

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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35, 37 14/2/05	Corporate Group	CORP 01	Bishop	<p>(Rex Government Business)</p> <p>According to the <i>Fin Review</i> on 22 December 2004 Mr Anderson released a Statement stating that Rex received 13 per cent of Government business on the Sydney-Canberra route. My office has been unable to find that Statement and it is certainly indicatively inconsistent with the figures you gave me.</p> <p>No, we have been unable to locate the Statement in the newspaper article attributed to Mr. Anderson's office. I am seeking a copy of that to be provided to the Committee.</p>
Not Applicable	Corporate Group (including AA, AMSA, CASA, NCA)	<p>CORP 02</p> <p>AA 01</p> <p>AMSA 01</p> <p>CASA 01</p> <p>NCA 01</p>	Carr	<p>(Consultancies)</p> <p>Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the Department and all associated Agencies. Please include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual;</li> <li>• The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year;</li> <li>• The total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year;</li> <li>• The nature and purpose of the consultancy;</li> <li>• The method by which the contract was let;</li> </ul> <p>The name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract.</p>

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17 14/2/05	Policy & Research Group	PR 01	Bishop	<p>(Treasury Review of Infrastructure Facilities at Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal)</p> <p>But there is a linkage, isn't there, of the Treasury review of these two terminals back to the broader issues identified by industry, which your Department is having input into?</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—Certainly there are linkages. I have not yet personally received the details of when Treasury are looking to finish their review. I would ask Treasury that one.</p> <p><b>Senator MARK BISHOP</b>—Would you be the appropriate person in this Department to know that?</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—Yes.</p>
24 14/2/05		PR 02	Bishop	<p>(Access Arrangements)</p> <p>Can you advise on how many occasions the Department, or other Agencies you are working with, have had contact with the United Kingdom and European Governments regarding access arrangements?</p> <p>Over the last two years.</p>
26 14/2/05		PR 03	Bishop	<p>(Advice for PM's Visit to Singapore)</p> <p>Did the request come from DFAT or PM&amp;C?</p>
28 14/2/05		PR 04	Bishop	<p>(Logistics Center of Excellence)</p> <p>How many staff does it have or will it have?</p>
32 14/2/05		PR 05	Bishop	<p>(Australian Trucking Association Report)</p> <p>Could you provide the Committee with a copy of that Report?</p>

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36 14/2/05	Policy & Research Group	PR 06	O'Brien	<i>(Regional Aviation and Island Transport Services: Making Ends Meet Report)</i> . And it has been reviewed a number of times? How many times?
40 14/2/05		PR 07	Bishop	<i>(Independent Review of Australian Shipping)</i> <p>Could you provide me with a copy of the Minister's response where he has made the decision and it has been implemented?</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—I think we provided the Senate with a copy of the Minister's speech to the Natship Conference. Subsequent to that, the permits should be on our Intranet site, but I will check that for you.</p> <p>Could you give us a web location of the new guidelines; that would be sufficient?</p>
40 14/2/05		PR 08	Bishop	<i>(Northern NSW ARTC Track Works)</i> <p>Did they provide you with an expenditure profile once they had received the funds? Was that agreed beforehand?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak</b>—It was provided as an untied grant with the Government wishing it to be applied to certain funds. We then sought a project list from the ARTC in relation to where they would do that. As Mr Wolfe indicated, they have a massive capital works program now underway for New South Wales rail track. They have provided us with details of where that expenditure will take place and that has been managed through that.</p> <p><b>Mr Wolfe</b>—The ARTC has just put out a Report called the <i>North-South corridor strategy</i> about its intentions on that particular corridor. It would certainly help the Committee if we provide you with a copy of that.</p>

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41 14/2/05	Policy & Research Group	PR 09	Bishop	(Australian Rail Track Corporation) The Commonwealth has provided the funding to the entity; the entity is established; it has developed its work program; and you have an expenditure profile in terms of what it is doing. Can you make that available to the Committee?
41 14/2/05		PR 10	Bishop	(Pacific National and the Eastern Seaboard Rail Meetings) Could I ask you on notice to provide the minutes of those meetings to the Committee?. You can take advice on that.
32 18/2/05	Policy & Research Group – Regional Policy	PRRP 01	O'Brien	(Answers to Questions on Notice) Moving on to output 8.1, Regional policy, page 103 of the Department's Annual Report for 2003-04 contains advice that the cost of regional policy advice in the last financial year exceeded the revised budget estimate by 70.5 per cent. Soon after the tabling of the Annual Report, I lodged question on notice <b>245</b> asking about this matter. It has not been answered. When did the Department provide the draft answer to my question to the Minister's office?
43 14/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 01	Johnston	(Commonwealth AusLink Road Responsibility) I will ask you to provide me with some information about the publication, to the State Government of Western Australia, of the AusLink road responsibility pertaining to the Commonwealth: when that was published and, if it is appropriate, a copy of the correspondence to the Western Australians telling them where the line lies in terms of responsibility. This road is a very important road, and we are told that it is a Commonwealth responsibility. You can see that the background to that is, I think, very emotionally charged, given that we are told that it is ours and I am now convinced—as I have been for some long time—that it is in fact a State responsibility. I would like to see the evidence so that I know just what is actually going on in terms of the denial of liability.

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47 14/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 02	Bishop	(Strategic Funding Projects) What degree of work had been done by the department on each or any of those 18 proposals prior to the government making its electoral commitment?
55 14/2/05		PTLG 03	Bishop	(ARTC Investment proposal) One hundred and nineteen million dollars over the next five years will go to the ARTC to: ... increase passing opportunities and improve signalling systems on the rail track between Newcastle and Brisbane. <b>Mr Hogan</b> —Sorry, for the what? <b>Senator MARK BISHOP</b> —For the North Coast rail link; it is on page 37 of the white paper. <b>Mr Hogan</b> —It is \$119 million, is it? <b>Senator MARK BISHOP</b> —It says: The [ARTC] proposes to invest an estimated \$119 million over the next five years to increase passing opportunities and improve signalling systems on the rail track between Newcastle and Brisbane. <b>Mr Hogan</b> —I heard you asking earlier about investment of the \$450 million. I think the best thing is to provide you with the proposal on that, and that will show the intentions with regard to that project as well.
57		PTLG 04	Allison	(Noise Amelioration NSW Standards) Is it possible to provide the committee with a copy of those standards?
60 14/2/05		PTLG 05	O'Brien	(Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation) Can you give me the figure to the end of December for the Sydney-Davenport subsidy.

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60 14/2/05	<b>Programmes Group – Transport &amp; Local Government</b>	PTLG 06	O'Brien	(Tasmanian Wheat Freight Subsidy) Can you give me the figures on notice comparing the subsidy between bulk and containerised wheat for the previous three years?
61 14/2/05		PTLG 07	Bishop	(Duplication of Hume Highway) Are you going to provide on notice the \$432 million that ARTC has undertaken to invest on the mainline track between Sydney and Melbourne?
64 14/2/05		PTLG 08	Bishop	(Eyre Highway projects) Then there is an increase in the year 2007-08. What part of the Eyre Highway?
64 14/2/05		PTLG 09	Bishop	(Clackline Bypass) What is the \$3 million towards the bypass at Clackline for? Is this a bypass around Clackline or is it bypassing the bridge?
65 14/2/05		PTLG 10	Allison	(Albury/Murray River Crossing) Can you also indicate what penalty rates apply in different circumstances, for instance, whether delays presumably would attract penalty rates—that is delays that cause the contract to be longer than previously agreed? Can you indicate what the penalty rates are—whether they cover construction delay due to administration delays, weather, protest action or court action? Can you indicate whether there is in the contract the provision whereby such delays would be subject to payments and, if so, how they are calculated?

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65 14/2/05	<b>Programmes Group – Transport &amp; Local Government</b>	PTLG 11	Allison	(Albury/Murray River Crossing) In relation to land acquisitions, how much of that was not budgeted but is now required to be made? And if we could have a comparison between the budget as it now stands, or as it previously stood, and the actual cost of the land acquisition, that would be useful. Is that possible?
66 14/2/05		PTLG 12	Bishop	(Bypass at Clackline) Can you provide me with the detail on the bypass at Clackline, in due course, on notice? In terms of the road access to the East Arm Port in Darwin
67 14/2/05		PTLG 13	Bishop	(Roadworks) What about the \$13.8 million for the works on the section between Midland and Wubin?
72 14/2/05		PTLG 14	Bishop	(Roadworks) If I give you the names of five projects, can you tell me if you have the profiles for them as yet? The Gateway Bridge? —The Brisbane urban corridor through Mount Gravatt? —The Ipswich Motorway capacity upgrade? —The Ipswich Motorway-Logan Motorway interchange? —Can you take that on notice and provide the answer on notice when you have it. And the traffic management programs through the Brisbane urban corridor?
75 14/2/05		PTLG 15	Bishop	(Roads to Recovery and Roads of National Importance Programs) Can the Department supply the Committee with funding by Electorate for the last financial year for the Roads to Recovery Program and the Roads of National Importance Program?

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76 14/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 16	Allison	(Ansett Levy) Back when decisions were being made about how the repayments would work, did you provide the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations with estimates of what the levy would collect?  Is it possible to provide a figure as to what was calculated?
76 14/2/05		PTLG 17	Allison	(Ansett Levy) Did you report monthly on the amount of the levy coming in or did you collect that information less frequently? <b>Ms Riggs</b> —I think the reality was that each of the airlines that were liable to pay a levy had to provide data on a monthly basis to this department and subsequently make appropriate payments into consolidated revenue. <b>Senator ALLISON</b> —So you were able to compare the revenue that was coming in with the estimate for each of those months and provide advice to— <b>Ms Riggs</b> —I believe that would have been possible. I cannot tell you if that was how the program was administered. As Ms Armitage has already said, regrettably those who were involved in the detail of the operation of the levy receipt at that time have since left the department. <b>Senator ALLISON</b> —But presumably you have records of the information that was provided. Is that available?
2 18/2/05		PTLG 18	O'Brien	(Staff Profile) What is the staffing profile of this branch? <b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b> —In terms of staffing profile, the branch has an FT equivalent of 26.9 staff. As I said, 13.1 deal with local government programs and 13.8 deal with natural disaster mitigation and relief. —Could you give me a breakdown by classification?



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3 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 19	O'Brien	<p>(Government Response to Hawker Report)</p> <p>In relation to the Hawker report—we will pass over the other matter—on reform of Local Government financing, the Minister, Senator Campbell, said:</p> <p>Last year we were waiting for the Hawker Report; this year we are actually seeking to implement it.</p> <p>Against the backdrop of those comments, I thought the Government might have rather more to tell us in this additional estimates round. The Department's Annual Report identifies the establishment of a Departmental task force in response to the Report. On what date was that established?</p>
4 18/2/05		PTLG 20	O'Brien	<p>(Hawker Report Task Force)</p> <p>So you did not actually ask them to provide for someone to be on the task force?</p> <p><b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b>—I think the letters that went out did invite them to participate on the task force.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Did they then decline?</p> <p><b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b>—I would have to check the responses.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The then Minister said they were on it in May, so he clearly had the view that they were on it. I am trying to discern whether there was a different view in the department—whether, as it appears, they were invited but declined. No doubt there were discussions about the appropriate structure. Did Treasury and Finance suggest that, rather than be on it, they be seconded? ...</p> <p>Would it be possible to get a copy of the letter written to the Departments asking for their participation?</p>

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6 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 21	O'Brien	(Hawker Report Task Force) Apart from the two who were engaged substantially near enough to full time on this task for three months, what other departmental resources have been devoted to the operation of the task force? You talked about it in general terms; I am trying to get a clear understanding of the resource pull on the Department of this work.
7 18/2/05		PTLG 22	O'Brien	(LOGJOG) There have been a number of teleconferences but also structured meetings of the Local Government Joint Officers Group where the issue has been discussed and individual State Governments have put their views forward on the Report and its recommendations. <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b> —You say a number. How many? <b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b> —I could not tell you exactly how many. I will have to take that on notice. <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b> —If you could, and could you also give us the dates of those discussions.

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9 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 23		<p>(Government Response to the Hawker Report)</p> <p><b>Senator O’BRIEN</b>-Last May, the then Minister, Senator Ian Campbell, gave this Committee a very strong impression that the Government’s response would be announced in calendar year 2004. That did not happen. Has Mr. Lloyd or the Department received any representations from Local Government associations expressing any frustration with the delayed response to the Hawker Report?</p> <p><b>Mr. Doherty</b>-We are not aware of formal representations on that basis. Having said that, we are conscious that it is a matter that Local Government and others are interested in seeing move forward quickly.</p> <p><b>Senator O’BRIEN</b>-You are not aware of any expressions of frustration in any way in a formal sense?</p> <p><b>Mr. Doherty</b>-I do not think I have seen correspondence relating to that.</p> <p><b>Senator O’BRIEN</b>-I would appreciate it if you could check that because it would surprise me given the amount of interest in the matter in the Local Government sector. ‘Interest’ is probably a word that does not adequately characterize the feeling that exists about the matter.</p>

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10-11 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 24	O'Brien	<p>(Late Answers to Notice Paper QoN)</p> <p>In December, I asked Mr Lloyd a question on notice about the 2003-04 Report on the Operation of the <i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995</i>, known as the Local Government National Report. It is question on notice No. 279 and remains unanswered. Can you tell me on what date the Department provided the answer to Mr Lloyd's office for clearance?</p> <p><b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b>—The Department has not yet provided the Minister with a proof report of the Local Government National Report For 2003-04.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Why not?</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—Sorry, Senator. I was not clear whether your question was about when the answer to your question was provided or when the Report was provided.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—It was the answer to the question that I asked about.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—I will check that for you. I am not entirely sure exactly where the answer to the question is and, if it has been provided to the Minister, when that was done.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So you do not know whether Mr Lloyd got it or whether it has not reached him yet? You would normally provide a draft within 30 days—or you would know about it if you did not.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—I will check that. We have certainly developed a response, but I cannot say for sure that it has cleared the Department's processes to get to the Minister, and, if so, when that happened. I will need to check the details.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—</p>

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11 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 25	O'Brien	(Late Answers to Notice Paper QoN) How often is it that the Department is not able to meet the 30-day turnaround time? That is a broad question. I am referring to this branch.
12 18/2/05		PTLG 26	O'Brien	(Local Government Financial Assistance Grants) There is additional cost in the current financial year and in each of the three out years. Is there a breakdown which shows where those increases will be allocated to or where increases and reductions have taken place in that context? Is there a public document that I can be referred to which will show it?
12 18/2/05		PTLG 27	O'Brien	(Local Government Financial Assistance Grants) What about the population factor? <b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b> —If you are looking for a breakdown of the parameter, we can obtain that. I do not have the breakdown for what the actual contribution was to the parameter change. I thought you were asking about how it will be reflected in the allocation. <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b> —I was trying to get a better understanding of it. You have now explained that. In understanding that, the parameter change would be helpful as well. Is there a breakdown of how that has affected individual States?
13 18/2/05		PTLG 28	O'Brien	(Local Government Financial Assistance Grants) Why do we see it increasing—if I understand the figures on page 31—by \$30.96 million in 2005-06? Is that a change in parameters? ...By \$13 million? ...Perhaps you can give me on notice an explanation of how we get to those figures in the out years.

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14 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 29	O'Brien	<p>(Unanswered Questions on Notice)</p> <p>Not written yet, I suspect. I asked for that information in question on notice No. 247, which was lodged in December. Has the Department drafted that response and has it gone to the minister yet? You have effectively given me the answer; I presume it was not hard to draft the response.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—Yes, I understand we have provided a response on that one, but I will need to check the details.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Could you tell me when it was provided.</p>

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14 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 30	O'Brien	<p>(Delayed Projects due to Ministerial Changes)</p> <p>It seems that there is a chain of events which commence with the delays occasioned by the Ministerial appointments and then, the Report says, 'further delays starting'. So in other words you delay the approval in the start and then there are delays in the process further down the line, which means that the cheques do not get in the mail, to use Mr Yuile's analogy.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—We need to clarify that, but my understanding is that to some extent they probably would compound as issues. If we are later in getting the allocations out then the chance of people meeting the progress to get their payments is equally reduced. We will need to have a look at those two factors.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Presumably there is some significance in the delay in getting the approvals out for it to appear in your annual report. We are not talking about inconsequential delays, I take it, when they are reported in your Annual Report.</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—I need to look at that. ...</p> <p>What was the timing of the Ministerial appointment that occasioned the delay? ...</p> <p>I am trying to find out, given that it is significant enough to be reported in the Annual Report, what the nature of that delay was. Do you want to take that on notice and give me a full answer? Is it possible to get a list of the projects approved and their status during that financial year so that we can understand where the bottlenecks occurred after that initial problem?</p> <p><b>Mr Beresford-Wylie</b>—Yes, we can provide you with a list of the status of all of the projects approved in the 2003-04 year.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I want to understand, if they have been approved with particulars, what they did not do, which meant that they did not get the money. It might be a simple thing to do.</p>

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19 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Transport & Local Government	PTLG 31	O'Brien	<p>(SA Bush Fire Assistance)</p> <p>Would it be possible, on notice, to get the total cost to the Commonwealth of its response?</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—That would involve us gathering information from other Departments.</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—On the understanding that we would need to approach those other Agencies, we would be prepared to do that for the Committee.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Thanks. Perhaps when you find that out you could let me know whether the Commonwealth rejected any requests for assistance from the South Australian Government. I am referring to the earlier answer that Mr Rann's request for a \$6 million payment from the bushfire recovery fund has not been accepted.</p>
19 18/2/05		PTLG 32	O'Brien	<p>(SA Bush Fire Assistance)</p> <p>Do you know—and if you cannot tell me now, can you take this question on notice—whether the Commonwealth sought to recover any costs from the South Australian Government with respect to any assistance it provided?</p>
28 18/2/05		PTLG 33	O'Brien	<p>(COAG Report)</p> <p>Recommendation 9.2 says:</p> <p>... Insurance Council of Australia be asked to review the Industry's Code of Practice in response to the lessons learnt from the claims arising from the 2002-03 bushfires.</p> <p>I assume that the Department or the Minister would have made that request?</p> <p><b>Mr Doherty</b>—I understand that a request was made, but I am not sure exactly who signed the letter of request in the end. I will need to check that.</p>



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34 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 01	O'Brien	<p>(Regional Partnership Programs)</p> <p>Does the Department have any outstanding financial commitments under the nine programs amalgamated to form Regional Partnerships on 1 July 2003?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—If by your question you mean do we still have active funding agreements that were signed under those previous program arrangements and still require further program payments to be made, the answer is yes.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Can we get a list of those outstanding Commitments, please? ...</p> <p>How much funding will be required? Can you tell us that now or do you need to take that on notice?</p>
36 18/2/05		PROT 02	O'Brien	<p>(Regional Partnership Programs)</p> <p>When did these full groups of projects change in status from election commitments likely to use Regional Partnerships as a mechanism to confirmed funding commitments?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—When the Government decided to approve those funding measures for inclusion in the additional estimates.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Is there a date you can give us?</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—I guess it is the date the Treasurer formally tabled the additional estimates, confirming the Government's decision—</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Which would have been last Thursday.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—But that is confirming the Government's decision; you do not know when the Government took that decision—is that what you are saying?</p> <p><b>Senator Ian Campbell</b>—It would have been at a Cabinet meeting not long before then. We can give you the exact date. As I recall, we had a Cabinet meeting that approved the additional estimates.</p>

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37 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 03	O'Brien	(Bank@Post Item) I would appreciate it if you could give us an understanding of how you arrive at the cost of \$700,000 for that process.
37 18/2/05		PROT 04	O'Brien	(Bank@Post Administered Item) Can you give us the breakdown of the costing of the \$1.5 million? How has that been broken up between various parts of the costs of implementation?
43 18/2/05		PROT 05	O'Brien	(Regional Partnership Programs, ICON Projects) Were any of those projects the subject of an application and, if so, was there an assessment process? ... Had an assessment process commenced for any of them?
45 18/2/05		PROT 06	O'Brien	(Regional Partnership Programs) With regard to a particular project, you would ask whether they thought it was unfair to support one of their competitors. <b>Dr Dolman</b> —We have done that in the past. <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b> —But that is not a rule that applies to every such application, I take it.

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47 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 07	O'Brien	<p>(Regional Partnership Programs)</p> <p>Okay, back to Lakes Creek. I understand the application for funding was launched on 7 May and it was approved on 1 July by Mrs Kelly—is that right?</p> <p><b>Dr Dolman</b>—My understanding is that the application was received on 11 May. Is that the date you said?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—I said 7 May.</p> <p><b>Dr Dolman</b>—The approval was on 1 July 2004.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—That 50-day turnaround is quite quick, isn't it, given the nature of the business and the size of the grant? You have been very efficient. When did the Department provide a recommendation to the Minister? ...</p> <p>Can you tell me when you received advice which enabled you to put it on the web site?</p>
47 18/2/05		PROT 08	O'Brien	<p>(Lakes Creek Meat Works)</p> <p>Did the application contain a full set of financial statements?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I am sure the application contained the financial information that is required to be provided by the application form.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So it would have provided the full details of the ownership and management structure and a business plan?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—It would have provided, at a minimum, what was required by the application form.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Can you let me know, on notice if need be, if those details were included?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Also let me know whether all materials were provided at the time the application was lodged. I want to know if this was an interactive process given the time it took, or whether you got all the material and—</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes, I understand.</p>

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48 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 09	O'Brien	(Lakes Creek Meat Works) This was the third injection of funding to go into this plant last year. This money was part of the process. What contribution was committed by the proponent from its own funds?
49 18/2/05		PROT 10	O'Brien	(Lakes Creek Meat Works) Is it an unmet demand? Is this exclusively an export meatworks?
49 18/2/05		PROT 11	O'Brien	(Lakes Creek Meat Works) Do you know what the actual catchment for cattle sourced by Lakes Creek is? <b>Dr Dolman</b> —As I said before, I do not have the details of the information that was provided by the applicant or the details of the assessment that we undertook. <b>Senator O'BRIEN</b> —If you have that, can you provide that information on notice? That is, I want to know how far north, south and west the plant is buying cattle. Can you tell us now or on notice how many other meatworks are in this catchment. I know of at least two—Nippon at Mackay and AMH at Rockhampton.

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50-51 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 12	O'Brien	<p>(Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program)</p> <p>Primary Energy also lodged an expression of interest under the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program, which is administered by the Department of the Environment and Heritage. Did this department provide any advice or receive any advice in relation to this expression of interest? ...</p> <p>In terms of the progress of this project, is the due diligence completed?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I have just confirmed that we have in fact made a payment under our funding agreement, so due diligence has been completed.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Do you know when it was completed?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—So funds have been paid?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—How much has been advanced?</p>

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51 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 13	O'Brien	<p>(Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program)</p> <p>Is it the case that at the time that Primary Energy's application was lodged and assessed the company had just one Director, Mr Matthew Kelley?</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—I am not personally aware of that, so we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—Do you mean when the application was lodged or when there were expressions back in 2003?</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Lodged and assessed.</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—Are you talking about in 2003, under the former Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package Guidelines? I just want to clarify what date you are referring to.</p> <p><b>Ms Riggs</b>—This application was originally lodged in June 2003, under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package.</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—I am trying to understand whether that is the point about which you are asking your question.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—When it was assessed under these guidelines—</p> <p><b>Mr Yuile</b>—It was further assessed under SONA procedures. So your question was whether Matthew Kelley was the Director.</p> <p><b>Senator O'BRIEN</b>—Whether he was the sole director.</p>

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53 18/2/05	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 14	O'Brien	(Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program) The Department has provided advice to the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee Inquiry Into Regional Projects that the \$1.2 million grant to Primary Energy Ltd comprises 72.02 per cent of project funds. Is this advice correct? Mr Kiernan's letter that Minister Campbell referred to refers to project capital expenditure totalling \$100 million. I cannot make \$1.2 million 72 per cent of that, so how do you come to your 72.02 per cent?
55 18/2/05		PROT 15	O'Brien	(Letters signed by Mrs. Kelly) Mrs Kelly, in her statement of 8 December, made it very clear that she blamed Mr Cerasani for her having to sign these letters after she was promoted to the ministry. Does the department, on behalf of Mr Cerasani, accept responsibility for the late distribution of the letters at the centre of the political controversy late last year?
55	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	O'Brien	I have a considerable number of other questions. We will place those on notice..... <b><u>NB:</u> Senator O'Brien is no longer placing these QoNs.</b>
Not Applicable	Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories	PROT 16	Crossin	(Public Housing) Some years ago, tenants of public housing were invited to register interest in actually purchasing their homes. They were asked to pay \$150 in order to register their interest. Since then they seem to have been told nothing. Is there a scheme, or any proposal for a scheme under which public housing can be purchased?
Not Applicable		PROT 17	Crossin	(CI Detention Centre) With the ongoing construction of the CI Detention Centre, are there any clauses in, or proposed for the contracts that would give on-island residents (especially the Chinese or Malays) any priority of employment (provided they have the required job skills) ? If so please supply a copy of that clause.

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Not Applicable	<b>Programmes Group – Regional Programmes and Territories</b>	PROT 18	Crossin	(Hovercraft Proposal) Can you give an update on situation with the hovercraft proposal?
Not Applicable		PROT 19	Crossin	(Rumah Baru Project) Can you provide an update on the Rumah Baru project ?
Not Applicable		PROT 20	Crossin	(Home Island Power) Also an update on progress on the new Home Island power station and wind turbines.
Not Applicable		PROT 21	Crossin	(Cocos and CI Phone Systems) Are there plans to upgrade the phone system on Cocos as has been done on Christmas Island
Not Applicable		PROT 22	Crossin	(Quarantined Elephants) There were plans to quarantine several elephants <i>en route</i> to Taronga, at the Cocos Q Station – is this still expected to happen? What work, if any, has been done at the quarantine station to prepare for this?
Not Applicable		PROT 23	Crossin	(Building Access for Cocos) I have been told that some of the buildings on Cocos, such as the bank, have steps access which is making it hard for some of the elderly people to access the building. What laws apply to building access on Cocos and who would have the responsibility for funding any change needed to meet these requirements?
Not Applicable		PROT 24	Crossin	(Mammography Services) Within the processes going on with the IOT Health service delivery – why is there at present no provision for on-island mammography services? While some women (mainly those there on finite Government contracts) do have access to fares off the island and may be able to get mammograms done whilst away, many other women DO NOT. What is being done for them?



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116 14/2/05	Regulatory Group – Surface Transport	RST 01 AMSA	Bishop	(Detained Bulk Ships) Are you suggesting there might have been up to half a dozen such ships in 2003?
118 14/2/05		RST 02 AMSA	Bishop	(Emergency Beacons, EPIRBs) What is the current proportion of search and rescue where EPIRBs have not been carried or were not operational? Do you have that data?
100 14/2/05	Regulatory Group – Aviation & Airports	RAA 01	Bishop	(Regional Radar) Would the Secretary of the Department be aware as to whether a decision was made by Cabinet?
105 14/2/05		RAA 02 Airservices Australia	Bishop	(Radar Coverage) Are you aware of any confusion within Airservices regarding this directive, particularly as to the altitudes at which radar coverage is required—for example, at ground level, 500 feet, 1,000 feet?
105 14/2/05		RAA 03 Airservices Australia	Bishop	(Radar) When you received the Minister’s directive during the afternoon of 31 August, did Airservices contact the Minister’s office during the day to seek clarification of a rumour that the directives were about to be issued? Did you contact the Minister’s office prior to receiving the directive? <b>Mr Grant</b> —I did. —You did? <b>Mr El-Ansary</b> —My colleague did. <b>Mr Grant</b> —Yes, that is correct. We did. —What time did you do that? <b>Mr Grant</b> —It may have been very early on that day—I do not remember exactly—but I did ask whether there was a direction being prepared to send to us. —And what were you told? <b>Mr Grant</b> —The first answer was no. I am not sure if that was on the 31st or the day before. That is something I would like to check.

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110 14/2/05	<b>Regulatory Group – Aviation &amp; Airports</b>	RAA 04 Airservices Australia	O'Brien	(Airport Control Towers Transition Subsidies) And is the cost estimate of \$8.68 million on track? How is the subsidy amount for each airport determined? So is the actual formula for each airport able to be made available to the committee?
111 14/2/05		RAA 05	Bishop	(National Airspace System) Can you give me an indicative figure of the increasing costs arising from the requirement to make a change decision? Are we up in the seven-figure area, over a million? You would be, wouldn't you?
112 14/2/05		RAA 06 Airservices Australia	Bishop	(Mr. Bernie Smith's Retirement) Did Mr Smith provide a letter of resignation to the Board? Could a copy of that be made available to the Committee?
113 14/2/05		RAA 07	Bishop	(Overseas Visitor Arrival Statistics) How far below pre-September 2001 levels are we currently at? Are we back to September 2001 or are we still below? Can we have a break-up on domestic and international?
125-126 14/2/05		RAA 08	Bishop	(Drug and Alcohol Testing Review) What is the projected cost of the Review? When were the Terms of Reference finalised? How many submissions were received?
79 14/2/05	<b>Regulatory Group – Office of Transport Security</b>	ROTS 01	Allison	(Aviation Security Identity Cards and License Check) And, as I understand it, there is an appeal process as part of that? Does the pilot get stood down during the appeal? What are the arrangements?

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88 14/2/05	<b>Regulatory Group – Office of Transport Security</b>	ROTS 02	Bishop	(Voyage Permits) Can you tell me how many single and continuous voyage permits were issued in each six-month period over the past three years? And for the previous financial years?
89 14/2/05		ROTS 03	Bishop	(Voyage Permits) Do you retain records of the cargo carried by the vessels issued with those permits? Can you take that on notice and provide that information going to the breakdown of the cargo carried by the vessels issued with the permits?
98 14/2/05		ROTS 04	Bishop	(Emirates Airline Security Breach) Where was its first scheduled port of call?