

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

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Question: 4

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Job descriptions of media team

Proof Hansard page: 12 (21/05/2012)

Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell me now what the media people do—and perhaps in more detail on notice?

Ms Freeman: I can certainly provide that on notice for you, Senator.

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.

Answer:

The eight members of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Media team provide a centralised, responsive and proactive media capability for DAFF. The team comprises of a manager and seven staff.

The team is responsible for:

- developing and coordinating approval of responses to media inquiries including assisting the Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices with technical and factual information;
- drafting media releases for the department, Minister and Parliamentary Secretary;
- media monitoring services for the department, the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary (seven days a week);
- speechwriting for the department, Minister and Parliamentary Secretary;
- co-ordinating media training for DAFF executives;
- provision of media and issues management advice to DAFF line areas;
- facilitating interviews between media outlets and DAFF executive;
- assisting with event management;
- producing and distributing a weekly email newsletter.

Media calls are answered from 6am to 9pm seven days a week.

| Year | Media Inquiries | Media Releases | Speeches |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2010 | 1240 | 287 | 39 |
| 2011 | 1549 | 281 | 44 |
| To date 13 June 2012 | 669 | 105 | 22 |

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Question: 5

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Reduction in staffing levels in communication branch

Proof Hansard page: 12 (21/05/2012)

Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

Senator IAN MACDONALD: ...Your Government Division goes down by 11. How many media people are in that 11?

Ms Freeman: None. There is no reduction in the media team out of that reduction.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. I am not surprised. Where did the 11 come from?

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 a reduction in staff. Also, we have secretariats both for committees within the department and to service the jurisdictional committees. We did a rationalisation and looked at how we could arrange those functions—with greater use of telepresence, for example—by just trying to do things 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.

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?

Ms Freeman: I am certainly happy to, yes.

Answer:

As part of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's recent realignment a number of efficiencies were implemented in relation to functions now grouped within the Government Division. The reduction in staffing budget across the branches of the division was roughly the equivalent of 11 full-time equivalent positions (FTE).

Communication branch: 1 FTE.

Parliamentary Business branch: 1 FTE.

Business Assurance and Risk branch: 5 FTE.

Portfolio Strategy and Coordination branch: 4 FTE.

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Question: 11

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Ministerial travel

Proof Hansard page: 22 (21/05/2012)

Senator COLBECK asked:

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?

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.

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?

Ms Freeman: Yes.

Senator COLBECK: Okay, I have the ears painted on—that is good. I am happy to do that on notice but—

Ms Freeman: We can take it on notice.

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.

Answer:

In the Question on Notice referred to (No. 170 from February 2012 Additional Estimates), each entry in the table records one trip, on which there were usually multiple destinations.

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Question: 12

Division/Agency: Government Division
Topic: Role of AQIS officers on Ministerial travel
Proof Hansard page: 23 (21/05/2012)

Senator COLBECK asked:

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?

Ms Freeman: I would have to take that on notice, Senator. I am certainly aware of that—

Senator COLBECK: I am not disputing that they were there. I just want to know what—

Ms Freeman: I am certainly aware of that visit by the minister but I would have to go back and check the specifics of his itineraries, to be honest.

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 — from the Darwin office. So—

Senator COLBECK: I can only go by what is—

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.

Ms Freeman: We can certainly do that. But they were—

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.

Senator COLBECK: So you will get back to us on notice the role of the officers who were part of that process?

Answer:

The role of the officers was to provide technical support and advice on crocodile product export and certification related issues.

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Question: 14

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: 2012-13 budget for Interim Inspector General Biosecurity

Proof Hansard page: 28 (21/05/2012)

Senator BACK asked:

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.

Senator BACK: And the budget for 2012-13 announced—

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.

Answer:

The budget for Interim Inspector General of Biosecurity (IIGB) activities in 2012–13 is \$0.9 million. This is an increase of \$0.28 million for IIGB activities in 2012–13.

The increase is largely due to the following reasons.

1. Under the IIGB charter the IIGB is required to undertake independent reviews and audits across the biosecurity continuum which involves domestic and international travel. As part of the IIGB's 2012–13 assurance work program the IIGB will be undertaking a number of overseas visits.
2. In order to fulfil the requirements of the 2012–13 assurance work program, it is anticipated that the days worked by the IIGB will be greater than in 2011–12. Further, additional audit resources will also be required to assist the IIGB.

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Question: 15

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Staff for Interim Inspector General Biosecurity and changes for 2012–13

Proof Hansard page: 28 (21/05/2012)

Senator BACK asked:

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.

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?

Answer:

1. The Interim Inspector General of Biosecurity (IIGB) is supported by the IIGB Support team within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry as follows:
 - 2011–12 – 4 FTE comprising:
1 x EL2 manager, 1 x EL1 technical support and 2 x APS6 support staff.
 - 2012–13 – 4 FTE comprising:
1 x EL2 manager, 2 x EL1 technical support and 1 x APS6 support staff.
2. Dr Dunn answered this question at the Senate Estimates hearing on 21 May 2012 (see page 28 of the Senate Estimates Hansard of 21 May 2012).

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Question: 16

Division/Agency: Government Division
Topic: Live Animal Exports – Legal advice
Proof Hansard page: 30 (21/05/2012)

Senator ABETZ: Can you confirm that you got legal advice on 4 June, three days before your announcement, Minister?

Senator Ludwig: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Minister had asked the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to consider all regulatory options available to respond to this issue. The Minister received various pieces of advice from the department and these advices included reference to various legal opinions.

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Question: 17

Division/Agency: Government Division
Topic: Live Animal Exports – Legal advice
Proof Hansard page: 30 (21/05/2012)

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—

Dr O’Connell: We would have to take that on notice, I think.

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Senator ABETZ: If there are a number of legal advices, why is it that I was told that there was only one legal advice?

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.

Answer:

The legal advice to which the Senator refers was requested by a departmental official. The department requested several pieces of legal advice in order to inform its advice to the Minister.

The schedule of documents provided with Freedom of Information (FOI) request 2011/12-40 listed one legal advice, exempt from release under section 42 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. Further legal opinions were identified, but exempt for release, in the response to FOI request 2010/11-58. In consultation with the FOI applicant, documents listed in FOI request 2010/11-58 were to be excluded from FOI request 2011/12-40. As such, only one item was listed.

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Division/Agency: Government Division
Topic: Live Animal Exports – Legal advice
Proof Hansard page: 30-31 (21/05/2012)

Senator ABETZ: You either recall it or you do not.

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.

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to QoN 16 Government Division from the Budget Estimates May 2012.

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Division/Agency: Government Division
Topic: Live Animal Exports – Legal advice
Proof Hansard page: 30-31 (21/05/2012)

Senator ABETZ: Can you recall reading that advice, Minister?

Senator Ludwig: I would have at the time.

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?

Dr O'Connell: We will take those pieces on notice—

Answer:

The Minister had asked the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to consider all regulatory options available to respond to this issue. To inform that advice, the department requested various legal opinions. The department received a draft of the legal advice to which the Senator refers on 4 June 2011. The draft advice was never finalised. It is a long standing practice of successive governments not to disclose cabinet deliberations.

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Question: 20

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Live Animal Exports – Legal advice

Proof Hansard page: 31 (21/05/2012)

Senator ABETZ asked:

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?

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to QoN 16 Government Division from the Budget Estimates May 2012.

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Question: 29

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Specific details of a claim for compensation

Proof Hansard page: 49-50 (21/05/2012)

Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

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?

Mr Glyde: Generally, yes. I will have to take some advice and get back to you in terms of the specifics of it.

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.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: And I appreciate that. But I take it from what everyone has said that no writ has been issued, for example.

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.

Answer:

To date, no litigation has commenced.

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Question: 30

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Details of case

Proof Hansard page: 50 (21/05/2012)

Senator MACDONALD asked:

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.

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to QoN 29 (Government Division) from the Budget Estimates hearings in May 2012.

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Question: 100

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Contingent liabilities

Proof Hansard page: 70 (22/05/2012)

Senator EDWARDS asked:

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?

Dr O'Connell: We covered that yesterday. We said there were two separate actions.

Senator EDWARDS: That is being brought under the scheme for compensation for detriment caused by defective administration?

Dr O'Connell: That is covered in that contingent liability.

Dr O'Connell: Exactly, as you say, the CDDA claimed for three.

Senator EDWARDS: Are those three also part of the 21 or are they in addition to the 21?

Dr O'Connell: No. They are separate.

Senator EDWARDS: Is it the same issue?

Dr O'Connell: I would have to take that on notice. Those are two separate actions.

Answer:

No litigation has commenced. It is not possible to say whether a company which has made a claim under Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration may later choose to commence litigation.

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Question: 101

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Contingent liabilities

Proof Hansard page: 70 (22/05/2012)

Senator EDWARDS asked:

Senator EDWARDS: The three parties that are subject to the CDDA action, are they also part of the 21?

Dr O'Connell: I would have to take that on notice. I do not think so

Answer:

Please refer to the answer to QoN 100 Government Division from the Budget Estimates hearings in May 2012.

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Written Question: 134

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Advertising

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?
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?

Answer:

1. The total cost of advertising for the financial year, as at 21 June 2012, was \$578 069 (including GST).
2. The advertising was non-campaign advertising and recruitment advertising.

Please refer to the table below which outlines public awareness press advertising from 1 July 2011 to 21 June 2012. The remaining non-campaign spend was used for numerous, usually one-off, consultation and information notifications across the department.

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| Program | Communication activity | Cost |
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| Australia's Farming Future (AFF) Information Services \$8 688 | | |
| AdCorp | Media and Advertising – Advertising in local press for AFF information sessions in Birchip (February), Wagga Wagga (March), Cummings (March) and Willalooka (March) | \$8688 |
| Carbon Farming Futures (CFF) \$72 389 | | |
| AdCorp | Advertising (Filling the Research Gap). Public notices to advise grant applications open. Appeared in early general news in all metro newspaper in November 2011 | \$26 166 |
| AdCorp | Advertising (Action on the Ground). Public notices to advise round open (December 2011) and online application available (January 2012). Appeared in early general news section in all major metro and rural newspapers. | \$36 821 |
| AdCorp | Advertising (Extension and Outreach). Public notices to advise of open tender for CFI case studies. Appeared in Weekend Australian and rural press in January 2012. | \$9402 |
| Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) \$27 913 | | |
| AdCorp | Advertising (Biochar Capacity Building program). Public notices to advise grant applications open. Appeared in early general news section in all major metro newspapers in November and December 2011. | \$27 913 |

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| Biosecurity \$27 227 | | |
| NAQS through AdCorp | Islander magazine advertising September 2011 | \$6217 |

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| | to March 2012 (to raise awareness in the Torres Strait about special quarantine requirements and the importance of biosecurity) | |
| Eastern Creek Quarantine station refurbishment – tender request through AdCorp | Press advertisement appeared in Sydney Morning Herald in early general news section on Saturday 31 March 2012. | \$1872 |
| Animal – Invasive species management. Minimizing the spread of marine pests via biofouling on internationally arriving vessels. Booked through AdCorp | Biofouling Management strategies - advertisement calling for submissions. Appeared in early general news in various national newspapers on Saturday 4 February 2012. | \$19 138 |
| ABARES \$10 863 | | |
| 2012 Science Awards – through AdCorp | Newspaper ads to promote the awards in major metropolitan and rural press in September 2011. | \$7884 |
| Booked through Career Spot | Online advertisement to promote science awards in Career Spot enewsletter | \$220 |
| 2011 Rockhampton Regional Outlook Conference – through AdCorp | Newspaper ads in regional press in July 2011 | \$1119 |
| 2011 WA Regional Outlook Conference – through AdCorp | Newspaper ads in regional press in August 2011 | \$622 |
| 2011 NT Regional Outlook Conference – through AdCorp | Newspaper ads in regional press in October 2011 | \$1018 |
| National Food Plan \$32 618 | | |
| Through AdCorp | Advertising – public consultation and call for submissions | \$32 618 |
| Horticulture Policy \$2 337 | | |
| Review of HAL export regulation powers – booked through AdCorp | Advertising for written submissions | \$2337 |
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3. No.

4. No.

5. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) does not have any official advertising campaigns.

6. Please refer to the table below for detailed information on communication activities undertaken from 1 July 2011 to 21 June 2012.

| Program | Communication activity | Cost |
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| Caring for our Country Community <i>action grants</i> \$38 478 | | |
| <i>Footage and production managed by Bearcage Productions</i> | Footage and production of the Community Action Grant case studies (seven products) | \$38 478 |
| Australia's Farming Future (AFF) Information Services \$126 199 | | |
| External – Sefton and Associates | Consultancy with Sefton and Associates. The Tamworth based agency was responsible for the event management and coordination of the information sessions, liaison with speakers and developing case studies to support the project. | \$109 091 |
| GRID Communications | Communication Production – AFF brochures. Design and provision of print ready artwork for Biochar and Adaptation brochures – March 2012 | \$3500 |
| GRID Communications | Design of ad for Farming Ahead Conference program - November 2011 | \$275 |
| Internally produced Printed by BlueStar Group | Publicity and promotion – printing 12,000 CCRP fact sheets – March 2012 | \$4833 |
| Royal Agricultural Society NSW Farmers Association | Sponsorship – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in Agriculture – Royal Agricultural Society Sydney Easter Show - \$7000 in March 2012 • NSW Farmers Association Event - \$1500 in October 2011 • | \$8500 |
| Carbon Farming Futures (CFF) \$12 000 | | |
| ABARES | ABARES Outlook Conference sponsorship | \$12 000 |

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| Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) \$990 078 | | |
| University of Melbourne Commercial Limited | Communication training for regional Landcare facilitators (includes course design, trainer costs) | \$198 040 |

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| | and participant travel) | |
| Graphic design - Grid Communications Printing - Union Offset printers | Graphic Design and printing. CFI visual identity design and printing of 8500 CFI brochures in February and March 2012. | \$12 038 |
| The grantees are organisations that host Regional Landcare Facilitators—these are located in each of the 56 Natural Resource Management regions. | Grants to Regional Landcare Facilitators to conduct communication activities | \$780 000 |
| Biosecurity \$176 894 | | |
| Business Assurance and Risk – designed internally printing through Union/Canprint | Biosecurity Compliance Strategy printing (to raise awareness of the department’s compliance strategy) | \$1771 |
| Plant Exports Operations – External through Fancy Films | Horticulture DVD (to explain the new export certification system to overseas markets and to industry) | \$79 500 |
| Plant Exports Operations – External through Fancy Films | Grains DVD (to explain the new export certification system to overseas markets and to industry) | \$77 000 |
| Industry Arrangements and Performance Branch – External – through Bearcage Productions | DVD to support conference sponsorships and key messages | \$3283 |
| Machinery and Military Program –designed internally printed by Union Offset Printers | Printing 10,000 DL brochures | \$1034 |
| Business Strategy and Reporting – printed through PMP Print | Printing 1000 postcards to promote industry advice notice RSS feed and Biosecurity Bulletin now available online | \$225 |
| Biosecurity Account Team - printed by suppliers in each region: Melbourne: Digital Signage Solutions Sydney: Printsmart Graphics Adelaide (for Perth as well): Prints alive Brisbane: JP Signs Canberra: PMP Print | Pull-up banners to promote key messages compliance in the new identity. | \$3219 |

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| Biosecurity Account Team – Bluestar Group through ongoing contract | Biosecurity Bulletin printing and distribution | \$7412 |
| Designed internally | 500 copies of “Reform of Australia biosecurity system | \$3450 |

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| Printing through GEON | – an update since the publication of One Biosecurity: a working partnership” | |
| Corporate Communication \$3 942 | | |
| printing through PMP Print design managed internally | Three new pull-up banners in Masterbrand to promote the department and support the new identity | \$1483 |
| printing through Paragon Printers | Printing 1000 corporate folders for use by communication branch to promote the department | \$2459 |
| Food Policy \$131 849 | | |
| FoodMap publication – managed through Freshlogic and production of publication conducted internally | Communication consultant and publication development (FoodMap publication). There is no advertising related to this communication activity. | \$122 545 |
| | Editing and printing | \$9304 |
| National Food Plan \$84 047 | | |
| Managed externally by Cox Inall | Communication consultants and consultation meetings Consultants (Cox Inall) were engaged to manage a series of national round table consultations to inform the development of The National Food green paper. | \$84 047 |

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| Rural Research and Development \$28 020 | | |
| Managed externally by Quay | Communication consultants/facilitators and event | \$28 020 |

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| Connection | <p>costs related to consultation meetings to inform the final Australian Government response to the report of the Productivity Commission's inquiry into rural research and development corporations and the Rural R&D Council's National Strategic Rural R&D Investment Plan.</p> <p>There is no advertising related to this communication activity.</p> | |
| Horticulture Policy \$3 410 | | |
| Honey bee industry and pollination continuity strategy – printed through Union Offset Printers | Printing of 500 A4 copies of the strategy | \$3 410 |

7. DAFF has two planned information campaigns, for the new biosecurity legislation and consultation over the development of the National Food Plan.

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Question: 136

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Board appointments

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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.

Answer:

1. All of the boards in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio are tabled at Attachment A including the board title, tenure of appointment and members. Please note that this list includes ex-officio and presiding member positions that are not reported to the Office for Women for inclusion in the annual *Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards Report*.
2. The gender ratio on each board is included at **Attachment A**. Across the portfolio, the gender ratio is 59.4 per cent male to 40.6 per cent female.
3. Board appointments for this financial year to date are detailed at **Attachment B**.

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee 14 members | Glenys Oogjes | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | 9:5 M – 64.3% F – 35.7% |
| | Mary Barton | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Helen Cathles | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Lyndy Scott | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Dedee Woodside | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Gardner Murray | Chairperson | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Hugh Wirth | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Kevin Doyle | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Keith Adams | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Norm Blackman | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Brett McCallum | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Rick Symons | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Phillip Glyde | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| Bill Bray | Member | Male | 3 years | 7-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | | |
| Australian Fisheries Management Authority 9 members | James Findlay | CEO | Male | 5 years | 28-Mar-11 | 27-Mar-16 | 6:3 M – 66.7% F – 33.3% |
| | Michael Egan | Chair | Male | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Richard Stevens | Deputy Chair | Male | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Ian Cartwright | Commissioner | Male | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Denise North | Commissioner | Female | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Keith Sainsbury | Commissioner | Male | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Jennifer Goddard | Commissioner | Female | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| | Elizabeth Montano | Commissioner | Female | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | |
| John Glaister | Commissioner | Male | 5 years | 1-Mar-09 | 28-Feb-14 | | |
| Australian Landcare Council 17 members | Kim Chance | Chair | Male | | 6-Jan-10 | | |
| | Pamela Brook | Member | Female | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Alexandra Gartmann | Member | Female | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Judy Henderson | Member | Female | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|---|--------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| | Vicki-Jo Russell | Member | Female | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | 7:10 M – 41.2% F – 58.8% |
| | Sharon Starick | Member | Female | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Snow Barlow | Member | Male | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Jock Laurie | Member | Male | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | John McQuilten | Member | Male | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Andrew Stewart | Member | Male | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | James Walch | Member | Male | 3 years | 15-Apr-10 | 14-Apr-13 | |
| | Rosemary Hill | Member | Female | 3 years | 6-Jul-10 | 5-Jul-13 | |
| | Dennis Mutton | Member | Male | 3 years | 6-Jul-10 | 5-Jul-13 | |
| | Banduk Marika | Member | Female | 3 years | 6-Jul-10 | 5-Jul-13 | |
| | Kathryn Andrews | Member | Female | 3 years | 6-Jul-10 | 5-Jul-13 | |
| | Keelen Mailman | Member | Female | | 27-May-11 | 30-Jun-13 | |
| Ella Maesepp | Member | Female | | 27-May-11 | 30-Jun-13 | | |
| Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (1 member) | Eva-Maria Bennet-Jenkins | CEO | Female | 4 years | 1-Jan-08 | 31-Dec-12 | F – 100% |
| Biosecurity Advisory Council 8 members | John McKenzie | Member | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | 3:5 M – 37.5% F – 62.5% |
| | Lisa Adams | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Libby Mattiske | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Joanne Daly | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Claire Penniceard | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Rona Mellor | Ex-officio | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Andrew Inglis | Chair | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Dennis Witt | Member | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation | Michael Logan | Chair | Male | 3 years | 13-Aug-10 | 12-Aug-13 | |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------|---------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 7 members | Mary Corbett | Deputy Chair | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | 5:2 M – 71.4% F – 28.6% |
| | Lorraine Stephenson | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Richard Haire | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Hamish Millar | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Michael Robinson | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Cleave Rogan | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | Christine Hawkins | Presiding Member | Female | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 26-May-14 | F – 100% |
| Eminent Scientists Group 4 members | John Recliffe | Chair | Male | 3 years | 9-Jul-10 | 31-Aug-13 | 4:0 M – 100% |
| | Mark Lonsdale | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Jul-10 | 31-Aug-13 | |
| | Chad Hewitt | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Jul-10 | 31-Aug-13 | |
| | Tom Kompas | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Jul-10 | 31-Aug-13 | |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation 8 members | Harry Woods | Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-10 | 31-Aug-13 | 6:2 M – 75% F – 25% |
| | Stuart Richey | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Richard Stevens | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Renata Brooks | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Heather Brayford | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Keith Sainsbury | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Daryl McPhee | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| | Brett McCallum | Director | Male | 3 years | 9-Sep-09 | 31-Aug-12 | |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | Prudence McMichael | Presiding Member | Female | 3 years | 17-Apr-12 | 16-Apr-15 | F – 100% |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation 8 members | Keith Perrett | Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-10 | 30-Sep-13 | |
| | Jennifer Goddard | Director | Female | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Sharon Starick | Director | Female | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Richard Brimblecombe | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |
| | Jeremy Burdon | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| | Kim Halbert | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | 6:2 |
| | Robert Lewis | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 | M – 75% |
| | John Woods | Director | Male | | 8-Mar-12 | 30-Sep-14 | F – 25% |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | Joanne Grainger | Presiding Member | Female | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 26-May-14 | F – 100% |
| Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation 8 members | Rory McEwen | Chair | Male | 3 years | 3-Apr-10 | 2-Apr-13 | 4:4 M – 50% F – 50% |
| | Terry Hill | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| | Michele Allan | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| | Helen Garnett | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| | Jan O'Connor | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| | Anita Poddar | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| | Christopher Day | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | |
| Philip Laffer | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 | | |
| Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | Robert Granger | Presiding Member | Male | 3 years | 7-Apr-11 | 6-Apr-14 | M – 100% |
| National Rural Advisory Council 8 members | Keith Perrett | Chair | Male | 3 years | 3-Jul-2009 | 30-June-12 | 5:3 M – 62.5% F – 37.5% |
| | Tom Aldred | Comm Member | Male | 3 years | 2-Jul-11 | 1-Jul-14 | |
| | David Hartley | State representative | Male | 3 years | 22-Jun-09 | 21-Jun-12 | |
| | Ian Feldtmann | NFF Representative | Male | 3 years | 16-Jun-10 | 15-Jul-13 | |
| | Keryl Enright | Member | Female | 3 years | 3-Jul-09 | 30-Jun-12 | |
| | Georgina Somerset | Member | Female | 3 years | 3-Jul-09 | 30-Jun-12 | |
| | Sharon Starick | Member | Female | 3 years | 3-Jul-09 | 30-Jun-12 | |
| Andrew Locke | Member | Male | 3 years | 2-Aug-09 | 21-Aug-12 | | |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation | Daniela Stehlik | Chair | Female | 3 years | 21-Apr-10 | 20-Apr-13 | |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|--|----------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 7 members | Merilyn Sleigh | Deputy Chair | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | 3:4 M – 42.9% F – 57.1% |
| | Samuel Archer | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | |
| | Alexander Campbell | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | |
| | Michael Guerin | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | |
| | Roseanne Healy | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | |
| | Alana Johnson | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 | |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | David Crombie | Presiding Member | Male | 3 years | 11-Mar-11 | 31-Jan-14 | M – 100% |
| Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel 10 members | Christopher Doogan | Principal Member | Male | 4 years | 25-May-09 | 24-May-13 | 5:5 M – 50% F – 50% |
| | Barbara Yeoh | Member | Female | 4 years | 30-Dec-08 | 29-Dec-12 | |
| | Nicoletta Ciffolilli | Member | Female | 4 years | 30-Dec-08 | 29-Dec-12 | |
| | William Edeson | Member | Male | 4 years | 2-Nov-09 | 1-Nov-13 | |
| | Robert Lister | Member | Male | 4 years | 2-Nov-09 | 1-Nov-13 | |
| | Mary Lack | Member | Female | 4 years | 2-Nov-09 | 1-Nov-13 | |
| | Sandra Welsman | Member | Female | 4 years | 2-Nov-09 | 1-Nov-13 | |
| | Gordon Neil | Registrar | Male | N/A | 10-May-11 | | |
| | Gabby Cogan | Deputy Registrar | Female | N/A | 18-Mar-11 | | |
| Anthony Cuthbert | Deputy Registrar | Male | N/A | 10-May-11 | | | |
| Sugar Research and Development Corporation 7 members | Ian Causley | Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-10 | 30-Sep-13 | 5:2 M – 71.4% |
| | Stephen Guazzo | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Paul Donnelly | Director | Male | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Tracy Henderson | Director | Female | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Lindy Hyam | Director | Female | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Julian Venning | Director | Male | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date | Gender Ratio (M:F) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| | Kleanthes Yannakou | Director | Male | 3 years | 27-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | F – 28.6% |
| Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee (1 member) | Christine Hawkins | Presiding Member | Female | | 2-Dec-10 | 30-June-13 | F – 100% |
| Wheat Exports Australia 4 members | Nicole Birrell | Member | Female | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 | 3:1 M – 75% F – 25% |
| | Edward (Ted) Woodley | Chair | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Kim Halbert | Member | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| | Alexander (Sandy) Murdoch | Member | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 | |
| Wine Australia Corporation 8 members | James Dominguez | Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-09 | 30-Jun-12 | 5:3 M – 62.5% F – 37.5% |
| | Kevin McLintock | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Susan Henderson | Member | Female | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Anthony Jordan | Member | Male | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Bill Moularadellis | Member | Male | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Josephine Rozman | Member | Female | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Catherine Thompson | Member | Female | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| | Brian Walsh | Member | Male | 3 years | 11-May-11 | 30-Apr-14 | |
| Wine Australia Corporation Selection Committee 4 members | Robert Granger | Presiding Member | Male | 3 years | 16-Jul-10 | 15-Jul-13 | 4:0 M – 100% F – 0% |
| | Stephen Couche | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Nov-10 | 8-Nov-13 | |
| | Stephen Shelmerdine | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Nov-10 | 8-Nov-13 | |
| | Robert Hill Smith | Member | Male | 3 years | 9-Nov-10 | 8-Nov-13 | |

Attachment B – Question: Board appointments for Financial Year to Date (1 July 2011 – 18 June 2012):

| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date |
|--|---------------|----------|--------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee | Glenys Oogjes | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Mary Barton | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Helen Cathles | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Lyndy Scott | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date |
|--|----------------------|------------------|--------|---------|------------|-----------|
| | Dedee Woodside | Member | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Gardner Murray | Chairperson | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Hugh Wirth | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Kevin Doyle | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Keith Adams | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Norm Blackman | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Brett McCallum | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Rick Symons | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Phillip Glyde | Member | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Bill Bray | Member | Male | 3 years | 7-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| Biosecurity Advisory Council | John McKenzie | Member | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Lisa Adams | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Libby Mattiske | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Joanne Daly | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Claire Penniceard | Member | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Rona Mellor | Ex-officio | Female | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Andrew Inglis | Chair | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Dennis Witt | Member | Male | 1 year | 1-Jan-12 | 31-Dec-12 |
| Cotton Research and Development Corporation | Mary Corbett | Deputy Chair | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Lorraine Stephenson | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Richard Haire | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Hamish Millar | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Michael Robinson | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Cleave Rogan | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Oct-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee | Prudence McMichael | Presiding Member | Female | 3 years | 17-Apr-12 | 16-Apr-15 |
| Grains Research and Development Corporation | Jennifer Goddard | Director | Female | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Sharon Starick | Director | Female | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Richard Brimblecombe | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |

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| Body/Board title | Person | Position | Gender | Tenure | Start date | End date |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Jeremy Burdon | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Kim Halbert | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | Robert Lewis | Director | Male | 3 years | 4-Nov-11 | 30-Sep-14 |
| | John Woods | Director | Male | | 8-Mar-12 | 30-Sep-14 |
| Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation | Terry Hill | Deputy Chair | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Michele Allan | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Helen Garnett | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Jan O'Connor | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Anita Poddar | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Christopher Day | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| | Philip Laffer | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Sep-11 | 31-Aug-14 |
| National Rural Advisory Council | Tom Aldred | Commonwealth Member | Male | 3 years | 2-Jul-11 | 1-Jul-14 |
| Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation | Merilyn Sleigh | Deputy Chair | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| | Samuel Archer | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| | Alexander Campbell | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| | Michael Guerin | Director | Male | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| | Roseanne Healy | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| | Alana Johnson | Director | Female | 3 years | 1-Jul-11 | 30-Jun-14 |
| Wheat Exports Australia | Nicole Birrell | Member | Female | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Edward (Ted) Woodley | Chair | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Kim Halbert | Member | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 |
| | Alexander (Sandy) Murdoch | Member | Male | 18 months | 1-Jul-11 | 31-Dec-12 |

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Question: 137

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Freedom of information

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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 outlines 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?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the financial year to date?

Answer:

1. The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) outlines the statutory requirements agencies must meet when responding to requests. The department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) takes into account guidelines issued to all agencies on the operation of the FOI Act by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). The OAIC has issued some updates to its guidelines since February 2012.
2. As of 30 April 2012, DAFF estimates that total direct and indirect cost to the department of processing FOI requests in 2011–12 was approximately \$550,000.
3. As of 30 April 2012 the department had received 58 FOI requests in 2011–12 of which:
 - 3 were granted access to the requested documents in full
 - 18 were granted access to the requested documents in part
 - 8 were denied access to the requested documents, including 7 that were denied by the department
 - 29 have been withdrawn by the applicants
 - 2 are currently under review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

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DAFF has achieved 100 per cent compliance with statutory timelines.

4. In line with its commitment to improving transparency and open government, the government abolished conclusive certificates, effective from 7 October 2009 under *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009*.

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Question: 138

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Travel details and cost of community cabinet

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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, accommodate 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?

Answer:

1-5. The minister has not attended any additional Community Cabinet meetings since Additional Estimates in February 2012. Please refer to response to Question on Notice 159 (Government Division) from the Additional Estimates hearing in February 2012.

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Question: 139

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Financial reviews

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

For this financial year to date:

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?

Answer:

For this financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012):

1. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the reviews currently being undertaken.
2. Please refer to Table 2 for details on reviews that have concluded. Please refer to Table 1 for details on the anticipated end date for ongoing reviews.
3. Please refer to Table 2 for details on reviews that have been provided to government.
4. The timing of responses for reviews concluded in this financial year to date will be considered on a case by case basis by the government.
5. Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 for details on estimated costs of each review.
6. Please refer to Table 3 for details on planned reviews.
7. Please refer to Table 3 for details on the anticipated end date for planned reviews.

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Table 1 – Reviews currently being undertaken in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in the 2011–12 financial year to date (to 30 April 2012), by nearest anticipated end date

| Review title | | Anticipated end date | Estimated cost |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Review of Horticulture Australia Limited export regulation powers | | September 2012 | \$100 000 |
| Review of the Commonwealth fisheries harvest strategy policy and guidelines | | March 2013 | \$130 000 |
| Review of the Commonwealth policy on fisheries bycatch | | March 2013 | \$75 000 of funding from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation for ABARES to contribute to the review |

Table 2 – Reviews completed in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio in the 2011–12 financial year to date (to 30 April 2012), by end date

| Review title | End date | Provided to Government | Estimated cost |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Review industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements | Review terminated | No | \$63 560 |
| Review mark I and IV restraining boxes in Indonesia | 24 August 2011 | Yes | \$38 815 |
| Independent review into Australia's livestock export trade | 31 August 2011 | Yes | \$669 639 |
| Review of drought pilot in Western Australia | 2 September 2011 | Yes | \$817 328 |
| Review of the European Union high quality beef quota arrangements 2011 | 17 September 2011 | Yes | \$39 963 |
| An independent evaluation and audit of the Tasmanian community forest agreement industry Development program | October 2011 | Yes | \$81 107 |
| Internal government review of the live trade animal welfare program | November 2011 | Yes | Internal review—costs met within the department's budget |

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| Review title | End date | Provided to Government | Estimated cost |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Stocktake and assessment of current (2010–11) investment and capability in soils research, development and extension nationally | December 2011 | Yes | \$63 011 |
| Review of the national BioSIRT program | March 2012 | No | \$77 000 |
| Review and assessment of assistance provided to primary producers through the provision of tax concessions | March 2012 | No | \$76 988 |
| Review and revision of the 2004 national plan of action for the conservation and management of sharks | - Review report was finalised and publically released on 13 May 2011 - The revised plan is expected to be released in June 2012 | - Yes - No | \$141 938 (costs met by DAFF, DSEWPaC, and the states and Northern Territory fisheries agencies) |

Table 3 – Reviews planned in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, by nearest anticipated end date

| Review title | Anticipated end date | Estimated cost |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Review of the export inspection arrangements for sheep from the port of Fremantle, Western Australia | September 2012 | Internal review—\$15 000 |
| National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment of agricultural insurance products, including multi-peril crop insurance and its feasibility in Australia. | September 2012 | Yet to be determined |
| National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment into the Effectiveness of the farm management deposits scheme in Australia. | October 2012 | Yet to be determined |
| Review of the Australian standards for the export of livestock and the role and function of the livestock export standards advisory group | March 2013 | Internal review—\$35 000 |

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| Review title | | Anticipated end date | Estimated cost |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| National Rural Advisory Council - An assessment of agricultural employers' workforce planning capabilities. | | May 2013 | Yet to be determined |

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Question: 141

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Media monitoring

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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?
 - 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?
 - 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?

Answer:

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry maintains one media monitoring account for the Department and the Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices.
 - a. The agency that provided these services was Media Monitors Pty Ltd.
 - b. The estimated budget to provide these media services in 2011-12 is approximately \$240 000.
 - c. As of 31 May 2012, \$190 723.27 has been spent on media monitoring this financial year.
2. Please refer to the answer to Question 1.

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Question: 142

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Social media

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

Yes, following the release of the *Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online*, the department's social media policy was updated to make reference and include a link to the circular.

The policy was approved by the Secretary on 30 March 2012 and made available to staff on the intranet. The policy is also available on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website.

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Question: 145

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Commissioned reports

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

1. 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.
 - a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

1. Two reports were commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio during the 2011–12 financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012). Please refer to Table 1 below for details. The timing of any responses will be considered as appropriate on a case by case basis by the government.

Table 1 – Reports commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio during the 2011–12 financial year to date (1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012) by date of commission

| Name of report | Industry Government Working Group on Live Sheep and Goats Exports |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Date of commission | 13 July 2011 |
| Date report handed to government | 26 August 2011 |
| Date of public release | 21 October 2011 |

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| Name of report | Industry Government Working Group on Live Sheep and Goats Exports |
|---|---|
| Terms of Reference | <p>1. Provide an interim report to the Australian Government Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the Minister) by the end of July 2011 and a final report to the Minister by 26 August 2011 on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any areas of concern regarding animal welfare for live sheep and goat exports and any immediate action that might be taken to address these areas of concern • a proposed supply chain assurance scheme for live sheep and goat exports that meets the following four principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. meets OIE standards for animal welfare b. enables animals to be effectively traced or accounted for by exporters within a supply chain through to slaughter c. has appropriate reporting and accountability, and d. is independently verified and audited • a process for implementation of the supply chain assurance scheme for live sheep and goat exports, and • any impacts and adjustment responses for Australia's sheep and goat industry, including access to international markets, arising from the application of a new supply chain assurance scheme. <p>2. Provide advice and information to governments and industry, as appropriate, on issues relating to the export of live sheep and goats from Australia.</p> |
| Committee members | <p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Industry Queensland, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Department of Primary Industries and Resources South Australia, ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, Australian Livestock Exporters Council, LiveCorp, Sheepmeat Council, Goat Industry Council of Australia, Meat and Livestock Australia, WA Live Exporters Association, GRM International, Stockair, Wellards, P & D Exports and Emanuel Exports Pty Ltd.</p> |
| Cost of report | <p>No external costs were incurred. Departmental resources provided secretariat and administrative support to the working group.</p> |
| Number/level of departmental staff involved with report | <p>Approximately: one SES Band 3, one SES Band 1, one EL2, one EL1 and an APS 4.</p> |
| Status of report | <p>Report handed to government 26 August 2011. The government has accepted the recommendations of the Industry Working Group on Live Cattle Exports report.</p> |

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Name of report | Horticulture: Review of export efficiency powers |
| Date of commission | October 2011 |
| Date report handed to government | Report is not yet finalised. |
| Date of public release | Report is not yet finalised. |
| Terms of Reference | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on the appropriate arrangements for the regulation of horticultural exports, if required, taking into account the principles of National Competition Policy, being that legislation/regulation which restrict competition should be retained only if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the benefits to the community as a whole outweigh the costs, and b. the objectives of the legislation/regulation can be achieved only by restricting competition. 2. The report should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. identify and describe the nature and magnitude of the economic problem that the legislation/regulation addresses; b. identify the groups affected by the legislation/regulation; c. identify whether, and to what extent, the legislation/regulation restricts competition; d. clarify and assess the objectives of the legislation/regulation, and the extent to which the legislation/regulation has achieved these objectives or caused unintended consequences; e. identify any relevant alternatives that may be available to achieve the objective of the legislation/regulation, including non-legislative approaches or alternative approaches which may not restrict competition including quasi-regulation and self-regulation; f. analyse and, as far as reasonably practical, quantify the benefits, costs and overall effects of the legislation/regulation and alternatives identified in (e) above and; identify the impact on different groups likely to be affected by either the continuation of the current regulatory arrangements or implementation of viable alternatives; g. recommend a preferred option for regulation, if regulation is deemed appropriate, in light of principles set out in (1) and the analysis presented in 2 (a-f) and h. list the individuals and groups consulted during the review and outline their views. 3. In undertaking the review, the reviewer is to advertise nationally, consult with key interest groups and affected parties, and produce a report that will be published. 4. In making assessments and preparing the report, the reviewer is to have regard to the analytical requirements for regulation assessment by the Commonwealth, set out in the Best Practice Regulation Handbook. 5. In undertaking the review and preparing its report and associated recommendations, the reviewer is to note the Government's intention to announce its responses to the recommendations, after obtaining advice from the Minister and if appropriate, after consideration by Cabinet. |
| Committee members | Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (Agricultural Productivity, ABARES, Trade and Market Access, Plant Biosecurity) Department of Finance and Deregulation |

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|---|--|
| Name of report | Horticulture: Review of export efficiency powers |
| | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Department of Industry, Investment, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. |
| Cost of report | \$100 000 |
| Number/level of departmental staff involved with report | Approximately: two SES Band 1, three EL2 and four EL1 officers. |
| Status of report | A period of public comment on the draft report is scheduled to start in late June 2012. |

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Question: 146

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Cost of stationery

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Senator Colbeck asked:

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?

Answer:

1. The cost for the minister and parliamentary secretary's stationery requirements for the financial year to date as at 30 April 2012 was \$5121.58.
2. The cost for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) stationery requirements for the financial year to date as at 30 April 2012 was \$1 306 785.00.
3. The cost for DAFF's stationery requirements for 2009-10 was \$1 820 963.00.
The cost for DAFF's stationery requirements for 2010-11 was \$1 943 721.00.

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Question: 152

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Media training

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLEBECK asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by DAFF, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
 - 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:
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - e. The total amount spent on the service
 - f. 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:
 - 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

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Answer:

1. a. The total spending on media training services from 1 July 2012 to 22 June 2012 is \$17 854.00.
- b. Refer to table. Staff were selected to participate in the training based on need. All staff offered training participated.
- c. Refer to table. Staff did not need to apply for formal study leave. Media training was undertaken as part of normal work time.
- d. Refer to table.

2. a. Refer to table.
- b. Refer to table.
- c. A total number of 11 employees received media training (2 staff attended 2 courses).
SES Band 2 – 2
SES Band 1 – 2
EL 2 - 6
EL1 - 1
- d. The total number of hours spent on media training for all employees was 82 hours
SES Band 2 – 15 hours
SES Band 1 – 18 hours
EL 2 - 42 hours
EL1 - 7 hours
- e. Total spending on these services was \$17 854.00.
- f. Refer to table.

3. a. No media training services were arranged off site.
- b. Refer to table.
- c. The total number of hours spent on media training for all employees was 82 hours.
- d. Nil.

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| DATE | PROVIDER | PARTICIPANTS | NATURE | COST |
|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 14 June 2011 Half day individual session (4 hours) | Professional Public Relations | 1 x SES Band 2 | Media skills training | \$1400 (complete package) |
| 29 February 2012 Full day group session (7 hours) | Professional Public Relations | 6 x EL 2 1 x EL 1 | Media skills training | \$5800 (complete package) |
| 28 March 2012 Full day group session (7 hours) | Professional Public Relations | 2 x SES Band 1 1 x SES Band 2 | Media skills training | \$3784.00 (complete package) |
| 19 April 2012 Half day individual session including filming and review (4 hours) | Centre for Leadership Pty Ltd. and Coordinate Canberra (filming) | 1 x SES Band 2 1 x SES Band 1 | Intensive media skills training | \$5704 (complete package) Plus \$1166 for filming (4 hrs) |
| | | TOTAL | | \$17854.00 |
| | | TOTAL Hours | 82 | 11 staff (2 staff attended 2 courses) |

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Question: 154

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Training expenses for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

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 was spent on training 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 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.

Answer:

1. There has been no expenditure incurred for training for the minister and parliamentary secretary for the financial year to date.
2. The cost of training for the minister's staff for the financial year to date as at 30 April 2012 is \$1122.72. See details below:

| Training Course | Office of the minister/parliamentary secretary | Cost |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Financial management | minister's office | \$577.27 |
| Telephone techniques | minister's office | \$545.45 |
| | Total | \$1122.72 |

No expenditure has been incurred for training for the parliamentary secretary's staff for the financial year to date.

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3. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry provides an in-house training course on ministerial writing designed to help staff tailor their approach to better suit the needs of the minister and parliamentary secretary.

In this financial year to 30 April 2012, 12 of these courses were run. The estimated total cost of organising and delivering these courses was \$12 410, based on 0.13 FTE of an EL1 and APS5 combined.

The table below provides the breakdown of participants by APS classification:

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| Number of staff who attended training | Classification | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| | APS1 | APS2 | APS3 | APS4 | APS5 | APS6 | EL1 | EL2 |
| 98 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 33 | 19 | 14 | 2 |

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Question: 158

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Printing of reports and documents

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

Which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where they were delivered to since January 2012?

Answer:

| Project title | Total cost (including GST) | Where delivered |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| ABARES rural industry survey | \$823.30 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity open for inspection brochure - cargo | \$1551.00 | Canberra with copies also sent to DAFF regional offices in NSW, Qld, Vic, WA, SA and the NT |
| Biosecurity open for inspection brochure - personal effects | \$1089.00 | Canberra with copies also sent to DAFF regional offices in NSW, Qld, Vic, WA, SA and the NT |
| ABARES marine reserves surveys card | \$176.00 | Canberra |
| Australian Landcare Council annual report | \$1012.00 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity protect the health of Australia's animals, people and environment brochure | \$522.50 | Canberra |
| DAFF science and innovation awards booklet | \$3341.80 | Canberra |
| ABARES irrigation farms survey - Murray-Darling Basin | \$6358.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF carbon farming initiative | \$1650.00 | Canberra |
| About ABARES brochure | \$550.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES national outlook sponsor flyer | \$462.00 | Canberra |

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The committee agreed to this clarification: which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where they were delivered to since January 2012?

| | | |
|---|-------------|----------|
| ABARES agricultural commodities report | \$11 718.30 | Canberra |
| ABARES national outlook passport program | \$1213.30 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity compliance report | \$1705.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF climate change grants program | \$3975.62 | Canberra |
| 6 DAFF climate change brochures | \$5316.30 | Canberra |
| DAFF graduate program | \$1496.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF FoodMap report | \$8016.80 | Canberra |
| DAFF carbon farming initiative | \$1650.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES northern beef report | \$370.70 | Canberra |
| ABARES farm survey report | \$5737.00 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity timber imports pocket book | \$1947.00 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity factsheet | \$506.00 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity reform report | \$3136.00 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity importing machinery brochure | \$1034.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES regional outlook program | \$529.10 | Canberra |
| DAFF carbon farming handbook | \$12 892.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF climate change brochure on livestock emissions | \$2200.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES dairy report | \$2634.50 | Canberra |
| ABARES regional outlook program | \$535.70 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity vet brochures | \$715.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF carbon farming handbook | \$10 219.00 | Canberra |
| DAFF at a glance pocket publication | \$6582.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES regional outlook program | \$616.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES irrigation report - Murray-Darling Basin | \$2579.50 | Canberra |
| ABARES rural industry survey brochure | \$1163.80 | Canberra |

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The committee agreed to this clarification: which DAFF publications have been printed in hardcopy, the cost and where they were delivered to since January 2012?

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Biosecurity air-cargo flyer | \$1194.60 | Canberra with copies also sent to DAFF regional offices in NSW, Qld, Vic, WA, SA and the NT |
| Biosecurity personal effects flyer | \$1012.00 | Canberra with copies also sent to DAFF regional offices in NSW, Qld, Vic, WA, SA and the NT |
| Biosecurity reform report | \$4532.00 | Canberra |
| Landcare framework call to action | \$4279.00 | Canberra |
| Landcare framework | \$3289.00 | Canberra |
| ABARES agricultural commodities report | \$7521.80 | Canberra |
| DAFF shark plan report 1 | \$1454.20 | Canberra |
| DAFF shark plan report 2 | \$3702.60 | Canberra |
| Biosecurity postcode review | \$1505.90 | Canberra |
| TOTAL | \$134 515.32 | |

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Question: 159

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Provision of equipment

Proof Hansard page: Written

Senator COLBECK asked:

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):
 - 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.

Answer:

1. No.
2. Yes.

The cost for the minister and parliamentary secretary and their offices for the financial year to date as at 30 April 2012 was \$152 036.89.

The cost for 2009–10 was \$229 651.17 and the cost for 2010–11 was \$151 114.53.

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3. Yes.

The attached spreadsheet covers electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone, thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to departmental staff. Details include what is provided, the purchase cost and the ongoing cost.

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the classification of recipients or to whom the equipment is provided due to the difficulties in interrogating manual processes across the whole department.

4. The following officers in the offices of the minister and parliamentary secretary have been provided with electronic equipment since Additional Estimates in February 2012 to 30 April 2012:

| Office | Staff | Type of equipment | Upfront Cost |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | Chief of Staff | iPad | \$899 |
| | | | |
| Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | Adviser | iPad | \$899 |
| | Media Adviser | iPad | \$899 |
| | Executive Assistant | iPad | \$899 |

| Row Labels | Count of Device |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Blackberry | 533 |
| Optus | 408 |
| Telstra | 125 |
| Data card | 720 |
| Telstra | 720 |
| High End Laptop | 413 |
| HP | 413 |
| IPAD | 59 |
| Telstra | 59 |
| Mobile | 1764 |
| Optus | 1281 |
| Telstra | 483 |
| Mobile-Sat | 27 |
| Telstra | 27 |
| RSA Token | 799 |
| HP | 799 |
| Standard Laptop | 288 |
| HP | 288 |
| Ultra Portable Laptop | 231 |
| HP | 231 |
| VPN Token | 1002 |
| HP | 1002 |
| (blank) | |
| (blank) | |
| Tablet (Laptop) | 174 |
| HP | 174 |
| Grand Total | 6010 |

| Row Labels | Values | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Sum of One off Hardware Cost | Sum of One off Certificate/License Cost | Sum of Monthly Data Cost | Sum of Hardware/Montly Support |
| Blackberry | \$ 356,207.00 | \$ 56,169.00 | \$ 17,213.35 | |
| Data card | \$ 156,240.00 | | \$ 35,280.00 | |
| High End Laptop | | | | \$ 103,691.91 |
| IPAD | \$ 56,194.55 | | \$ 5,841.00 | |
| Mobile | \$ 458,225.50 | \$ 9,460.50 | | |
| Mobile-Sat | \$ 43,200.00 | \$ 810.00 | | |
| RSA Token | \$ 67,915.00 | | | |
| Standard Laptop | | | | \$ 68,760.00 |
| Ultra Portable Laptop | | | | \$ 58,288.23 |
| VPN Token | \$ 61,122.00 | \$ 93,687.00 | | |
| (blank) | | | | |
| Tablet (Laptop) | | | | \$ 45,227.82 |
| Grand Total | \$ 1,199,104.05 | \$ 160,126.50 | \$ 58,334.35 | \$ 275,967.96 |

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Question: 161

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Information for the Australian Greens and Independents

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Senator COLBECK asked:

1. Does DAFF provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:
 - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
 - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.
 - c) Have 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.
 - d) 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:
 - a) How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?
 - b) What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.
 - c) 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.
 - d) How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

Answer:

1-2. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has provided information to the minister's office for their use in briefing a broad range of parliamentarians (including the Australian Greens, Independents and members of the Liberal-National Coalition). In addition, DAFF, at the minister's office's request, has provided verbal briefing to a range of parliamentarians on matters such as legislation.

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Question: 171

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Ministerial travel expenses

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Senator COLBECK asked:

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 officers 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?

Answer:

1. Electronic invoices provided by CabCharge do not permit determination of exact destinations, they only indicate the suburbs travelled to and from.
2. The Secretary is entitled to COMCAR services and these services are paid for out of the Secretary’s budget. COMCAR services were used by the Secretary when he accompanied the Minister on his travel to Palmerston (29–30 June 2011), Broome (12–14 July 2011) and Yeronga (1 September 2011).
3. It is standard practice that costs incurred by the Secretary for his travel with the Minister are paid for out of the Secretary’s budget, and not the Minister’s budget.

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Question: 254

Division/Agency: Government Division

Topic: Biosecurity

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Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

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.

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?

Answer:

1. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Biosecurity Compliance Strategy is being implemented through internal staff consultation, ongoing stakeholder engagement and implementation of education and information campaigns. A comprehensive communication strategy was developed to assist with its implementation
2. The implementation of the Strategy is being undertaken within the existing budget.
3. The deployment of the Strategy is managed by the Deputy Secretary Biosecurity through the Quarantine Operation Division.
4. The deployment of the Strategy will be reviewed through existing departmental business performance review processes.
5. The Strategy's efficacy will be assessed through changes in stakeholder attitudes to compliance and quantitative comparisons with key compliance data.