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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio

Q no.	Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page and hearing date or Written QoN
63	ABARES	Edwards	Report on wine grape production in Australia	<p>Mr Morris: We already have collected some information about wine grape production. In fact, we released a report earlier this year about wine grape production in Australia, if that is what you are talking about, and that looked across all of the growing regions in Australia and looked at the total production of red and white wine grapes. I do not have a copy of that with me here at the moment, but Dr Penm might be able to comment on that if you want more detail on that report.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: If you would not mind tabling that, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Morris: We will provide you with a copy.</p>	108 21/05/2012
64	ABARES	Nash	Forecasts of live animals exports	<p>Senator NASH: How far out do you forecast the numbers?</p> <p>Mr Morris: The forecasts go out five years. Each year in March for the outlook conference we do our five-year projections, so we look out five years, and then for the other three-quarters of the year we look out only one year.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Could you provide for the committee that five-year forecast and the previous, say, three years of numbers and the comparison there.</p> <p>Mr Morris: Sure.</p>	109 21/05/2012
65	ABARES	Nash	Forecasts of live animals exports	<p>Mr Morris: We look at the domestic demand and supply conditions quarterly, so we look at cattle slaughterings, live animal trade, prices and all that sort of thing. We provide a quarterly outlook on all those.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Is that something you do quarterly, though—the domestic redirection of northern cattle?</p> <p>Mr Morris: We look at the domestic market supply conditions quarterly. We look at cattle slaughterings, live animal trade, prices and all that sort of thing. We provide a quarterly outlook on all of those.</p>	109-110 21/05/2012

				<p>Senator NASH: It would be quite useful if we could have the comparative over the last couple of years and insofar as you forecast that out, and the current figures, obviously—if you could provide that to the committee just to get a sense of where those numbers have been and where they might go.</p> <p>Mr Morris: Sure. Of course there are a number of factors that influence those numbers. It is not just what is happening in the live export space.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Oh yes, exactly.</p> <p>Mr Morris: Clearly what is happening internationally in the beef markets is a major influence in terms of what happens on the cattle market domestically. There has also been herd rebuilding in Australia which is having an influence on prices as well. There are a number of different factors that influence what happens with cattle prices domestically.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, certainly. If you could provide all of those factors too so that we can look at it in context, that would be great. Thank you.</p>	
66	ABARES	Colbeck	Impact of managed investment schemes (MIS) on replanting	<p>Senator COLBECK: But is there any reduction in that replanting as harvests occur in certain locations? Are you detecting any forward trends? The information I have is that up to 50 per cent of what was put in, particularly through the MIS process, may not go back in.</p> <p>Dr Davey: Senator, the MIS plantations in some cases are not being replanted.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Do you have any sense of the scale of that?</p> <p>Dr Davey: Not at this stage, largely because a lot of companies are in receivership, so we have not actually got any information regarding that.</p> <p>Dr Ritman: It would depend on the rotation length.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes, I understand that—and where they are in the rotation and all of those elements. I understand all of that.</p> <p>Dr Ritman: We could take this on notice.</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: I think the suggestion that there has been a big fallout as a result of MIS is right to a degree. I think we would need to take it on notice just to give you a sense of what we understand about the full effect. It is not complete at all.</p>	111 21/05/2012
67	ABARES	Nash	Evidence used in analysis of impact of carbon tax	<p>Mr Morris: I think under the Treasury analysis of the long-run impacts, they do show agriculture gains because agriculture is exempted from the tax. So, relative to other sectors in the economy, resources flow into agriculture and it actually gets the benefit. But our analysis was looking at more the short-run impact and various assumptions in terms of particularly the pass-back of the imposition of the tax from processors on to farmers. That was where the main impact was. A lot of the numbers that have been quoted in our figures are actually with 100 per cent pass-back, but that is unlikely to happen. It is likely to be somewhere in between zero and 100 per cent. That is why we provided a range of</p>	113 21/05/2012

				<p>figures looking at different scenarios.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I do not want to cut across Senator Colbeck, but there are two things that you could take on notice. The first is why you assume that the pass-on, or the pass-back, as you call it, of those costs will be somewhere between nought and 100—what evidence are you basing that on?</p>	
68	ABARES	Back	Request for copy of ABARES January 2012 report on foreign investment	<p>Mr Morris: Yes, we appeared before the inquiry earlier this year. I would just note for your information, Senator, that there was a report that we released in January 2012 on foreign investment in Australian agriculture which provides our views on the important role that foreign investment plays in Australian agriculture and some findings, I suppose, in terms of how to go forward, including the one that the government responded to in terms of collecting further data in the future.</p> <p>Senator BACK: So that is on the website?</p> <p>Mr Morris: We can certainly provide you with a copy of that.</p> <p>Senator BACK: And that report covered both agricultural land and agricultural businesses?</p> <p>Mr Morris: Yes, it covered both the farm level as well as processing.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Thank you, Chair—that will satisfy me.</p>	116 21/05/2012
93	ABARES	Nash	Details about what information could be provided from model	<p>Senator NASH: I do not work very well in hectares. So that is 157,000, but we do not know whether that is going to be on 4 DSE country or 1 DSE or irrigation country. We actually cannot determine that; is that what you are saying?</p> <p>Mr Morris: I think what Dr Ahammad was saying was that we have that information built into the model. We could actually provide you with some of that information. Perhaps we will take it on notice in terms of what we can provide you with. What Dr Ahammad was saying was that there are a number of caveats around that; obviously with modelling there is a certain level of coarseness. So we would not want somebody to say that the model says that there are going to be trees in this particular area and, if there are not trees there, therefore we are wrong.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I will not hold you to it.</p>	55-56 22/05/2012
127	ABARES	Edwards	Details of electromagnetic airborne mapping surveys	<p>Dr O'Connell: I have just been provided with some information which might be useful to you in terms of the salinity mapping issue. ABARES did a range of electromagnetic airborne mapping surveys between 2001 and 2011. That was the work that was relevant to targeting what the real problems were. This has all been published. There are nine specific projects. If it is useful to you, we can provide you with that detail.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That would be terrific. I just have to know what the problem is.</p>	36 21/05/2012

228	ABARES	Colbeck	Impact of carbon pricing on Australian agriculture	What consideration has been made to estimate the short, medium and long term impacts of the carbon pricing scheme on Tasmanian producers and exporters?	Written
229	ABARES	Colbeck	Impact of carbon pricing on Australian agriculture	What consideration has been made to estimate the short, medium and long term impacts of the carbon pricing scheme on horticultural producers and exporters across Australia?	Written
230	ABARES	Colbeck	ABARES report into impact of carbon pricing on Australian agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What activities are included in “aerial agricultural services”? 2. How is the assumption that increases in aviation fuel costs will only affect aerial agricultural services justified? 3. What consideration has been given to the impact of aviation fuel increases on costs of getting produce to market, such as short shelf life products – cherries to Thailand for example? 4. In establishing the potential increase from aerial agricultural services, ABARES only looked at the total expenditure on these services in the sheep, cattle, grains and dairy industries. Are these enterprises representative of other agricultural users of aerial agricultural services? 5. The report says that "determining the extent of cuts in price paid to farmers is a difficult task..." and lists a number of reasons, including "limited understanding of the degree of cost-price pass-through downstream to wholesalers and consumers, and upstream to agricultural producers." If there is “limited understanding” of the impact on producers how can the Department and Minister support the introduction of the tax? 	Written
231	ABARES	Colbeck	Agricultural Employment, QON 105 February 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ABARES have reported approximately 30% drop in employment in Tasmania’s horticultural and fruit growing sector and just over a 30% drop in employment in Tasmania’s grain, sheep and beef cattle sector. What research is being undertaken to understand the reasons for these reductions and the potential impacts of these reductions on Tasmania? 2. What programs or initiatives are being developed to address the reasons and impacts? 3. Where are employment figures for fisheries and forestry sectors? Are they amalgamated in the “Agriculture not fully defined” section? 	Written

				4. If so, how can meaningful decisions be made if changes in sectors such as fisheries and forestry are not specifically identified?	
103	Agricultural Productivity Division	Back	Comparison of cost of registering chemicals in Australia and elsewhere	<p>Senator BACK: One of the particular concerns I had, Mr Koval—perhaps you can correct the figures if I am wrong—is the actual costs associated with establishing pharmaceutical and biological products in Australia compared to other countries; I am only speaking now of food animal products. The quote that has been given to me is that, for pharmaceuticals for the farm animal product sector, our costs of establishing these pharmaceuticals in Australia is 66 per cent higher than Europe and 23 per cent higher than the USA; and for vaccines, biologicals, it is almost four times higher than Europe and seven times higher than the USA. Do those figures compute and confirm the information you have?</p> <p>Mr Koval: No. I have heard stories or rumours or comment that an international study has been done that is yet to be released which is looking at the cost comparison of registering a veterinary product in Australia compared with like international regulators. I have not seen a copy of that report as yet. As I understand it, when the report came out three or four years ago, we compared very favourably. But the reform package is designed to try to lower the cost where we can by increasing efficiencies. So, as we go forward, we think the cost to industry will drop. I am happy to take that one on notice and see whether we can do some comparison with international regulators, if that is of use.</p>	77 22/05/2012
104	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Training under FarmReady Reimbursement Grants	<p>Senator NASH: A one-off specific course. How was the training delivered? That is a broad question, given there is a range of areas. Is it one-day sessions, two-day sessions or six-week sessions?</p> <p>Mr Koval: It depends on the course. Some of them are half a day to one day and some of them might be one day a week for a period of time. So it does depend on the course.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Can you give me a breakdown of that? Perhaps you could take on notice the areas that you broadly mentioned that you did not know the detail on.</p> <p>Mr Koval: Yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: And, again, how each of those separate areas, separate modules were delivered.</p> <p>Mr Koval: Okay.</p>	78 22/05/2012
105	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Details of delivery of training courses under skills for all Australian	<p>Senator NASH: I will finish my train of thought, if I could. I am interested in how these certificate courses are delivered—whether it is an everyday requirement or a part-time requirement. I am very happy for you to take this on notice and give me the detail. Also, in this new delivery model you are talking about, can a farmer who wants to upskill in any of these areas do a two-day course or a very short-term course, with no intent to go off</p>	79 22/05/2012

				<p>into the workforce but who wishes to upgrade their own skills? I am keen to know where that fits into the new model, because that seems to be one of the great deliverables out of the previous FarmReady.</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I am happy to take that on notice, but broadly the training is going to be delivered through the vocational education and training sector. The government is providing \$9 billion over five years—\$7.2 billion is through agreement with the states and then there is an additional \$1.75 billion for Skills for all Australians.</p>	
106	Agricultural Productivity Division	Siewert	Year of the Farmer funding	<p>Senator SIEWERT: My understanding is that the 'Year of the Farmer' were also seeking funding for a conference at the end of the year. Have they raised that? That is correct, isn't it? Have you heard from them about that?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We will take it on notice.</p>	85 22/05/2012
211	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	National Food Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update on the timeline the for green paper and target dates for white paper. When are outcomes from this process expected? 2. What are the key issues being considered in the green paper? 3. What is the process for actioning short term issues? 	Written
212	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Rural Skills and Labour Ministerial statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of how “the Government is continuing to work with PIEF, PICSE and the Australian Deans of Agriculture”. 2. Was the \$225,000 recently provided to PIEF a lump sum or is it spread over a number of years? Which program did this funding come from? 	Written
213	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	National Food Plan	<p>Is the food plan considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of cost of government on industry, for example the recent handing back of 54 boat licences • the increase in environmental and regulatory demands, for example the predicted 33% increase in costs for registration of agricultural chemicals. 	Written
214	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Chemical Regulation Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agforce raised concerns in there draft legislation submission that off patent products will be lost to industry just because of the mandatory review process. 2. How will the department of Agriculture ensure that chemical options are not lost to the industry because of the automatic review process? 	Written

216	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Better Regulation Reform	<p>AUSVEG in its submission on the draft legislation said <i>“Australian vegetable growers rely on a range of targeted crop protection products to effectively combat pests and disease. As a representative body for Australian vegetable growers, AUSVEG holds great concerns that the proposed reforms will act as an economic disincentive for companies to register or re-register vital crop protection products in Australia. Our concern is that Australia’s many vegetable growers will have access to a diminished range of crop protection tools and bear the brunt of registration and bureaucratic costs imposed by the APVMA, which will be passed on by companies to the grower.</i></p> <p><i>The current proposed reforms of a continuous, periodic review process will only serve to increase the ongoing costs for registration, even where there are no concerns of risk.”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will an increase in the costs of registration by about 30% further reduce the availability of crop protection tools? 2. Have you advised the minister of this issue and what was the advice? 	Written
217	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Better Regulation Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you agree with Syngenta’s submission to the Draft legislation that all risk manuals under the new risk-based framework must be owned and controlled by the APVMA to prevent external agencies from introducing new requirements without notification (“regulatory creep”) or adequate consultation? 2. Please explain the reasons for your answer. 3. Explain your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with Syngenta on the ownership and control of the risk manuals and risk based framework? 	Written
218	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Better Regulation Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a cost benefit analysis of the sun-setting registrations or mandatory review process? 2. What research was done to support this approach? 3. What is the timelines for finalising the legislation? 	Written
219	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Food processing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department investigated the contracting processing industry and its impact on domestic production? 2. If so, what are the outcomes of the investigation? 	Written

				<p>3. Does the department or government have a strategy to ensure a certain base level of Australian production?</p> <p>4. If so, what is it?</p> <p>5. Has the government investigated the impact of cheap tomato imports from the subsidised European Union on the Australian production of processed tomatoes and if so what have been the findings and response from the government?</p>	
221	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Farm Ready funding cut	<p>1. How many staff managed the program and where have the staff gone?</p> <p>2. Are there any other programs that will fulfill this role?</p> <p>3. If so how will their guidelines differ?</p>	Written
287	Agricultural Productivity Division	McKenzie	Horticulture	<p>a. Who is conducting the inquiry into the Horticulture Australia Limited citrus industry advisory committee?</p> <p>b. What are its terms of reference?</p> <p>c. When will it report?</p> <p>d. Will the report be made public?</p> <p>e. Has there been any commitment made to act upon the recommendations of the inquiry?</p>	Written
298	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Productive Relationships	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 45</p> <p>1. What are the “productive relationships”?</p> <p>(a) How do you measure the success of these?</p> <p>2. What are the actions arising from the new legislation?</p>	Written
303	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	Government Statement on Research and Development	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 53</p> <p>1. Regarding the statement” Develop an Australian Government Statement on research and development” is this a new initiative? If so why hasn’t one been developed ?</p>	Written

306	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	National Food Plan	<p>1. National Food Plan - Australia's National Food Plan doesn't seem too mentioned in 2012 – 13 budget, is that correct?</p> <p>(a) The Australia Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) has stated this year budget as 'insufficient to improve national policy settings for food and grocery manufacturers in Australia' and criticises the Budget for failing to provide any new funding for the 'long awaited' National Food Plan. How do you respond to this criticism?</p> <p>(b) The public consultations for the National Food Plan were originally scheduled to close on 5 August 2011 and then extended to 2 September 2011, the Minister stated on 27</p> <p>(c) October 2011 work had already begun on the green paper, it is now nearly midway through 2012, when can we expect the release of the green paper?</p> <p>(d) Once the green paper is released when can we expect to see the release of the white paper and finalisation of the policy? Given the lack of funding in this year's budget can we assume the policy will not be released/funded until at least 2013/14?</p>	Written
316	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Colbeck	Funding for horticulture industry	<p>Senator COLBECK: What level of funding is the industry currently receiving as a percentage of their gross value of production? It is an important point. You say they can apply for a levy increase. That would only be the case if they were not being funded to the cap under the levy principles, which is 0.5 per cent of gross value of production. That is why I ask the question. It is all very well to say they can do that.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: Without having the details we are confident there is no limit reached there. I do not think that is a problem at the moment.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: It also has implications for the scale that they might be able to ask for in the context of this overall equation. This process—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: My understanding is that there is room underneath that. I did not want to actually then—we will get the precise figure.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: So far they have not come forward looking for that, so the issue is not material at the moment.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: There is a process that they have to go through to actually deal with that, through the levy principles program. They have to go through a ballot and a notice—</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: The minister has written to HAL asking what progress has been made.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You have written to?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: John Lloyd and Mr John Lawrence.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: We can provide that figure on notice, Senator.</p>	90 22/06/2012

110	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pork Limited	Chair	Success of 'Put Pork on Your Fork' campaign	<p>CHAIR: Are you responsible for the 'Put Pork on Your Fork!' campaign?</p> <p>Mr Spencer: We are responsible for that campaign, yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: Just very quickly, how successful has it been?</p> <p>Mr Spencer: It has been very successful. We have been tracking awareness of that general campaign and we have been correlating that to the increased market share. There is a very close correlation, so that means the advertising works.</p> <p>CHAIR: It would be great if you could provide whatever information you have to the committee. We would appreciate that.</p>	97 22/05/2012
111	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Meat and Livestock Australia	Rhiannon	Domain names purchased by Meat and Livestock Australia	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you supply the committee with a list of all the domain names that you have bought up?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: Sure, yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So, to ask the question again, in using the name 'animalsaustralia', it is just a coincidence that it is similar to the name of an animal welfare organisation?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: That is right. Again, I say 'aussiebeef', 'australianbeef', 'australiananimals', 'animalsaustralia', 'beefaustralia' are all combinations of domain names that we have been able to purchase.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You are probably aware that sometimes people register website names and then create a fake website that fraudulently poses as something it is not. Has that been discussed?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: No, it has not been discussed and those are not the kinds of values our company or our industry operates to.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When were these domain names purchased?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: There would be a range of years. We could provide the years in which they were purchased when we provide the list of names.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When they were purchased and the names of the different websites you have. How many websites do you have at the moment that are active for MLA?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: Let me take that on notice. It is probably in the vicinity of 12 at the moment. There are our producer focused websites, our red meat recipe focused websites, our specific initiatives such as www.target100.com.au website. For a lot of our initiatives we have stand-alone websites. Off the top of my head, I do not have the number of websites we currently have active and working. We also have our foreign language websites that operate in Japan, Korea, Russia, South-East Asia.</p>	102 22/05/2012
112	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Meat and	Rhiannon	Publication of Meat and Livestock Australia	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many of your research reports have been published in scientific journals?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	103 22/05/2012

	Livestock Australia		research reports		
113	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd	Rhiannon	Information on the Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd website	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I am specifically after the strategic plan and the annual operating plan. Does that mean they are viewing the old versions of it or the new versions, or what you are currently working on?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Most likely the old versions.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Most likely?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you confirm that?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I will take that on notice.</p>	104 22/05/2012
114	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd	Rhiannon	Health and welfare outcomes and negotiations of funding agreements	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Your statutory funding agreement states that the plans and spending priorities ‘must foster the development of best-practice animal health and welfare outcomes’ and ‘result in continuous improvement in animal health and welfare outcomes’. I picked that up when I was looking at your material. How do you measure those animal health and welfare outcomes?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Health and welfare outcomes? I would have to be perfectly honest with you. I am actually new in this role. I have been here for two months and there is a lot of material I need to get across. I would gladly take that particular question on notice and get back to you about those particular KPIs.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, fair enough. If you have only been there two months, it is hard. Just to spell out what I am really trying to understand, it is that the development of best-practice animal health and welfare outcomes sounds really good, but so often these days we read the fine words but it is not actually clear how it plays out. How is it measured and then, if that is not being achieved, how do you then work to achieve it? How do you make what is a fine statement actually real? That is in your funding agreement. What I would then be interested in is, when you are negotiating your funding agreement, how do you give consideration to those specific points?</p>	105 22/05/2012
115	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd	Rhiannon	Animal welfare skills of Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd board members	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Considering this emphasis on a skills based board, and that is certainly what you read about when you are looking into LiveCorp, could you take on notice and provide the committee information about your board members: what their skills are and those that have skills in animal welfare.</p> <p>Mr Uebergang: That is in the annual report.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What their skills are?</p> <p>Mr Uebergang: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Spelling out what their animal welfare skills are?</p> <p>Mr Uebergang: Not specifically their animal welfare skills but their general skills.</p>	106 22/05/2012

				<p>Senator RHIANNON: That is what I am asking: if you could take it on notice to provide the committee with the board members who have skills in animal welfare.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I can provide you with a copy of the skill sets as stated in our constitution and the SFA that does have details about knowledge of animal welfare, transport and the live export industry.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That sounds like a general statement. I was interested in the skills of the specific members so that we have an understanding that people with animal welfare interests are represented on the board.</p> <p>Mr Uebergang: We would be pleased to provide that.</p>	
215	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Colbeck	Chemical Regulation Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you agree with the Animal Health Alliance in their submission on the draft legislation that the Regulation Impact Statement has clearly identified the differences in regulatory processes and activities needed by APVMA to manage risk for agricultural chemicals compared to veterinary chemicals? 2. Please explain your answer. 3. Are agricultural chemicals and veterinary chemicals currently managed differently in the registration process? 4. Can agricultural chemicals and veterinary chemicals be dealt with under the one regulatory structure proposed in the new legislation without any disadvantage in cost or regulatory burden to either group of chemicals? 	Written
122	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Nash	Requirements for spray applications by state	<p>Senator NASH: In terms of spray application requirements?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: Well more than that even, across all of the-many of the issues around agvet chemicals they are a different many.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Could you take on notice and state by state provide for us the different requirements in terms of spray application?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: If it is possible, there are many that fit. There are multiple.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Insofar as it is possible, I am just generally interested in the differences across the states.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We will have a look at it, it is significant. That is the problem is it is.</p>	118 22/05/2012
123	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and	Colbeck	Date of refusal of dimethoate application	<p>Dr Bennet-Jenkins: Certainly. The APVMA have received an application for a permit, though the details of that application are not published but we are able to share some of the information about that permit for you. That was, as you have stated, an application to allow the use of dimethoate on tomatoes that were to be exported to New Zealand. We have refused that application because of the concerns about public health and residues. The very</p>	121 22/05/2012

	Veterinary Medicines Authority			<p>reasons why we no longer permit that use on tomatoes in Australia. The applicant has now sought a reconsideration of our decision to refuse that application and that process is still ongoing.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: When was the refusal?</p> <p>Dr Bennet-Jenkins: I think it was probably towards the end of last year, but I would have to take on notice the exact timing. I don't have that with me.</p>	
240	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Colbeck	Performance Targets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you have any statistics or data to support the claim that "The most common reason applications are not finalised within statutory timeframes is because the applicant has been required to correct the application several times" (QON 184 February 2012) 2. Apart from applicants not providing the required information, what are the other main reasons that applications are not finalised within statutory timeframes? 3. Is the involvement of DAFF, SEWPaC, and DoHA with the APVMA processes another reason for delays? 4. Registrants have advised they are often unsure of the precise requirements necessary to achieve registration and that additional, unplanned requirements maybe required by other agencies such as DSEWPaC. What guidelines or technical support is offered to registrants to clarify information required by APVMA and DSEWPaC? 5. How is DAFF working with the APVMA to "improve the administrative efficiencies in the way in which the APVMA seeks and receives advice from SEWPaC and DoHA"? 6. What outcomes have been achieved? 	Written
241	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Colbeck	Service agreements, QON 186 February 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has APVMA reached a decision regarding the public release of service agreements with the DSEWPaC and the DoH? 2. If not, when is a decision likely? 3. When was the FOI request made for these documents to be released? 	Written
242	Agricultural Productivity	Colbeck	Risk Frameworks,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Compliance and Enforcement Framework complete? 2. Is the Registration Framework complete? 	Written

	Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority		QON 188 February 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. If so, please provide copies of these and any other completed risk frameworks. 4. Is the Reconsideration Framework on track to be released by mid July 2012? 	
243	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Colbeck	New bill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role did you play in the consultations to the new bill? 2. What role have you played in the development of the bill? 3. Did you give any advice on the development of the bill and specifically whether the mandatory review of chemicals would add to the regulatory burden of the organisation? 4. Did you advise the Minister against or raise concerns with any parts of the new legislation? 5. If so on what issues? 	Written
252	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Siewert	Use of Gloricide in Australia	<p>Gloricide is a mix of 2,4-D formulas and metsulfuron methyl formulas plus other additives that are legal as individual chemicals but have not been approved for use in this combination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the APMVA aware that this combination of chemicals is being used as a weed killer in Australia? 2. Has the APVMA has any correspondence about this chemical combination? Has the APVMA made any determination about whether this combination is legal to use? 3. If yes, what are the details of that determination? Have any conditions been placed on the use of this combination of chemicals? Will the APVMA be undertaking any further investigation into this combination of chemicals? 4. If no, will the APVMA be investigating the use of Gloricide in Australia and making a determination? Can you give a timeline as to when a determination will be finalised? 	Written
266	Agricultural Productivity	Di Natale	Antimicrobial resistance	Data about antibiotics is collected by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority from industry.	Written

	Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this data provided to the Authority on a voluntary basis only? 2. Is all data regarded as commercial in confidence? If not, what are the criteria for deciding which data is commercial in confidence? 3. Does this commercial in confidence limitation apply to applications for use of antibiotics as well? If yes, would it be correct to say that there is therefore no opportunity for medical doctors to comment on such applications? Is this the Authority or the Department aware of whether this is the case in other countries? 	
267	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Antimicrobial resistance	What proportion of antibiotics given to animals are for therapeutic treatment, disease prophylaxis and growth promotion respectively? Please provide breakdowns by percentage.	Written
268	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Antimicrobial resistance	Is there a direct correlation between quantities of antibiotics given to animals and farming method? For example do animals which are kept in feed lots or other intensive farming systems require greater use of antibiotics? Please outline and provide any analysis performed by the Department on this area.	Written
269	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Antimicrobial resistance	Of all the antibiotics used in agriculture and for animals in Australia, including domestic pets, which if any are related to the classes of antibiotics currently deemed to be "critically important in human medicine" by the World Health Organisation?	Written

270	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance	According to the 2003 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance Progress report by the Commonwealth Interdepartmental JETACAR Implementation Group (CIJIG) the Authority began a review of selected macrolide antibiotics in December 2001 because of concerns over the potential risk to human health. The review was to provide the Authority with information to enable it to determine whether the existing uses of these macrolide antibiotics should continue in Australia. Please provide a full copy of this report.	Written
271	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance	Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance recommended that an appropriate government authority/ies control all importers of antibiotics (for any use other than for human patients) and that they must provide detail of distribution and information based on amounts of active ingredients, with a stronger audit trail from importer to end user and that results are made public. Has recommendation been implemented and are the results available to the public, as recommended?	Written
272	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance	Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance recommended reviews of antibiotics which included risk analysis of microbial resistance safety. I understand this has occurred for new veterinary antibiotics but has this applied to existing antibiotics. 1. When data is collected regarding use of antibiotics, does the Authority always require that the use is specified (eg growth promotant or prophylaxis)? 2. If the use of an antibiotic originally registered as a growth promotant is changed to prophylactic use does this automatically trigger a thorough review of the efficacy of this antibiotic as a prophylactic?	Written
273	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance	Recommendation 16 of the Report of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance called for regularly updated “antibiotic use guidelines” both human and veterinary. The recommendation also called for evaluation of the effectiveness of these “guidelines” every 5 years. Have any updates or evaluations been carried out pursuant to this recommendation? If yes, please provide.	Written

274	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Di Natale	Antimicrobial resistance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Authority aware of whether polypeptides are fed to agricultural livestock in Australia? 2. If yes, are polypeptides used commonly? 3. Is the Authority aware that polypeptides are now being used as last resort antibiotics in human medicine because of growing resistance to other antibiotics? 4. What is the Authority's assessment of the risk of cross resistance? 	Written
293	Agricultural Productivity Division/ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Xenophon	Carbendazim	<p>In November last year, the APVMA announced it was going to reduce the MRL of carbendazim in the Food Standards Code to zero following a review of the fungicide's use. This 'ban' would have come into affect from the second quarter of 2012.</p> <p>However, after a result of discussions with FSANZ, it was announced in February 2012 that there would be a 'review' of the ban.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can you please indicate the process – for example, the representations and advice received by the APVMA – that led to a review of the decision to ban carbendazim in Brazilian orange juice concentrate imports? b. Which groups/individuals provided this advice? c. Did the APVMA agree with the advice, considering its initial decision to apply a zero MRL? d. Can you indicate how this review is progressing? 	Written
200	Biosecurity Animal Division	Colbeck	Animal welfare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the estimated cost of investigations into animal welfare claims in the last 12 months? 2. Where in the budget are these costs allocated? 3. When claims are found to be without basis, is there a cost recovery process relating to those making the claims? 4. What arrangements are in place to stop animal welfare activists interfering with law abiding industry operations? 	Written

181	Biosecurity Policy Division	Colbeck	New Biosecurity legislation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will the new Biosecurity legislation be available? 2. When the decision was made to update the biosecurity legislation, what were the aims and objectives of the update? 3. Who did DAFF consult with in determining the aims and objectives of the new legislation? 4. What work has been done to quantify how the new legislation will better manage biosecurity legislation? 	Written
275	Biosecurity Policy Division	Edwards	Branched broomrape management plan	<p>With reference to the \$625 000 the Department has committed to the Branched broomrape plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will this funding be made available? 2. Who is the Department providing to the funding to? 3. What specifically is the funding being provided for? 4. Is this a one off payment? 	Written
276	Biosecurity Policy Division	Edwards	Reform of Australia's biosecurity system	<p>With reference to the "Reform of Australia's biosecurity system – An update since the publication of One biosecurity: a working partnership":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 15 a. "Food Import Compliance Agreements were made available to importers in July 2010 to enable importers who have invested in sound sourcing practices, including through contractual requirements and internal testing arrangements to reduce duplicative regulatory intervention. Participating importers' food safety management systems must be approved, and are then audited at least annually. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many importers have participated? ii. How many importers have not participated? iii. Quantify the cost/time/resources that have been saved? b. The department is working with importers and their representatives to develop Biosecurity Management Systems. These will allow reduced levels of screening for importers who can demonstrate that they have effective systems for managing biosecurity risks. By reducing inspections for low risk, highly compliant importers, the department will be able to have a greater focus on higher risk importers and imports." 	Written

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Are the new Biosecurity Management Systems less work/money for importers to implement than previous biosecurity measures? ii. How have you quantified this? iii. Provide a real example of the time/money savings that an importer might experience under the new regime <p>Page 16 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. “The Biosecurity Incident National Communication Network has been strengthened through a <i>reporting line</i> to the National Biosecurity Committee and endorsed terms of reference. The network includes communication managers from all jurisdictions, Animal Health Australia, Plant Health Australia, CSIRO and affected industries. It is used to drive and coordinate communication activities nationally in the event of a biosecurity emergency.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On average, how many calls are made per day/year/ever on the reporting line to the National Biosecurity Committee? ii. Who is making the calls? Any industry groups in particular? If one group is making a lot of calls who are they from and what are they about? iii. What are the calls about? Complaints? How are these dealt with? iv. What is the cost of this hotline, how many staff are involved? d. “A paperless initiative for air-freight biosecurity screening developed in cooperation with industry came into effect in June 2011. The initiative has seen a shift to electronic documentation for the processing of low value (less than \$1000) air freight items handled by courier companies which has enabled significant efficiencies to industry, the public and the department, estimated to be well in excess of a million dollars per annum.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Are there any planned changes to the new system? ii. Has industry made any savings by virtue of the new system? iii. What has been the cost to DAFF of the conversion and is it completed? e. Page 19 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Work on future post entry quarantine arrangements also continues, including refurbishments of current facilities and detailed design work, site acquisition and related procurement activities in partnership with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.” i. Provide the work that has been carried out to date? ii. Which sites have been acquired? 	
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				<p>and expertise in the field of animal, plant and aquatic biosecurity”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many courses incorporate these fields in which the Department is seeking to build capacity and expertise? ii. Which qualifications have been deemed suitable in the past? iii. How many staff have done the relevant course? iv. What was the cost and where will this cost be recouped and what value will be provided to industry? <p>2. With reference to the Biosecurity Industry Roundtable – Summary of discussions document from 14 march 2012:</p> <p>The summary states that it was discussed how Biosecurity can partner to deliver market access. It was further stated that Biosecurity must be “Thinking strategically with a united industry-government voice is fundamental when pursuing new and improved market access opportunities”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the department doing to deliver market access – which industries and where? Who has it partnered with? Which new markets has Biosecurity opened up in the last 6 months? 	
21	Biosecurity Animal Division	Abetz	Polymerase Chain Reaction test in the United States for <i>E. Canis</i>	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you. What about the PCR test which is undertaken in the United States for this particular disease?</p> <p>Dr A Cupit: I would have to take on notice the specific test but there would be a range of tests. PCR would be one. There might be an ELISA test as well. Usually the manual allows for a number of tests. We sometimes give all that but we generally examine each test and its sensitivity and specificity to work out whether it is a good test.</p>	32 21/05/2012
22	Biosecurity Animal Division	Abetz	Advice to a Ms Armstrong about <i>E. canis</i> testing	<p>Senator ABETZ: That is fine. Can you take on notice whether anybody advised a Ms Armstrong that that would be a test that she could undertake for her canine—which is currently residing in Singapore, as I understand it—and whether, when that suggestion was made to her, she had the test done, it came back negative and she thought it was all good, only to be told, ‘Sorry, we don’t recognise that test.’ Can you see whether that occurred and, if so, what the department might do about that in the future; because to give people false hope about an alternative test—and I accept there may be another view that the department might express as to whether they made that suggestion but I will leave that with you.</p>	32 21/05/2012
23	Biosecurity Animal Division	Rhiannon	Countries approved for export of spray dried egg	<p>Dr A Cupit: It is impossible. Even for spray dried egg products we only have a select group of approved countries and there are only about five or six on that list.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What countries are those, please?</p> <p>Dr A Cupit: Canada, the United States, Denmark, Belgium and France—although I</p>	32 21/05/2012

			products	would have to take that on notice to make sure that that is correct.	
24	Biosecurity Animal Division	Rhiannon	Late notifications of change in circumstances	Mr Merrilees: What will likely happen when we conclude that investigation is that we will record, because of the late notification, a minor noncompliance due to a failure to meet the reporting timeline. But that would be a small part of the broader investigation. Senator RHIANNON: How many days were they overdue, please? Mr Merrilees: I would have to take that on notice, Senator.	35 21/05/2012
25	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Number of criteria against which Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) comparisons are made	Senator BACK: That use their services. Am I correct in saying that I read there are around 130 criteria against which ESCAS comparisons are made? Mr Merrilees: I think you are referring to the number of points in the checklist. Senator BACK: That is correct. Mr Merrilees: That checklist operationalises the OIE guidelines. I cannot confirm off the top of my head— Senator BACK: Take it on notice. My understanding is that there are five criteria that have been assessed here. This particular abattoir, as I understand it, Mr Merrilees, has already moved, with this particular chain, to stunning; is that correct—or they are in a position to move to stunning immediately?	44 21/05/2012
26	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Applications for financial assistance packages to help industry meet Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) requirements	Ms Svarcas: There are two assistance packages available. The first one is a \$5 million program that was designed and developed with industry to provide assistance where they needed to invest in improving supply chains to meet the ESCAS requirements. Senator BACK: Is that \$5 million or \$15 million? Ms Svarcas: That one is a \$5 million program. Senator BACK: Is that to be expended in this financial year or is it to carry over? Ms Svarcas: That is over two financial years, concluding on 30 June next year. Senator BACK: Is there any funding in addition to that \$5 million? Ms Svarcas: There is a \$10 million program that comes from our official development assistance program. That program is designed to improve animal welfare outcomes in ODA eligible countries that we export animals to. Senator BACK: Perhaps you could take this on notice for me: in both instances, the \$5 million and the \$10 million, how many applications have been received to date and what they represent. In the case of the \$5 million is there a set amount of money per exporter or per supply chain? Ms Svarcas: I am happy to take that on notice.	46 21/05/2012
27	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Financial assistance	Senator BACK: There is presumably a ceiling per exporter or per supply chain? Ms Svarcas: Per supply chain for exporters.	46 21/05/2012

			packages	Senator BACK: Could you let me know what that is? In terms of the importing countries, or importers now, could you also take on notice advice on just where they can spend those funds. Can they actually spend the money on upgrading their own supply chain?	
28	Biosecurity Animal Division	Nash	Cost of Foot and Mouth Disease plan	Ms Schneider: We have established an FMD task force in animal division. There are approximately six FTEs in that task force at the moment and they have been reallocated from other tasks. Senator NASH: Would you mind taking on notice the exact cost of the plan. Senator NASH: If you would not mind, when you provide the costings, could you say exactly where those staff were redeployed from.	48 21/05/2012
34	Biosecurity Animal Division	Nash	Horse movements out of Sydney	Senator NASH: It has been raised that most of the horses actually go to Sydney and north of Sydney. Have you got any quantum break-up—again, I am happy for you to take this on notice—of how many horses that arrive, on average, either go to Sydney or north of Sydney rather than south? Ms Mellor: What we will have is who is importing it and how long it is staying at Eastern Creek and where the shuttle stallions, for example, go or the pets go—maybe not. But we will see what we can get.	61 21/05/2012
55	Biosecurity Animal Division	Edwards	Applications for the Aquatic Animal Health Training Scheme	Senator EDWARDS: I would like to move to the Aquatic Animal Health Training Scheme. Given that the applications closed in April 2012 and the scheme is being touted to improve skills in aquatic animal health management and a lot of things in Australia's fishing and agriculture industry, and that the work is underway to expand the concept to other areas of biosecurity, how many applications had the department had for that at the end of April? Ms Mellor: I would love to tell you the answer right now, but I will take that one on notice if you do not mind. Senator EDWARDS: Yes, that is fine. Could you break that down by state and region? Ms Mellor: Yes, that is not a problem. Senator EDWARDS: In my home state, where aquaculture is a big issue, they cannot get people, education is a big issue for them and it is a highly technical area, so I am very keen to follow this one. What is the cost to the department and the participants? I will move on.	102-103 21/05/2012
56	Biosecurity Animal Division	Edwards	Name of website launched to improve	Senator EDWARDS: In my home state, where aquaculture is a big issue, they cannot get people, education is a big issue for them and it is a highly technical area, so I am very keen to follow this one. What is the cost to the department and the participants? I will	103 21/05/2012

			intelligence-gathering and analysis capacity	<p>move on.</p> <p>In May 2011 there was a new online open-source website that was launched to dramatically improve intelligence-gathering and analysis capacity for aquatic animal health and it has been extended to terrestrial animal health and plant health. What do you call that? What is that program now? It has improved intelligence gathering. How are you promoting it?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: I am not sure what the name of it is right now, but it is a quite detailed project that has a number of people feeding into it. I will come back to you on notice with that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: We could not find the name of it either.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: No. It is an intelligence project and it escapes me at the moment, sorry. No, not my intelligence!</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Given that it has dramatically improved intelligence gathering and analysis, we would just like to see what it is doing. If you could provide us with a brief on that, that would be good.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Who is using it and how is it advertised and promoted? It is important, if it is doing these things.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: The people who can answer that have gone; they are the Animal Health people. But we know what it is, yes.</p>	
59	Biosecurity Animal Division	Edwards	Departmental staff enrolled in Master of Veterinary Public Health (Emergency Animal Disease) course	<p>Senator EDWARDS: But if you could clarify, that would be great. The new Master of Veterinary Public Health (Emergency Animal Diseases) course has been developed. What are the anticipated enrolment numbers there? You do not know?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: No. Our veterinary people have no—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: No problem at all.</p> <p>Dr Martin: It has only just started. There is another postgraduate course at Sydney university in veterinary public health, and that has good enrolments. Quite a number of veterinary staff from the department are doing that masters, but we can look to see what we can find for you.</p>	104 21/05/2012
258	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Weekly exports of small livestock (sheep and goats) to Malaysia?	Can the department explain why the costs would differ as much as \$400 per load of animals from shipment to shipment?	Written
259	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Details of inspections	Why is the exporter compelled to employ a third party vet to inspect animals when the AQIS vet inspects the animals an hour later at the airport?	Written

265	Biosecurity Animal Division	Di Natale	Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance	<p>The Department initiated the Pilot Surveillance Program for Antimicrobial resistance in Bacteria of Animal Origin in 2007 as part of the response to Recommendation 10 of the report of the Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance. This was described as a pilot to provide baseline information for the period from November 2003 to July 2004 against which similar future surveillance activities in Australia could be compared. The Department also committed to a “formal evaluation”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please outline any other surveillance programs which have occurred since then (if any) and provide details of these programs. 2. Please produce the results of these surveillance programs. 3. Please produce the formal evaluation referred to. 	Written
305	Biosecurity Animal Division	Nash	Action on Live Exports	On the Australian Action on Live Exports website it states there was\$ 5 million to support exporters to improve supply chains and comply with the new Australian Live stock exporter supply chain insurance system. Has that funding been accounted for in the current budget?	Written
50	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Events following a letter from Minster Ludwig to horticulture industry	<p>Senator COLBECK: Subsequent to the minister's letter of 9 March and the minister's response back, what occurred post that letter from Minister Ludwig to the industry on the 20th?</p> <p>Mr Read: Certainly, between the February meeting and the acceptance by industry of the offer that was put forward by the minister, there was a range of interactions and discussions between industry, the department and the office around their particular circumstances—the need for transition support and the sort of initiatives that needed to be developed. I do not have a list of every contact point but I can take that on notice for you.</p>	85 21/05/2012
184	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Reform of Australia’s biosecurity system	Does the recognition of importers’ food safety management systems through compliance agreements extend to recognition of commercial food safety audits?	Written
185	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Reform of Australia’s biosecurity system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What cost savings flow back to importers as a consequence of the recognition of their food safety systems? 2. What cost savings could flow back to importers as a consequence of recognising the 	Written

				outcome of commercial food safety audits?	
198	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Chinese food imports risk profiling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the level of inspection and testing of food imports risk based? 2. How is the risk determined? 3. What is the current risk profile of food products from China? 4. How does the level of critical failures in inspections of Chinese food reported in the media recently (Food Australia May/June) impact on Australia's risk profile for food products from China? 5. Is there a process for considering international data or trends in determining the risk profile for goods entering Australia? 	Written
202	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Reform to Australia's export certification services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At additional estimates the budget for "Reform of Australia's export certification services, Departmental expenses" was "Not For Publication" in the years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. 2. In the 2012-13 budget there does not appear to be a budget item for "Reform of Australia's export certification services, Departmental expenses". Is this correct? 3. If there is no budget allocation, how will the program deliverable "continue to implement the export certification reform initiative to continue to improve regulatory oversight while maintaining market access outcomes for our dairy, fish, grain, horticulture, live animal and meat export industries" be achieved? 4. How will annual performance criteria of "2 industry meetings. Design and implement reforms" be achieved without a budget allocation? 	Written
204	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Export reform and legitimate cost to government	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have reports similar to the Ernst and Young report on the Cost Recovery in the Meat Program been completed for other sectors, such as horticulture? 2. If not, why not? 3. With regard to the export competitiveness of Australian businesses, are AQIS fees competitive with those charged internationally? 4. What fee structure do New Zealand apple growers and exporters face? 	Written

				5. What costs are borne by the New Zealand government?	
206	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Revenue and expenses	Provide a breakdown of revenue sources and expenses for the National Residue Survey?	Written
207	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Revised export screening	<p>The 2010-11 National Residue Survey Annual Report states: “Within the onion program, samples are collected from packing sheds and markets by third party samplers. An export screen is also being developed to allow onion producers and growers to gain GlobalGap accreditation for export consignments.” How is the development of an export screen progressing?</p> <p>What consideration has been given to the requirements of other food safety and quality assurance standards, such as Freshcare and WQA?</p>	Written
208	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Industry sector contributions	Provide detail of the financial contribution of each industry sector contributing to the NRS.	Written
209	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Government contribution	Provide detail of the total budget of the NRS and the government contribution to this program.	Written
210	Biosecurity Food Division	Colbeck	Number of samples analysed for National Residues Survey	Provide detail of the number of samples analysed for each industry sector contributing to the NRS.	Written
44	Biosecurity Plant Division <i>Provided to committee 25 May 2012</i>	Siewert	Report produced after visit to Fiji in 2007	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I understand you just referred to the fact that officers went to Fiji in 2007 and produced a report based on that visit. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Grant: I would have to check my dates. I can take that on notice. If you have that information in front of you, you are probably correct.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: The point I am getting to is this. Whenever it was, was there a report produced and has that been made publicly available?</p> <p>Dr Grant: There is a risk assessment out now.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that there is a risk assessment. I am talking about the documentation from the trip that officers took to Fiji.</p> <p>Dr Grant: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure that we produced a public report on that occasion.</p>	72 21/05/2012

45	Biosecurity Plant Division <i>Provided to committee 25 May 2012</i>	Nash	Possible release of report on Fijian ginger	Senator NASH: If it is just an internal working document, then why not release it and we can stop having this discussion. Why not just release it? Dr Grant: I am prepared to take that on notice and look at it.	73 21/05/2012
46	Biosecurity Plant Division <i>Provided to committee 25 May 2012</i>	Colbeck	Possible release of report on Fijian ginger	Senator COLBECK: We all went through months and months of research on a very similar thing in respect of New Zealand apples and the standard orchard practice for New Zealand. Dr Grant: That was a different issue. Senator COLBECK: It has parallels. Senator Ludwig: We will take that on notice. My view is that if it can be released it should be released. The only caveat we place on that is whether or not it is government to government. On that basis they generally are protected. I am more predisposed to putting it into the public domain than not.	73 21/05/2012
47	Biosecurity Plant Division <i>Provided to committee 25 May 2012</i>	Nash	Ring nematode	Senator NASH: The ring nematode. Taking into account the fact that you have said it is below the ALOP so it does not need to be dealt with, then, if it were to come in, are there industries apart from the ginger industry that this little thing will affect, this ring nematode? Mr Schwartz: There may very well be. I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information at the moment. Senator COLBECK: So why is it below the ALOP? Does it have a short life span? What puts it below the ALOP? Mr Schwartz: It is a combination of our risk analysis based on the probability of the likelihood of importation, distribution, establishment, spread and consequences. Once we analyse all of that we end up with an unrestricted risk estimate. If that risk estimate is very low or below, then no mitigation measures would be required. That is simply the way we do our risk analyses for all commodities. Senator NASH: Okay. I think you said you would take on notice any other industries that it might affect, if it did come in. Mr Schwartz: Yes; we are happy to provide that information on ring nematodes.	75 21/05/2012
48	Biosecurity Plant Division	Nash	Pests and diseases in Australia and below the ALOP	Senator NASH: Perhaps you could take on notice as well any of the other pests or diseases that are contained or have been considered that are not in Australia but that you have determined are below the ALOP so therefore do not need to be addressed, in the same way that you have alerted us to this one. Mr Schwartz: Just to be clear: you are asking for all the pests that we have considered	77-78 21/05/2012

				<p>which we do not believe are above ALOP.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, please—those that are not currently in Australia. Perhaps you could do both lists for me: any that are currently in Australia—</p> <p>Mr Schwartz: I think that is set out in the report in the appendix, but I am happy to provide that to you separately.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That would be great. Thank you.</p>	
51	Biosecurity Plant Division	Boswell	Import applications	<p>Senator BOSWELL: Let me put it this way: are there any applications that have never followed through with imports?</p> <p>Dr Grant: Yes, and I could give you a list of those.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: I would like a list of those, please.</p> <p>Dr Grant: We can take that on notice.</p>	92 21/05/2012
52	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Fungi	<p>Mr Barbour: To these three fungi.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me what those three fungi are?</p> <p>Mr Barbour: Off the top of my head, I think there is a Sphaeropsis pyriputrescens and Truncatella hartigii, and there is a third one in there, but we can either provide it on notice, or I can check my notes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Provide it to me on notice so that I do not have to try and pronounce them.</p>	93 21/05/2012
57	Biosecurity Plant Division	Edwards	Cost of the post graduate course in plant biodiversity	<p>Senator EDWARDS: What is the cost of that?</p> <p>Dr Grant: Again, it depends on whether they register. It is a modulised course, so you go through modules and, dependent on what level you are doing, it will be (a) longer and (b) more expensive over the time period of the duration of the course. I am getting some advice very quickly.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Yes, that is fine. If you want to, take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grant: It is about \$2,500 a unit.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: And there are 10 units?</p> <p>Dr Grant: It depends on whether you are doing—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: A short course or a long course?</p> <p>Dr Grant: Essentially, yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: If you could just provide me with a bit of information on that, that would be terrific.</p>	103 21/05/2012
58	Biosecurity Plant Division	Edwards	Policy about tuition payment in case of a fail grade	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Do you pay for them if they fail?</p> <p>Dr Grant: They are paid for for the first unit and we will assess that afterwards. They have only just started this financial year, this calendar year.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: But what is the policy?</p>	104 21/05/2012

				<p>Dr Grant: I am not sure that we have a policy in that regard. Ms Mellor: We can get back to you on that. Dr Grant: We can get that to you.</p>	
183	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Trade with Thailand	What discussions have taken place with Thailand regarding the acceptability of irradiation as a control measure for fruit fly?	Written
201	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Horticultural MTF	Provide an update of the status of negotiations with the horticultural industry and the Horticultural MTF regarding any assistance package related to the reform of Australia's export certification system	Written
203	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	New Zealand Apple Packhouse failure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many suspensions of MAF approval have there been for New Zealand apple packhouses in the last 12 months? 2. Have any of the suspended packhouses been involved with the export of apples to Australia? 3. Were Australian apple and pear producers put at risk due to practices in place at these packhouses prior to their suspension? 4. Were these packhouses where apples that were rejected from export to Australia were packed? 5. What are the implications of this failure of internal inspection practices for trade with Australia and for the Australian move towards an AAO system? 	Written
205	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Export reforms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department estimated the impact on horticulture exporters of the new export fees? 2. What does that modelling suggest the average cost per tonne would be for an exporter of apples or cherries? 3. How does that compare with the current fee schedule? 4. Given the proposed fee rises has the government taken into consideration the number of exporters which will stop exporting- and how will that be reflected in the future when the costs of the export program will be amortised over fewer growers and the consequences of this? 5. Please detail how, with consideration of division operating costs over the last 5 years, 	Written

				AQIS / DAFF Biosecurity have achieved a 40% reduction in the costs of running the export program?	
289	Biosecurity Plant Division	McKenzie	Export costs	What modelling has been done in relation to the cost recovery measures imposed on nursery exporters and leading to up to 800% increases in fees?	Written
124	Biosecurity Plant Division – <i>Provided to committee on 25 May 2012</i>	Nash	Ring nematode	Senator NASH: Thank you. Given the timely nature of the response for this and the somewhat lengthy response occasioned for questions on notice, could the answer to the question about other industries that the ring nematode might affect come back reasonably quickly? I suspect that will be easy information for you to find at the time. Thank you.	76 21/05/2012
49	Biosecurity Plant Divisions	McKenzie	Old registration fee for seed exports	Senator McKENZIE: What was the old fee for seed exporters? Ms Calhoun: I would have to take that on notice. I have it somewhere here. I can probably provide that by the end of the day.	83-84 21/05/2012
41	Biosecurity Policy Division	Edwards	Outbreak management plan for branched broomrape	Ms Ransom: A working group has been putting together a proposal for a transition to management plan for branched broomrape. That plan has been, I believe, submitted to the national management group and proposals for costings have also been attached to that plan. The focus of the plan is very much around establishing and maintaining property freedom and mitigating the risk of spreading the branched broomrape from the properties that are known to be infected. Senator EDWARDS: As part of that plan is there an outbreak management plan? When do you intend to table the branched broomrape management plan, ongoing, as this working group has finished its work? Ms Ransom: I will have to take that on notice; I am not quite sure what the process will be around that.	67 21/05/2012
42	Biosecurity Policy Division	Edwards	Date for finalisation of management plan for branched broomrape	Senator EDWARDS: So there is no committee handing down a management plan for branched broomrape; it is just an ongoing containment— Ms Ransom: No, there is a plan and it is based around the biosecurity outcomes that the transition to ongoing management will deliver. That will have funding associated with it and there will be some management of the outcomes to ensure that they are actually doing it. Senator EDWARDS: So when will that plan be finalised? Ms Ransom: I will have to take that on notice. Dr Martin: My understanding is that South Australia is going to publish that plan, similar to what we have done for Asian honey bees and myrtle rust. So we can certainly	67 21/05/2012

				see whether we can get you a copy of the plan.	
61	Biosecurity Policy Division	Nash	Funding for quarantine protection versus implementation of new legislation	<p>Senator NASH: Fantastic. Of the \$144.3 million—correct me again if I am wrong—allocated to cover the ongoing quarantine border activities, I think you said, Ms Mellor, part of this area is the new biosecurity legislation?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: So what percentage of that funding is actually going to be used for the implementation of the new legislation and what percentage goes to the maintenance of the quarantine protection? Can you divvy that up for me?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: That funding, that \$144 million or thereabouts, covers a whole range of things. We have been funding the development of the legislation just departmentally, so there is no specific allocation in that \$144 million. We have a branch with a number of people in it that are developing that, and then we have a proposal to go forward and do the public consultation, from within existing resources.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Would you mind taking on notice for me then just what funding has been expended so far in relation to the new legislation?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes, sure.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Also if there is any estimate on how much may be spent between now and when and if the legislation actually comes in.</p>	106 21/05/2012
62	Biosecurity Policy Division	Nash	Biosecurity funding	<p>Senator NASH: And what happens if that legislation does not go through in terms of that funding that has already been spent?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: That funding is spent.</p> <p>Senator NASH: It is just gone?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Right, so, if you could take on notice for me to just provide exactly what it is to date, that would great. Thanks.</p>	106 21/05/2012
86	Biosecurity Policy Division	Williams	Funding for eradication programs	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: There was \$95.9 million over seven years in the budget for the Caring for our Country Program, for eradication programs for nationally significant agricultural, environmental, animal and plant pests and diseases. Current eradication programs include red imported fire ants, four tropical weeds, electric ants, chestnut blight, branched broomrape, low pathogenic influenza, slam weed and cocoa pod fora. How much is allocated to eradication and how much is allocated to support the collaborative approach of government and industry?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: That \$95 million is all allocated to eradication programs. The exact detail of those programs that might emerge in the future we do not know. If it is in terms of how much we spend on the current suite of pests, that information we could take on</p>	42 22/05/2012

				notice. In terms of the future ones, we do not know. They are the ones that come into the country.	
182	Biosecurity Policy Division	Colbeck	Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Centre of Excellence going to be part of the Department? 2. What will the management structure of the Centre be? 3. What role will the Minister have in overseeing activities of the Centre of Excellence? 	Written
186	Biosecurity Policy Division	Colbeck	Strengthening Australia's ability to combat foot and mouth disease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the FMD Action Plan rate the risk of a FMD outbreak associated with the illegal importation of produce from countries known to have FMD? 2. What activities and strategies are designed for this "unique risk profile"? 3. Does the FMD Action Plan include actions for non-regional areas like suburban Sydney? 4. Was an assessment done regarding the risk the illegal importation of food from Korea played to Australia remaining food and mouth disease free? 5. What actions have been taken to improve the verification activities undertaken by AQIS inspectors? 6. What, if any, changes are planned for auditing and the use of unannounced random audits as opposed to annual, announced audits? 	Written
234	Biosecurity Policy Division	Colbeck	Caring for our Country – eradication programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide detail of how much of the \$95.9 million is allocated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the ground eradication activities • Collaboration activities between government and industry • Departmental staff • Other activities (specify activity and budget) 2. Where in the department will these funds be managed from? 	Written
253	Biosecurity Policy Division	Ian Macdonald	Biosecurity	<p>The Queensland Government has initiated a system of engagement with primary producers to participate in biosecurity through property/industry registration and self-monitoring for biosecurity threats.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What programs does the Commonwealth currently have in place or currently have planned to engage with primary producers in addressing biosecurity challenges? 	Written

				<p>2. Is the commonwealth engaging with local councils and local communities to better understand both the challenges to biosecurity that are faced in localised areas, as well as the human and infrastructure resources that subsist in these communities that can assist in protecting Australia's biosecurity?</p> <p>3. What plans does the commonwealth have to address biosecurity risk-management at the local level, and in conjunction with the private sector?</p>	
295	Biosecurity Policy Division	Nash	Equine Influenza	<p>1. In response to the equine influenza outbreak, Dr Stuart Barber a lecturer in veterinary science at the University of Melbourne is publicly urging farmers to implement their own biosecurity protocols/plans for their individual properties. Is any of the funding going to be allocated to support farmers implement any of the recommendations of Dr Barber?</p>	Written
94	Climate Change Division	Nash	Carbon farming	<p>Senator NASH: I have two quick questions. How do you prove it is additional and not something that has happened before?</p> <p>Ms Gaglia: That is a practice, not the emissions. There is an assessment process going forward on the practice itself to work out the practices; 'methodologies' is looking at the kind of data that we require to install it.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Could you take it on notice to provide that information for me?</p> <p>Ms Gaglia: Absolutely.</p>	58 22/05/2012
95	Climate Change Division	Milne	Soil sequestration	<p>Senator MILNE: Before we leave soil carbon—I want to go to forests in a moment—has the department calculated what 60 per cent of a five per cent reduction in emissions would mean in terms of volume of soil carbon to be permanently sequestered?</p> <p>Ms Gaglia: I do not think we have done any calculations like that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Would you take it on notice, then? Given everything that has been said and the acknowledgment by scientists that soil carbon is not a silver bullet in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the landscape, it is an important consideration for people to think about. Equally, agriculture is not part of emissions trading and will not be for quite some time; so this is going to be a contested area for a very long time. Would you not agree that some of the other methodologies being developed are likely to deliver faster and more secure returns for people in rural and regional Australia than soil carbon?</p>	61 22/05/2012
96	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Public consultation for	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Public consultation is expected to start when?</p> <p>Mr Aldred: I would expect it is still going to take us two or three months to get a public</p>	66 22/05/2012

			regional forestry agreements	consultation document. I just need to check the status of WA. Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Perhaps you could take that on notice. I am particularly interested in the time line. You mentioned public consultation with regard to Western Australia but not any of the other states. Is there a different process?	
97	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Public consultation for regional forestry agreements in WA	Senator RHIANNON: Why is it being delayed? Why is Western Australia so much behind the other states? Mr Aldred: I would need to take that on notice.	66 22/05/2012
98	Climate Change Division	Edwards	Arrangements for business assistance payment	Senator EDWARDS: Have those set-up costs been abandoned now? They are lost; it is all finished; the program is finished. Are they sitting there waiting for another day or is all of that just lost? Mr Aldred: I cannot give you the absolute details. With the set-up for those sorts of things, the experience and so on is not lost but— Dr O'Connell: We could take on notice whether or not DHS has capitalised that, if you like, into its business.	69 22/05/2012
99	Climate Change Division	Edwards	Role of Department of Human Services in administration of business assistance payment	Senator EDWARDS: You seem to misunderstand. My issue is getting \$68,000 delivered for a cost of \$1.22 million. I do not diminish why you did it; I do not have an issue with that. I just think that you would go out of business very quickly—and I understand that the government is not a business—and you would not sustain yourselves very well. You paid \$3.47 million to Human Services to oversee this project and the total expenses are \$16.07 million. Perhaps what you could do for me on notice is to provide what \$1.22 million buys you from Human Services. Could you detail that for me—just the administration costs. Senator Ludwig: Again, with all due respect, you have missed the point that there will be a set-up cost. We had to pay the set-up cost and we did not know at that stage how long the suspension was going to run. Roughly, with industry, I guess, the background noise was that there were many people out there that were unemployed and unable to access Newstart. You cannot do a straw poll. You have to make an assessment that, yes, that type of assistance is required. Once you do that, there are set-up costs. You may find that over time it is not taken up, which is probably a good thing, quite frankly. Senator EDWARDS: I do not argue that. Senator Ludwig: There were no alternatives. Senator EDWARDS: I assume that Human Services sent you an invoice for \$1.22 million and you would have paid that, obviously. I just want to see what the invoice contained and what services were delivered.	70 22/05/2012

				Senator Ludwig: I am happy to provide that information.	
102	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Regional forestry agreements	<p>Senator COLBECK: I want to quickly go back to the RFAs for a moment, Mr Aldred, and effectively put a couple of facts about RFAs on the record. The total area covered by the RFAs in Australia is somewhere around 21 million hectares—is that about right?</p> <p>Mr Aldred: I would need to take it on notice. I have not got the figure off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Of that 21 million, about 9.8 million are available for logging and the rest is reserved under the RFAs?</p> <p>Mr Aldred: Those proportions sound right. I would need to give you the specific details.</p>	71 22/05/2012
108	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Forest and Wood Products Australia research and development investment plan	<p>Mr Sinclair: No, but our R&D investment plan is published on our website.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I did not find it on your website, so could you take that on notice to provide it to me?</p> <p>Mr Sinclair: Yes, certainly.</p>	91 22/05/2012
109	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Details of meetings between Forest and Wood Products Australia and Australian Government	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you take on notice if you are able to supply, which I hope you can, details of those twice-yearly meetings that you have with the government and what issues you discuss?</p> <p>Mr Sinclair: I assume that is more with the department. They take the minutes of the meetings.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Minister, could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We will, yes.</p>	93 22/05/2012
220	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Program Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is contracting for all projects under the following programs complete? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filling the Research Gap Program • Action on the Ground Program • Biochar Capacity Building Program • Biodiversity Fund 2. Have all of the funds been allocated? 3. If not, how much money, by program, is unallocated and why? 4. What will happen to any unallocated funds? 	Written

222	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Carbon Farming Future: Filling the Research Gap Ministerial statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the budget for the "surveys of common practice" referred to in the budget Ministerial statement? 2. How is this work being undertaken – through site visits, on-line surveys, discussion with industry organisations etc? 3. What are the expected returns to farming businesses through the “multiple income streams”? 	Written
223	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Transitional Farm Family Payment Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Transitional Farm Family Payment Program allow for training activities? 2. Some RFCS organisations are experiencing an increase in demand since the cessation of drought programs. What analysis of demand is being undertaken by the Government? 	Written
224	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Forestry industry	Provide detail of budget initiatives that specifically target and support the forestry sector	Written
236	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Extension and Outreach program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the existing extension networks that this program will build on? 2. The program focuses on “farmers, forest growers and other land managers”. What is meant by the term "forest growers"? Does this include farm forestry, plantations and those involved with regeneration of native forests? 	Written
238	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Illegal logging projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The expenditure detailed in QON 91, February 2012 amounts to approximately \$0.75 million excluding GST. How much money was set aside for this purpose under the Howard and Rudd Government? 2. If there were unused funds, where have these been allocated? 3. How have the research projects undertaken been used to inform the development of the Illegal Logging Prohibition legislation? 4. Would the reports produced be of value in assisting businesses comply with the legislation as it currently stands? 5. What were the key findings of the final report to inform a Regulation Impact Statement undertaken by The Centre for International Economics? 	Written

260	Climate Change Division	Di Natale	Regional Forest Agreements	Given that one of the main stated objectives of Regional Forest Agreements is to identify a Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve System and provide for the conservation of those areas, what studies is the department undertaking, or planning to undertake, to determine the adequacy of the CAR reserve system for meeting obligations relating to threatened species in Victoria?	Written
261	Climate Change Division	Di Natale	Regional Forest Agreements	Since the East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement was signed in 1997 have there been any studies or surveys to determine the conservation values of state forest areas?	Written
262	Climate Change Division	Di Natale	Regional Forest Agreements	Please outline the measures that the Department has taken to ensure the adequacy of the CAR reserve system for meeting obligations relating to threatened species in Victoria. Please also outline any steps the Department has taken to ensure that these measures have been taken based on a recent, credible and robust evidence base.	Written
263	Climate Change Division	Di Natale	Regional Forest Agreements	Has the Victorian state government consulted with the Commonwealth regarding its recent indications that attempts may be made to increase the introduction of logging into declared Special Protection Zones?	Written
264	Climate Change Division	Di Natale	Regional Forest Agreements	Is the Department satisfied that the Victorian state government is meeting its forest management and species protection obligations under the RFAs? If not, what action is being undertaken by the department to ensure these obligations are being met, by all signatories?	Written
290	Climate Change Division	McKenzie	Farm Exit Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What specific direction has DAFF provided other departments regarding Act of Grace payments in relation to Farm Exit Grants. b. How many farmers have been assisted? c. How many refused assistance? 	Written
296	Climate Change Division	Nash	Climate Change Adjustment Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many farmers applied for the Climate Change Adjustment Program income support scheme? 2. How many applications were successful and how many were rejected? 3. What was the anticipated demand for the program when it was established? 4. Why were there a lower than expected demand? 	Written

				5. What was the administrative cost incurred while this program was running?	
297	Climate Change Division	Nash	Soil Carbon Testing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department outline/breakdown how the department is lowering the cost of soil carbon testing? 2. Can the department outline/breakdown the cost in the investigation of lowering the cost of soil carbon testing? 3. When will the department finalise the cost of soil carbon testing? 4. What has the department done to develop methodologies to increase soil carbon? 5. When will the department have a finalised a list of methodologies? 6. How many applications has the department received regarding different carbon sequestration methods to be put on the positive list? 7. How many of these applications have been listed as additional? 8. Can the department outline the difference between direct sampling and direct measurement pertaining to soil carbon testing levels? 9. How is the department effectively communicating with stakeholders, farmers and communities on the implementation of the Carbon Farming Initiative? 10. Through the communications provided from question (9) what feedback has the department had from stakeholders, farmers and communities? 11. From question (10) has the department found that the feedback has been positive or negative? 12. How much has the department spent on communication and education programs on the Carbon Farming Initiative? 	Written
309	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Landcare and CFI	Claims have been made by Ministers, including the Prime Minister, that Landcare will be used to deliver the carbon faming initiative. How has Landcare been involved in the development of the program and what plans are there for the delivery phase?	Written
311	Climate Change Division	Rhiannon	Table of reviews	Senator RHIANNON: Considering there has been a failure to complete five-yearly reviews for nearly all regions covered by RFAs, what are your plans for the future for the RFAs?	63 22/05/12

				<p>Mr Aldred: Five-yearly reviews have been completed and tabled. I am happy to provide a table of those. At the moment, in the case of New South Wales and Victoria, what we are doing with our state government colleagues is finalising the government responses to the five-yearly reviews. We are in the final stages of that. I believe that we either have had or have sought meetings with Victorian and New South Wales colleagues in the first week of June to finalise officials-level proposals that would then go to ministers for consideration.</p>	
314	Climate Change Division	Nash	Details of measuring soil carbon	<p>Senator NASH: Finally, who is going to measure the increase in carbon in the soil as a result of all these things that are going to go forward, and how often? If a farmer does go through this new methodology that they have come up with and they have increased the carbon in their soil for the subsequent years, will it be continually measured? What is the process and what is the impact on the farmer if the soil carbon goes down in subsequent years?</p> <p>Ms Gaglia: Those decisions are only made once a methodology is developed. There are no methodologies being developed by the government in relation to soil carbon.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Seriously? So we have no idea how this is going to be measured?</p> <p>Ms Gaglia: The government is developing a measurement protocol so that soil carbon can be measured on an on-farm project level. At the moment that is too expensive to happen, so they are developing a cheap method of doing an on-farm measurement and modelling. There are going to be two options. You can either do direct sampling and direct measurement, which will be quite expensive, or you can model the outcomes. So long as you know the baseline, you understand through the science you have done in terms of what the management practice will do in building soil carbon, you can actually model what the soil carbon level should be over a 10- or 15-year timeframe. So, rather than doing direct measurements on an annual basis or every two years, you can do the modelling and then you can verify that with samples taken at intervals.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I am getting hounded by the chair. Would you mind taking that on notice and providing that answer more fully for the committee?</p>	58 22/02/2012
7	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Details of centralised functions	<p>Senator NASH: Thank you. Would you mind taking on notice a question on the dispersal you talk about—specifically, where these functions that now have been brought back to centre of the universe were being performed before.</p>	16 21/05/2012
9	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Budget savings from virtual meetings	<p>Mr Schaeffer: I do not have air travel, but travel overall was \$1.3 million for domestic and \$0.97 million for international.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: How much of that would have been made up by conducting virtual meetings?</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: I do not have that detail with me.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Any of it?</p>	18 21/05/2012

				<p>Mr Schaeffer: Yes, of course.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. Could you take that on notice for me, please?</p>	
33	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Justification of Melbourne as a location for new Biosecurity centre	<p>Senator NASH: So existing. Okay. How was it determined that Melbourne was the most appropriate place for the centre?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Obviously we had business requirements based on biosecurity risk and potential business and then the Department of Finance and Deregulation started looking at parcels of land that met those requirements. Certainly, the Victorian location has some benefits in terms of the variety of product that goes into the centres—greenhouses and whatnot.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Could you take it on notice and provide those benefits for Victoria, without going into it now?</p>	61 21/05/2012
35	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Criteria used to assess potential sites for new Biosecurity centre	<p>Senator NASH: If you could provide for the committee as well—I am not sure if I have asked this already—the criteria that were applied and why Melbourne came out ahead of any of the other considerations that would be great.</p>	61 21/05/2012
40	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Cost of transportation and tender processes	<p>Senator NASH: I meant to ask before about the quarantine station. With transportation, if animals are being transported from Melbourne to other destinations, who actually bears the cost of that? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: It is the same as currently. So once you are leaving the station, it is your business.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I think that a tender process is or has been underway for the refurbishment of Eastern Creek; is that correct?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: I am not sure about the tender process but there are definitely works being undertaken for—</p> <p>Senator NASH: Perhaps you could take it as part of the question on notice that you took before—the costs for each, whether that tender process did happen through Eastern Creek.</p>	66 21/05/2012
130	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	2012-13 staffing changes	<p>Provide details of what staffing changes have occurred in DAFF from the 2012-13 Budget. Provide a list of additional and/or redundant positions, the classification and the program those positions are part of or have been taken from.</p>	Written
135	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Hospitality and entertainment costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is DAFF's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality 	Written

				<p>spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>3. What is DAFF's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is DAFF planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is DAFF planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>9. Is DAFF planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	
140	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Consultancies	<p>a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written
143	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has DAFF ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and</p>	Written

				<p>the cost).</p> <p>2. Has DAFF ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has DAFF ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has DAFF ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has DAFF ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has DAFF ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has DAFF ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has DAFF ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has DAFF ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	
144	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Grants	<p>1. Could DAFF provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Has DAFF complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of</p>	Written

				discretionary grants?	
147	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Cost of media subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written
148	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Travel costs and details	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 5. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. 	Written

149	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did DAFF spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did DAFF spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did DAFF spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did DAFF spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written
153	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list how many staff in DAFF are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written
155	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 2. How many cars are owned by DAFF & each agency? 3. Where are the cars located? 4. What are the cars used for? 5. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 6. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written
156	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did DAFF spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each departmental/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written
157	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Corporate Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 	Written

				<p>(February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? • How is corporate credit card use monitored? • What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? • Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. • What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	
160	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Electricity costs and provider	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of DAFF electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. 2. What were DAFF electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. What are DAFF electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written
162	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Shredders	Has DAFF purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written
164	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Research and development spending	<p>For the 2012-13 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio Budget Statements provide details of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the total allocation to research and development 2. the contribution by industry to the total allocation to research and development 3. the contribution by the government to the total allocation for research and development for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry industry program 1.3 (p 23) • Fishing industry program 1.4 (p 24) • Horticulture industry program 1.5 (p 24) • Wool industry program 1.6 (p 24) • Grains industry program 1.7 (p24) (include breakdown of special appropriations for "other grains" and "wheat") • Dairy industry program 1.8 (p 25) • Meat and Livestock industry program 1.9 (p 25) (include breakdown of special appropriations for industry marketing body, industry research body, export marketing body, export research body, meat processor marketing body, meat processor research body, industry research body Pig Industry) 	Written

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural industry program 1.10 (p 26) (include breakdown of special appropriations for Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act, Egg Industry Service Provision Act, Financial Management and Accountability Act, Cotton R&D Corporation, Grape and Wine R&D Corporation, Rural Industries R&D Corporation, Sugar R&D Corporation). • Quarantine and Export Services program 2.1 (p 65) (include breakdown of special accounts Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services Special Account s. 20, FMA Act 1997 and National Residue Survey Account s. 6) • Plant and Animal Health program 2.2 (p 65) (include breakdown of special appropriations for Australian Animal Health Council, (Live-stock Industries) Funding Act 1996, Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002 s. 6 and S.10B) 	
165	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Research and development spending	<p>For Forward estimates for years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio Budget Statements provide details of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the total allocation to research and development 2. the contribution by industry to the total allocation to research and development 3. the contribution by the government to the total allocation for research and development for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry industry program 1.3 (p 23) • Fishing industry program 1.4 (p 24) • Horticulture industry program 1.5 (p 24) • Wool industry program 1.6 (p 24) • Grains industry program 1.7 (p24) (include breakdown of special appropriations for "other grains" and "wheat") • Dairy industry program 1.8 (p 25) • Meat and Livestock industry program 1.9 (p 25) (include breakdown of special appropriations for industry marketing body, industry research body, export marketing body, export research body, meat processor marketing body, meat processor research body, industry research body Pig Industry) • Agricultural industry program 1.10 (p 26) (include breakdown of special appropriations for Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act, Egg Industry Service Provision Act, Financial Management and Accountability Act, Cotton R&D Corporation, Grape and Wine R&D Corporation, Rural Industries R&D Corporation, Sugar R&D Corporation). • Quarantine and Export Services program 2.1 (p 65) (include breakdown of special 	Written

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167	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Co-ordinated procurement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are all of the co-ordinated procurement arrangements relevant to DAFF finalised? If not, what are the blockages to finalising this for all areas of DAFF? Is co-ordinated procurement one of the strategies to achieving the efficiency dividend? Without analysis of the impact of coordinated procurement at a divisional or departmental level, how will DAFF and its divisions be able to demonstrate their achievement of the efficiency dividend? 	Written
169	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are decisions made regarding whether a consultancy should be subject to open, select or direct tendering? What rules exist around multiple direct contracts with the same organisation? Is there a cap to the total spend through direct contracts to a single organisation over a specific time frame? How are potential conflicts of interest dealt with? Are there rules regarding how investigations of misconduct allegations are dealt with, particularly related to potential conflicts of interest within organisations that undertake these investigations while at the same time receiving significant other consultancies from the Department. Wise Investigations and Austrace were also used to investigate misconduct allegations at about the same time why were different organisations used and what was behind the cluster of investigations? 	Written
174	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Hospitality budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Over 50% of the planned departmental hospitality budget will be at the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy 6th National Workshop. Who attends this event and what is the detail of the "dinner" hospitality to be provided? 	Written

				2. How are decisions regarding hospitality spending made?	
225	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Program 1.3	Provide details of the initiatives taking place as part of Departmental expenses under Program 1.3.	Written
226	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Expenses not requiring appropriation this budget year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide detailed information regarding the calculation of “Expenses not requiring appropriation this budget year” for Program 1.3 in the 2012-13 budget (include out years to 2015-16). 2. Provide detailed information regarding the calculation of expenses not requiring appropriate this budget year for Program 1.3 in Additional Estimates, February 2012 (include out years to 2014-15). 3. Provide details of how the variation from Additional Estimates in February 2012 and the Budget in May 2012 occurred. 	Written
227	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Budget variation from Additional Estimates 2011-12	<p>Provide justification for the variation in Departmental appropriation between the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Revised budget figure for 2011-12” reported in PBS 2012-13, Budget Related Paper No 1.1 and • “2011-12 Revised budget” reported in Additional Estimates Program Expenses (February 2012) for Programs 1.3 and 1.4. 	Written
237	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Expenses not requiring appropriation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide detailed information regarding the calculation of “Expenses not requiring appropriation this budget year” for Program 1.4 in the 2012-13 budget (include out years to 2015-16). 2. Provide detailed information regarding the calculation of expenses not requiring appropriate this budget year for Program 1.4 in Additional Estimates, February 2012 (include out years to 2014-15). 3. Provide details of how the variation from Additional Estimates in February 2012 and the Budget in May 2012 occurred. 	Written

288	Finance and Business Support Division	McKenzie	Carbon tax	<p>a. Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs?</p> <p>b. If so, what was the outcome?</p> <p>c. If not, why, not?</p> <p>d. How much electricity does the department use?</p> <p>e. What are the department's electricity costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written
299	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Payments to Live export research	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 49</p> <p>1. Payments to Live export research have been cut from \$800,000 to \$540,000, what is the reasoning for funding to be cut?</p>	Written
300	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	The Regional Food Producers Innovation Productivity Program	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 24/ 41</p> <p>1. The Regional Food Producers Innovation Productivity Program why has the program have no funding in 2012 – 13.</p> <p>2. What was the objectives for this program?</p>	Written
301	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	The Northern Australia Beef Industry Strategy	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 52</p> <p>1. The Northern Australia Beef Industry Strategy - Indigenous Pastoral Program receives no further funding after 2011 – 12, why has funding been cut?</p>	Written
302	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Cotton Research	<p>Portfolio Budget Statement page 52</p> <p>1. Why has cotton research and development been cut? (a) Where has this funding been re- allocated to?</p> <p>2. What has sugar research and development been cut? (a) Where has this funding been re- allocated to?</p>	Written
307	Finance and Business Support Division	Nash	Budget Cuts to Advancing Australian	<p>Portfolio Budget page 60</p> <p>1. Advancing Australian Agriculture (AAA) - International Agricultural Cooperation in 2012 – 13 budget looks as if there is a cut in funding for this year - can you elaborate</p>	Written

			Agriculture and Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations	<p>where the funding has been re- allocated?</p> <p>2. Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations (UNFAO) in the budget 2012 -13 there was a cut of 2.9 million how is this going to impact on trade and market access?</p> <p>3. In the 2012 -13 budget paper that the \$2.9 million that was cut from Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations (UNFAO) and was re- directed to other Government priorities, where did the \$2.9 million get re- directed to?</p>	
310	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>1. For this financial year to date, has DAFF paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</p> <p>a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by DAFF for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written
4	Government Division	Ian MacDonald	Job descriptions of media team	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell me now what the media people do—and perhaps in more detail on notice?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I can certainly provide that on notice for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you? I am interested in their roles, what they do, job descriptions and perhaps even some details of how many media releases they have been responsible for. That would be helpful.</p>	12 21/05/2012
5	Government Division	Ian MacDonald	Reduction in staffing levels in communication branch	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: ...Your Government Division goes down by 11. How many media people are in that 11?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: None. There is no reduction in the media team out of that reduction.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. I am not surprised. Where did the 11 come from?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: There were a range of positions across the division. As part of the corporate realignment process there was an amalgamation of a number of functions across the department. For example, in our investigation and enforcement area we had secretariats that we provided both within the department and to the jurisdictional secretariats. We did a rationalisation and looked at how we could arrange those functions—with more use of telepresence, for example—by just trying to do things</p>	12 21/05/2012

				<p>smarter. In our editing teams we had a reduction through the use of contractors and we had a net reduction in staff by changing the staffing arrangements, for example.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you. I have been around for a long time now and I can hear all the buzzwords and—I am not being offensive—I know you are trained to do that. But where exactly did the 11 come from? You will give us that on notice, will you?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I am certainly happy to, yes.</p>	
11	Government Division	Colbeck	Ministerial travel	<p>Senator COLBECK: Minister, you made a statement in the chamber last year that you had been to 70 locations across the country. I just want to line that up with the response to question on notice No. 170, which identifies 41. There is an opportunity to clarify some of that because you have only indicated that you have been to Victoria and Tasmania, so I have only counted that as two places. You might want to detail that—and also drought pilot regions. How do we align the two numbers?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I can run through the travel that the minister has done since the last estimates period, if that helps as an introduction. His travels have included going to Port Lincoln and Adelaide, Kununurra and Darwin; Wagga, Newport and Bilgola in New South Wales; Melbourne, Bendigo, Corryong, Mooroopna and Kyabram in Victoria; Hobart, Dunalley, Westbury, Scottsdale and Smithton in Tasmania; and Indonesia. That is between the February estimates period and earlier this month.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: That perhaps does provide a little clarification. I think he went to five places in Tasmania, which I have counted as one, so that gives a few numbers. I am just trying to line the two numbers up—that is all. I think I got all of them—it was Hobart, Dunalley, Westbury, Scottsdale and Smithton?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay, I have the ears painted on—that is good. I am happy to do that on notice but—</p> <p>Ms Freeman: We can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I just wanted to align the two. The minister obviously has an idea of what he has done—from his statement that he made to the chamber and also more publicly—but I want to align that with the travel costs.</p>	22 21/05/2012
12	Government Division	Colbeck	Role of AQIS officers on Ministerial travel	<p>Senator COLBECK: The AQIS officers were accompanying him. That is obvious. But what was the role of the AQIS officers in accompanying you to the park?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to take that on notice, Senator. I am certainly aware of that—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am not disputing that they were there. I just want to know what—</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I am certainly aware of that visit by the minister but I would have to go</p>	23 21/05/2012

				<p>back and check the specifics of his itineraries, to be honest.</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: I think that when it is termed 'AQIS officers' that is probably misleading. I think it is just the regional office staff who were accompanying the minister on a variety—from the Darwin office. So—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I can only go by what is—</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: They were the northern regional officers who were just accompanying the minister on the trip. A range of things were looked at on that trip, as I recall. Some of them involved our staff showing—I think there were things like inspections being demonstrated and others. But we will get you the details.</p> <p>Ms Freeman: We can certainly do that. But they were—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: It is also important to recognise that the work that is going on at that crocodile park includes the export of hides, high-quality agriculture, to foreign markets in overseas areas. They also farm crocodiles. I am not sure whether you have had an opportunity to visit it, or got out of Tasmania, but the opportunities are there for increasing our export of hide, particularly crocodile skins—and also the farming techniques are second to none across Australia. That is why I visited—because they have been innovative in developing opportunities and markets for both crocodile meat and hides and they have been innovative in developing ways to grow crocodiles to the appropriate size and quality. As an adjunct they do have a tourist park, but the part that I wanted to see was around the growth and opportunities, particularly unique markets such as are being developed in the Northern Territory with crocodile hides and meat.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you will get back to us on notice the role of the officers who were part of that process?</p>	
14	Government Division	Back	2012-13 budget for Interim Inspector General Biosecurity	<p>Ms Freeman: The budget for the IIGB activities in 2011-12 is \$0.62 million. From 1 July 2011 to 31 March the expenditure for this function to date was around \$0.43 million.</p> <p>Senator BACK: And the budget for 2012-13 announced—</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to check but it would be roughly of the same magnitude. I can give you the specifics on notice if you like.</p>	28 21/05/2012
15	Government Division	Back	Staff for Interim Inspector General Biosecurity and changes for 2012-13	<p>Ms Freeman: There are a number of full-time staff, both technical and administrative, who assist Dr Dunn. We can certainly give you a breakdown of those if you like.</p> <p>Senator BACK: And could you also give us any changes for 2012-13, thank you. Dr Dunn, is your role only reactive to the requests or directive of the secretary, or do you have the capacity to propose areas where you would be looking to undertake audit reviews?</p>	28 21/05/2012

16	Government Division	Abetz	Legal advice about live exports	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can you confirm that you got legal advice on 4 June, three days before your announcement, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I will take that on notice.</p>	30 21/05/2012
17	Government Division	Abetz	Who sought legal advice about live exports	<p>Senator ABETZ: ... We are entitled to know who sought that legal advice. I do want to know but I will not ask what was in it. But we are entitled to know—</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: We would have to take that on notice, I think. Senator ABETZ: If there are a number of legal advices, why is it that I was told that there was only one legal advice?</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: I repeat that I would have to take it on notice. You asked a specific request about a specific piece of advice, and we would have to take on notice who asked for that advice.</p>	30 21/05/2012
18	Government Division	Abetz	Did the Minister Ludwig read legal advice about live exports	<p>Senator ABETZ: You either recall it or you do not.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I think the setting is also required in relation to a range of information that was coming to me. I was requesting of the department their view on a range of matters. I do not recall specifically whether I asked for that document. The record will show and we will be able to get that on notice.</p>	30-31 21/05/2012
19	Government Division	Abetz	Details of legal advice about live exports	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can you recall reading that advice, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I would have at the time.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Can you take on notice who prepared the advice, who requested the advice, to whom the advice was sent and whether this advice was provided to cabinet prior to your announcement of 7 June. Has the government now received a claim for compensation as a result of its decision to impose a full ban on live export cattle to Indonesia?</p> <p>Dr O’Connell: We will take those pieces on notice—</p>	31 21/05/2012
20	Government Division	Abetz	Freedom of information request and legal advice	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can you take on notice as well whether the legal advice that I have been asking questions about came via the department to you, Minister; and, if so, why that legal advice was not identified in the first FOI request from my office?</p>	31 21/05/2012
29	Government Division	Ian MacDonald	Specific details of a claim for compensation	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: When you say that a claim has been made, how does that materialise? Have solicitors written to you and said, 'We're going to sue you for your pants,' or something?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Generally, yes. I will have to take some advice and get back to you in terms of the specifics of it.</p>	49-50 21/05/2012

				<p>Senator Ludwig: We have to be careful about the specifics which we go into. I am advised that I am not at liberty to discuss the details of the claim. So the difficulty is that by asking how it arises you go into the detail. You can ask your questions; we will see what the legal advice will allow us to say or not say in answer to your questions. I am not trying to be unhelpful; I am just trying to be, in fact, helpful to the extent that I can.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And I appreciate that. But I take it from what everyone has said that no writ has been issued, for example.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: The advice I have is that certainly no litigation or action has commenced. That is as far as I can take it. If you want the actual specifics, we will have to take that on notice.</p>	
30	Government Division	Ian MacDonald	Details of case	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: A potential class action has been received from a law firm on behalf of 21 clients. I am interested in where that is going and perhaps what you can give me on notice. I am, of course, not critical of that. I encourage the department and the government to enter into any discussions in a very positive way, bearing in mind that, whilst there were difficulties somewhere along the line, some of the people who are really suffering are people who are entirely innocent of it all. If there is anything that you can tell me on notice, I would appreciate it; otherwise, good luck.</p>	50 21/05/2012
100	Government Division	Edwards	Contingent liabilities	<p>Senator EDWARDS: No. There is also another contingent liability in there which relates to an action with three other people. Is that a joint action with this one that you talk about in your contingent liability?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: We covered that yesterday. We said there were two separate actions.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That is being brought under the scheme for compensation for detriment caused by defective administration?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: That is covered in that contingent liability.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: Exactly, as you say, the CDDA claimed for three.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Are those three also part of the 21 or are they in addition to the 21?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: No. They are separate.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Is it the same issue?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: I would have to take that on notice. Those are two separate actions.</p>	70 22/05/2012
101	Government Division	Edwards	Contingent liabilities	<p>Senator EDWARDS: The three parties that are subject to the CDDA action, are they also part of the 21?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: I would have to take that on notice. I do not think so.</p>	70 22/05/2012
134	Government Division	Colbeck	Advertising	1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?	Written

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is DAFF undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	
136	Government Division	Colbeck	Board appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written
137	Government Division	Colbeck	Freedom of information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has DAFF received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to DAFF to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 3. How many FOI requests has DAFF received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 	Written

				4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	
138	Government Division	Colbeck	Travel details and cost of community cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 2. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. 3. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. 4. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 5. What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written
139	Government Division	Colbeck	Financial Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written

141	Government Division	Colbeck	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to DAFF for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written
142	Government Division	Colbeck	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. If no, please explain why not.	Written
145	Government Division	Colbeck	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in DAFF this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written
146	Government Division	Colbeck	Cost of stationery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by DAFF on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretary) stationery requirements (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 2. What is DAFF's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. What was DAFF's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 	Written
152	Government Division	Colbeck	Media Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by DAFF, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 	Written

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The names of all service providers engaged <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than DAFF's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	
154	Government Division	Colbeck	Training expenses for Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DAFF? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DAFF? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in DAFF? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification. 	Written

158	Government Division	Colbeck	Printing of reports and documents	Which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where they were delivered to since January 2012?	Written
159	Government Division	Colbeck	Equipment provided to Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and DAFF staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did DAFF provide mobile phones to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? 2. Did DAFF provide electronic equipment to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to DAFF staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does DAFF provide the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. 	Written
161	Government Division	Colbeck	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does DAFF provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Does DAFF provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? • What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. 	Written

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. • How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	
171	Government Division	Colbeck	Ministerial Travel expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this correct, that electronic information provided by CabCharge does not permit determination of exact destinations? 2. Is it correct that COMCAR costs associated with departmental offices accompanying the Minister (for example Palmerston 29 – 30 June 2011, Broome 12 -14 July 2011, Yeronga 1 September 2011), have been paid for by Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and are allocated to “Accompanying departmental officer costs” and not to the Minister? 3. What are the guidelines regarding allocation of costs in these situations? 	Written
254	Government Division	Ian Macdonald	Biosecurity	<p>The biosecurity Industry Roundtable released in March 2012 draws attention to the recently produced DAFF Biosecurity Compliance Strategy. This strategy has apparently been designed to provide guidance to stakeholders on the department’s approach to compliance and enforcement of biosecurity legislation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the Compliance strategy to be implemented? 2. What funding has been made available to nationally deploy the necessary stakeholder engagement models? 3. Who will manage the deployment? 4. How will the deployment be audited? 5. What criteria will be applied to measuring the efficacy of the program? 	Written
187	Information Services Division	Colbeck	IT system overhaul	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Mellor indicated the expected date of the business case for reforming the biosecurity IT systems was 2015, what are the consequences of the department having to continue to work with systems Ms Mellor described as “quite old. In fact I would not call it a system.” 2. How does the inefficiency of the existing system impact on the cost of service to 	Written

				<p>exporters, importers and other clients of the division?</p> <p>3. How does the inefficiency of the existing system impact on the ability of Australia to respond to illegal activities and biosecurity threats such as the recent illegal importation of product from Korea.</p>	
150	People and Service Delivery	Colbeck	Study	<p>What are DAFF's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for DAFF. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for DAFF.</p>	Written
151	People and Service Delivery	Colbeck	Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by DAFF, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) v. The total amount spent on the service vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than DAFF's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 	Written

				<p>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
1	People and Service Delivery Division	Ian MacDonald	Variation in staff levels through yearly cycle	<p>Mr Schaeffer: It is just the timing around the year—there are cycles. There are all sorts of things that happen at different times through the year. Some casuals are brought on and off the books for different purposes at different times throughout the year. In January it just happened to be that figure.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I guess we should ask for detail—which I will do on notice now—on how many you have in each branch, section or whatever the nomenclature at the moment is for the—</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: Division, Senator.</p>	11 21/05/2012
2	People and Service Delivery Division	Ian MacDonald	Number of staff on Australian Workplace Agreements	<p>Dr O'Connell: Can I make a slight correction to what I just said about performance bonuses. There is a handful of old AWAs that are working their way through. Some of those people still, as in the old AWA process, have performance bonuses. I will get you the numbers on how many but it is only a handful.</p>	11 21/05/2012
3	People and Service Delivery Division	Ian MacDonald	Divisions of staff on Australian Workplace Agreements	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And everyone is happy about going off AWAs? That is a leading question. I will not go there. On notice, can you give the committee in writing the divisions—</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: On the AWAs, at the moment, out of the 5,000-odd employees, 30 have AWAs. They are just washing through as they go out.</p>	11 21/05/2012
13	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Clarification of Fisheries Research and Development Corporation funding in DAFF budget	<p>Senator COLBECK: That was not the question, but okay. I want to go to the table that you provided us in response to question on notice No. 172 on education services. I am having some difficulty reconciling the table that is given in response to part 1 of the question. You have, for example, FRDC training as 42 people at a cost per person of \$2,820. It should be \$111,440. I just want you to run me through how I should be reading that table, because it does not seem to provide me with the right detail of the figures.</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: The table represents the expenditure on general management and technical training within the department and within each of the portfolio agencies. The row that you have pointed to is the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: FRDC, yes.</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: That information has been provided to us for inclusion in this table by that organisation.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So they have provided you with the data and you have just loaded it into the table?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: That is correct.</p>	23-24 21/05/2012

				<p>Senator COLBECK: And it is the same with the AFMA numbers as well? So all of those numbers are basically direct loads of information. You do not check them; you just put them into the table?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: We do not check the data that has been provided by the agency, no.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So how do we go about reconciling what the numbers should be?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: We can take that on notice. The FRDC are not appearing, but we can get the FRDC to provide us with an explanation.</p>	
129	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Staffing and recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written
131	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Staffing SES positions	Please list the SES positions you have in DAFF in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written
132	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Training for graduates after the graduate year	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written
133	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Cost of graduate recruitment	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written
163	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of the training budgets for all DAFF divisions. 2. How is this budget determined? 3. Is there an agency wide policy regarding the calculation of the training budget? If so provide details. 	Written
168	People and Service Delivery	Colbeck	Contractors	1. Provide details of the activities undertaken to fill short term staffing needs "in biosecurity operations across the country."	Written

	Division			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What proportion of these short term staffing needs are related to seasonal activities? 3. What proportion of these short term staffing needs are related to isolated biosecurity issues? 4. Where are these contract staff are deployed? Provide details of the locations. 5. Why are contract staff and not permanent staff used at airports and mail centres? 	
170	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Misconduct allegations	Provide details of the number, outcome and remedial action taken by the Department resulting from external investigations into misconduct allegations since 2007.	Written
172	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Biosecurity Services Group Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the minimum and maximum exclusion from re-employment in the Australian Public Service? 2. What are the individual circumstances that affect the length of exclusion? 	Written
175	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Costs of renaming AQIS	What was the aim of changing the name from AQIS to DAFF Biosecurity?	Written
176	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Costs of renaming AQIS	What are current actual and anticipated future costs associated with the renaming of AQIS? Include details of costs of items such as uniforms, stationery, sign writing and IT.	Written
178	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Training	Provide details of the training policy and guidelines for staff in DAFF Biosecurity.	Written
179	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of the training budget for staff in DAFF Biosecurity. 2. How is this budget determined? 3. Is there an agency wide policy regarding the calculation of the training budget? If so provide details. 	Written
180	People and Service Delivery	Colbeck	Training	How are the outcomes of training, particularly in technical skills, assessed?	Written

	Division				
188	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	ICON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is an improved version of ICON being developed? 2. If so, what was the original budget for the new version? 3. Is the project running to schedule and to budget? 4. When is it expected to be completed? 	Written
10	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Cost of training detector dogs	<p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. So you do not need any more dogs. What is the cost to prepare each one of these dogs?</p> <p>Mr Chapman: I would have to take that on notice, but there is quite intensive training of both the dog and the handler.</p>	20 21/05/2012
31	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Salary details, Korean imports	<p>Senator COLBECK: You say in answer to question 25 that the costs associated with detection, storage and analysis of the Korean products is \$298,427 excluding staff salary costs. How much would we have expended in staffing?</p> <p>Mr Chapman: I would have to take that on notice, work it out and come back to you.</p>	57 21/05/2012
32	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Overview of staff activities	<p>Dr O'Connell: What Mr Terpstra is saying is that we probably cannot account minute by minute for it. We can provide you with a broad estimate, which will give you a sense of scale, if you like, and close enough to say how many staff have been involved in this for how long. It will not be to the plus or minus five per cent, but it will be close.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am happy with that.</p>	58 21/05/2012
38	Quarantine Operations Division	Xenophon	Screening domestic passengers on international flights	<p>Senator XENOPHON: How often does that happen, though? How often do you screen domestic passengers on those international flights?</p> <p>Ms Hutchison: I can get some details.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Please take it on notice.</p>	64 21/05/2012
39	Quarantine Operations Division	Xenophon	Permission for an international flight to land at a domestic airport	<p>Mr Chapman: If it has got the original international passengers on board and it has not turned into a domestic flight, it will land at another international airport. The only exception to that is when special permission is given for an aircraft to land at another airport.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice, can you tell me in which circumstances that permission would be given?</p>	65 21/05/2012

54	Quarantine Operations Division	Edwards	Initiatives to streamline international mail handling	<p>Senator EDWARDS: The department and Australian Customs and Border Protection have also successfully completed mail-screening trials at two of Australia Post's international mail centres. As a result, a number of initiatives have been implemented to streamline international mail handling across four international mail centres. I may have missed that before, so please pull me up. These initiatives are new. Are they working? Have you addressed them? Is there a cost benefit? Have they had any failures?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: I will take this question on notice and get you further detail. We have had a number of initiatives with Australian Customs and Border Protection in mail centres, including agreeing on country-of-origin lists for mail inspection so that we know who is looking at what and when. We do some joint work in X-ray as well, sharing resource load there, but we do our secondary inspection quite differently because we are looking for different risk material. We are working with Australia Post to also look at how Australia Post can assist right at the front end of the process, so we have got a number of trials. They are successful. They are about efficiency and effectiveness. They are not driving for savings in clearance or anything like that. They are looking for effectiveness, to see how we can work better together in a tripartite way between Australia Post, the Australian Customs Service and us.</p>	102 21/05/2012
166	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Detector dog training and ongoing costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the training cost for a detector dog? 2. What are the ongoing costs for detector dogs (veterinary fees, food etc)? 	Written
173	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Reviews and reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QON 160 February 2012 identified the review into industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements was "terminated because the department's expectations were not met in the report provided". In what ways did the report provided not meet the department's expectations? 2. If this report was not completed, how is the review into industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements now being undertaken? 	Written
189	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Illegal importation of product from Korea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was the illegally imported product from Korea traced so that it could be retrieved in Australia? 2. Was the IT system able to trace product from manufacturer / source in Korea to the point of sale in Australia? 	Written
190	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Illegal importation of product from	What have been the key lessons from the illegal importation of product from Korea?	Written

			Korea		
191	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Standard Operating Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What changes have been made to standard operating procedures and associated management tools as a consequence of the activities associated with tracing, retrieving and disposal of the illegally imported product from Korea? 2. Please provide a copy of standard operating procedures, highlighting the amended sections. 	Written
192	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Training procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What changes have been made to the training procedures as a consequence of activities associated with tracing, retrieving and disposal of the illegally imported product from Korea? 2. Please provide a copy of relevant training procedures, highlighting the amended sections. 	Written
193	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Illegal importation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many other similar instances have there been since the discovery of illegally imported product from Korea? 2. Is project Abercorn a similar operation to Hayride? 3. How many other operations have been completed or are currently underway? 	Written
194	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Illegal importation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the division have a specific budget for undertaking investigations such as operation Hayride and Abercorn? 2. If so, what is the budgeted expenditure for 2012-13, including staff costs and travel expenses. 3. What percentage of the Quarantine Operations budget does this represent? 	Written
195	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Risk profiles	Does the division have a specific program or project to test the risk profiles and assumptions that underpin the risk profiles of material entering Australia?	Written
196	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Reconciliation of quarantined material	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the division have procedures to ensure that all quarantined material held in commercial premises is retrieved in a timely manner? 2. What payments are made to commercial premises holding quarantined material on 	Written

				<p>behalf of DAFF Biosecurity?</p> <p>3. Are these payments based on the length of time the material is held, the size of materials held or both?</p> <p>4. Are there KPIs relating to retrieval of quarantined materials from commercial premises?</p> <p>5. If so, what are these KPIs?</p>	
197	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Testing Protocols	What testing protocols, procedures or guidelines exist regarding verification of composition of imported products?	Written
199	Quarantine Operations Division	Colbeck	Biosecurity risk and incoming passengers	<p>1. From responses to previous Questions on Notice, it appears the Incoming Passenger Card is considered to cover the risks of disease entry to Australia via incoming passengers. Is this correct?</p> <p>2. What are the other ways that passengers may be identified as being a biosecurity risk?</p> <p>3. Response to QON 196 indicates that "where contamination is detected" that it will be dealt with. How is fungal or bacterial contamination detected on incoming passengers?</p> <p>4. How is contamination "dealt with"?</p>	Written
294	Quarantine Operations Division	Xenophon	International flights	<p>a. What criteria are used by AQIS to categorise a flight as an International flight?</p> <p>b. What checks and inspections must be completed before the aircraft stops being considered as an International flight?</p> <p>c. Is there any legislative basis that prevents a partially quarantine-cleared aircraft from departing a 'first point of entry' with the intention of landing at a domestic rather than an International airport?</p> <p>d. What inspections or clearances must be completed at first point of entry and what may be deferred to on-ports?</p> <p>e. Are disinsection protocols limited to the cabin and cargo holds only? Are there any requirements for physical biosecurity inspections of other aircraft cavities such as landing gear bays?</p>	Written

				<p>f. Is there any difference in treatment and disposal protocols for human waste from International flights compared to domestic flights?</p> <p>g. Dr O'Connell offered to confirm with Jetstar that their so-called 'tag' flights are compliant with AQIS protocols [RAT Estimates Hansard 21 May 12 P65].</p> <p>h. Can AQIS confirm that that all Australian holders of AOCs that permit scheduled international operations have adequate safeguards in place to prevent an uncleared or partially-cleared aircraft from operating to other than an international airport?</p> <p>i. How does AQIS monitor compliance with the entry requirements?</p>	
90	Sustainable Resource Management	Colbeck	Workplans for harbour strategy	<p>Senator COLBECK: Let's go back to the harbour strategy. What resources have been put into that?</p> <p>Mr Neil: ABARES are dedicating some effort to that. They will have some people working on it. As for CSIRO, we expect to involve them heavily in it because a lot of it is technical and scientific. It is about revising the decision rules that underpin harbour strategy and ensuring that the science that underpins it is the latest science and reflects international standards and the latest knowledge. I can give you what we have. It is the top priority in the domestic policy area for one of the sections, and for the other one their top priority is the bycatch. So between the two of them they are our two highest resourced exercises at the moment. We have not specifically allocated budgets to either of them, but there are plans in place for projects to underpin both sets of work and I can give that to you in writing if you wish.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could take that on notice, that would be good. Is FRDC doing any work for you on the harvest strategy?</p>	51 22/05/2012
308	Sustainable Resource Management	Sean Edwards	Australian Feral Management Program	<p>1.</p> <p>a. What is the Department's most recent estimate of the feral camel population in Australia?</p> <p>b. Where is this figure sourced from? What methodology has been used to calculate this figure?</p> <p>c. What is the current recruitment rate, how many units extra per annum are going into the population?</p> <p>2.</p> <p>a. What is the calculated cost damage to the Australian economy of the feral camel</p>	Written

			<p>population?</p> <p>b. What is the calculated cost damage to the rural populations in regional areas?</p> <p>3. Has the Department calculated the number of camels that need to be culled each year in order to maintain a constant manageable number? If so, how many camels need to be culled each year in order to maintain the camel population?</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a. Outline Ninti One's role and responsibilities with regard to the Australian Feral Management Program.</p> <p>b. What was Ninti One's original brief/scope?</p> <p>5.</p> <p>a. Does Ninti One have other sources of income?</p> <p>b. Does Ninti One receive any federal funding aside from the funding it has received for the AFCMP?</p> <p>6. Of the camels that have been removed thus far, how many have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mustered (detail who has mustered them, where they have been relocated to and for what purpose)• exported (through the live export trade and to which countries)• shot (how many have been aurally shot and by who or how many have been shot from the ground and by who)?• Shot from aerial platforms (by who) <p>If possible break down the method by which the camels were removed on a State/Territory basis</p> <p>7. Of the 70 000 camels that have been removed thus far (based on figures provided at Budget Estimates, on Tuesday 22 May 2012), how many have been removed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Northern Territory Parks and Wildlifeb. South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resourcesc. A federal agency or an employee of a federal agencyd. Any individual or company contracted by either a state, territory or federal government (specify the individual or company as appropriate)e. Any other private contractor <p>8. If there were camels removed by a private contractor either directly or indirectly engaged by Ninti One or the Department, what was the cost per head quoted by the private contractor?</p>	
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				<p>c. Has the department had any discussions with any company about the carbon abatement opportunity of the camel cull?</p> <p>21.</p> <p>a. Has Biosecurity been involved in the AFCMP?</p> <p>b. If so, what has its role been?</p>	
60	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Siewert	Input into the threat abatement plan for dieback or review?	<p>Senator SIEWERT: So maybe you could take on notice, if you cannot tell me now, whether you have had input into the TAP yet—or reviewed it, sorry. I think that is what you said.</p> <p>Ms Ransom: There has been a threat abatement plan in place for Phytophthora cinnamomi specifically.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: There is not.</p> <p>Ms Ransom: Are you sure?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I am positive, because I am the one that moved the disallowance motion. So, yes, I know very definitely there is not and there is a new one being developed. So there is a very old one in place, but the new one was disallowed through the Senate.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Then SEWPac finally started developing a new threat abatement plan, which is why I am asking about whether you have had input into it yet.</p> <p>Ms Ransom: I am pretty confident that we will have. We have certainly had exposure to the old one, but, yes, I think perhaps our forestry colleagues may have more information.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: We will take it on notice and, particularly if we have got something useful to add tomorrow in terms of forestry, we will let you know.</p>	105-106 21/05/2012
80	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Siewert	Financing of Caring for our Country	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I am obviously going there next. What I am trying to find out—thank you for that, Mr Thompson—is how much of the Caring for our Country money is used to deliver that and how much is used on the ground. Maybe what I will do is ask for the last financial year—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I was going to say you might want to just do historical data.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That is what I am going to ask. For the last financial year, could you please take on notice how much was used on the ground, how much was for project funding and how much was used for other parts of delivering against DAFF deliverables?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We can answer that on notice, Senator.</p>	32 22/05/2012
81	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Camel culling	<p>Senator EDWARDS: You have killed 70,000 camels. The target is 350,000 camels. It rained. It became harder to kill the camels. Based solely on the Commonwealth's financial contribution for the first two years of \$10.6 million and the culling of 36,340 camels, this works out to be \$291.69 per head based on the figures provided at the</p>	37 22/05/2012

				<p>February estimates. That is one that you might want to check with me. If you then include the states' and territories' contribution over two years, the figure then rises to \$418 per head. This does not include Western Australia's contribution, as this is uncostered in your answer. So you are going to take that on notice and try and explain the differences for me?</p> <p>Ms Lauder: Yes.</p>	
82	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Discussions with Ninti One about export of camel meat	<p>Senator EDWARDS: You are getting what I am saying here? We have a few issues. Ninti One, as it is, is operating. We are hearing anecdotally that they are engaging with camel meat manufacturers. But we actually know most of them and they have not heard from Ninti One. Are you able to provide any information as to who these discussions are taking place with to try to take advantage of what industry has found to be, I suspect, quite a lucrative camel meat export market to the Middle East?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We would have to take on notice the exact details of who Ninti One are meeting with and engaging with. But they have informed us that they have met with a number of them and are working with a number of them.</p>	38 22/05/2012
83	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Opportunities for Indigenous communities	<p>Senator EDWARDS: So does that Indigenous interaction include mustering and making available for commercial purchase the fruits of their mustering?</p> <p>Ms Lauder: It definitely provided assistance in developing skills and capacities in Indigenous communities to do mustering. Further than that, we would have to take it on notice and I would have to check it out.</p>	38 22/05/2012
84	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Williams	Duration of compilation of report about Gwydir Border Rivers	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: At the moment, the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority is working with the DPI to look at how the sand slope could be removed. The study is being funded by a \$10,000 grant. I commend Paul Hutchings and his team at the CMA. They are doing a great job and are really keen to get on with this. Mr McNamara, once a feasibility study is completed, probably later next month, how long would you expect the report to take to be compiled?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: From the CMA, Senator?</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Yes.</p> <p>Mr McNamara: I am not sure. I will have to take that on notice. I would imagine it would be a number of weeks or perhaps a couple of months.</p>	38 22/05/2012
85	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Williams	Applications for community action grants	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Applications have closed for community action grants for 2012-13. How much funding was set aside for this program?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Five million dollars.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: How many applications were received, do you know?</p>	40 22/05/2012

				<p>Mr McNamara: Yes. 711 applications were received.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: There were 711 for \$5 million. Do you know how many were received from the New England area? Do you have an idea regarding regions?</p> <p>Mr McNamara: I have it by state. I could get that information to you.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: If you could take it on notice, that would be good. I suppose it is difficult for you to answer this, but, of those applications, how many are likely to be funded? You are looking at 711 applications out of the \$5 million. Do you have any idea of how many would be likely to be funded?</p>	
87	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Ian MacDonald	Budget for reef rescue	<p>Mr Thompson: We expect to spend \$51.5 million in 2012-13 for reef rescue. That will complete the first five-year phase.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Just to bring it into perspective, what was last year's allocation for that—much the same?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We will just get that. We do have it. We expect to spend this financial year—that is, 2011-12, and 2011-12 is not yet over—\$45.7 million, so pretty much the same.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: A bit of an increase next year. The ongoing auditing processing: has anyone been able to quantify the successes of the reef rescue program? I have just come from the other estimates committee where some people, usually the same group of people, are all saying that the reef is finished and dead and dying and woe is me. That is not my view. Do we have a quantifiable—</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I would have to take the detail on notice, but we do have quantifiable data about where our grants for reef rescue activities on-farm were placed, how many farms have changed practice and we have modelled expectations of changed nutrient and chemical outflow into the Great Barrier Reef from that changed practice. So we have a model outcome of what effect the program has had on the reef. As I have said, though, it is modelled. The complication that arises is that, clearly, water quality in the reef fluctuates quite dramatically, particularly with a couple of really big wet seasons. We have had to use model data to get an average over the year. But we do have very good data on the areas where we have applied grants, the changed practice over those areas and the expected water quality outcome for them. Also, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is continuing with its whole-of-reef monitoring. While people may well have views about other things that may be affecting the reef, including climate change, the impact of cyclones and all those sorts of things, we have very good data about the effectiveness of the interventions we have been making.</p>	45 22/05/2012
92	Sustainable Resource	Colbeck	Due dates for recreational	<p>Mr Neil: The recreational industry development strategy is being implemented largely through research which is being managed by FRDC. There are some 10 projects and they</p>	53 22/05/2012

	Management Division		industry development strategy	<p>are all progressing, but they are all still not at a point of reporting.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: When are they due?</p> <p>Mr Neil: They have various dates. I can give you that in detail but I do not have it with me.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you take it on notice, that will be fine. There was something else in relation to tuna, but I just cannot think exactly what it was. When is the next decision-making timetable around quotas for southern bluefin?</p>	
128	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Heffernan	Mercury in fish	<p>UNEP Global Binding Mercury Instrument. Australia is involved in the International process of finalizing a Binding Global Mercury Instrument to remove mercury from the environment.</p> <p>Many research papers over the last 30+ years have identified mercury in fish in various areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Habitat Availability and Quality in Inland Waters 1997 page 39; • Mercury and Mining Pollution in the Upper Goulburn River – Monash University 1982; • Vic EPA report 153 – Mercury in the food web of raspberry creek 1983; • VicEPA report 195 – Mercury Survey of the Upper Goulburn River 1984; • CSIRO Gippsland Lake Environmental Audit 1998 <p>1. Can you please provide your budgetary projections for the next 10 years for the quantification of mercury in fish and crustaceans around Australia, and your separate budget provisions for signposting areas at risk similar to those that have been in place in the USA since 1980's? If not, why not, please provide details?</p>	Written
232	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Program 1.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Fisheries Adjustment Policy and associated package is being developed, does DAFF or DSEWPaC have carriage of the policy and associated package? 2. Are you aware if there is any money allocated in the current budget papers for the Fisheries Adjustment Policy and associated package? 	Written
233	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	National Weeds Productivity Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the demise of the National Weeds Productivity Program, how will invasive plants in agriculture, forests, pastures and native vegetation be managed? 2. How will the Commonwealth deliver a national coordinated approach to weed control without this program? 	Written

				3. What will be the management structure, will it report to the Minister?	
235	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Caring for our Country – impact of fishing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the Caring for our Country budget will be allocated to fishing related activities? 2. How much of the Caring for our Country budget will be allocated to fishing industry? 3. One of the stated aims of the increased funding is to reduce the impact of fisheries on the resource base. What is the current impact of fisheries on the resource base? 4. What level of reduction of this impact is planned through this Caring for our Country funding? 5. How will the funding be delivered to fishers? 	Written
239	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Improving consultation with the Recreational Fishing Sector	Additional Estimates included \$140,000 the Recreational Fishing Industry Development Strategy Program. Provide details of how this money has been spent, including specific activities and cost of each activity.	Written
255	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Caring for our Country	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In light of reading the community submissions into the Caring for our Country review, where the majority of community and Landcare Groups submissions said the regional process had ignored them, or they felt they were not part of the process, or they felt they were disengaged, why is it that the overview written by your Department and clearly authorised by the Minister does not articulate those community views? 2. For the new Caring for our Country program, how will priorities be determined? 3. For the new Caring for our Country program, how will Landcare be involved in priority setting and delivery?. 4. Has an independent financial analysis and comparison of all regional NRM bodies in Australian, including fixed costs, wages, staff numbers, full and part time, outstanding expenditure, outstanding debt, and transaction costs for delivery of projects been undertaken. 5. If so, please provide details. 	Written

				6. What specific outcomes from the expenditure of the Caring for our Country program will be able to be included in the next State of Environment Report?	
256	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Weeds of National Significance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are all states participating in the new Weeds of National Significance program? 2. If not, which states are not participating and what are the consequences of a lack of national participation in this program? 3. When and how will management committees be selected for the WoNs groups? 4. Have there been any reviews of the WoNs programme. 5. If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. what did the review cost? b. who did the review? c. who managed the consultancy? d. is the review a public document and where can it be found? e. how are the results being used? 	Written
257	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Australian Weeds Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the annual cost of running the Australian Weeds Committee? 2. Has the value of this committee been assessed through an independent review? 3. If so, what were the outcomes? 	Written
278	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Australian Feral Camel Management Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I refer you to written question on notice 116; the department provided a figure of \$212 per head to kill camels using a fully absorbed cost accounting basis the Australian Feral Camel Management Project. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many camels killed is this based on? b. Did that include contributions from the State and Territory Governments? c. Of the states contributions, how much has been spent to date? 2. Based solely on the Commonwealth's financial contribution for the first 2 years of \$10.6m and culling 36 340 camels this works out to be \$291.69 per head (based on figures provided during discussion at February estimates).If the States and Territories contributions over the 2 years are included the figure then rises to \$418.55 per head (this doesn't include WA's contribution as this is uncoded) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can the significant differences in the cost per head to cull the camels be explained? 	Written

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has the department assessed any fluctuations in the dingo/wild dog populations in the area where the camels are being culled? 4. If none, what are the estimated/projected population fluctuation of wild dogs and dingoes in the camel cull areas? 5. Is the Department doing any research on the increase of other feral animal populations impacted by the camel cull? 6. If so, under what programme and how is it being funded? What is this costing? 7. Does the Department plan on reviewing the effectiveness of the Ninti One project at any time through the programme's life? 8. With reference to page 47 of the Caring for our Country Report on the Review of the Caring for our Country Initiative: "Another successful example of a project being undertaken by a directly sourced delivery agent is the \$19 million Feral Camel Management Project... A project manager was directly sourced for the project and has enlisted 19 project partners...positive outcomes resulting from projects funded using this investment approach demonstrate that this investment approach has been an effective and flexible mechanism for investing in natural resource management." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Only 36,000 camels have been culled in the first two years of a four year program that planned to cull 350,000. Would you call only achieving roughly 10% of your target a good outcome? 9. Provide the expressions of interest/application for funding documents and the MERI (reporting) documents for the Australian Feral Camel Management Program 10. What is the size of the land owned by the Commonwealth or any Commonwealth agency that Ninti One is undertaking the camel cull on? What is this as a percentage of the total amount of land Ninti One is operating over? 11. In an open letter to Yasir Khan from Al Jazeera (23 May 2012), Ninti One state: "The form of feral camel removal is ultimately determined by the landholders themselves; it is not a Ninti One decision." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As 42% of the feral camel range is vacant Crown land, the Commonwealth is a major landholder in this project. Has the Commonwealth stipulated aerial culling as its preferred method of camel removal? 	
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				<p>b. If so, why?</p> <p>c. Does the Department have copies of the agreements between Ninti One and the landholders regarding their preferred method of camel cull? If so please provide these (or one if they are the same)</p> <p>12. Provide a list of organisations, individuals, businesses and government agencies who are on the AFCMP Steering Committee</p> <p>13. Can any individual or organisation join the AFCMP Steering Committee?</p> <p>14. If not, what criteria have to be met to be on the Steering Committee?</p> <p>15. In their open letter Ninti One state, “Ninti One has had numerous discussions with commercial use proponents about AFCMP activities and how industry can engage with landholders”</p> <p>a. Which commercial use proponents have Ninti One had discussions with?</p> <p>b. Has the Department put any conditions on the funding Ninti One has received from the Department that would prevent it from supporting a commercial operator through a freight, logistics or holding subsidy?</p> <p>16. Does the Ninti One operation meet Standard Operating Procedure (CAM002) for the aerial shooting of feral camels?</p> <p>17. If not, does it meet another Standard Operating Procedure and if so, which one?</p> <p>18. If the Ninti One operation does not comply with a Standard Operating Procedure, why not?</p> <p>19. What is the impact on this programme of the South Australian Government completing their funding of National Feral Camel Action Plan in Aboriginal lands and rangelands of \$1.1 m (as stated in the 2012 Budget)?</p>	
279	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Report on the Review of the Caring for our Country Initiative	<p>With reference to page 48 of the <i>Report on the Review of the Caring for our Country Initiative</i>:</p> <p>“They (community groups) see no evidence that the departments tap into the recommendations and suggestions made by grantees in their project reports. They believe reports should be made back to the community so that they can be assured that the information is being used and that outcomes are being achieved...Many of these issues have been addressed in the last 12 months and continuous improvement is taking place.”</p>	Written

				1. What is the Department doing to ensure that stakeholder feedback/suggestions/criticisms are taken on board and responded to in a transparent, concise and timely manner as the Caring for our Country program continues? Do you have any examples?	
280	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Caring for our Country – conflict of interest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do organisations have a requirement to report conflicts of interest - Is there a requirement for associations to report to you if grant funds are going to be paid to committee members of said associations in remuneration for work done by the member for or on behalf of the association? 2. If this is the case, please provide all circumstances where this has occurred for South Australian based projects that have been awarded funding since and including the 2008-2009 financial year. 	Written
281	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	National Partnership on Caring for our Country	<p>Budget Paper No. 3 (p 104) provides \$17.3m in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for South Australia on the National Partnership on Caring for our Country.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department outline who will receive this funding (State and/or Local Government – if Local Government, which ones)? 2. What will this funding be used for? 3. Is this additional funding or is out of the original funding allocation for Caring for our Country? 	Written
282	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	South Australian Natural Resource Management Boards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department please provide the Regional Investment Strategy, Expressions of Interest documents for 2011/12 for the SA NRM Boards? 	Written
284	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Caring for our Country: quantitative reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to written question on notice 37 from February Estimates, the DAFF states that Caring for our Country targets are quantitative targets. Does the Department agree that it is therefore reasonable to expect a quantitative figure to show that the target has been met? 2. Taking one example, and not intentionally picking on any NRM Board in particular, but the Northern and Yorke NRM Board in South Australia had an approved objective 	Written

				<p>to:</p> <p><i>Undertake one project to manage 10,800 Ha of native habitat on the Yappala Ranges Indigenous Protected Area, to reduce critical threats to biodiversity and enhance the condition, connectivity and resilience of habitats and landscapes.</i></p> <p>They have reported to have achieved 100% of this scheduled milestone/output.</p> <p>In order to claim that they have achieved this, they held 1 workshop, assessed water points and fences, designed a trapping program and met with landholders. How does the department know that any of those 10 800 ha are being managed differently? The activities they undertook may have been useful and worthwhile but are not a quantitative result that matches the quantitative target.</p> <p>3. This 10 800 hectares the N&Y NRM Board are claiming to have better managed is meant to be contributing to the broader Caring for our Country target. How can the DAFF accurately assess that the management of this land has been improved when it has only held a few workshops and without knowing if the land managers have indeed changed their practices?</p>	
285	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Caring for our Country: core operating expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the DAFF monitor that only 10% of base level funding is spent on organisational core operating expenses? 2. With regard to surplus base-level funds, how often do NRM Boards apply to use these on alternative activities? How much is used on alternate activities as a percentage of base level funds expended? 	Written
286	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Australian Landcare Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to research commissioned by Landcare at Meeting 51 (13-14 February 2012), how did DAFF come to the decision that this research was missing or necessary? 2. A quick search brought up several pieces of research that seem very similar to the research that has been commissioned by Landcare. Can the Landcare Council briefly review the three papers below and outline why these papers don't answer Landcare's questions about Indigenous involvement in NRM? The three papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research published working paper No.60 in 2009 called – “Social Benefits of Aboriginal Engagement in Natural Resource Management” written by J. Hunt, J.C. Altman & K. May • Toni Bauman and Dermot Smyth 2007, “Indigenous Partnerships in Protected Area Management in Australia: Three case studies” The Australian Institute of 	Written

				<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Hunt Working Paper No. 75/2010 for Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research “Looking After Country in New South Wales: Two Case Studies of Socioeconomic Benefits for Aboriginal People” <p>3. On the 16th of November 2010 in the Australian Landcare Council Annual Report, the Minister asked the council to investigate on six Landcare and NRM matters and on 30 June 2011 asked them to report on one additional matter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Minister received this advice? If not when does the Minister anticipate receiving it? b. Is it publicly available? c. What has it been used for? <p>4. With regard to the Australian Landcare Council Update Meeting 51 (Canberra, 13-14 February 2012), the ALC appointed a consultant to identify successes and barriers that have been identified in association with Indigenous land management in Australia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost associated with this? b. What was the consultant’s brief? Can this be provided? c. When is the consultant due to report back? <p>5. At the Australian Landcare Council Update Meeting 51 (Canberra, 13-14 February 2012), consultant was engaged to produce a report illustrating the multiple benefits and outcomes of NRM and Landcare.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost associated with this? b. What was the consultant’s brief? Can this be provided? c. When is the consultant due to report back? <p>6. Australian Landcare Council members attended the NZ Landcare Conference.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost to send these members? Please provide a breakdown of costs b. How many went? c. What was learnt, gained/= or achieved during this visit? d. What are the deliverables? 	
291	Sustainable Resource Management Division	McKenzie	Landcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How is the \$8.4mn for facilitators across 56 Landcare expected to be spent? b. What are the expected costs/wages of each facilitator? c. How is the \$1.3mn to deliver “training workshops, field days, forums, road shows and 	Written

				<p>info sessions” going to be allocated?</p> <p>d. Will every Landcare area receive funds?</p> <p>e. What will the criteria be?</p>	
292	Sustainable Resource Management Division	McKenzie	Caring for Country	<p>There’s an amount of \$583 000 for Vic DSE under Caring for our Country grants.</p> <p>a. What exactly does this project involve? Please provide more detail than available in the project overview.</p> <p>b. What do the livestock grazing actions involve? Do they include any research?</p> <p>c. How is this livestock grazing made possible?</p> <p>d. When is this project running/due to finish?</p> <p>e. What will the outcomes of the project inform?</p>	Written
304	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Nash	Weed Management funding	<p>At the time funding was announced for this program in 2010 Minister Joe Ludwig stated <i>‘Weeds are one of the most significant land degradation challenges facing rural Australia, with a cost to the economy estimated at about \$4 billion a year¹’</i>. According to budget papers the program cost \$4 million to operate in 2011-12. Given the estimated cost to our economy of \$4 billion per year can you explain why funding at a cost of \$4 million per year was not considered a worthwhile investment?</p>	Written
313	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Funding details	<p>Senator COLBECK: What about resourcing the process? What are you expecting to have to spend on the process?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I do not have the details of the work plan in front of me. We have a couple of staff working on it and we will be applying some additional funds to have some work done by ABARES and perhaps CSIRO, some consultancies or a couple of pieces of small research—literature research in many cases.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Would you be looking to do some stuff through FRDC?</p> <p>Mr Neil: We already are. We have a grant through FRDC to do some work at the moment.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: They are doing a project for you?</p> <p>Mr Neil: Exactly. They are funding us to do some preliminary work.</p>	51 22/05/2012

				<p>Senator COLBECK: What is the value of that project? Mr Neil: It is \$150,000. I need to confirm that for you. I would have to check. Senator COLBECK: Could you come back to us on that? What are the specifics of that particular project? Mr Neil: I do not have them with me. I can certainly get them for you.</p>	
315	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Wild dog populations and funding	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Has the department assessed the dingo wild dog populations in the area where the camels are being culled from a point of view of population explosion? Mr Thompson: We will have to take that on notice, Senator. I am not aware of any particular study on that. It may well have done something through the CRC on invasive animals. Senator EDWARDS: Is the provision of plentiful food resources creating another problem in the explosion of the wild dog population, which is in turn creating another pressure from a budgetary point of view, because we have now announced a wild dog reduction program? Is that right? Mr Thompson: The Commonwealth is not funding a wild dog reduction program. Some states are, I think. Dr O'Connell: You might be looking at South Australia. Senator EDWARDS: Is that contributing? To rid ourselves of one environmental problem, we are creating another? Dr O'Connell: I think it would be speculative, to be honest, at the moment to say— Senator EDWARDS: Take it on notice. I am sure somebody has done some work. I do not expect you guys to answer that here and now. Can you also confirm that the Commonwealth is not providing funding to the wild dog eradication program or control program?</p>	37 22/05/2012
69	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Statutory fishing rights	<p>Senator COLBECK: So how many would you categorise of those? Of the licences handed back, how many would you categorise in that respect? Dr Findlay: I take you back to the table in response to a question on notice 72. The scalefish boat SFRs with the number 19 next to it are all boat SFRs. From memory, I think just about everything in that table—Nick has probably got it in front of him faster than I have—is various forms of boat statutory fishing rights or other permits to put a boat into a fishery. I do not think from memory there is too much quota on there at all. Dr Rayns: There is a very small amount of quota. I think your question is about how many of those 19, for example, were active fishing vessels as opposed to that those that were not. Senator COLBECK: That is correct. Dr Rayns: I would have to take that on notice. I could not give you an absolute number</p>	7 22/05/2012

				in each case. We can find that out for you.	
70	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Details about process of managing a quota managed fishery	<p>Senator COLBECK: I understand that. Can you, then, for me on notice get me the detail of how that process is managed and regulated or stipulated, if you like? I think you understand what I am asking.</p> <p>Dr Findlay: Yes.</p>	7 22/05/2012
71	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Dates of licence surrender	<p>Senator COLBECK: So of the 54 that surrendered their licences this year, how many would have done that prior to that first payment date?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: I am not sure I have those details, but maybe the CFA does. No. We can take that on notice. We do not have those in front of us, I am sorry.</p>	8 22/05/2012
72	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Number of boats in fishery	<p>Dr Rayns: Yes, Senator. Whenever we have a situation like that, as James has described, it flows into the next set of levies and is distributed in that particular fishery. So it will be distributed. For those 19 boat SFRs that were removed from that fishery or surrendered from that fishery, that \$300,000 goes back into that fishery for the next levy season.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So how many boats will remain in that sector?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I will take that on notice. My recollection is somewhere between 50 and 60, but I would have to check.</p>	10 22/05/2012
73	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Cost recovered versus government funding in Australian Fisheries Management Authority	<p>Mr Venslovas: The Fisheries Operations Branch covers the functions of foreign and domestic compliance and data management. We are also involved in the capacity building aspects of AFMA's responsibilities. There are 68.75 FTEs involved in operations within the branch. I will need to take it on notice in terms of exact numbers, but about 42 would be direct operational officers involved in field inspections and so forth.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Put that in cost recovered versus government funded terms for me?</p>	12 22/05/2012

74	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Proportion of survey costs charged back to fishery as part of the fishery management process	<p>Senator COLBECK: Is there a proportion of that that is charged back to the fishery as part of the fishery management process?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: And that is 20 to 25?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: We would probably take that on notice. Some of our fisheries now run their fishery independent surveys outside the levy base. Again, some are in the levy base. As Dr Findlay has said, part are the research costs and others are outside of it. We would have to take that on notice in terms of an overall figure and what is in and what is out.</p>	17 22/05/2012
75	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Siewert	Information Australian Fisheries Management Authority provides to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	<p>Dr Rayns: We have. We provide technical information to SEWPaC on our fisheries, but that is the extent of our involvement. They might ask us questions about, for example, the area of the fishery, its levels of activity, catches and those sort of things. We generally provide that sort of information, as we would, to assist SEWPaC with its considerations about bioregional marine planning.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice all the categories of information that you provide to SEWPaC?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Certainly, yes.</p>	20 22/05/2012
76	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Siewert	Detailed information about adjustment packages	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You do not provide advice on how adjustment packages could be structured and on what basis those decisions are made?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: We have not been asked those sort of questions, no.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take on notice that detail.</p>	20 22/05/2012
77	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Chair	Employment in Australia's fishery industry	<p>CHAIR: I have a couple of questions before I go back to Senator Colbeck. I will ask you, Dr Findlay. You can point me in the right direction. What is the net value of the Commonwealth fishery?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: It is about \$300 million-odd at the moment. We can give you an exact figure out of ABARES's work. ABARES produces this document every year. The fisheries status report 2010 would have the most current figures.</p> <p>CHAIR: Tremendous. How many people does it support and employ?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: We do not collect that information directly. It is probably one of multiple</p>	22 22/05/2012

				<p>jurisdictions around the country. A lot of our fishers work in multiple jurisdictions. I would have to go and look at what information we have. I could not give you a figure here today, I am sorry.</p> <p>CHAIR: Take it on notice and come back and provide us with what you can tell us about how many people are supported or employed in this industry. If the disallowance motion is successful, what could be the potential impacts?</p>	
78	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Additional information about use of cameras for monitoring	<p>Dr Findlay: We have run three trials across a number of fisheries to look at the cost and benefits of camera work. In addition, we have the gillnet work that we have already mentioned. The outcome of those suggests that there are real benefits. The cost-benefit analysis takes into account all the upfront and behind the curtain costs. Providing them might be a better way to go. I should point out too that when we quote the number of 10 per cent, that is based on the current costs of technology. This technology is coming down very quickly, like all technology is around the world. In fact, Australia is not a leader in this at all. Around the world, most other fisheries in first world countries have actually gone to the major use of cameras. So this is actually us playing catch-up. The resistance from industry is not around costs. It is actually about what else the cameras might see. It is actually working through in terms of privacy and other concerns they would have. At the moment they are supportive of the idea. They understand there are cost savings and it is a matter of getting the other things sorted out in terms of privacy and other issues. The commission has already made a decision that from 1 July 2013 the eastern tuna and billfish fishery will be going to cameras. So that decision has already been taken by the commission.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you can provide us with that other information, that would be good. There is a 200-metre isobar from the Western Australian government.</p> <p>Dr Findlay: Yes, we can.</p>	24-25 22/05/2012
79	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Siewert	Stakeholder consultation	<p>Dr Rayns: We do consult with stakeholders on what arrangements would apply next year, for the coming season. So there is an opportunity there for stakeholders to say what they think. We will provide in some very aggregated way the sorts of issues that we are contemplating that have happened. But we cannot really provide individual observer reports and shot-by-shot information in this case. So there will be some discussion with stakeholders, but I think if you are after a lot of detail or they are after a lot of detail on what has happened on each voyage and on each trip in this particular vessel, it will not be exposed.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: It is more the overall impact rather than voyage by voyage. They have made several trips in.</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I think in a broader sense, Senator, probably yes, that information can be</p>	25-26 22/05/2012

				provided. But we would have to be very careful about how it was provided in terms of making sure we did not disclose any, I guess, specific information about the vessel, if you like, and its catch.	
88	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Ian MacDonald	Catch data for migratory tuna species	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: AFMA, I understand, have been and gone. If you do not have the detail they may have it, but could you perhaps take on notice the catch of the migratory tuna species associated with the central and western Pacific? What is the Australian data on the catch and where is it caught?</p> <p>Mr Neil: It is mostly caught in the ETBF. Total allowable catches were set last year in that fishery based on the catch records for the fishery. There is a small amount beyond our EEZ but not a large amount. Certainly we have that information and we can give you that in detail.</p>	47 22/05/2012
89	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Ian MacDonald	Incidents of illegal fishing in Australia's southern waters	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am not sure if Senator Colbeck raised this when we were dealing with AFMA. If he did not, could you take on notice whether there have been any reported incidents of illegal fishing in Australia's waters around Heard and McDonald Islands, Macquarie Island and the Australian coastline in the last 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Neil: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: No, I did not ask specifically about that. I was going to ask some questions about the number of trips that are programmed for this year and what the surveillance of that area is at the moment.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Again, would that be you?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We would have to take on notice questions about the number of trips to the Antarctic and the number proposed. They are matters for AFMA.</p>	48 22/05/2012
91	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Aerial survey	<p>Mr Thompson: If it is the SBT aerial survey, we can provide some information. AFMA actually manages that survey.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: We are getting close to the time for release of the data. Is it still being compiled? I am just interested to know what the results are. Can you give us the vibe of the thing—to quote a phrase?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I have not heard anything about the vibe of it at this time. I think in previous years there has been a bit of information out. We always prefer to wait until the data has been analysed by CSIRO so that it takes into account all the factors. But my understanding is that the survey is still running on time and being completed in the normal manner.</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: Perhaps we could take it on notice for—</p>	52 22/05/2012
125	Sustainable Resource	Colbeck	Cost of observers and	<p>Senator COLBECK: So your direct costs are about \$665?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Nearly \$700 a day in round terms, yes.</p>	12-13 22/05/2012

	Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority		overheads	<p>Senator COLBECK: Then you have \$400 to \$500 for overheads on top?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: We have about \$500 for FTEs who have to manage and oversee the program, organise training and so forth and deploy the observers et cetera. They come on top of that, and then we have corporate overheads on top of that again.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So if we say about \$700 a day direct costs and about \$400 to \$500 a day overheads?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: But they are very different types, because some of that is the oversight of the program—deploying observers and so forth. The other part of the overheads are the overheads as described by Mr Bridge.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So some direct management and some overhead?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Yes. That is correct. The exact split of that, unfortunately, I do not have in front of me but I can get for you, if you wish.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I would be interested to see how that is made up.</p>	
126	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Cost of survey	<p>Senator COLBECK: Well, the figure gives us about \$16,000.</p> <p>Dr Findlay: That is right. Industry was levied for about \$10½ thousand of that. In addition to that, there was additional AFMA time and CSIRO time, which we have tried to put estimates on.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So that is the total cost of the project? There were no other costs?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: That is our estimate, yes. In round numbers, they put in \$10½ thousand and we put in the rest of about \$20,000. You were saying that industry paid the entire bill for that work. I was disputing that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Well, I am now disputing the fact that that was the total cost for the work. So there was not any other cost incurred as part of the process? No-one else put anything in?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: Industry may well have put additional costs in. We do not collect that information directly from industry. So industry vessels participate in some of those surveys. They may well have had costs which we are not aware of. This information is about the costs we are aware of.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: In the context of those, you do not actually make a calculation or an allocation of costs that industry might put in to that. So this is not the total cost for the work. There is an acknowledgement that there may be other industry costs, but you do not calculate that. How many days of boat time might there have been that is not included in this, for example?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: I cannot remember off the top of my head, but we can get that information for you.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could, that would be fine.</p>	26 22/05/2012

244	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Commissioners Duty statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The AFMA website indicates Commissioners are responsible for “domestic fisheries management”, provide a copy of the duty statement or similar for all AFMA Commissioners. 2. Does the recent High Court decision regarding James Hardie and the duty of care requirements for Directors have relevance to the AFMA Commissioners, particularly with relation to the statement made by Dr Findlay at Budget Estimates 22 May 2012 regarding over spending: <p style="text-align: center;">“We have monthly accounts whereby we compare expenditure versus budget every month. We explained last estimates that the commission does not have a direct role. They have an interest in the AFMA budget but do not have a direct role in decision-making. That sits with me as CEO.”</p> 	Written
245	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Levy refund	Do fisheries that are underspent in any given year receive a refund or reduction of levies in the following year?	Written
246	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Fisheries status report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of all fisheries where the level of management has been reduced. 2. What have been the associated cost savings related to this reduction in management intensity? 	Written
247	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management	Colbeck	Orange Roughy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide dates for the commencement and completion of the review of the Orange Roughy Conservation Program? 2. What will be the process for the review? 3. Who will be consulted? 	Written

	Authority			4. What is the status of the discussions regarding adjusting the boundaries of the 700m closure of waters to fishing to allow improved access to deepwater species?	
248	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Credit Cards QON 179 February 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The information provided in response to QON 179 February 2012 indicates that AFMA had the most instances of credit card misuse, both by number and as a percentage of the number of cards issues, and amongst the most lenient actions taken if misuse is discovered. 2. Does this indicate that a review of credit card use guidelines, penalties for misuse and staff training is warranted? 	Written
249	Sustainable Resource Management Division/ Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Government Payment of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does AFMA charge interest on overdue levies? 2. If so, what rate of interest is charged? 3. Is this interest handled as levy income? 	Written
43	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Nature of discussions in Korea	<p>Senator COLBECK: I just want to go back to the Korean imports that we talked about before smoko. Minister, you were in Korea in December last year. Did you raise the issue of the breaches as part of your discussions while you were in Korea?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I cannot recall specifically. We had a wide-ranging discussion predominantly across many issues. There were a range of industry people on the trip. I am not sure what they may have directly or indirectly raised issues more broadly around biosecurity, but the emphasis was on the trade as well. I will check the record as to whether or not it was specifically raised.</p>	69 21/05/2012
53	Trade and Market Access Division	Edwards	Details about FTA negotiation with Malaysia	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Did you react to a DFAT opportunity or did you bring them in on the opportunity to deal with this Malaysian thing? How long has it been bubbling away?</p> <p>Dr O'Connell: The Malaysian FTA? It has been quite a while.</p> <p>Ms Evans: I can check on exactly when—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I am not looking for a specific opinion on it.</p> <p>Ms Evans: I would have to check the exact date when the negotiations on Malaysia started. Again the detail of that is something that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade can give to you, but we have been involved with them and worked very closely with them right from the start.</p>	101 21/05/2012

116	Trade and Market Access Division	Edwards	Trade and Market Access Division and Austrade – G’Day USA program	<p>Senator EDWARDS: So you have worked with them on a number of projects as recently as the Malaysian one?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Yes, we work very closely with Austrade in all of our markets. Obviously it is a complementary function for their work and ours. Yes, we work with them all the time.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So you worked with them on the G’Day USA program?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I would have to take that specific one on notice. I cannot recall that particular one.</p>	107-108 22/05/2012
118	Trade and Market Access Division	Edwards	Location of counsellors	<p>Mr Glyde: I might ask Ms Evans to run through where our counsellors are located—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: You can put that on notice—</p>	110 22/05/2012
119	Trade and Market Access Division	Nash	Exports of tropical fruit to Malaysia	<p>Senator NASH: Can you just take on notice for us currently the amount of tropical fruit that is exported to Malaysia, and what?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Yes I can do that. The other area where there has been a significant tariff outcome is on rice. It is phased introduction of the reduction in the rice tariff. It will start from 2023 but it will then phase out to zero by 2026. In addition there are again some better access arrangements, in terms of who is able to apply for access for rice. That is another improvement as well. We have talked about what is called the most favoured nation treatment of wine. Then there are some extra parts of the agreement that go more to-not so much tariffs but the way that we work with Malaysia. They are around-I beg your pardon. I was looking for it. There are some improved business arrangements for instead of having to have a-I just want to get the terminology exactly right. Instead of having to have a certificate of origin requirement for exporters we will now just be requiring-so Malaysia has agreed that they will just need to provide a declaration of origin, which is a simpler process for our exporters, so that is a gain. We similarly have achieved an agreement with Malaysia around geographical indications. I do not know if you are familiar with what these are, but again it is largely an effort by the European Union to try to work with a lot of the countries that we work with to prevent Australian exporters and other country exporters from being able to use terminology like Feta or Parmesan that got a place name orientation to it. The European Union is quite aggressive in trying to get our trading partners to put quite restrictive geographical indications arrangements in place. In this agreement that we have with Malaysia we have managed to secure a very open, transparent registration system of geographical indications. To secure an agreement to a process where our exporters are able to raise objections to any particular geographical indication that might be of particular concern to them. Those are probably the highlights. We have also got some additional agreement to us of cooperative arrangements, in addition to the existing Malaysia agricultural cooperation working group, which I chair, there will also be arrangements under the free trade agreement itself to continue to have an open,</p>	113 22/05/2012

				collaborative dialogue around how the trade is operating and to technical and SPS related issues. Possibly maybe the last thing to draw out because it is specific to our portfolio is that as part of the cooperation agreement that we have with Malaysia under the free trade agreement there is an agreement to work on electronic certification for phytosanitary certificates. Again this is an improvement in the way we trade with Malaysia as opposed to tariff requirement.	
120	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Processed food concessions in free trade agreement with Malaysia	<p>Senator COLBECK: Can I just go over the processed food first? What we are talking about in respect of processed food?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I might have to take that one on notice, because while I did list it as one of the outcomes for agricultural produce, it is more in the industry portfolio. So I haven't brought the detail with me on that one. You were asking-you used the terminology concessions?</p>	113 22/05/2012
121	Trade and Market Access Division	Nash	Details of tariffs	<p>Ms Evans: We are not going to ask for the tariff schedule from Australia's perspective if you look at the full text of the agreement is actually very straightforward. It simply says that all of the tariffs will be eliminated on entry into force of the agreement. There are some very minor-a small number of products that had remaining tariffs in the agriculture space, if you like. But most of our tariffs-</p> <p>Senator NASH: Which ones were they?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Again I do not have a complete list. I can take it on notice to find them. But my understanding is they are things like fibreboard and things like that in the forest products area. But the agricultural products we already had agreement for elimination of tariffs under the ASEAN agreement.</p>	113 22/05/2012
177	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Costs of renaming AQIS	Are there any international trade issues related to renaming AQIS? Specifically, is the new name Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Biosecurity understood and accepted by Australia's trading partners?	Written
250	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Closure of Indonesian ports	Closure of 10 of Indonesia's import ports is scheduled for 19 June 2012. Provide details of any changes to this date.	Written
251	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Ministerial Overseas Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While in Korea, did the Minister discuss the illegal importation of a range of foods, including raw meats, from Korea in 2010-11? 2. What processes have been put in place in Korea to minimise the risk of recurrence of this? 3. What investigations have the Korean government undertaken? 	Written

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The outcomes from the visit to the Middle East included improved understanding of the new framework for livestock exports – did the Minister inspect any abattoirs? 5. Did the Minister have meetings with abattoir operators in the Middle East? 6. Who, in the Middle East, was consulted regarding the new framework for live exports? 7. Can we expect that there is good understanding throughout the supply chain in the Middle East of Australia's requirements? 8. With regard to "promoting Australian Produce" in the Middle East, which types of Australian Produce were promoted and has there been any follow up interest from these markets? 9. Provide an update of international visits undertaken since 3 February 2012. 10. During recent international visits has the Minister had discussions regarding "Australia as the food bowl of Asia"? 11. If so, what has the response been? 12. In particular, given Indonesia is working on developing greater local food supply, is reducing quotas and closing ports to horticultural imports, what has their response to the Prime Minister's plans for Australia to be the food bowl of Asia? 	
277	Trade and Market Access Division	Edwards	Details of overseas posts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For each of the 13 overseas posts list: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location b. Number of DAFF employees and their roles based there c. Number of non-DAFF employees and their roles based there d. The fully absorbed cost to maintain each trading post, including but not limited to: total wage costs, administration costs, rent, support personnel etc 2. With reference to Program 1.13 Key Performance Indicators list the 18 key overseas markets Trade and Market Access/DAFF are involved in. List the number of DAFF employees located in each overseas market, their location and role and the number of non-DAFF employees and their roles if they are co-located or work with DAFF employees (excluding those markets already covered in question 1 Re 13 overseas posts) 	Written

312	Trade and Market Access Division	Chair	Details of live export	CHAIR: Can I just clarify something there—34,000 tonnes of boxed beef? Mr Glyde: Yes. CHAIR: Can you tell us how many thousand tonnes are going to live export. Take it on notice.	115 22/05/2012
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