Mrdak? I think Mr Deegan mentioned there were some the government was dealing with that had not come through Infrastructure Australia. Mr Mrdak—Some of the projects that I have just outlined were established by the government as part of the budget last year. The bulk of those are funded from the Building Australia Fund and did come through the IA process. There are a couple of projects which are outside that. But the bulk of those are. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Which are the ones outside it, and where are they at? Mr Mrdak—I think the major one the government decided to fund was the bringing forward of the nation building projects, which are outside the IA process as part of the fiscal stimulus. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Which ones? Mr Mrdak—There were 14 road projects and a number of rail projects brought forward as part of the fiscal stimulus which were not done as part of the Infrastructure Australia process. Senator IAN MACDONALD—On notice, could you let me have a list of those? I suspect we have got this before. If we have, you will have it readily at hand. Mr Mrdak—Certainly.
NB-II 02	21/10/10	16-17	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could you give me that? Are there any projects that are destined for support which have not yet started? Mr Mrdak—You say ‘started’. There are commitments to all of the projects and work is underway for all the ones I have outlined. Major construction is yet to commence on projects like the regional rail link project in Victoria. There has been some early work on Spencer Street station and some preliminary work and design on other parts of the element, but they are underway. The bulk of the other projects are up and running. One other project—I think it is the O-Bahn project in South Australia—is still at the planning stage. Senator IAN MACDONALD—For those that have not yet started, the shovel has not yet been turned, can you give us a list of the estimated costs of those projects in the pipeline? Mr Mrdak—Certainly. We will take that on notice.
MCU 01	21/10/10	17	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Has any money been spent on consultancies by the Major Cities Unit? Mr Mrdak—I believe so, yes, in relation to some of the work that has been done. I do not

				have that information with me. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could you let me have on notice a list of any consultancies that have been commissioned by your unit? Mr Mrdak—Certainly.
NB-II 03	21/10/10	19	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—After yesterday's spat by BHP, that is looking increasingly unlikely. Perhaps I should ask you this, Mr Mrdak, or the minister. I take it that if the mining tax broadly, so-called, does not go ahead, that Townsville ring road will not proceed? Senator Carr—You have based your question on an assumption which I am not certain is valid at all. What I will do is take your question on notice.
IA 01	21/10/10	24	Senator LUDLAM	Senator LUDLAM—When you are doing a benefit-cost analysis, as BITRE does, for example, when it is calculating future freight movements and then we are using those assumptions to design our freight network, they just feed into what ABARE think the long run world oil price will be. Are you forced into a position where you are doing that as well, or can you look at some of the more high-risk scenarios? Mr Deegan—Do you mind if I take that on notice and come back to you with a more detailed response? Senator LUDLAM—I have asked you a variant on this question for 2½ years. Mr Deegan—No. You have asked for a lot more detail this time— Senator LUDLAM—That is true. Mr Deegan—about the BITRE and ABARE processes, so I will come back to you on that.
NB-II 04	21/10/10	30	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—The Moreton Bay one and the Princess Highway I am interested in. Ms O'Connell—Certainly, in terms of the Princess Highway, there is a contribution from the Victorian government. So that will commence ahead of the Australian government contribution starting. With the Moreton Bay rail link— Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you know when? Do you have that information? Mr Foulds—I do not have that information. I can get that to you shortly. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Thanks.
NB-II 05	21/10/10	30	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—I was going to ask if you could, on notice, give me a time line. Is that agreement likely to be done by the time that we have set for answers to questions, which I guess would be early December? Mr Mrdak—We would anticipate that we should have a time line settled. But if we— Senator IAN MACDONALD—Okay. In that case, take it on notice.
NB-II 06	21/10/10	32	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—This is for Richmond Bridge, Eden, the Princes Highway, the Great Eastern Highway and the Tasman Highway? Mr Mrdak—That is right.

				Ms O’Connell—All 10 projects. Senator IAN MACDONALD—All 10 projects? Ms O’Connell—It is \$51.1 million up to 2013-14, and from 2014-15 onwards it is \$3.5 billion. Senator IAN MACDONALD—All right; I am with you. There are only five that are in the prior 2013-14 category—is that right? Ms O’Connell—That is true for the Australian government contribution. Senator IAN MACDONALD—And that total contribution is \$51.1 million? Ms O’Connell—Yes. Senator IAN MACDONALD—And the state contribution—do you have that figure? Ms O’Connell—I do not have them for each. I have them for the projects, but I do not have the sum of them. We can do that and provide it to you. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Okay. There is only five. Perhaps you could just quickly run through the five state commitments—if it is easy. If it is not, it can be on notice—yes, take it on notice. Ms O’Connell—Okay.
NB-II 07	21/10/10	34	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—And are you able to tell me in the case of South Australia what the state government is required to spend? Is it dollar for dollar? Ms O’Connell—No, Senator. We do not have that information. We are happy to take it on notice. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Perhaps you could do that on notice for all of the states, not just South Australia. That would be helpful. That is in some sort of agreement with the state government, is it? Ms O’Connell—That is correct. It forms part of the nation building MOU in terms of the maintenance allocation to the state.
NB-II 08	21/10/10	34-35	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—There is apparently an alternative route around Yorkeys Crossing. Is that part of the national highway system? Mr Pittar—I do not believe that it is. My understanding would be that the national network would stick to the existing bridge that crosses the Spencer Gulf. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could you just double-check that? If that answer is not correct, could you get back to me? We will leave it at that. You might just let me know, on notice, if Yorkeys Crossing has come to the knowledge of the department in any shape or form. Mr Pittar—My recollection with Yorkeys Crossing is that it goes, if you like, above where Spencer Gulf goes to Port Augusta, so it is not actually crossing the water as such. My understanding, as I say, is that it is not part of the national network, but we will confirm that and come back to you on that.
NB-II 09	21/10/10	37-38	Senator	Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am sure there was, which confirms what you are

			MACDONALD	saying. I asked you on notice to give me the reason why the request from the Cassowary Coast Regional Council was rejected. In the answer you gave to my question when I raised it before, you said the Jubilee Bridge is a local government responsibility. That was the answer. I am sure it was a very accurate answer, but it did not really answer anything. Perhaps I could pursue that. To explain, the Jubilee Bridge runs through Innisfail. It is not part of the national highway. But as a result of the Jubilee Bridge being out because it practically fell down, and it is a major thoroughfare between two suburbs of Innisfail, you might say, it meant that all the traffic had to go around onto the main road quite a way along the main road over a bridge along the main road to a dangerous intersection and then come back to get to the other side of Innisfail. So whilst it was not part of the main road, its absence certainly put a great wear factor on the main road but, more importantly, a human life factor on the main road. So with that background, I ask you on notice to let me know the reasons why the government was not able to accede to the request of the regional council for assistance. Mr Mrdak—Certainly.
NB-II 10	21/10/10	39	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Can you just update me? The Townsville port road, which, again, was a promise in the 2007 election, has been completed from the western highway through to the Bruce Highway. But from the Bruce Highway through to the port, there is no activity happening at all. Are you able to tell me when it is contemplated that that section might work? I think it might involve a bridge across Ross Creek as well. Mr Pittar—I might need to take that on notice. Mr Mrdak—We will get that for you.
NB-II 11	21/10/10	40	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes. I am pleased to see you do. You have some appreciation of what people talk about. Curra to Sarina, it is said on the website, is under construction. Do you have some information on when it is intended this might be completed? There are no details on the website. Mr Pittar—I might have to take that one on notice. Senator IAN MACDONALD—If you would, please. The Burdekin Road Safety Audit project? The website says it is not started. Again, \$25 million was promised in the 2007 election. Is there any anticipated update of when that might be? Mr Pittar—We will take that one on notice.
NB-II 12	21/10/10	42-43	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—I was indicating to Senator Heffernan that he could go, but it would be a good idea, if we have to change programs, if I could just get an update on the Bruce Highway—that Cooroy to Curra upgrade. We have mentioned it in passing and in pieces, but can you just give me some more information? How much money has been allocated to section A and how much is currently being spent? What environmental impacts are being done on Coles Creek? What about environmental

			approvals generally? Are you able to give me them? I have a couple of other questions. Are you still funding the 45-kilometre long thick painted median strip between Cooroy southern interchange and the Wide Bay intersection north of Gympie? When will work start on this project? Will the government fund any additional overtaking lanes? Mr Mrdak—We will certainly give you an update on Cooroy-Curra stage B, which we have got under construction. Mr Pittar—Senator, as Mr Mrdak said, section B of the Cooroy to Curra upgrade is currently under construction. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Has section A been completed? Mr Pittar—No, Senator. Section B is the priority area. It is the part of the road which had the worst accident history, so it was the priority to move ahead on. The total project cost for that section B is \$613 million, with the Australian government contribution being \$488 million. Section B runs from Sankeys Road north for about 12 kilometres. That is a very significant construction site at the moment. It involves the construction of a four-lane divided carriageway on a new alignment between two new interchange connections on the existing Bruce Highway located south of Sankeys Road and south of the Traveston Road, including an underpass at Coles Creek. Construction commenced in September 2009 and is expected to be completed around the middle of 2012. In relation to the other sections—sections A, C and D—the government has made a financial contribution to the securing of that alignment and for the future work to complete that entire section through to Curra at some future point. But at this stage, it is section B that is the active construction site and is provided for in the current Nation Building Program. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Are you able to tell me what has been allocated to section A? Mr Pittar—From memory, I think \$200 million was contributed to securing some of that alignment in the future. But I would prefer to just clarify that on notice, if I may. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Okay. Are you able to tell me anything about the environmental impacts of the work being undertaken on Coles Creek, particularly where the creek is being rerouted and straightened? Mr Pittar—I do not have specific information about the crossing of Coles Creek and would take that on notice. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes, please. Will you still fund the 45-kilometre long thick painted median strip between Cooroy southern interchange and the Wide Bay Highway intersection? Does that mean anything to you? Mr Pittar—I would have to take that specific amount— Ms O'Connell—We would have to take it on notice.
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				Senator IAN MACDONALD—I want to know when work will start on the project, what government funds will be spent and whether the government will fund any additional overtaking lanes along this section of the highway. What is the final cost of the variable message signs that have been installed at Black Mountain, Federal, Coles Creek, Tuchekoi, Traveston and Kybong? When did each sign become operational? How often are the signs used? What messages have been displayed since they became operational? I suspect you might have to take most of those on notice. Mr Pittar—Yes. We do not have that detail, I am afraid.
STP 02	21/10/10	59	Senator WILLIAMS	Senator WILLIAMS—As yet, have Tasmania and Northern Territory agreed to adopt the reforms? Ms Riggs—The 2007 reforms? Senator WILLIAMS—Yes. Ms Riggs—I will have to take that on notice. I would rather take it on notice, rather than be wrong.
STP 03	21/10/10	60-61	Senator WILLIAMS	Senator WILLIAMS—Yes, fair enough. Moving to the rest stops, can you give me an update of construction of new ones—are there more of them—the demand for them. How many are under construction now? Have you any idea how many are under construction now around Australia? Ms O’Connell—There is a very significant program around heavy vehicle rest stops. Senator WILLIAMS—Yes. Ms O’Connell—The full program is on our website. I can either take that on notice or come back to you on the progress made with all of those rest stops around Australia. Senator WILLIAMS—Let me make it simpler for you. Would it be easier for you to find out actually how many rest stops we currently have in Australia on major highways? Ms O’Connell—I can take that on notice, certainly. Senator WILLIAMS—I do not want to give you too much work. What I am asking is: how many do we have now on our major intercity highways and major highways, what is the forecast of how many are required, and where are we up to as far as constructing new ones? So, for example, if we currently had 1,000 around Australia and the department says, ‘We actually need 2,000, and how many are being constructed—there are 300 in between?’ So I can get an idea of how many we have, and how the growth is as far as constructing those rest stops. Would that be okay? Ms O’Connell—Certainly.
STP 04	21/10/10	61-62	Senator ABETZ	Senator ABETZ—These first few questions on behalf of my Tasmanian colleague, Senator Richard Colbeck: can we be given the figures paid as a result of the passenger vehicle movements on the TT-Line? Does the department have that? Ms Riggs—Just let me check, please. Senator ABETZ—And if it is not readily available, if you can take it on notice, but if you

				do have it readily available that would assist. Ms Riggs—I am sorry. I have come with Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme numbers but I appear not to have brought passenger— Senator ABETZ—The Bass Strait passenger vehicle equaliser. Ms Riggs—Just the year to date paid? Senator ABETZ—That was a general question, whether we can be given the figures, if we can. If you can give us the figures for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Ms Riggs—Can I make them the financial years? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Financial year is fine. Ms Riggs—Thank you, Senator. Senator ABETZ—And how much is being paid in globo and whether that in globo figure can then be reduced to the numbers of vehicles, because, if I understand it— Ms Riggs—So total outlays for numbers of vehicles for each of those financial years. Senator ABETZ—Yes. The total outlays and then the number of vehicles to which that applies and, similarly with the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme, if you are able to identify—I am not sure that you necessarily can—those that used the TT-Line as to the amount of payments made for freight movers who use the TT-Line, and I imagine that might not be available but, if it is, for those same five or six financial years, and if you can provide us the in globo figure. Then—I am not sure how you measure it per tonne, per cubic metre, whatever your standard measurement is—if you could advise that as well. Ms Riggs—Some measurement of the quantity of freight. Senator ABETZ—Yes. Ms Riggs—But only interested in what is moved on TT-Line.
STP 05	21/10/10	62-63	Senator ABETZ	Senator ABETZ—Right. Thank you. So has Mr Motha ever been the beneficiary of, let's say, an ABS workshop or training or anything of that nature as to how to interpret the ANZSIC classifications, or does Mr Motha take it upon himself to believe that he understands the classifications sufficiently? Ms Riggs—Mr Motha consults with his staff who have had some experience in working with the classification and who, as I said, if they need to, will talk to staff of the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Senator ABETZ—Yes. One of the difficulties is you do not know what you do not know and, therefore, people may well be personally satisfied that they know but, unless they have been given a bit of training or some indication by the ABS of some of the nuances or other issues that might be involved, they might unwittingly make an incorrect call in relation to classification. So I suppose that is what I am seeking to explore with you, Ms Riggs. Ms Riggs—I do not believe that Mr Motha has personally undertaken extensive training with the Bureau of Statistics in interpretation of the classification.

				Senator ABETZ—Right. And what about his—what term did you use? Ms Riggs—Staff. Senator ABETZ—What about the staff that would assist him or advise him in relation to that? Chances are they would be more at the coalface on the day-to-day decision making and making recommendations to Mr Motha. What about them? Take it on notice if you do not know. Ms Riggs—I think that would be better.
STP 06	21/10/10	69	Senator WILLIAMS	Senator WILLIAMS—Eight, yes. Ms Riggs, just in relation to work diaries, is it still the case that in South Australia and Victoria, on a typical 12-hour day, if you work within 100 kilometres of home or your base, you do not have to fill a work diary in? Ms Riggs—Several of the jurisdictions make an exemption from having to fill in a work diary for either being only within 100 kilometres of home base, or I think in Queensland it is 200 kilometres. Quite frankly, I do not have the list with me of which jurisdictions have the 100-kilometre allowance. I will take that on notice.
STP 07	21/10/10	71	Senator WILLIAMS	Senator WILLIAMS—Ms Riggs, could you briefly tell me what this industry advisory group is made up of? Ms Riggs—About eight, 10 or a dozen—I am happy to put the names— Senator WILLIAMS—Transport organisations? Ms Riggs—Yes, transport operators, those interested in the transport industry and a couple of users of the trucking industry, so they are not representative. They are 10 or 12 individuals who know and use the trucking industry, so they are either operators or whatever. They bring a good industry view to the project office. Senator WILLIAMS—Could you take on notice for me whether anyone in that advisory group is from livestock transport and the grains transport please? Ms Riggs—They are not representative of any particular organisation, so I will not necessarily know what their background is. Perhaps it would be better if I took on notice giving you a list of the names of the members of that group.
STP 08	21/10/10	73	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Are you able to tell me the difference between New South Wales and Queensland in allowable width? Mr Mrdak—I would have to come back to you, Senator, if that is okay. I do not have that with me.
STP 09	21/10/10	74-75	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—In the questions you had this morning—I was not here—did you take on notice the rationale for the appointment of someone who could have a conflict of interest to this position? ACTING CHAIR—I am not sure that is a question the CEO can answer. Senator IAN MACDONALD—No. I am talking to Mr Mrdak and Senator Carr. Senator Carr—There are rules that govern conflict of interest. There were the rules that were in place when you were a minister. I have no doubt they were the rules in place when

				you made recommendations to the cabinet or through the various processes of government for appointments. They have not changed. Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am not talking about people's political affiliation. Senator Carr—This is not about politics. This is a straight question regarding the process by which this department and the government deal with even perceptions of conflicts of interest. The officers have explained what has happened in this particular circumstance. That is consistent with the practice across the government. It is consistent with the practice, as I understand it, that has been established protocol in the Commonwealth of Australia for a very, very long time. Senator IAN MACDONALD—This particular appointment—as I say, forgetting political affiliations— does have this possibility of conflict between Mr Zussino's role in Gladstone and his role as chair of the Maritime Safety Authority. I am just wondering—you can give me the answer now, but I suspect you will have to take it on notice—if you could tell me if this was considered before the appointment was made and, if so, what was the result of that consideration? Senator Carr—I presume that these questions were considered. However, I will take it on notice and we will just double-check the situation.
PAR 01	21/10/10	86	Senator LUDLAM	Senator LUDLAM—We are planning for oil to stay cheap indefinitely, is my point, and it is not going to. Mr Mrdak—I do not think that is what we are saying at all. Dr Dolman—As Mr Mrdak was saying, and the report that you are actually referring to makes the point that to some extent there is limited substitutability between road and rail because people have an expectation about how quickly things would be delivered. Even though rail might be cheaper with a higher oil price, it still does not make people make the decision to move to rail because of a whole range of other factors. Senator LUDLAM—Yes. Dr Dolman—We provided some advice in a question on notice to you which suggested that our middle point projection for oil price in 2020 would be over \$100 a barrel, so we are doing our projections and in fact that freight projection would be based on the mid-term price which we are estimating in 2020 to be US\$117 or thereabouts a barrel, and by 2030 we would expect it to be \$150-odd a barrel. Senator LUDLAM—Okay, so those numbers you have fed me there and the ones that you returned as a question on notice, are they the same numbers that you fed into that model about the freight task doubling out to 2030? Dr Dolman—I can double check that— Senator LUDLAM—If you could.
PAR 02	21/10/10	87	Senator LUDLAM	Senator LUDLAM—All right; I will leave it there. The CSIRO piece I am referring to is <i>The potential future petrol prices under alternate international oil market conditions</i>,

				published in 2008. It got a bit of press because their abrupt shock scenario took petrol over \$8 a litre. I do not know how much it would cost to fill up a Commodore at that kind of price. On notice, if you can provide us with whatever you think—you can see where I am going—that your agency has done in the recent price that most closely answers the question that I am asking about an oil shock. I do not believe it has really been done, but if you are saying you have, I would appreciate a chance to see it. Dr Dolman—I will come back to you on that.
OTS 01	21/10/10	93	Senator HEFFERNAN	Senator HEFFERNAN—For individual card holders or otherwise, what penalties apply for an infringement of the regulations? Mr Dreezer—There is a range of regulations which provide offences. I would have to take on notice that range of offences and provide you with the penalties. Senator HEFFERNAN—You could take that on notice, yes. Mr Retter—Can I correct the record. Earlier you were raising questions relating to whether individuals under 18 years of age could get a card. Contrary to the statements made earlier, we have just checked the facts and under certain circumstances there are ways under 18s can get a card. So I apologise for misleading you there. Senator HEFFERNAN—I am coming to it. Mr Retter—And because this is quite a complex area within the regulations, what I would like to do is to— Senator HEFFERNAN—I have the same bit of paper here. I was about to hit you over the head with it. Mr Retter—correct the record and, if you are agreeable, under written notice provide you with a detailed description of the circumstances.
CASA 01	21/10/10	99	Senator BOYCE	Senator BOYCE—Is it the case that no-one could market an AAD in Australia without the approval of the delegates, or a delegate body? Mr McCormick—That would be my understanding, but to confirm that I will have to take that question on notice.
CASA 02	21/10/10	99	Senator BOYCE	Senator BOYCE—Apart from my raising the issue here, what processes do you have in place to try and ensure there are not conflicts of interest? Mr McCormick—Commercial conflicts of interest are not in our remit. The technical standards, of course, we agree with the Australian Parachute Federation or international standards. The actual oversight or what happens between commercial entities is not an area where, traditionally, CASA has been involved. But as I say, we will take— Senator BOYCE—But there is quite a serious potential for conflict of interest if, in fact, someone who profits from a particular product is also the gatekeeper for competing product, isn't there? Mr McCormick—As I said, I think sitting here I can see how that could be seen as a conflict of interest, yes.

				Senator Carr—Where does the senator take her complaint? Can I just clarify. Mr McCormick—We will take that on notice and we will get back to you with what the details of that are.
CASA 03	21/10/10	105-106	Senator XENOPHON	Senator XENOPHON—For instance, where an interview is taking place, or any part of an investigation, even if it is in the initial fact-finding stage, a CASA officer may be able to sit in. Mr McCormick—I will defer to Dr Aleck, who will give you a better answer on that. Dr Aleck—The option is available but it is rarely exercised—certainly sitting in an interview—the reason being that the information that is conveyed in the course of that interview for ATSB purposes is protected. It puts CASA officers in a potentially invidious position if they hear something that they cannot then report back for regulatory purposes. They are obliged, when they do participate—and they do participate in aspects of an investigation—to operate under the ATSB rules, which means that they cannot convey back to CASA information which is protected under the ATSB rules. Senator XENOPHON—But it is awkward, isn't it? It can be potentially awkward? Dr Aleck—It is, but we now conduct parallel investigations, and I must say that in the last 18 months or so our arrangements with the ATSB have become much more effective. Nobody is in any doubt about the fact that they do not have to be interviewed by us; they have to be interviewed by the ATSB. Senator XENOPHON—I understand. Perhaps on notice you could give me an indication of how widespread this is. Dr Aleck—Absolutely.
CASA 04	21/10/10	110	Senator ABETZ	Senator ABETZ—Did you get a letter of resignation from Mr Hart? Mr McCormick—I do not actually have a recollection of what we have in our systems. I will have to take that on notice and see what we do have.
CASA 05	21/10/10	110	Senator ABETZ	Senator ABETZ—Is it correct that, in publishing the CASA annual reports of 2006-07 and 2008-09, there was an outline of Mr Hart's biography published in those reports? Mr McCormick—That is before my time. Senator ABETZ—Can somebody with a longer corporate memory confirm that for me? Mr McCormick—Perhaps if you would like to— Senator ABETZ—All right, take that on notice. Then can I be advised why his biography was removed prior to the publication of the 2008-09 annual report? Mr McCormick—Again, I will have to take that on notice. We will check with people who were around at the time to see what was in there.
CASA 06	21/10/10	117-118	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—I just want to go back to the May 2010 estimates and the answers that you have given to me to questions taken on notice. Thank you for them. We were talking about Mr Hart's reports, of which he tells me he completed 28 during his term from 4 June 2007 until 31 December 2009, as the Industry Complaints

				Commissioner. He did 28 reports which contained 108 recommendations and you have given me a summary of those recommendations. Mr McCormick—Is that question 4 that you are looking at? Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes, it is. Of those 108 recommendations, how many were actioned? Mr McCormick—I would have to take that on notice. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Was it most of them or a few or them? Mr McCormick—Because they go back some considerable time now, I would have to take that on notice. I have no idea at this stage. Senator IAN MACDONALD—You told me the reports of Mr Hart were not suitable for tabling in this committee because they contained confidential material that is inappropriate for general publication. What do you mean by that? I asked for a couple of reports and said, ‘Please delete names. Just give us the idea of what they are about without naming names.’ Would they still be inappropriate for general publication if there were no names mentioned? Mr McCormick—I am looking at the bottom of 4 there. The ICC receives and reports on information that is confidential from a commercial and/or privacy perspective, and all reports contain references to named persons. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes, but if you remove the references to the named persons, it would at least allow the committee to get some idea of the nature of the recommendations in his reports. Mr McCormick—We can certainly look at that—how it would be if it was an FOI request but with perhaps a bit more detail for the Senate. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes. Mr McCormick—As to the reports themselves, again if there are any in particular that you wish an answer on, we can take that on notice. Otherwise, we will review what we have there.
CASA 07	21/10/10	124	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—But it is suggested to me that the board wrote to this person. I am not sure who ‘the board’ is, whether it is the secretary of the board, the company secretary, but the suggestion to me is that the board wrote to my constituent and said, ‘Don’t raise it with us. It’s nothing to do with us if you don’t like Mr McCormick. Refer it to the minister.’ I cannot believe the board would do that. I would have thought if there were complaints that they would go to the board in the first instance and perhaps then end up with the minister. What is the process? If I did have a complaint against Mr McCormick—which I do not—would I report it to the board or to the minister? Mr McCormick—Is it possible to see a copy of the letter from the board? Senator IAN MACDONALD—No, it is not, because I do not have it. No, it says ‘2 July, attached’. Anyhow, my question is: could you check with the board, whoever that is—I

				mean, do they have a minutes secretary?—and see if they did write and advise anyone that that is where the complaint should go, to the minister rather than to the board. Could you, if need be, take on notice where complaints should be directed in the unlikely event that there would be any complaints against the director? Should they go to the board in the first instance or to the minister? Mr McCormick—We certainly will take that on notice. Could you perhaps give us the date of that letter? Senator IAN MACDONALD—My staff have written ‘2 July, attached’, but I am not sure that that is the date. It is since the last estimates. I imagine the number of letters the board might have written on that sort of subject would be fairly limited, so it should not be difficult, I would think, to find out whether that is correct. Mr McCormick—Yes. Senator IAN MACDONALD—And perhaps on notice you could tell me whether the information I have been given is a complete load of crock or whether there was some misinterpretation, or whatever. Mr McCormick—Yes. Was your constituent’s letter sent direct to the board or to CASA? I am just trying to make sure we can track the letter correctly. Senator IAN MACDONALD—It says: Since I wrote to you— that is to me— I have received replies from the CASA board advising me that they fully support the leadership of Mr McCormick and that the board is not the appropriate body to which comments about the direction of CASA should be directed. I was advised the observations should be directed to the minister. It is between 2 July and 18 July this year. Mr McCormick—Thanks.
CASA 08	21/10/10	125	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Finally, CASA has been rewriting regulations for several years. According to Senate estimates, in 2007 CASA told the committee that up to that date the regulatory review program cost \$144 million. Since that time how much has been spent on the program? Mr McCormick—We will have to take that on notice.
AAA 01	21/10/10	125	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—The office of parliamentary draftsmen? Mr McCormick—The Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Someone must give— Mr McCormick—The subject matter experts from CASA give the briefs to the drafters but the drafters very much follow the guidelines, I can assure you. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Perhaps I can get Mr Mrdak to follow that question up— whether the complaint should be to the office of parliamentary draftsmen, which you would direct through your department, no doubt. Mr Mrdak—We will have a look at that.

OTS 02	21/10/10	132	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Again, I think Senator Heffernan went through some of this with CASA, but I am not sure whether it is also in your area: a question on why cleaners are not screened when they clean planes, yet pilots are screened. Is that your area? Mr Dolan—No. Mr Mrdak—That is again with myself and the department. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is that right, that cleaners are not screened or do not have those— Mr Mrdak—I do not think it is as clear-cut as that. I do not think that is correct, but let me take it on notice. I think we had better check the actual details on that.
ATSB 01	21/10/10	132	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could I ask you, obviously on notice, how many incidents have been reported in the last five years; and is the trend of reporting incidents increasing or decreasing? Mr Dolan—Yes, I would be happy to take that on notice and we can collate that information. I will perhaps just leave it at that.
ATSB 02	21/10/10	133	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is disturbing. How many stick operator incidents have been reported during the past five years? Mr Dolan—I would have to take that one on notice, too. Stick shaker I think you are asking? Senator IAN MACDONALD—Stick—incidents where the plane is about to stall? Mr Dolan—Stick-shaker incidents. I do not have that available to me but I would be happy to take it on notice.
ATSB 03	21/10/10	133	Senator MACDONALD	Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is reassuring. Perhaps it will be better if you take this next question on notice, so that I do not go to bed with this tonight: is the trend of reported incidents increasing or decreasing? Mr Dolan—We can provide that. Senator IAN MACDONALD—Unless you tell me it is decreasing, do not tell me; and I will hear about it later. Mr Dolan—We will provide you with what an analysis of the facts shows.

Written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio
Thursday 21 October 2010

QON No.	Date Asked	Hansard Reference/Written	Senator	Question
CORP 02	N/A	Written	Fielding	1) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? 2) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 3) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? 4) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 5) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions? 6) Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')?

				7) Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 8) If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? 9) If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 10) Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?
CORP 03	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not? 2) Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?
NB-II 13	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What percentage of local government projects under the Nation Building program has been completed?
NB-II 14	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Hume Highway – Turcutta Bypass project? a. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b. Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 15	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Hume Highway – Woomargama Bypass project? a. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b. Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 16	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Pacific Motorway – Springwood South to Daisy Hill project? a. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b. Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 17	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Goulburn Valley Highway – Nagambie Bypass project? a. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b. Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 18	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Princess Highway – Taralgon to Sale project? a. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b. Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the

				status and progress of this project?
NB-II 19	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Western Highway – Anthony’s Cutting Realignment project? - How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? - Is the project running to schedule and within budget? - Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 20	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Hunter Expressway project? - How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? - Is the project running to schedule and within budget? - Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 21	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Pacific Highway – Kempsey Bypass project? - How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? - Is the project running to schedule and within budget? - Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 22	N/A	Written	Macdonald	What is the status of the Canberra Airport Road Upgrade project? - How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? - Is the project running to schedule and within budget? - Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 23	N/A	Written	Macdonald	Minister Anthony Albanese recently released a National Cycling Strategy for 2011 to 2016 at the Australian Transport Council meeting of 24 September 2010. The short term goal is to double the number of people cycling over the next five years. No dollars were mentioned. Will the Federal Government be diverting funds towards this strategy and how much?
NB-II 24	N/A	Written	Macdonald	I refer to your answer earlier in today’s Estimates hearings that all of the \$37 billion in the current Nation Building Program is ‘committed’. - How much of that has been committed under Memorandum of Understandings? - How much of that money is committed under legally binding contract between the Commonwealth and the States?
AAA 02	N/A	Written	Fifield	- What is the purpose of the aviation access group? - Please provide a list of members of the aviation access group? - Is the Department aware of difficulties experienced by any members of the aviation access group to attend meetings of the group? - What steps has the Department taken to alleviate these difficulties?
NB-II 25	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Tasmanian Infrastructure Could DIT please advise on the status of each road project undertaken (finished or still underway) since 1 January 2010. For each project, please include:

				a) Original budget (broken down by financial year) b) Current Budget (broken down by financial year) c) Final Cost (if project completed) (broken down by financial year) d) If there have been any requests from the Tasmanian Government for additional funding and the size of that request e) Original completion date f) Current proposed completion data g) Final completion date (if applicable) h) Reasons for any delays of more than 1 month i) Cost of administration j) Cost of hospitality (or similar) for the marking of any milestones 2) Can DIT please advise on any submissions or requests made by the Tasmanian Government for financial assistance (full or part) for new road projects since 1 January 2010? When was this request made? What was the size of this request? 3) Has the Tasmanian Government or a local government made a request for funding for the Bass Highway west of Burnie since 1 January 2010? When? Who? How much? For what? 4) Has the Tasmanian Government or a local government made a request for additional funding for the Tasmanian rail network since 1 January 2010? When? Who? How much? For what? 5) What is the status of funding for the Tasmanian rail network west of Burnie? 6) What is the status of funding for the Tasmanian rail network within the West Coast local government area? 7) Has the Tasmanian Government or a local government made a request for additional funding for the Tasmanian ports network since 1 January 2010? When? Who? How much? For what?
STP 10	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) Can AMSA indicate when the current chair was appointed? 2) On whose advice was he appointed? Did the Minister approve this appointment? 3) What representations were made by members of the government with regard to this appointment, if any?
AMSA 01	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) Can AMSA please advise on any situation where the Chair has removed himself from AMSA considerations due to a conflict of interest? When? On whose advise? 2) What Board discussions were had with respect to the Shen Neng 1 and its removal from where it ran aground? When? On what date did the Chair declare a conflict of interest?

NB-II 26	N/A	Written	Williams	1) Is the ARTC contemplating an involvement in the sale of Queensland rail? 2) Will it join a consortium of possible buyers? 3) Will it do so on the basis that it will manage the track? 4) What plans do the ARTC have in terms of an involvement in the purchase of Queensland Rail by the private sector?
STP 11	N/A	Written	Boyce	A 5 yr review of disability access standards on public transport was to be conducted under section 34 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and a final report produced in 2007. That didn't happen and in 2008 a draft report was instead created. 1) Why has this happened? 2) Has the final report been completed? 3) And if those answers are yes, why has it not yet been made public. 4) Why has it taken over 3+ years to produce or not to produce it?
IA 02	N/A	Written	Heffernan	The projects assessed and recommended by Infrastructure Australia in its June 2010 infrastructure priorities report are expensive and involve the expenditure of the Commonwealth taxpayers' money potentially in the tens of billions. 1) Given that these projects are so dependent on the taxpayer, when will Infrastructure Australia release its modelling and analysis so the people of Australia can see for themselves why these projects have been selected and not others? 2) Can you please explain why "commercial-in-confidence" is an acceptable answer to the taxpayer? 3) Why cannot the Infrastructure Australia release this data, when if a private company was to embark on a large-scale infrastructure project it would most certainly release its justification to its shareholders. Why is the taxpayer different? 4) The Government has also claimed that a purpose of Infrastructure Australia was to provide a transparent and open process of selecting priority infrastructure projects. Does Infrastructure Australia believe this claim is justified given it will not release its modelling and analysis? 5) What advice did Infrastructure Australia provide to the Prime Minister on Australia's infrastructure priorities?
IA 03	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Cost-Benefit Analysis 1) What cost-benefit analysis has Infrastructure Australia conducted to assess the infrastructure priorities of Australia? 2) Can Infrastructure Australia outline the budget costs of this cost-benefit analysis and the number of personnel involved? 3) Has Infrastructure Australia relied on external consultants to conduct this cost-benefit analysis? 4) Is Infrastructure Australia capable of conducting a complex cost-benefit analysis of Australia's infrastructure priorities? If yes, then can Infrastructure Australia confirm

				that it would be entirely possible and desirable for a cost-benefit analysis to be conducted of the NBN? 5) If NO, then can Infrastructure Australia explain how it has assessed Australia's infrastructure priorities? 6) Is Infrastructure Australia aware of any industry concerns about the process by which Infrastructure Australia selected its recommended infrastructure priorities in either of its infrastructure priority reports? 7) What is the nature of these concerns? 8) Has Infrastructure Australia received any industry advice or comment regarding the transparency of its decision making processes and infrastructure recommendations?
MCU 02	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) What are the budget allocations to the Major Cities Unit to 2013-14? 2) How many staff are employed within the Major Cities unit? 3) How much has been spent on consultancies by the Major Cities unit? 4) What have been the tangible outcomes from the cities unit to date? 5) Does Infrastructure Australia consider the Major Cities Unit to be adequately staffed and funded to develop a comprehensive plan for the infrastructure needs of our major cities? 6) Has the Department committed to a Major Cities Program as outlined by Rudd in December 2006? 7) If so, what has been the cost to date of the Major Cities Program? 8) If not, when will the program commence? 9) What are the projected costs of the program to 2013-14? 10) Is Infrastructure Australia aware of any project slippages, cost overruns and project delivery issues surrounding the Major Cities Program? 11) How has the work or recommendations of the Major Cities Unit been linked to infrastructure assessments of Infrastructure Australia and its recommendations to COAG?
NB-II 27	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) Can Infrastructure Australia detail the current status of infrastructure projects identified as priorities in its report to COAG of December 2008 and June 2010? 2) Does Infrastructure Australia consider that the infrastructure projects identified as priorities are proceeding at an adequate pace? 3) Does Infrastructure Australia consider that the Commonwealth and state governments have given adequate consideration to developing and implementing infrastructure plans? a) If so, how did Infrastructure Australia arrive at this conclusion? 4) Can Infrastructure Australia provide a list and estimated cost of all of the projects in the pipeline? 5) Has Infrastructure Australia received any advice from the Department regarding the

				availability of future Commonwealth funding for future infrastructure projects? a) If so, then what are the projected budget outlays to 2013-14? b) If not, then what is the future role of Infrastructure Australia? What is its ongoing purpose in the absence of government funding?
NB-II 28	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) Can the Infrastructure Australia outline the number, cost, description and projected timeframes of infrastructure projects initiated since the Council of Australian Governments' Agreement of 5 February 2009 on the Nation Building program? a) If so, is the Department aware of any projects that have exceeded original cost estimates? b) If not, then how is the Department accounting for projects, particularly project expenditure, under the Nation Building program? 2) What is the percentage of National Building infrastructure projects that have been tendered and are contracted for construction? a) If there are some projects not contracted, when will these projects commence? b) Why have some of these projects not been contracted? 3) Can the Department outline the number, type, and cost of infrastructure projects that have been completed since the Council of Australian Governments' Agreement of 5 February 2009? 4) Can the Department provide: a) A complete list of projects that have been initiated under the Nation Building Program? b) A breakdown of the cost estimates and budget allocations of these projects for the financial years 2008-09 to 2013-14? 5) For all of the infrastructure projects under the Nation Building Program, can the Department outline all of the projects in the pipeline list require further demonstration of their strategic fit, economic benefits or deliverability before they could be considered as a priority by Infrastructure Australia? a) If not, can the Department explain why this assessment has not been made? 6) Has the Department made recommendations to COAG or PM&C concerning possible project interventions under the Nation Building program intended to address concerns with project slippages, cost overruns and project delivery? a) If so, what were the nature of these project slippages, cost overruns and project delivery issues? b) If not, does the Department believe that all the projects under the Nation Building program are being delivered on schedule and within budget? i. If so, how has the Department arrived at this conclusion? ii. If not, then what steps will the Department take to correct project slippages, cost overruns and project delivery issues?

				iii. If not, what are the additional costs to the tax payer of the project slippages, cost overruns and any other project delivery issues? 7) What advice, including financial costings, has the Department provided to, or received from, the Oversight Group charged with supporting and monitoring the implementation of key infrastructure and stimulus measures? [Note: the Oversight Group was established by the Council of Australian Governments' Agreement of 5 February 2009 under the Nation Building program] a) When will this advice and any financial costings be made publicly available? b) What is the frequency of any advice and financial costings provided? 8) Is the Department aware of any interventions or advice that the Oversight Group has made to prevent and address concerns with project slippages, cost overruns and project delivery of the Nation Building program? 9) Is the Department aware if the Heads of Treasuries for the states have reported to the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations in regard to the expenditure and output benchmarks for additional Commonwealth funding? a) If so, to what extent have the benchmarks reported at B3 of the Council of Australian Governments' Agreement of 5 February 2009 been met by each state and territory? b) If so, how has the Ministerial Council made the assessment that the benchmarks have been met? c) If not, to what extent has the Commonwealth imposed sanctions as detailed in B8 of the Council of Australian Governments' Agreement of 5 February 2009? 10) Can the Department outline if any, and if so how many, issues are yet to be resolved before COAG that may impact on the delivery of the Nation Building program? 11) How many of these issues have been resolved and how many are pending?
NB-II 29	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Specific Project Delivery – Rail Projects 1) Was the Department consulted on the Epping to Parramatta rail link before it was announced by the Prime Minister during the election campaign? a) Had the Department conducted any cost-benefit analysis or financial costings of the Epping to Parramatta rail link before it was announced? 2) What is the status of the Hunter Valley Liverpool Range New Rail Alignment project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 3) What is the status of the Regional Rail Express in Victoria project?

				a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 4) What is the status of the Gold Coast Light Rail project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 5) What is the status of the Noarlunga to Seaford Rail Extension project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 6) What is the status of the East-West Rail Tunnel project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 7) What is the status of the Northbridge Rail Link project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 8) What is the status of the West Metro project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 9) What is the status of the Brisbane Inner City Rail study? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 30	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Specific Project Delivery – Port Projects 1) What is the status of the Oakajee Port Common User Facilities project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget?

				c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 2) What is the status of the Brisbane Inner City Rail study? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?
NB-II 31	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Specific Project Delivery – Road Projects 1) What is the status of the Pacific Highway – Bulahdelah Bypass project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 2) What is the status of the Darwin Port Expansion project? a) How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? b) Is the project running to schedule and within budget? c) Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project? 3) Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to exceed their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up). 4) Are there any programs within your portfolio that are likely to under spend their current budget. If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).
PAR 03	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) Does the department believe that projected volumes of rail traffic make the inland railway a commercially or economically viable project? 2) What current work is Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) undertaking in regard to infrastructure? 3) Has BITRE conducted any cost analysis or assessment of the infrastructure required to support enhancements of Australia’s freight and transport networks? 4) What, if any, involvement has BITRE had with Infrastructure Australia? 5) What are the department’s/BITRE current projections of the costs of road, rail and port congestion on the Australian economy? 6) What are the infrastructure cost projections for the needs of regional and local governments over the next five years? 7) What work in regards to regional development has the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) performed recently? 8) What work in regards to regional development has the government asked the BITRE

				to perform in the past three years? 9) What work is the BITRE doing at the moment in regards to regional development? 10) What will be the role of the BITRE in the Government's announced Regional Development Policy Centre as agreed with Mr Windsor and Mr Oakeshott? 11) Does the BITRE believe that the Regional Development Policy Centre will be undertaking work that it would have otherwise performed? 12) How does the BITRE assess the state of data on regional Australia at the moment? What are the significant gaps in this data? What is the Government doing to fill these gaps?
AAA 03	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) In response to questions on notice submitted at the Perth Hearing of the Senate Inquiry into the Effectiveness of Aircraft Noise, Airservices Australia said they had recently consolidated and refined a tailored consultative process. Airservices wrote: a) "Where flight path change proposals are not primarily safety-related, there is often greater opportunity to involve communities during the design of proposals." Even in situations where changes are primarily safety-related, does Airservices Australia have a community consultation procedure or information program in place for involved communities? 2) The degree of angle for approach and departure at Perth Airport is currently 3 degrees. It has previously been 5 degrees. By returning approaches and departures to 5 degrees would it be possible to reduce the noise impact for people more than 30km from the Airport while not changing the ANEF for Perth Airport? 3) Under the new flight paths for Perth Airport are there any circumstances in which jet and non-jet aircraft may share the flight track albeit with some vertical separation? 4) The Draft Guidelines for Community Aviation Consultation Groups was issued by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. What level of involvement or input did Air Services Australia have into the creation of these guidelines? 5) Will Air Services Australia approach the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to consider extending the period of comment on Draft Guidelines for Community Aviation Consultation Groups beyond the 28 May 2010 deadline given its commitment to expanded community consultation as part of the Aviation White Paper? 6) In the first statement of purpose in the Draft Guidelines it states these consultation groups will "enable airport operators, residents in the vicinity of the airport, local authorities, airport users, and other interested parties to exchange information and ideas;" there is no clear definition of what is meant by in the vicinity of the airport and local authorities. Does this exclude interested parties who may be at a distance of

				the airport, but affected by its operations? 7) Will ASA seek full membership of these Community Aviation Consultation Groups as part of its promised expansion of community consultation? a) The proposed guidelines state one of the purposes of the Community Aviation Consultation Groups would be to "allow concerns to be raised and taken into account by the airport operator, with a genuine desire to resolve issues that may emerge". This statement does not allow for the involvement of the wider regulatory bodies such as Air Services Australia. 8) The draft guidelines present an opportunity to define an enhanced process for complaints-handling through these Community Aviation Consultation Groups, which can have positive impacts for Air Services Australia. The guidelines state that "There are formal procedures..." and that the arrangements should be "well publicised" There is no mention that they should also be effective in resolving the underlying issues. Can Air Services Australia expand on these remarks by providing information on how these procedures will produce a positive outcome for the complainant rather than just cataloging their complaint as a number in a database?
CASA 09	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) There is some concern about commercial pilot training being provided by third parties and simulation centres and not directly by the airlines. a) Of the commercial pilots in Australia currently flying domestic routes, are you able to provide figures for the number who have received their initial pilot's training by third-party providers as opposed to airlines? b) Of the pilots who have passed this training in the past 12 months, how many were trained by these third party providers as opposed to the airlines? 2) The Jetstar incident in July 2007 and the Qantaslink incident in Darwin in February 2008 showed that inadequate third party training for the pilot was a factor. a) Which third-party training provider provided the training for these particular pilots of these incidents? b) How many pilots have received training from these particular providers in the past ten years? 3) CASA has advised it wants to draft tougher rules for third-party training providers in the wake of these incidents and recent media reports indicate they hope to have these done by the end of the year. a) Can a specific date be given of when these new rules will be drafted? b) Why has it taken more than three years since the Jetstar incident for something to be finally looked at? c) Can CASA give an example of proposed new regulations they are considering in the drafting of these new rules?

				d) How will these regulations make the third party providers more accountable? 4) Is CASA aware of reports from pilots that third party training providers are helping some pilots to pass their initial training, hoping that later training from the airline will compensate them for insufficient endorsement training? 5) Many pilots are now required to pay for their own training up front, costing tens of thousands of dollars. a) To what extent is the domestic airline price war contributing to airlines cutting back on pilot training? b) How much do airlines claim to save by outsourcing this training? c) How much would it affect costs for training to be done internally at the airlines by CASA regulated instructors? 6) The United States has recently announced that commercial pilots will need 1500 hours training before flying, which is in contrast to new pilots at Qantaslink only needing 200 hours. a) Are greater training hours needed for pilots to increase overall airline safety? b) Are similar proposals being considered for Australian commercial pilots to those that have been introduced in the US? c) If so, what impact would this have on Australian domestic airlines?
OTS 03	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Scanning machines to be installed in major airports. 1) Since the program has begun, what research or action has the Government and the OTS taken in regards to the health concerns relating to these scanning machines? 2) Are there any health conditions that would restrict the use of these machines on a passenger? 3) Would children be subjected to these scanners? 4) On 26 Oct 2010, Dr Bendall, Victoria's Deputy Privacy Commissioner states that these machines: ☐ "They give the illusion of safety without actually making us safer". Assuming this is true, how is this factor taken in to consideration when choosing which machine will be selected by the OTS? ☐ "The devices cannot detect low-density materials hidden under clothing such as liquid, powder or thin plastics. Nor can they detect materials of any density hidden in body cavities." If this is the case, what other measures are being taken to adequately check for these threats? 5) Given the disputed effectiveness and possible health risk associated these machines, what other factors are the OTS considering when deciding which machine to install? 6) How closely has the OTS monitored any developments or issues regarding the use of these scanners in the United States and the Britain?

				7) What measures would be in place to protect the privacy of people subjected to body scanning? 8) As the OTS has outsourced consultation to the federal Privacy Commissioner's Office, will this allow stakeholder's concerned with privacy the same opportunity to have their concerns adequately addressed?
CASA 10	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) There are at least two current matters in the Federal Court in which CASA and individual employees are being sued. How much has this cost CASA in legal fees and what is the nature of the cases? 2) Recently, CASA has been at 3 separate AAT hearings in Sydney. How many separate cases relating to CASA has the AAT heard over the past three years? How much has this cost in legal fees over the past three years and what is the nature of these matters? 3) CASA has been rewriting regulations for several years. According to Senate Estimates in 2007, CASA told the committee that up to that date, the Regulatory Review Program (RRP) cost \$144 million. Since that time, how much has been spent on the program? 4) What action has CASA Director John McCormick taken to ensure that executives managing the Regulatory Review Program cease drafting legislation in formats that do not comply with a series of directions and guidelines? • Directions and guidelines refer to: the RRP's published guidelines, the repeated instructions of successive Ministers and Directors, the Commonwealth's Guide to Framing Commonwealth Offences, Civil Penalties and Enforcement Powers. 5) How many reports have been received under the Aviation Self Reporting Scheme (ASRS) over the past 2 years? 6) Does CASA consider the division of reporting between the ASRS and the mandatory and confidential reporting guidelines in the ATSB appropriate, and is it working? 7) How is the database of human factor supposed to work? Is there a requirement to report accidents? If so, what is the procedure? 8) Does CASA believe current rules adequately manage pilot fatigue? 9) Does CASA have an expert group of staff dedicated to fatigue management issues? 10) Given the issuing of Fatigue Risk Management Scheme (FMRS) standards by the Civil Aviation Organisation (CAO, international body), will CASA be able to oversee widespread introduction of FRMS in Australia?
OTS 04	N/A	Written	Heffernan	In a recent report on Four Corners (ABC, 30/08/2010), the Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC) was highlighted as a key problem of port security at several ports in Australia. 1) On what basis are issuing bodies selected or approved to issue MSIC? – Are there regulations they are required to adhere to? How is their compliance monitored?

				2) How many applicants have previous criminal convictions other than drink driving offences? – How many of these applicants are accepted? 3) Is the MSIC freely transferable? .i.e. can the card be used interstate if an employee with clearance moves to another state? 4) What is the average time it takes for the entire vetting process to be completed? – Is there a backlog? 5) What government agencies are involved in the vetting clearance process? How long does it take for government agencies to complete their assessment of individuals? 6) Why do people under the age of 18 not require vetting when applying for and MSIC? 7) How does the process differ between Australian Citizens and non Australians? – How much more stringent is the vetting process for non-Australians? 8) How much extra time per-unit will the vetting process take with these new enhancements? 9) What will be the increased cost per-unit of an MSIC once the recommendations are implemented? – What is the current cost? 10) What is the current rejection rate of MSIC applicants? How will this change under the new changes? 11) Will current pass holders who fall in to the rejection criteria as a result of the new requirements be given special consideration? 12) When is the first opportunity an employee without an MSIC able to be in contact with containers? 13) Is the OTS concerned with recent allegations that imply some current pass holders have links to criminal organisations that may use the ports to import illicit substances into Australia? 14) For individuals (cardholders or otherwise) what penalties does OTS impose for an infringement of the regulations? 15) Aside from MSIC – how is OTS enhancing security and reducing the risk of illegal activity? – How effective are these measures?
STP 12	N/A	Written	Heffernan	In the answer given by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee during Budget Estimates May 2010, no. ISTP 02. The answer stated: The Department is developing a draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) to consider adoption of an international vehicle standard on pedestrian safety. The draft RIS will also consider requirements for the fitting of bullbars. (Post market requirements for bullbars are regulated by states and territories. The draft RIS will be issued for public comment shortly.

				In light of this answer ISTP02: 1) Has the draft RIS been completed? 2) When will it be completed? 3) Has it been issued for public comment? 4) Is so when? 5) If not, when will it be issued for public comment? 6) Is the Government planning to ban the fitting of bullbars now or at any stage in the future?
CASA 11	N/A	Written	Cash	Has there been any review into the consequences and impact of The Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-discrimination Legislation) Bill 2004", on the Civil Aviation Act 1988, from a regulatory standpoint, the standpoint of the experiences of disabled travellers, and policy changes airlines may or may not have implemented as a result?
CORP 04	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Election promises 1) What is the total additional cost to the budget of Labor's election promises (over and above what was already in the budget)? 2) Can you please provide a breakdown of each policy by cost and budget year?
CORP 05	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Caretaker period 1) What approvals were given by the Minister in the 3 day period before the Caretaker period began? 2) What approvals were made by the Minister during the Caretaker period, if any?
CORP 06	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Questions on Notice 1) When were answers to questions on notice for May's Budget Estimates first prepared for the previous Minister? When were they first submitted to the Minister's office? 2) What was the response from the Minister's office? From who? When? 3) What communications were received from the Minister's office about the answers up to the caretaker period? Was there any written communication? What was the nature of this communication? 4) What advice did the Department take on the release of the answers during the caretaker period? (<i>DEWHA released answers during the caretaker period</i>) 5) How many answers have yet to be submitted to the Committee? Which ones? And are there any from any previous hearings still to be submitted?
CORP 07	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Financials 1) Can you provide me with a breakdown for each of the past 4 years: a) Total DIT appropriations b) DIT appropriations as a % of total government appropriations?

				2) Can you provide me the breakdown requested above but for the each of the 4 years in the forward estimates? 3) Can you provide me with the details of all DIT programs lapsing/terminating over each of the 4 years in the forward estimates? (e.g. regional food producers program)
CORP 08	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Ministerial Travel 1) What was the total cost of travel by the Minister in 2009-10? 2) What was the total cost of travel by his staff in 2009-10? 3) Which places has the new Minister visited since his appointment? What was the cost of travel for these visits? Who accompanied him? What was the cost of travel for these staff?
CORP 09	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Campaigns/Communications 1) How many DIT staff undertake communications/media advisory roles? 2) What was the total cost of communications/media in DIT in 2009-10? And the expected cost for this financial year? 3) What is the total budget of the communications branch of DIT for 2010-2011? And what was the budget in 2009-10? 4) What campaigns or other form of advertising are scheduled for 2010-2011? 5) When will these run? 6) What is the cost of each of these? 7) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office in the 2009/10 financial year? Which agency or agencies provided these services. 8) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in the 2009/10 financial year? Which agency or agencies provided these services. 9) Has the department instituted any policies or protocols that restrict or deny staff the use of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs? If yes, please explain what restrictions has been put in place. 10) Why were these restrictions put in place? If not, why not? 11) Are staff utilising these sites during work hours? If yes, how many hours are spent on these sites? What time are these sites most accessed (i.e. lunch time?). 12) Will measures be introduced to restrict access to these sites?
CORP 10	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Ministerial Submissions 1) Did the Government, Minister or his office return any documents to the Department once the caretaker conventions began? 2) Did these documents include Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes? 3) How many unread, unsigned or undealt with Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes

				were sent back? 4) What was the date of the earliest such document that was sent back from the Minister's office and the date of the last? 5) Did the Minister or his office request prior to the calling of the election that no more submissions, briefs or notes be sent? 6) What type of work did your portfolio engage in during the 2010 election campaign? 7) Did you receive any requests for information from the Government, your portfolio Ministers or any other Ministers?
CORP 11	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? 2) What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? 3) How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2010? 4) How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies as of today? 5) What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 6) What is the gender breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 7) What is the breakdown by location for each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 8) What is the breakdown by each level of ongoing staff and non ongoing staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 9) What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y). 10) What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why? 11) Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget? 12) Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent

				efficiency dividend? 13) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future? 14) How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location? 15) Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 16) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimate s2010? If so, where and at what level? 17) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. 18) If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing) . 19) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.
CORP 12	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Electoral Reports 1) Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included? 2) Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide copy of latest reports. 3) Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?
CORP 13	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). 2) How can the department justify this expenditure? 3) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts

				awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD. 4) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct? 5) Has there been any changes in the consultancies are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 6) Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves. 7) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. 8) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. 9) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. 10) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. 11) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. 12) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. 13) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. 14) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. 15) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
CORP 14	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

				3) Did the Minister approve each of these grants?
CORP 15	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2) How much did each report cost? 3) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? 4) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
CORP 16	N/A	Written	Colbeck	1) What is the Department's hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2) For each Minister/Parl Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
CORP 17	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Board Appointments 1) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2) What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010? 3) Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to Boards?
CORP 18	N/A	Written	Colbeck	FOI requests 1) Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? 2) How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3) How many have been granted or denied? 4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests? 5) Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and will it be released? 6) Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?
CORP 19	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Community Cabinet 1) What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates 2010? 2) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? 3) What was the total cost of this travel? 4) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?
CORP 20	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings

				1) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? 2) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or relodged? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redraft papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).
CORP 21	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Reviews 1) What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010? 2) Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: a. when those reviews were provided to Government, b. estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and c. if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. 3) How many reviews are ongoing? 4) How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? 5) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? 6) Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?
CORP 22	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Government Payments of Accounts 1) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) 2) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? 3) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
CORP 23	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Government stationery requirements 1) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)? 2) What are the cost of these items? 3) Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?
CORP 24	N/A	Written	Colbeck	Confidential document removal 1) What was the total cost of shredding/removal of confidential (or similar) documents in the Department for 2009/10 and so far for 2010/11?

				2) What was the total cost of shredding/removal of confidential (or similar) documents in the Minister/Parl Sec's offices for 2009/10 and so far for 2010/11?
ATSB 04	N/A	Written	Heffernan	Reporting 1) How many reports received under RepCon (Confidential Reporting Scheme) over the past two years should have been reported under the mandatory reporting requirements? 2) How many reports have been received under RepCon compared to normal reporting procedures in the past two years? Please forward details of each report.
IA 04	N/A	Written	Heffernan	1) Can the Department outline the current status of the National Broadband Network? a. How much has been expended to date by the Commonwealth on the network? 2) What cost-benefit analysis has the Department conducted on the National Broadband Network? a. Can the Department make this analysis available? b. If no analysis has been conducted, then how has the Department assessed the commercial viability of the network and its value to tax payers? 3) What involvement does the Department and Minister have with regard to the National Broadband Network?