

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd
01	Agricultural Productivity Division	Heffernan	National Food Plan announcement	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I was just curious about the little game you played with the NFF's announcement. You had a little game which came out of the blue. I would be interested to see the paper trail of decision making to make an announcement on the Saturday if you could provide that today.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I will have a look to see what I can help you with, but can I assure you that I make the decision as to the date and it is made not because of any other—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I realise that it would be a political decision, Minister, but I just wondered how far back you could have made it.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: Clearly before the budget was developed, because it had not been announced at that point. I am happy to try to find a date.</p>	9 27/05/2013	
02	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Onions	<p>Senator COLBECK: My question is about onions leaving the national residue survey. Is that actually happening?</p> <p>Mr Read: I am not aware of the status of onions, sorry. I will take advice on that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: My understanding is that they are looking to leave. Can you advise me of the process for them formally ceasing to be part of the NRS?</p> <p>Mr Read: Again, I will need to take that on notice. If they are legislated in terms of levy collections there will</p>	94 27/05/2013	

				obviously be a need to adjust those regulations in terms of the levy to give effect to that particular decision by the industry. But, again, I will just need to go back and take detailed information around the process exactly to exit an industry from that current levying and surveying arrangements.		
03	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Levies	<p>Senator COLBECK: My understanding was that this process was expected to be finalised before August. So, they have been through the process of taking the vote on the levy. You are confirming the concerns of the industry that documentation is slowly making its way around the agency. If you as head of the program do not understand that they are looking to leave, it perhaps confirms that that is the case. There has been about \$100,000 of levy money collected from growers. They are interested to know what is going to happen to that and what the potential costs of winding up the program might be, and where that is going to come from—and what happens to the rest of the levy that is sitting in the scheme; is it returned to industry, or where does it go?</p> <p>Mr Read: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	94 27/05/2013	
04	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Onions	<p>Senator Ludwig: I have been listening quietly. Whereabouts in the department did they bring it. Because the response here does not seem to be helpful. If it has been brought to the department I want to find out why the department does not seem to know about it.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I would be interested to know that, too. My understanding is that they have actually been in your office, as well, because they have been in mine. This process has been going on since April last year.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: We can find out overnight, in terms of where things are up to, and try to give you that. At least find out whether or not we are aware of the issue.</p>	96 27/05/2013	
05	Agricultural Productivity	Colbeck	Australian Food And Beverage Supplier	<p>Senator COLBECK: That is okay. I will be there next week. How will that differ from Austrade? Do you know</p>	113 28/05/2013	

	Division		Advocate	<p>what the advocate will do, what the role will be?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I am not aware of exactly what the role will be. They have a number of advocates. This is just one of those, a new one they have announced. We can certainly obtain some details for you on notice, if you like.</p>		
06	Agricultural Productivity Division	Ruston	R&D	<p>Senator RUSTON: That was my question. What is research and development and what is acceptable under the guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Koval: We have definitions around that—what we would match under research and development, what is marketing and what things are acceptable under both. We can provide examples of those definitions for you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Koval: We match eligible R&D expenditure, and that is the matching funding we provide. This year we are talking about \$239 million roughly, for 2013-14. That is approximately the matching expenditure.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Can I just clarify that all of the matching funding that is provided by government only goes against projects that are specifically research and development projects.</p> <p>Mr Koval: A small proportion of that under the cost allocation model is about administration of those projects. But we can provide some of that breakdown for you on notice, if you like.</p>	120 28/05/2013	
07	Agricultural Productivity Division	Nash	National Food Plan	<p><i>Through the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health (NPAPH) we are investing a record \$932 million over nine years (2009–18) to implement initiatives that promote healthy behaviours and tackle the rising prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases, including obesity. Through this initiative, we aim to lay the foundation for healthy eating behaviours within communities, schools and workplaces, and increase the proportion of children and adults meeting nutritional guidelines. National Food Plan page 63</i></p> <p>1) Can the department provide a break down over</p>	Written	Transferred to Department of Health and Ageing

				<p>forward estimates how much funding will be allocated to rural and regional areas?</p> <p>2) What campaigns will be targeted to rural and regional areas in the future?</p> <p>3) The National Partnership Agreement was a 2008 announcement how many campaigns have been tailored to rural and regional health?</p> <p>4) How much money has been spent on campaigns that are tailored to rural and regional health?</p>		
08	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Food Plan	<p>How will the Food and Beverage Supplier Advocate work?</p> <p>How will the Advocate be different to Austrade?</p> <p>What is the budget for the Food and Beverage Supplier Advocate? Offices? Staff?</p> <p>How is this funded? Appropriated or cost recovered?</p> <p>How is one person enough to do all this?</p>	Written	Transferred to Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
09	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	National Produce Monitoring System	<p>What products will the National Produce Monitoring pilot be focussing on? Is it just horticulture?</p> <p>What was the driver for this program? Why do we need it when the risk of MRL breach is generally accepted to be very low?</p> <p>How will the program work? How will it interface with FreshTest for example?</p> <p>Who will be administering the program? (NRS??)</p> <p>Budget Paper 2 doesn't show any additional expense for this program, so are costs being absorbed into the</p>	Written	

				<p>existing DAFF budget?</p> <p>If so, where are the savings being made to afford ~\$5 million a year?</p> <p>Please explain why this issue couldn't be addressed by putting the money toward resourcing and improving the Minor Use Permit system rather than more residue testing, duplicating tests done for commercial reasons?</p>		
10	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Gillard Plan for Australian agriculture	<p>Growcom pointed out in 2012 that if "food production can be doubled by 2050, we will be able to feed the projected population of Australia and less than 1.3% of the projected Asian population". Is it correct for the Prime Minister and the Minister to continue to imply that Australia can feed the world?</p>	Written	
11	Agricultural Productivity Division	Colbeck	Small grants for community food groups	<p>Why is DAFF putting money into community gardens and city farms?</p> <p>What are the "food rescue activities" that are eligible for up to \$25K?</p>	Written	
12	Agricultural Productivity Division	Macdonald	Game and "exotic" meats in WA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department recorded/identified a contraction of the game meats industry in Western Australia? 2. Has the department tracked any similar contractions in other states? 3. How many producers have ceased operation in this sector since 2011/12? 	Written	
13	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Egg Corporation Limited	Colbeck	Waste Efficiency	<p>Senator COLBECK: So is there any sense around what the conversion rates, or the efficiency rates, of the waste might be—from the work that has been done so far?</p> <p>Mr Kellaway: I would have to take that question on notice.</p>	105 28/05/2013	

14	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Back	OH&S Investigations	<p>Dr Bryce: As part of the registration of the product an assessment was carried out by the Office of Chemical Safety in the department of health. They assess occupational health and safety risks and their recommendation was that the product was safe to use from an occupational health and safety perspective. There have been some reports of operators suffering from headaches, but when they have been investigated by us we have not been able to establish that there has been any causal connection between the use of the product and the symptoms that were shown. Very few cases have been reported.</p> <p>Senator BACK: On notice, would you be able to give us more details of those that you might have had a look at or investigated. So it would fall to your agency to undertake those investigations, would it, rather than Health or—</p>	6 28/05/2013	
15	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Back	Trisulfon	<p>Dr Bryce: Some of the allegations that trisulfon is causing health problems.</p> <p>Senator BACK: So they have not made them directly to you?</p> <p>Dr Bryce: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BACK: They have?</p> <p>Dr Bryce: No, I am saying that it is correct that they have not.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Okay. But actual cases of people themselves believing themselves to be affected adversely as you say, with headaches or whatever the symptoms are, you have had none or very few?</p> <p>Dr Bryce: Very few. If you like, we can take it on notice and give you the exact information on that.</p>	6-7 28/05/2013	
16	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian	Macdonald	Diuron	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I understand that in particular Ingham canegrowers and certainly the Canegrowers organisation generally is making further submissions in relation to the use of diuron because of</p>	11-12 28/05/2013	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			<p>the reason I mentioned before—the cost of alternatives is just prohibitive and it will be another nail in the coffin of one of Australia's rural industries. There have been complaints to me that the research done by GBRMPA and others was done at times of flooding and at peak tides that create a sort of a false high reading.</p> <p>Dr Bhula: I would have to take that on notice. I could not comment on that. But we have said that, when we completed the review, based on any monitoring information that would come through in the next three to five years under any work that is done under the Reef Rescue plan or through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, we would reconsider again. We have completed this part of the review. However, we would rely on future monitoring information and data to look at the chemical again if that were the situation.</p>		
17	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Xenophon	FSANZ Carbendazim Risk Assessment	<p>Ms Arthy: The only role we played is that we had a proposal in place at the time that was going through the WTO through an SPS notification. Based on the presentations we had from Food Standards, we chose not to act to remove that standard at that time, to allow Food Standards time to do their own risk assessment and put a limit in place.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And what has happened to that risk assessment? While you say it is a matter for Food Standards Australia New Zealand there is obviously an exchange of information between the two entities.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: It is very informal because it does not relate to the approved use of carbendazim in Australia. What happened was that Food Standards did their own risk assessment. There was a public notification of the new limit that they would set, and I understand—but we would have to take this on notice or talk to Food Standards—there is a new limit in place now.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you could take it on notice, because I am aware that I only have another minute or so.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Okay.</p>	14 28/05/2013	

18	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Williams	Chemical Use for Goats	There appears to be a considerable difference of opinion between APVMA and the companies that produce anthelmintics on the potential market for chemical use on goats. The size of the goat industry does not reflect the potential market for chemicals. In NSW the majority of goats are in the dryer western areas and do not contribute to the market for chemicals. Is APVMA aware that less than 10% of goats in Australia are regularly treated with anthelmintics?	Written	
19	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Williams	Chemical Use for Goats	Would recognition of the low percentage of goats actually available to the drench market change APVMA's attitude to the classification of goats as a minor species?	Written	
20	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	With regards to Answer 1 (Feb Estimates), does the APVMA believe that "Gloricide" satisfies the definition of an Agricultural Chemical Product? If no, please explain why. If yes, please explain why the APVMA has allowed this Agricultural Chemical Product to continue without a valid Permission under Permit 11463 or Registration.	Written	
21	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Should "Gloricide" require APVMA Approval or Registration as it appears to satisfy your definition and the Products MSDS claims to approve mixing up different chemical formulas together without Label Approvals or Permit approvals or a Product Registration or pH or volatility or synergistic compounds risks or information, not a research or trial basis but as a Region Wide Program? Is this correct?	Written	

22	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	The MSDS for the Agricultural Chemical Product commercially named "Gloricide" by the SCRC, identifies Sunshine Coast Regional Council as the Official Supplier of the 'Product'. The MSDS fails to disclose any relevant Health or Environmental Information and declares and Labels the product 'Non Dangerous and Non Hazardous'. SCRC are the Designers, Manufactures, Suppliers, Principal Contractors and Regulators of 'Gloricide'. Is SCRC in a conflict of interest in all of the above when Contractors who refuse to use Councils latest great new product are dismissed for not using the product due to WH&S and Environmental Law.	Written	
23	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Did APVMA issue a Permit to SCRC to manufacture and use Gloricide by SCRC where the product is reasonably likely to enter waterways and aquatic areas? If so, who and where? The APVMA has documented how approval to mix chemicals is permitted such as Permit 10540. Permit 11463 does not provide instructions/permission on mixing chemicals, thus does not permit mixing. Is this correct?	Written	
24	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	What is the difference between a 'mixture of chemicals' and 'tank mixture' as per your answer to Question 2 (Feb Estimates)? Is there any difference? Is there a significantly different Risk Profile to be considered?	Written	
25	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Question 3 (Feb Estimates) APVMA claim that using 2,4-D or Metsulfuron methyl or any product on Permit 11463 may breach State Laws in relation to WH&S, Environment etc. and thus the need for the Federal Permit. Is the use of Gloricide, 2,4-D or Metsulfuron methyl in and around Aquatic Areas a breach of the respective Product Labels and MSDS's and thus a breach	Written	

	Authority			of perhaps every possible Federal and International Law on Herbicide Use, Administration and WH&S?		
26	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Does SCRC or any other Council/company need a Federal APVMA Permit to use Gloricide, Amicide, Brushoff etc. where it would contravene explicit label conditions on the products such as Use in and around Aquatic Areas? If so, how does APVMA monitor this?	Written	
27	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Does Permit 11463 allow 2,4-D formulas to be use in and around Aquatic Areas? Yes or No?	Written	
28	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Does Permit 11463 allow Metsulfuron methyl formulas to be use in and around Aquatic Areas? Yes or No?	Written	
29	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Does Permit 11463 allow Gloricide to be use in and around Aquatic Areas? Yes or No?	Written	

30	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is 2,4-D, Metsulfuron and/or Gloricide being used in and around aquatic areas or where they will reasonably enter Aquatic Areas?	Written	
31	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is the APVMA aware that WH&SQ revealed on the 17/12/2012 to the OQO and ATP Environmental P/L that <i>2,4-D methyl ester and 2(2-(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)ethyl-1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one</i> were created in the lab by mixing up Gloricide as per Council's instructions? If so what date did you become aware of this and how did APVMA monitor this?	Written	
32	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Was chlorinated water or distilled water used in the above experiment? If chlorinated water was used in such an experiment, would you expect 2,4,5-T and dioxin contamination as well?	Written	
33	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Were specific active ingredients mixed together or whole commercial formulas used in the above experiment, as per the Councils Instructions? If whole commercial formulas were used would you expect further synergistic reactions as well, beyond those created by just mixing 2 active ingredients? You claim to have done an assessment, please document what happens in this worst case scenario.	Written	
34	Agricultural Productivity Division /	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	If whole formulas were used in the experiments and the products were destabilised and used in in combination	Written	

	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			with Chlorinated water in a pressurised spray pressure vessel in the sun, the results would be far worse for Human Safety and the Environment, is this correct?		
35	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	The documented synergistic compounds were only created when tank mixing/ a mixture of chemicals were added together. They were not created when tested using CG-MS analysis on individual formulas, only with Gloricide. Is this a health risk for Product Users? Has the APVMA informed consumers on the health effects and legality of Gloricide and risks to people who have been contaminated?	Written	
36	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is APVMA aware of the dangers of mixing 2,4-D with town water or other formulas, what are the protocols?	Written	
37	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Mr Adam Presnell was informed by WH&SQ on the 17/12/2012 that prior to January 2012, SCRC and the Queensland Government/SCRC did not have a WH&S Duty of Care to him or his staff as Designers, Manufacturers, Official Suppliers and Principal Contractors? What is APVMA's policy in relation to the use of gloricide?	Written	
38	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	ATP Environmental P/L approached the APVMA Chief Science Officer to complete his WH&S and Environmental and UN Due Diligence and demanded to know if any Chlorine was present in Brushoff or Pulse and was denied access to this necessary scientific and	Written	

	Veterinary Medicines Authority			WH&S information. This was asked because it was discovered in research (not on APVMA or Manufacturers info) the risks of chlorinating 2,4-D. If the label does not say what is in the product, how does APVMA address this issue?		
39	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is it the APVMA's duty to inform the States and Product Users of known and potential WH&S risks to their Contractors, Rotterdam Convention, Convention on Biological Diversity, Federal Environmental Laws etc. and to investigate refer breaches to prosecution?	Written	
40	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	If the APVMA and manufacturers do not advise what specific chemicals they are mixing when mixing commercial chemical formulas, not even SCRC, the Product Designers and Suppliers, how is anyone meant to know if they are jeopardising not just their own lives but all of their future generations by manufacturing and using Gloricide under APVMA False Approvals. Is it not the APVMA duty to inform users of the risks of using AgChem Products?	Written	
41	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q3 (Feb Estimates) you mention the APVMA undertook an assessment of the Proposed use of herbicides by SCRC i.e. in and around aquatic areas in the Coastal Zone and in protected Habitat for EVR species, by the Principal Contractors and Manufactures of Gloricide SCRC. Please provide an outline of that assessment?	Written	
42	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q6 (Feb Estimates) APVMA acknowledged Gloricide as a "Product" with a MSDS and again refer to it as something other than a Chemical Product and as just a	Written	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			name used to refer to a tank mixture that you advised SCRC have a permit for. Again I ask people working under your Permits/Approval Notices are risking their lives, based on your advice, what is AVPMA's policy in respect to this issue?		
43	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	The Manufactures of 2,4-D and Metsulfuron methyl have not provided consent to authorise the use of Gloricide (especially in and around aquatic areas) and the States need a valid APVMA permit to override the Manufactures which they do not have. Does the APVMA have jurisdiction and a responsibility to workers operating under an APVMA Permit and/or under an APVMA Approval Notice to allow the continued use of "Gloricide" without a Product Registration or valid Permit?	Written	
44	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q7 last sitting you were asked if it appropriate that certain products are reregistered with you without empirical information. You answered that the products must contain adequate instructions under the Agvet Code. If the instructions say not to use the product in and around aquatic areas, why did you approve the use of 2,4-D, Metsulfuron methyl and Gloricide to be used under Permit 11463 by SCRC where they will knowingly cause damage to aquatic areas by using them in Wetlands and Coastal Areas with sandy soils an against the Label Instructions and MSDS.	Written	
45	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	In Q8 (Feb Estimates) Permit 10540 carries instructions not to use Glyphosate within 20m of a waterway? What distance can 2,4-D and Metsulfuron methyl be used from waterways under the permit? Can 2,4-D and/or Metsulfuron methyl be used within 20m of a waterway under the Permit?	Written	

46	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	It is true that 2,4-D and/or Metsulfuron methyl are much more toxic to aquatic ecosystems than Glyphosate 450! With regards to Permit 10540, why has no distance been set for either 2,4-D and/or Metsulfuron methyl on the Permit or on the Labels, when one has been set for only the least toxic of the components? Do Glyphosate 450 Products disclose a 20m setback distance as standard on the Product Label, MSDS or on other APVMA Permits, please specify? If not, why?	Written	
47	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Have users of Permit 10540 or the Permit Holder BQ, been informed of WH&SQ findings regarding the synthesis of 2,4-D Esters are <i>2(2-(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)ethyl)-1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one</i> ? Will the APVMA continue issuing permits knowing the risks have been publicly disclosed?	Written	
48	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	How does APVMA monitor this? In the case of Sunshine Coast Beaches and wetlands, how far can these products be used from the water or from ephemeral waterways full of EVR species, 1cm, 1m, 10m, 20m, 100m, 5km?	Written	
49	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Has the APVMA approved SCRC to use and mix 2,4-D and/or Metsulfuron methyl where it has a reasonable chance of entering aquatic areas or in aquatic areas when the manufacturers have warned the APVMA and users not to apply them in certain situations by disclosing a warning on the label/s?	Written	

50	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	What are the consequences for the Queensland Government and SCRC approving the continued use of Gloricide without a valid permit or Product Registration?	Written	
51	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q9 (Feb Estimates) APVMA quoted “The UNEP is not responsible for investigating the use of chemicals listed in Annex 111 of the Rotterdam Convention”. This is proof that the UN has no enforcement mechanism under the Convention and all responsibility relies on the DSEWPaC, APVMA, DAFF, is this correct and does AVPMA have a policy in relation to this Convention?	Written	
52	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q 10 (Feb Estimates) APVMA claim that 2, 4-D can be converted into Agent Orange simply in the presence of a chlorine molecule. Can you clarify this statement?	Written	
53	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	APVMA understands the risks of mixing 2,4-D with town water as it has been investigating the product since its inception and laymen can work it out for themselves through Google, that 2,4-D will create Agent Orange if mixed with chlorine. Why haven't the manufacturers disclosed this to users and the community? What is APVMA's policy in regard to this issue?	Written	
54	Agricultural Productivity	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q 11 (Feb Estimates) APVMA was asked if registered	Written	

	Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			and unregistered Agvet Chemicals used under the Federal Jurisdiction of Permit 11463, were being used in and around Aquatic Areas by SCRC. You claim to have done an assessment of SCRC's use of Chemicals, what was the outcome?		
55	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q 12 (Feb Estimates) APVMA was asked if registered and unregistered Agvet Chemicals used under the Federal Jurisdiction of Permit 11463, were being used in and around Critical Habitat for International, Federally, State, Local listed EVR species. You claim to have done an assessment of SCRC use of Chemicals, where are they using this product specifically and can you list the International and Federally Listed EVR Species which have been potentially contaminated?	Written	
56	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Which agency in Federal Government is responsible for issuing an approval notice for the continued use of Gloricide, 2,4-D formulas and Metsulfuron methyl formulas use in and around Aquatic Areas and in critical habitat for International and Federally listed EVR species by SCRC, BQ etc.?	Written	
57	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Permit 10540 claims that a Gloricide type concoction can be used twice per year and yet under Permit 11463 apparently every herbicide listed on the schedule can be mixed and applied right up to the edge of the ocean, why has no frequency of use been documented on Permit 11463 or any mention of mixing only strict accordance with the Attachment?	Written	
58	Agricultural Productivity	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q16 (Feb Estimates), is it legal for SCRC and BQ to use Gloricide in and around Aquatic Areas?	Written	

	Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority					
59	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	In Q24 (Feb Estimates) 2,4-D Esters were banned in 2006. Were you aware that WH&SQ revealed last year that 2,4-D methyl esters were created by mixing up Gloricide? Why did APVMA allow Gloricide to continue if there are risks of destabilising synthetic oestrogen (2,4-D) by mixing it with Metsulfuron methyl?	Written	
60	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Q 25 (Feb Estimates) what are the Standards on the Label and does that differ from the APVMA previous responses on Gloricide.	Written	
61	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	In Question 8 (October 2012) APVMA said that Labels for products containing metsulfuron methyl and products containing 2,4-D do not specify buffer zones. Does this mean that manufacturers have been allowed by the APVMA to sell their products for years without standards on the Label. The APVMA has allowed individual interpretation of the Label without one standard. Why is this?	Written	
62	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	You claim in Answer 26 February 2013, that if products are used contrary to APVMA Permits, that responsibility to investigate and prosecute rests with the States. Is this	Written	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			true?		
63	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is there any mechanism in Commonwealth Law whereby the Commonwealth has Jurisdiction to investigate crimes/breaches made under its Permits.	Written	
64	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Has the Commonwealth or Queensland potentially jeopardised International Trade by allowing Gloricide to be used without a Permit or Registration by using products that will manufacture Agent Orange, 2,4-D Esters and other deadly products seemingly unknown to you?	Written	
65	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	APVMA has advised the Queensland Government, the SCRC, Contractors etc. that Gloricide is legally authorised by APVMA Permits. Is this correct? If the control of use of chemicals under Federal Permits is a State Issue, how can the States administer Control of Use of Chemicals, if there is no control of use or regulation of Federal Permits by the Commonwealth and we have not enforced any standards on the Labels or have independent and accountable regulators when the States get it wrong?	Written	
66	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	In AVPMA's opinion, what experience/qualifications should a designer and principal contractor experimenting with synthetic hormonal chemicals have under the	Written	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority			directions of a MSDS? What is APVMA's policy on regard to this issue?		
67	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	In the last 5 years, how many Local Councils in Australia have developed new agricultural chemical products by way of developing and registering an agricultural chemical product with the APVMA?	Written	
68	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Is the SCRC the first Council that has gone to these lengths of a Trail Project, Region Wide Program Delivery and producing a MSDS to use their own Unregistered Agricultural Chemical Products?	Written	
69	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Heffernan	Agricultural Chemicals	Has the Minister been briefed by APVMA on the use of Gloricide by the SCRC?	Written	
70	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Colbeck	Farmer Fury of passing of Ag Vet Bill	How is the new system of reregistration not going to add significant additional cost to the reregistration process and leave Australian farmers without access to necessary agvet chemicals? We now know the environment assessment costs are going up by up to 67% - with the largest increase in cost	Written	

	Authority			for tier 2 assessments. How does this sit with the Government's own commitment to cut onerous regulation and costs for primary producers?		
71	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Wool Innovation	Back	Funds for wild dog management	<p>Senator BACK: If we got you to give a demonstration, then it might be an animal welfare issue. Can I go to your wild dog program. I have obviously been interested in the work of your Dr Jane Littlejohn. The results seem to be very impressive. Can you give us some updated information? How much are you spending under the wild dog program? Where is the money being spent and are you intending to keep this program going?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Yes. There are a couple of things that we are doing in this area. We fund the invasive animal CRC, which does work in this area to the tune of about \$400,000 a year. I can provide you, on notice if you wish, exact figures in this area, but it is in the order of \$400,000. With regard to our wild dog eradication program, working with municipalities and council groups and well organised wool grower groups, we allocate a budget of \$1.1 million to that each year.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Of AWI funds?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Yes, with matching government funds.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Federal government funds?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Yes.</p>	53 28/05/2013	
72	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Wool Innovation	Williams	Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: So, you are saying they have been dragging their feet? Did you relocate the money elsewhere?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: We have.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Where did that go?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: We have had to pay for it. It has had to go in there. That is the difference. They have failed on a post-farm research project. We believe they have failed</p>	54-55 28/05/2013	

				<p>to meet the agreed milestones. It is not as if we invented these milestones. They were agreed with them. They failed, but we had no option other than to pay that money in.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: That is over the next 12 months?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: It is over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: And then you are stopping the funding?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Our contract with the CRC extinguishes itself on 30 June next year.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: So, you saying that you still have to pay money and you are not happy with the results that you have been getting until now?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: You said that you reallocated the money. Where did that go?</p> <p>Mr McCullough: I will take that on notice. Ms Littlejohn has been given the charter to find a home for that \$625,000 and she has.</p>		
73	Agricultural Productivity Division / Australian Wool Innovation	Williams	Wild Dogs	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Just back to wild dogs, following on from Senator Back—I was at the Tenterfield Show in February. They have national parks around Tenterfield, like we seem to have everywhere these days. Wild dogs are a serious problem. In talking to cross-bred lamb producers there, they are just going out of sheep and going to cattle. In Queensland, the wild dog problem is so bad that when the cows are calving the dogs are attacking the calves. I mean this is getting a really serious problem about our nation's production. We heard about food security from the Greens in a speech a couple of weeks ago. We are losing our food security because of national parks being homes for wild dogs, as well as bushfires and everything else they create. What is the problem with doing a huge baiting of a national park? Is it a native animal such as the koala, et cetera? What I am saying is, what is the problem if we went in a helicopter over the national park out at Tenterfield and put tonnes of baits? Is there a problem with killing native animals such</p>	55 28/05/2013	

				<p>as the koala or whatever? Mr McCullough: I do not know that, but I will take that question on notice and provide an answer.</p>		
74	Agricultural Productivity Division / Grains Research and Development Corporation	Siewert	Managing Climate Variability Program	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Can I ask for an update on the Managing Climate Variability Program, and ask about funding. You are the managing partner in that program, aren't you? Mr Harvey: That is correct, yes. We are the managing partner, and we are putting significant funds into that program. Senator SIEWERT: That is what I wanted to ask about—what level of funding you are putting in, and what time frame you have, continuing into the future time frame. Mr Harvey: Senator Siewert, I would need to take that on notice. I need to check. Senator SIEWERT: Can you tell me what the overall funding for the program is and whether it is permanently ongoing or whether there is a time frame to it? Mr Harvey: We can get that to you. Senator SIEWERT: Funding for each of the years—that would be fantastic, thank you.</p>	110 28/05/2013	
75	Agricultural Productivity Division / Meat and Livestock Australia	Macdonald	Spyglass Program	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Is MLA or the department aware of a collaboration between James Cook University and the Queensland department called the Spyglass program? Is either of you familiar with that at all? Mr Hansen: The Spyglass research facility is a collaboration between those two, yes. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Is the Commonwealth putting any specific resources into that collaboration? It is a supply chain development approach, as I understand</p>	50-51 27/05/2013	

				<p>it.</p> <p>Mr Hansen: I would have to take on notice; we might be providing something through our R&D portfolio. We have no core funding into that facility. It is only projects that we fund. If there are projects that are going to be conducted through the facility they would be the only dollars that we have going through Spyglass. I am happy to take that on notice and come back to you with a list of anything that we are doing there.</p>		
76	Agricultural Productivity Division / Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	GM-Free Food For Cattle	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Mr Hansen, you were talking about certain attributes that were attractive to buyers in markets such as China. You also mentioned the use of genetics on animals, plants and turf. Can you just quickly outline what markets there are for us in GM-free food for cattle, for example?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: I would have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are you aware of any markets that are GM-free in cattle for Australian beef or for Tasmanian beef?</p> <p>Mr Hansen: Not that I am aware of, purely because the industry has no GM product as such. I would have to take it on notice.</p>	53 27/05/2013	
77	Agricultural Productivity Division / Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	GM-Free Food For Cattle	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are you aware of any markets that are GM-free in cattle for Australian beef or for Tasmanian beef?</p>	53 27/05/2013	
78	Agricultural Productivity Division / Wine Australia	Edwards	Export Licensing Fees	<p>1) As per Regulation 5(3) the financial standing of the applicant is taken into consideration when the application for licensing is required. Can Wine Australia explain what alterations are made in light of an applicant's financial standing?</p> <p>2) Can Wine Australia provide the changes to the</p>	Written	

				<p>licensing fees over the past 5 years? How much in dollar value and in percentage terms have they changed each year?</p> <p>3) For years when the licensing fees increased please provide the primary reason for the fee increase.</p> <p>4) Given the changes that occurred in the past 12-18 months around the new, simplified auditing process, how have the fees changed?</p> <p>5) Can Wine Australia quantify the number of businesses/wineries it has provided services to for each of the last 10 years?</p>		
79	Agricultural Productivity Division / Wine Australia	Rhiannon	Wine labelling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With regard to amendments to the AWBC Act in 2010 – Sect. 40DA[2]: In consulting the wine industry why did DAFF choose to consult with the Wine Federation of Australia instead of inviting communicating directly with all the wine grape levy payers on its database? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does the WFA constitute a larger reach for consultation purposes? 2. What guarantee existed that all wine grape levy payers would be consulted over changes to the wine law that governed Geographical Indicators? 3. Who sat in on the AWBC’s Legislative Review Committee at the time of the consultation? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which business did each individual represent? b. What was the selection process? c. What expertise did each member bring? 4. Concerning the Consolidated EC Declaration: at the end of the Agreement, in the third paragraph it states that the EC acknowledges common English words such as “doctor”, “mountain”, and “sun”, etc could be used for the description and presentation of Australian wines”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does this also refer to Australian wines imported into the EC that use “common English words”, which also happen to be words that that describe EC Geographical 	Written	

				<p>Indicators such as “Doctor”, “Mountain”, and “Sun”?</p> <p>b. If so, could it be understood the Declaration provides no reciprocal legal justification for Sect. 40DA[2]?</p> <p>5. Does the creation of Section 40DA[2] enable the Trademark of a word that is also on the Register of Protected Names and protected under the Agreement?</p> <p>a. How is such a possibility not a breach of our treaty obligations?</p> <p>6. Can Wine Australa provide some examples from the last 3 years when it has advised in its publications the common English words exemption as per Section 40DA[2]?</p> <p>a. What industry-wide explanation of the section been provided to wine levy payers around Australia?</p> <p>7. The “Feet First” Decision [2004] by the Trade Marks Registrar’s Delegate overturned the “Queen Adelaide Regency” Case of 2000. What were the reasons for DAFF/AWBC to not appeal to quash the Delegate’s ruling?</p> <p>a. Is there any consideration available by DAFF/AWBC of this case?</p> <p>b. Did the ruling undermine the protection of Geographical Indicators in the EC and Australian?</p> <p>8. Within Section 40DA[2] what is the meaning of subsection (2) (d) where According to Article 13 Subsection 3[a] of the “Agreement”: “protection is provided even when the true origin of the wine is indicated”?</p> <p>a. How does subsection [2][e] differentiate the good faith defence from reckless behaviour by those describing and presenting a wine?</p>		

80	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences	Back	Wild Dogs	<p>Mr Morris: I might start off on this and then hand over to one of my colleagues, who can add a bit more detail. ABARES is doing some work directly on the wild dog issue, which I think we mentioned last time and also in a response to a question on notice. As well, we fund work under the Australian Pest Animal Research Program. So it is a combination of those two things.</p> <p>In terms of the work that ABARES is doing, a report should be published in the next few weeks on some of the socioeconomic impacts of wild dog management in Australia. ...</p> <p>The other element of our work, as I mentioned, is what we fund under the Australian Pest Animal Research Program. The government has been funding that program for quite a number of years. In the latest incarnation of that program, since 2008, around \$700,000 a year has gone into that program, of which a proportion goes into wild dogs research and potential management techniques that can be applied. I think at the last estimates we provided you with some details of the research projects that were being undertaken under that program. On notice, we would be happy to provide an updated list, but I think it is pretty similar to what you received previously.</p>	114-115 27/05/2013	
81	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences	Colbeck	Plantations	<p>Mr Morris: We have quite a number of publications coming out shortly on issues relevant to what you were talking about there. The main one in terms of plantations is the 2013 update of Australian plantation statistics. That is due for release in early June, so very shortly. That will contain data up to June 2012. We also have our Australian forest and wood product statistics for the September and December quarters of 2012 coming out shortly as well. In addition, at the moment we are working on long-term forecasting models for consumption and production and trade of major wood products. Those forecasts go out to around about 2050, I believe. That is looking at the demand side.</p> <p>In terms of plantation numbers, there are already quite a</p>	117 27/05/2013	

				<p>lot of statistics that we have published previously on that. Our previous figures obviously show the quite significant decline in new plantation areas over the last few years. That is going to be reflected in terms of wood supply going forward. As I understand it, wood supply from plantations continues to rise quite significantly out to around about 2030 or 2035 or thereabouts. Then we start to see some easing off of wood supply from plantations due to that sort of easing off of new growth areas. But we could certainly provide you with some more detailed figures on that if you are interested.</p>		
82	Biosecurity Animal Division	Back	Bovine Johne's Disease Funding	<p>Senator BACK: I wonder is it possible to take on notice and advise the committee the amount of funding over the last 10 years that has actually been expended by the various agencies, Animal Health Australia, industry bodies, the federal government, in terms of Bovine Johne's. Secondly, as part of that on notice would it be possible to identify where those funds have been allocated? Is that possible to achieve that?</p> <p>Dr Biddle: I do not think we would be able to necessarily provide information about the industry expenditure to attend committees and all those things, but we would be able to provide information about government and AHA with the cooperation of AHA.</p>	22 27/05/2013	
83	Biosecurity Animal Division	Rhiannon	AUSVETPLAN For Lyssavirus	<p>Senator RHIANNON: When do you anticipate that the public would see the AUSVETPLAN for lyssavirus?</p> <p>Dr Biddle: There is a currently available plan. The revised plan that would be publically available after it is endorsed in the usual way through the ministerial council processes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you give us a time line of when we can anticipate getting to that point?</p> <p>Dr Biddle: I would have to take that on notice. It may be quite a number of months or longer.</p>	24 27/05/2013	

84	Biosecurity Animal Division	Siewert	Queensland Cattle Industry	<p>Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the various claims and counterclaims being made about what is happening in the course of the Queensland situation, has the department done an assessment of how much stock is there as a result of the export restrictions? How much stock was carried over?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Senator, we have not done an assessment of that nature in terms of what are the various sources of the problem of oversupply of animals in that particular region. What we have relied on is the advice from QDAFF and AgForce who estimate that around 300 million head of cattle are affected by drought conditions in the region. Sorry, three million. Three million head of cattle are affected by drought conditions. We have been relying on those two organisations to keep us up to date in relation to the animal welfare issues. The advice from those two institutions is that they could not confirm any reports of livestock being shot on farm as of close of business last Friday.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: They will not be able to afford the bullets for a start.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I am really just trying to get across that we are monitoring the information that we can get from our Queensland colleagues.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: When did you first start engaging with the Queensland department around this issue?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I will have to take that on notice because there are a number of different parts of the department that would have been involved in this. There is the animal welfare side, clearly, but also the agriculture productivity division that would be involved in these issues that have been coming forward for some time, as the minister said. I cannot give you an exact answer to that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Sure.</p>	31-32 27/05/2013	
85	Biosecurity Animal Division	Siewert	Queensland Cattle Situation Timeline	<p>Senator SIEWERT: What I am trying to establish is the process from when you first began talking to Queensland</p>	32 27/05/2013	

				<p>and when Queensland started realising they were going to need to help the situation. Was there contact from DAFF to Queensland after the fires when it became apparent that there was going to be feed shortages and cattle were going to be in trouble? Can we have a timeline mapped out for contacts between Queensland and DAFF?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Yes. This is in relation to the evolution of this whole circumstance, not just the national parks.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, not just the national parks. I am looking at the broader issue of when they were looking at and trying to seek assistance, et cetera, and how it rolled out. Can you give us that timeline?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Yes. I will have to take that on notice obviously to give you that timeline. Also, for the record, we should point out that there are some federal government programs available for people in difficulties at the moment. They are the Transitional Farm Family Payment scheme and the Rural Financial Counselling Service. They are two standing programs that exist for farm families in difficulties and they would apply in this particular circumstance.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can we take that on notice, for when we get to those areas on the program, that we want to ask questions about timelines and about what discussions have been held with Queensland, the department and the government—obviously, we will not name individuals—and whether there have been any applications?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Yes.</p>		
86	Biosecurity Animal Division	Macdonald	Queensland cattle situation – travel by DAFF officers	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Have the people in your department gone to Queensland?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: I can check on that, Senator. It would be some hundreds mainly undertaking biosecurity activity. It is something that we do not have as a department, and it is an interesting point to raise. We do not have an independent capability of understanding what is happening in some of the important areas of Australian</p>	33 27/05/2013	

				agriculture. We rely upon state government departments to provide that information, or national bodies, or other bodies to provide that information to us.		
87	Biosecurity Animal Division	Macdonald	Starving Cattle	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Following me raising the question with the minister last Thursday week about the impending disaster with starving cattle, could you let us know what actions the department has been asked to take in relation to that and what inquiries you have made regarding the whole issue following my raising its Thursday week ago the minister?	45 27/05/2013	
88	Biosecurity Animal Division	Macdonald	AQIS BJD Protocol	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Let me ask the question. If this were raised on behalf of someone, could the department address the issue there? They allegedly lost \$2 million out of it. It is an Indigenous property—an Indigenous freehold property, I might say—that they have owned for 20 or 30 years. It is one of the exemplary cattle stations in the Gulf. They have been hit by the live cattle ban, droughts, fires and then this BJD protocol.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We can reverse it and say that you have raised the issue—because you can directly raise it in estimates, obviously. You want us to have a look at the state of a protocol that was provided by the department. We will take it on notice and have a look at that.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you. That is fantastic. I will ask the question that you suggest. Take that as being my question on notice.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: We will certainly look into it and let you what we can.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: It is very serious. I would be very surprised if they have not raised it prior to this.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: We are a big department. No-one here is aware of it. That is not to say that we do not know about it, but we will check and come back to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you very much for that. The minister is clearly aware of the property, but, regardless of which property it is, it is a very serious</p>	69 27/05/2013	

				<p>thing. I have not explained it terribly well, but it is apparently a backdating of a quarantine protocol that they suggest has affected them very badly and is simply unfair.</p>		
89	Biosecurity Plant Division	Xenophon	Horticulture Industries	<p>Ms Mellor: I understand that a range of consultation was done that included directly face to face with peak industry bodies and there was information sent out through the electronic fields and by the industry bodies to their members themselves.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But was there face-to-face consultation with the small, niche exporters?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: I do not know if—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes, I can get you much more information on that.</p>	15 27/05/2013	
90	Biosecurity Plant Division	Ruston	Transmission Of Viruses	<p>Senator RUSTON: Not just in terms of insects, what is the biosecurity process that is in place, for instance, for the transmission of viruses? It is all well and good to whack them for bugs, but is there a much more complex process to deal with the viruses and all that, which comes back to the capacity to propagate? As I said, my advice from the industry is that it can be as high as 50 per cent strike rate, which is a level of concern for them.</p> <p>Ms van Meurs: Our statistics are a lot lower than that and I would be happy to provide them. If you had any advice we would like to know what examples you have got because in the past—I would have to take it on notice—it has been about a one per cent failure rate, which is really low in comparison to the volume that comes in.</p>	81 27/05/2013	
91	Biosecurity Plant Division	Xenophon	Packing Houses	<p>Ms Calhoun: We wrote to every registered establishment back in November asking them if they</p>	89-90 27/05/2013	

				<p>wished to remain registered. We got very little response to that. We then issued—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can I get a copy of that letter without identifying them?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Just the generic letter please through the committee.</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: Yes. We can provide that. We then issued invoices in April this year to all of those establishments and everyone that has come back has come back to us in writing or we have recorded reasons when we have had a telephone conversation with them about why they are not pursuing registration. Most of it is due to not using that establishment to export and they have not been using it previously for a long period of time.</p>		
92	Biosecurity Plant Division	Xenophon	Fees Increase	<p>Ms Calhoun: It is not a specific question. We are asking them if they wish to remain registered to pursue entry into export markets and when we are getting feedback from them we are asking them, 'Why do you not want to remain registered?'</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Do any of them say to you that it is too expensive?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: Yes. We have had a few say that it is due to the increase in cost.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How many have told you that it is too expensive?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you could provide that on notice and provide a copy of it; I would like to get some documents in terms of how the feedback mechanisms works and those generic letters sent out.</p>	90 27/05/2013	
93	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Fees And Charges	<p>Senator COLBECK: That is correct. That is what I am trying to get to; how this has all manifested. So part of the deal in 2009 for the rescission of the disallowance was to continue for two years the subsidy, the 40 per cent rebate, so that went to 2011. Then in 2010-11 there must have been about \$1.6 million under recovery of that</p>	91 27/05/2013	

				<p>period. How much went in out of the \$127 million to plants over that two years?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: I think there was \$5.4 million for transitional funding across the horticulture sector, which would have included the rebates as well.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: So were they still under-collecting even with the 40 per cent rebate under that \$127.4 million?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am just trying to get back to that point.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: They were in after two years at \$1.7 million. So even with the—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: They are still under-collecting at about \$890,000 at this stage, is that right?</p> <p>Ms Calhoun: No, that is a surplus.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: We are in surplus now.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Sorry, you are in surplus as of this year.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: We moved into surplus; expected to end the year in surplus.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: There is a turnaround. That is following on from the new fees and charges, the CRC process—</p> <p>Ms Mellor: For the new fees and charges, yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give it to me—on notice is fine.</p>		
94	Biosecurity Plant Division	Williams	Potato Cyst Nematode	<p>1) Could I get an update on the Potato Cyst Nematode management plan?</p> <p>2) The Victorian DPI has come up with one plan, but from what I've read AUSVEG says it is not enough and it has a national plan.</p> <p>3) Are all states bound by a national plan?</p> <p>4) What is the Department's input into it?</p>	Written	

95	Biosecurity Plant Division	Boswell	Banana Imports	Are there any applications for bananas to be imported into Australia?	Written	
96	Biosecurity Plant Division	Nash	AQIS fees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Can the department please outline why it is that these fee increases are needed? Was the registration and inspection process running at a loss? 2) Can the department please outline the rationale behind the exact value of each of the new fees? How were these new fees calculated? 3) How much does the department expect to raise/save with these increased fees? 4) Is the department able to explain the logic behind the interim assistance being offered for the year 2013? Why is it that someone exporting a tier 3 product gets to pay the same amount as someone exporting a tier 1 product when the costs of inspecting/assessing both are very different? 5) Can the department please explain the logic behind a fee arrangement that sees a person exporting one tonne of horticultural products being charged more than someone who sends hundreds of tonnes? 6) Did the department consider finding extra revenue from the import-side of the equation? If not, why not? If so, what led the department/minister to believe that imposing extra costs on Australian producers would be a better idea? 7) Has the department done any modelling on whether the increases in fees will lead to a reduction in the amount being exported out of Australia, especially by smaller start-up producers with no established markets? 8) Does the department agree that such fee arrangements disadvantage the entrepreneurs and small producers over the large-scale, well-established exporters? Isn't it a false economy? 9) Can the department please outline the level of consultation that was conducted with the various tiers of exporters before such changes were made? What was the general reaction of the producers affected by 	Written	

				these changes (without having to be specific as to who was spoken to)?		
97	Biosecurity Plant Division	Back	Importation of table grapes to WA from California.	<p>Hansard p. 79 Dr Vanessa Findlay asked which viruses the growers were concerned with. They listed these in their submission: The viruses found in the Adelaide fruit were Speckle and Leaf Roll but the paper was included to show that any virus can be on the pathway. The viruses we are particularly concerned with are Red Blotch Virus and Fan leaf virus. Others of concern to other crops include Strawberry Ringspot. Can the Department please take note of these viruses? Can the Department provide further detail about the threat from these viruses to WA table grape growers if table grapes from California are allowed into WA?</p>	Written	
98	Biosecurity Plant Division	Colbeck	Flower Imports	<p>When and where are imported flowers treated / fumigated before entry to Australia?</p> <p>What checks are done to ensure this is done properly? What chemicals are used?</p> <p>What assurance is there that these fumigations are actually occurring?</p>	Written	
99	Biosecurity Plant Division	Macdonald	Yellow Cane	<p>The “yellow cane” phenomena (also known as Golden Leave Syndrome (GLS) and Yellow Canopy Syndrome (YCS)) was identified in the Barron River Delta in 2012 and has spread south through the Herbert and Burdekin districts as far as Mackay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department investigated Yellow Canopy Syndrome? 2. What funding will the Department provide to BSES (or to the new body that will be created under the <i>Sugar Research and Development Services Bill 2013</i> and the <i>Sugar Research and Development Services</i> 	Written	

				<p><i>(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013)</i> to investigate further?</p> <p>3. What is the department doing to work with growers to address and mitigate the impacts on yield and quality (productivity) of the Yellow Canopy Syndrome?</p>		
100	Biosecurity Policy Division	Nash	Plant and Animal Health – Reduced Funding	<p>Senator NASH: Can you take on notice for me—and if you can try and get it back to me before we move into any election period or anything like that it would be very much appreciated—a breakdown of exactly where you think those efficiencies are going to be and what types of things you expect? I understand the broadbrush thing you are saying, but could you give me a bit more detail. If those efficiencies were there, why wouldn't they have already been done?</p>	42 27/05/2013	
101	Biosecurity Policy Division	Acting Chair	ACERA	<p>Dr Findlay: No, they do not use a transparent approach to combining likelihood and consequence. There is an ACERA report that outlines the basis for each of the US, New Zealand, Canadian and EU approaches. It might be useful information for the committee if I provide that to you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: ACERA has existed for seven years. They are acknowledged to be experts in this area, and essentially this letter is a very short summary of their work. I absolutely accept it at face value. I am sure Professor Burgman would not sign it and, indeed, Associate Professor Nicholson would not sign it unless they thought it was right. I am happy for them to be made available to the committee.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I do not have any argument with that at all. Just because something has existed for a period of time does not make it best practice. In this place we have worked on that!</p>	104, 107-108 27/05/2013	

				<p>ACTING CHAIR: Could you table the report that has been referred to in respect to the US, Canada and New Zealand?</p> <p>Dr V Findlay: It is publicly available, but I am more than happy to send you the link.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Thank you.</p>		
102	Biosecurity Policy Division / Animal Health Australia	Rhiannon	Austvetplan for ABLV	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (Ausvetplan) for Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV) was under review for some period from 2010 to 2012 but the present published version is still dated 2009. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where is that review up to? b. What changes are anticipated? c. When can we see the reviewed Ausvetplan for ABLV? 2. When will the AUSVETPLAN for lyssavirus be publicly released? 3. What actions and what is the timeline for those actions that are required for the AUSVETPLAN for lyssavirus be publicly released? 	Written	
103	Biosecurity Policy Division / Animal Health Australia	Rhiannon	Chicken Densities impacts on health & disease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you aware of any studies of how stocking densities of industrial farmed laying and broiler poultry affect the stress levels and thus behavior of poultry, and risk of disease? 2. If so what is the department's response to these studies? 3. If not will the department assess at which densities, and under which conditions does poultry become so stressed as to self-mutilate or behave aggressively to other animals – necessitating beak cauterization and other procedures? 4. Are free range chicken densities and conditions as commonly understood, better for poultry's wellbeing and health? 	Written	

104	Biosecurity Policy Division / Animal Health Australia	Rhiannon	Myxomatosis Vaccine	<p>1. The CSIRO website provides information about promising live attenuated myxomatosis vaccines, and a host-range defective vaccine, it had worked on before funding for that research was cut in 2005:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was funding cut for that CSIRO research project, given it was already up to a preliminary trial stage? b. How much funding would be required to complete that project in order to provide a vaccine to rabbit pet owners and the industry? c. Would the government consider funding the project to completion? If not why not, and if so what would need to happen for this to occur? <p>2. The CSIRO website states that live virus myxomatosis vaccines used overseas are not permitted in Australia due to concern the live virus could “potentially spread from vaccinated rabbits into the wild rabbit population and interfere with biological control by myxomatosis.”</p> <p>However CSIRO also states ongoing coevolution of both the Myxoma virus and the wild rabbit, has led to natural selection for resistance in the wild rabbit population with the result that many wild rabbits are “quite resistant and survive (a now highly attenuated – ie mild) myxomatosis strain”.</p> <p>Pet rabbits have not undergone the same natural selection and remain highly susceptible to this terribly cruel disease.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What does the most current data and science say about the risk of using the original live virus vaccine on pet rabbits in Australia, given the coevolution of rabbit and virus in the wild? b. What will it take to have the government 	Written	
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				<p>review the two available myxoma live-virus vaccines, and scientifically assess their likely impacts in the current Australian setting?</p> <p>c. Have any vaccine manufacturers applied to have their myxomatosis vaccines registered for use in Australia? If so are these assessments available and if so can a web link to this information be provided?</p>		
105	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	Agricultural Chemicals	<p>Senator COLBECK: The issue probably is better off going back to an active rather than a particular product I suppose.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give us that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: They will be here.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: No, I am just going to the list. The list is published on the website, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Yes, it is. I suspect since you last asked us it is the same 49. I have not seen a change to that. It is the same 49 agricultural chemicals.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I will run through these quickly. I doubt that you will be able to give me this now. I have had a look at the imported food inspection data reports.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: I think they have just left so we might need to take some of that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You would because this goes deeper than just that time frame. I was after actual numbers for chemical residue testing for the past five years for the following products and what amounts were imported over that period. I am talking about orange juice concentrate from Brazil, tomatoes from Italy, frozen vegetables from China, and frozen and tinned vegetables from New Zealand using imported products from China, and the second part is what chemicals were included in the residue test, but we have basically covered that.</p>	83-84 27/05/2013	

				Ms Mellor: The same 49. We will be very happy to get the details for you on notice.		
106	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	Review of Industry Training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangement	<p>What has happened to the review of industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements?</p> <p>Is another review planned?</p> <p>Where there any findings or recommendations of use?</p>	Written	
107	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	Rural Tailgate Inspection	How were decisions made regarding the reclassification of rural postcodes so that rural tailgate inspections were no longer required?	Written	
108	Border Compliance Division	Colbeck	Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy Boat Reduction	<p>How will 1 boat be able to replace the existing four without a loss in service?</p> <p>What happens if there are two separate incidents at separate locations?</p> <p>What happens if the boat breaks down?</p>	Written	
109	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Bovine Johne's Disease Assistance	<p>Dr Biddle: There are no specific programs currently administered by the Commonwealth. There are, however, some general assistance measures available for restructuring or hardship that the department, through its rural councillors, can give advice to people facing significant hardship.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Well, perhaps on notice—</p> <p>Dr Biddle: That is other areas of the department that—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Mr Metcalfe, could you on notice give me a brief summary of what is available? It is a difficult position, I understand, but my information is that it is all too little and really will not help.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: We will do that on notice.</p>	24 27/05/2013	

110	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Rural Financial Counselling Service resources – Northern Territory	<p>Ms Freeman: A trial of a rural financial counselling service provider is working over a six month trial period in the Northern Territory. That is basically being run out of our provider in South Australia. That has commenced on the—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So, you have got one for South Australia and the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: No. There is already a trial underway. Let me be clear; an RFCS provider was placed in the Northern Territory at the height of the live animal export trade suspension. There were resources put up there at that time. Under the funding arrangements—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What were the resources at the time?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I will take that on notice, but I think it was one was provided for six months at the time. We are now conducting a trial through, as I said, the South Australian service provider in the Northern Territory. It is also important to note that under that arrangement—</p>	77-78 28/05/2013	
111	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Did the Northern Gulf NRM not make a submission to you on several occasions to try to get something like 16 financial counsellors just for the gulf area? There was a submission made to you, as you are well aware, and an individual lobby—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: There has been a range of submissions and lobbies for additional RFCSs over the period, and in doing so the funding envelope was determined some budgets ago for a five-year program and that is what the Commonwealth has provided.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: But you have been to Cloncurry and Richmond in recent times—I give you credit for your courage, not for what you did there, but for your courage in going—but was not one of the big pushes for a number of additional financial counsellors, the argument being that there are not enough to sit down with all of those who are in trouble to try to work through their financial positions, and we have ended up with one in the gulf.</p>	78-79 28/05/2013	

				<p>Senator Ludwig: Well there are 16 RFCs throughout Australia to assist across—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: But one in the gulf.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: —these areas and they are additional on top of the existing system that is in place.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What existing ones have you got in the gulf?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: We can certainly provide those statistics for you, but there are multiple providers funded by the Commonwealth across Queensland.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you have that now?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I can certainly run through it. I am just thinking I have got the funding dollars and the contribution by the Commonwealth. But if you would like us to give you FTEs, I would just have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am really after the number of financial counsellors currently in the gulf. I emphasise the gulf because it is one of the hardest hit from the live cattle ban, droughts, fires, BJDs.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We are happy to provide that. One of the issues of course will always be whether the state removed its support from that. You may not want to talk to about that but—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: No, but I asked the question, 'How many?' I did not ask for a discourse on how bad the state government is. Just give me the figures. How many?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: You intend to give me a critique of how bad you think this government is, so let me feel obliged to return the favour at any time.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am asking a question: how many? Give me a number.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: And the department is getting it for you.</p> <p>Ms Freeman: We will take the actual number of individuals servicing that part of Queensland on notice.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: What we will do is—I think this program runs for a little while—we will try and get that number</p>		
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				over the afternoon tea break.		
112	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Farm Support Concessional Loans program	<p>Ms Freeman: There have been ongoing discussions with all of the states and territories on the package on a regular basis. You asked previously about the eligibility criteria and the guidelines, so just so you know we have shared a copy of those draft guidelines with all the states and territories particularly seeking their feedback particularly of the expert lenders that are in some of those states and territories.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: When did that document go out?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to check but we got the last bit of feedback from a relevant lender on Friday afternoon, but I think they have probably had it for maybe 10 days. I would have to double-check, but we had a number of teleconferences with them all to discuss their feedback, particularly as expert lenders. So, in the case of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, who have got experience in providing concessional loans to farmers, we wanted their views on managing a number of issues, including the eligibility issue that you have described and obviously issues of who is the target group of farmers we are trying to address.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So, they would have received that document with that level of detail about 15 May?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: It might have even been earlier. We can just go back and check that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If we can get that relatively quickly.</p>	90 28/05/2013	
113	Climate Change Division	Nash	Farm Finances	<p>Senator NASH: Can somebody perhaps get that breakdown before 11 o'clock? It would be somewhere pretty easily accessible, would it not?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I can double-check. I will get it for you.</p>	97 28/05/2013	
114	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Farm Assistance Website	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: It is saying what you are doing and how you can get it. You also have a website, which I have just turned up, and it says, 'Page cannot be</p>	97 28/05/2013	

				found. 404 error. Last reviewed 2 May 2012.' That is the web address that you have on this. Ms Freeman: I will double-check that.		
115	Climate Change Division	McKenzie	Carbon Tax and food manufacturing jobs	Senator McKENZIE: If you were not a minister, you would not be here! Anyway, I am wondering if you have received any representation on the cost of the carbon tax on food processing, given the loss of food manufacturing jobs over time? Senator COLBECK: 110,000 since 2008. Senator McKENZIE: What representation have you had around— Senator Ludwig: I would have to go back and check. Over what period of time? If you go right back to when we developed the first— Senator McKENZIE: How long have we had it? Maybe it is close to 12 months. Senator Ludwig: I will go back and check my records. I cannot recollect. I am sure that a range of people that I have spoken to have raised the issue. We have had discussions around this right throughout with many, many industries. You might be surprised, but we have even had very positive discussions around filling the research gap and taking action on the ground and—	126 28/05/2013	
116	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Illegal logging	What activities will the International Tropical Timber Organisation undertake regarding illegal logging?	Written	
117	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Forest Practices Related to Wood Production in Plantations: National Principles practice	What is the status of the review of state and territory codes of practice for plantation management? Are the results available on line yet? We tried to access 23 May 2013 and asked for password? Why would the results be protected? Have the relevant state and territory ministers been advised?	Written	

				This is nearly 2 years overdue – what has been the hurdle and how much has the whole process cost to date?		
118	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Tasmanian Forests Agreement – implementation package	<p>Will the residue study consider the use of native forest waste for energy generation?</p> <p>Are you aware that Rural Alive and Well is not a Tasmanian Government organisation – it is an independent not for profit organisation.</p> <p>Will the processing and assessment of the voluntary exit program be modified to address the issues raised regarding the handling of these payments?</p>	Written	
119	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Supporting primary producers under the Australia taxation system	<p>How much did this report (Supporting primary producers under the Australian taxation system) cost?</p> <p>When it was released in April 2012 did it represent the current suite of taxation measures or the latest data available, or was it out dated even then?</p> <p>Was its release delayed and if so why?</p> <p>The report found that take-up rates of the Farm Management Deposits Scheme were low and suggested this was an area “that may warrant further consideration”. Was there consideration of why take-up rates were low before the recent changes were made to this scheme? (the increase of the non-primary threshold from \$65 to \$100K)</p>	Written	
120	Climate Change Division	Colbeck	Filling the Research Gap program – conflict of interest	<p>Six of the ten selection committee members are directly linked to the University of Melbourne, QUT, CSIRO and the University of WA, who collectively were awarded more 60% of the successful projects valued at more than half the available round 2 funding. .</p> <p>With around 40 universities in Australia and dozens of agricultural R&D groups does this how was the process run and what checks and balances were put in</p>	Written	

				place to ensure no conflict of interest?		
121	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Farm Finance concessional loan applications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many applications has the department received for the Farm Finance loans? 2. How many of these loans have been for the full/maximum \$650,000? 3. From what sectors, and from what states have the applications originated? 4. Of the applications received, how many of these farms were already under financial administration? 5. The “concessional” loans will be made to farming businesses that are “struggling but still viable”. What does “struggling but still viable” mean? What are the criteria? How is this assessed in the case of individual farming businesses? Who makes this determination? 	Written	
122	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Carbon Farming Initiative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What assistance is being provided to pastoralists in drought-affected areas? 2. How can productivity and abatement benefits be achieved by graziers where there is overstocking due to a live export bans, and less feed available due to natural disasters? 	Written	
123	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Live Cattle Ban Funds	<p>In answer to questions regarding assistance package (<i>Additional Estimates February 2013 Answers to Questions on Notice 104</i>, and <i>Additional Estimates February 2013 Answers to Questions on Notice 106</i>) the department has identified the amounts that were allocated to programs, but not the amounts that have been allocated to producers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$30 million has been allocated to individual producers? 2. How many producers have been assisted? 3. How many of these producers are in Queensland? 4. How many of these producers are in the Northern 	Written	

				<p>Territory?</p> <p>5. How many of these producers are in Western Australia?</p> <p>6. How much money, on average, has been provided in assistance to each of these producers?</p>		
124	Climate Change Division	Macdonald	Disaster Recovery and Relief	What on-going services are being offered by the department to assist primary producers in the financial/productivity recovery following natural disasters?	Written	
125	Climate Change Division	Nash	Drought Reform	<p>1) The DAFF website states the intergovernmental agreement includes a framework to guide government decisions to increase or introduce support when conditions are declining, without conflicting with the objectives of reform. What are the triggers for when governments introduce support to farmers. What information do governments use, and who do they consult with, in which to base their decision on?</p> <p>2) On the DAFF website page it states that parts of the package, including the development of legislation needed for the Farm Household Allowance, will continue to be developed until this time. What aspects of this package still need to be finalised?</p> <p>3) Agforce QLD CEO, Charles Burke told the ABC the drought reform process has been slow and the hardship allowance and rural financial counsellors have come too late for the industry. Is the minister aware of these views?</p> <p>4) The 2013-14 budget paper states reciprocal obligations could include training or development activities, both on-farm and off-farm, seeking professional advice or succession planning. Who decides when and how the training takes place? Is there flexibility in these training dates/arrangements given the top priority of farmers, during drought, is to keep the farm afloat and stock alive which takes up most of their time.</p>	Written	

				<p>5) The drought reform program budget factsheet states farm household support recipients will be supported by case managers as they undertake activities to improve their situation and prepare for the future. What role exactly do these case managers have? How much contact will they have with the farmer? Will they have any input on how the business operates?</p> <p>6) Where will the case managers be based? Will they come out to the farmer or does the farmer have to attend an appointment with them?</p> <p>7) Can you clarify the difference in the roles between the case managers and rural financial councillors?</p> <p>8) What is the eligibility criterion for the farm household support? Can farm families with an off-farm income receive the support?</p> <p>9) What examples of social support services will be provided? How will coordinate them?</p> <p>10) Other measures as part of the drought reform program include a national approach to farm business training; and tools and technologies to inform farmer decision making. Explain how each of these measures will work. Is there any cost to the farmer to do the training, and accessing the 'tools and technologies'? If so, what is the cost and will they be reimbursed?</p> <p>11) The website states governments are working with the relevant Industry Skills Council, AgriFood Skills Australia, and key members of the farming and training sectors to develop the new skill set for farm business training, and that it will include public consultation. How will the public be consulted?</p> <p>12) The website states, aside from consulting with the</p>		
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				<p>NFF and other peak farmer organisations as part of the drought policy review, there was extensive public consultation. How was the public consulted? Will there be extensive consultation in regional areas across the states?</p> <p>13) Can you confirm if funding, and how much, was redirected from the Caring for our Country program over five years to fund the Farm Household Allowance?</p> <p>14) How will the redirection of funding from the Caring for Our Country program impact programs and research for sustainable land management, soil research, weed and pest management, and in providing analysis and advice on water reform which are all listed as Deliverables in the DAFF Budget Statement (pg 34)? Can you stipulate which of these programs will still be fully delivered and effective?</p> <p>15) Will there be consequent job losses as a result for redirecting the Caring for our Country funding? If so, how many? How will this impact local Landcare groups?</p> <p>16) DAFF Budget Statement, under Drought Programs – Key Performance Indicators (pg 60), “claims for interim income support and Exceptional Circumstances relief payments will be processed within 42 days”. What’s the earliest these claims will be processed given the obvious urgent need for this assistance by struggling farming families?</p>		
126	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Empty Desk Cost	<p>Senator COLBECK: It has been indicated to me that the cost of an empty desk fully kitted is about \$16,000 a year for floor space, computer and all of that sort of stuff. Do you have a costing on it?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: Mr Schaeffer might be able to help us.</p>	11 27/05/2013	

				Mr Schaeffer: That is about right but I might have to take that on notice to get the detail of that costing.		
127	Finance and Business Support Division	Heffernan	Building Lease Costs	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I believe that it is something like that. Take that on notice. I will be quick. I met some people the other day in real estate, Mr Metcalfe, not referring to the department, who were telling me what a great opportunity some of the real estate in Canberra has been. They bought a building and leased it back to the government. They have paid it off in three years. Can you put on notice for us the lease that you pay per square metre—can you detail that? That seems to me, as it would to everyone, to be bloody red-hot.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: Are we talking about the ACT, Senator? We have hundreds of buildings because we are in all sorts of locations.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: The ACT for a start, yes. I have just been through a rigmarole in Sydney—and if you do not use your head you can get done. To pay a building off through the generosity of the taxpayer in three years is red-hot.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: It sounds like they have done very well. I have said earlier that the department is looking to reduce its overall space in Canberra. The question is how you can clear floors out and then make them available in buildings, and that is something that we are actively doing right at the moment.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I would be interested in not only the growth but also down to the square metre.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: I will take that on notice.</p>	18 27/05/2013	
128	Finance and Business Support Division	Rhiannon	ODA Funding	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, Minister. It is from Minister Carr's budget statement this year, page 132 under aid administered by other government departments. It has a section there about DAFF coming at \$10.2 million and lists those various programs. What I am just trying to understand is how much money goes to each of those programs that Senator Carr has identified and does it go on anything else?</p>	39 27/05/2013	

				<p>Mr Metcalfe: Could we check on that and come back to you during the course of the hearings. I am sure that we will be able to find more detail about that information. When I was in Jakarta recently I was briefed to visit with our staff working on the infectious diseases program where we work in Indonesia. That essentially is an early warning system to detect diseases such as rabies or foot and mouth disease. It was through Australian efforts that foot and mouth disease was originally eradicated from Indonesia. I think it is that type of program, but we will look at the specifics of the announcement from the foreign minister and we will come back to you with detail about it.</p>		
129	Finance and Business Support	Colbeck	Corporate Expense Allocation	<p>Senator COLBECK: What does corporate expense allocation mean and why is it increasing by nearly 12 per cent to over \$76.5 million in 2012-13?</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: I think the figure that you have there is a combination of corporate overhead and program overhead. It includes costs such as HR, finance and those sorts of things, but would also include things like the Detector Dog Program, audit and inspection, and the costs of ICON, for example.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: This is in question 120, so that you know what I am looking at, which is probably the one that Mr Chapman started off with.</p> <p>Ms Mellor: Probably.</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: We can take that on notice. Just looking at that figure, that is a combination of not only what we would deem traditional corporate overhead but also the program overhead within the program itself.</p>	63 27/05/2013	
130	Finance and Business Support	Colbeck	Corporate Expense Allocation	<p>Senator COLBECK: So, despite the adjustments and the changes in fees, we are still looking at an \$11 million shortfall next year based on that?</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: There was no adjustment to the fees in this program.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: When is that cycle due?</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: At this stage we are working through an</p>	63 27/05/2013	

				<p>internal review to settle the timing, but the cost recovery impact statement has actually expired.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: When are we expecting to finalise that?</p> <p>Mr Schaeffer: I will have to take that on notice.</p>		
131	Finance and Business Support Division	Ruston	Levies	Will the Minister please provide copies of the Levies Revenue Service (LRS) Report to Stakeholders for the 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years?	Written	
132	Finance and Business Support Division	Ruston	Levies	If the Levies Revenue Service Reports to Stakeholders for the 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years are not available, could the Minister please advise why? If they are available, could the Minister advise why these have not been published online as with previous reports?	Written	
133	Finance and Business Support Division	Ruston	Levies	Will the Minister please advise the total levies collected by the Levies Revenue Service from Australian horticultural industries (broken down by commodity) in the 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years, and the total administration costs incurred by DAFF and/or the LRS in the collection and distribution of these levies in those financial years?	Written	
134	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Reform of Australia's Export Certification Scheme	<p>Why doesn't the government investigate the sorts of assistance offered to our competitors when establishing things like export fees and charges?</p> <p>Does the government do any assessment of the business impact of increasing fees and charges? If so please explain.</p>	Written	
135	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Registration Fees	Why isn't it possible for different DAFF registration fees to be combined? i.e Meat, Dairy and QAP registrations on the same premises?	Written	
136	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Office locations	<p>What is licence fee for leased properties and how is this different from rent?</p> <p>In October 2012 we asked for details of rent payments</p>	Written	

				for all leased properties. Can you now provided details of rent payments, licence fees and any other monies paid for the lease of properties by DAFF.		
137	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	“Paused Grant Program”	What are the practical implications of cutting \$64K from International Agricultural Cooperation and \$100K from Plant Biosecurity and Response reform?	Written	
138	Finance and Business Support Division	Colbeck	Hospitality Spend	<p>What is the Department’s hospitality spend since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister/Parl Sec’s office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written	
139	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Public Service efficiencies	<p>Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p>	Written	
140	Finance and Business Support	Heffernan	Public Service efficiencies	Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward	Written	

	Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies			<p>estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>		
141	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Printing costs	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	
142	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	

				<p>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 all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>		
143	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's</p>	Written	

				<p>planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>		
144	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Program Launch Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	
145	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Consultancies	<p>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>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</p>	Written	

				above, and the name of the consultant if known.		
146	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written	
147	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>Who has access?</p> <p>Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of</p>	Written	

				<p>coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>Who has access?</p> <p>Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>		
148	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). ii. Has the department/agency 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). iii. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR 	Written	

				<p>Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>iv. Has the department/agency 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>v. Has the department/agency 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>vi. Has the department/agency 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>vii. Has the department/agency 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>viii. Has the department/agency 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>ix. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>x. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>		
149	Finance and Business Support	Heffernan	Grants	Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this	Written	

	Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies			<p>financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>		
150	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	
151	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Stationery requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written	
152	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written	

				<p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 		
153	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Travel Costs	<p>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).</p> <p>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). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p>	Written	

				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>		
154	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Legal costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	
155	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u>	Heffernan	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	

	portfolio agencies			<p>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.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>		
156	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Corporate Cars	<p>How cars are owned by each department/agency? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	
157	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	
158	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Hire Cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	
159	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>Please update details of the following?</p> <p>iii. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p>	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. How is corporate credit card use monitored? v. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? vi. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. vii. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 		
160	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Electricity Purchasing	<p>What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	
161	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? 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	
162	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Office Locations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	Written	

163	Finance and Business Support Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Alternative Policy Costings	Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.	Written	
164	Food Division	Colbeck	Cold Stores	<p>Mr Read: I do not quite get the question. Twenty-eight establishments have been approved for listing by CNCA. We were required to provide and furnish information back to AQSIQ in China in regard to those cold stores. That information has been provided. We are now waiting for advice from AQSIQ in terms of the listing of those cold stores.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: But have any of those cold stores handed in their certification that you are aware of?</p> <p>Mr Read: Do you mean export registration?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes. My information is that eight of them have.</p> <p>Mr Read: I am not aware of that. I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: They have either handed back their licence or closed, and the rationale for that is the new fees. If you don't know you don't know. That is fine.</p> <p>Mr Read: We have furnished responses to 28 plants back to AQSIQ. It would surprise me if eight of them are closed, but we will take that question on notice and clarify it.</p>	97 27/05/2013	
165	Food Division	Back	Export Certification	<p>Senator BACK: I will acknowledge the role of the department in assisting with the movement of many of those 63, except to say—and I hope you will also accept this—that in some ways the department could have acted more expeditiously and promptly in assisting that process. But I will acknowledge the role of the department in assisting that process. I just urge that it</p>	99 27/05/2013	

				<p>could happen more expeditiously. So you will provide to us, on notice, your understanding of the fate of the balance of them? As you say, some of them are Indonesian owned, but I am interested in—</p> <p>Mr Read: Sorry, Senator: I will provide on notice what we know that we issued certificates for.</p>		
166	Food Division	Back	Export Certification	<p>Senator BACK: That is correct. But what I am anxious to know is, of those for which you were responsible for certification, what proportion of them, if any, eventually failed in the certification process as a result, for example, not maintaining frozen temperatures et cetera. I am not suggesting the department had any involvement. I just want to know, if possible, what the fate of them was in terms of the product integrity and the proportion of them that did not actually get sold—of those that you were responsible for re-certification.</p> <p>Mr Read: I am unaware of any particular problems with the ones that we were responsible for. But, again, we can provide advice on any deviation from that to you.</p>	99 27/05/2013	
167	Food Division	Colbeck	Coldstores	<p>The minister recently said that China had accredited 28 cold stores for export access to China. Have any of those shut or handed their licences back that you are aware of? Who are those 28?</p>	Written	
168	Food Division	Colbeck	Coldstores	<p>Mr Read from DAFF said in Senate estimates 27 May 2013 to Senator Colbeck that water testing on non-EU cold stores is now reduced from 4 tests per year to 1. From when is this applicable?</p>	Written	
169	Food Division	Rhiannon	Horse Meat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many tonnes of horse meat were produced in Australia in 2011 and in 2012? 2. In Australia, how much horse meat is produced for the following market categories: the pet food industry, human consumption, and any other category such as tallow, hides, etc? 3. How much of each category is exported and how much of each category is for the domestic market? 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. How many abattoirs and how many knackeries in Australia process horse meat and where are they located? 5. Of these abattoirs and knackeries how many export horse meat overseas and to which countries? 6. What quantity of horse meat is exported to each country? 7. What abattoirs and knackeries export horse meat overseas? 8. Does Australia DNA test imported meats to ensure it is true to label, and if so how regularly are these tests scheduled, and what percentage of imported meat is tested? 9. Of the total number of horses slaughtered what is the ratio of feral versus domestic horses? 10. How has the horse meat scandal in Europe affected the Australian horse meat market? 11. Has the government responded by undertaking more DNA testing of imported meats? 12. Has the government upgraded the labelling of horse meat exported from Australia? 13. Any other actions that the government has taken? 		
170	Governance Division	Macdonald	Disaster Recovery and Relief	Has the department maintained a register of the LGAs who have received assistance in rural areas?	Written	
171	Governance Division	Macdonald	Disaster Recovery and Relief	Has the department maintained a register of the producers who have received assistance in rural areas?	Written	
172	Governance Division	Macdonald	Disaster Recovery and Relief	Does the department have information regarding the number of rural and farm businesses that have received NDRRA and/or AGDRP funding assistance?	Written	
173	Governance Division	Macdonald	Event Management	<p>How many events were conducted by the department in 2011/12?</p> <p>What was the total cost (outsourced or otherwise) of</p>	Written	

				<p>these events?</p> <p>How many Departmental person-hours were dedicated to these events?</p> <p>How many Departmental person-hours have been dedicated to the events staged in 2012/13?</p> <p>Is the cost (opportunity-cost) to the Department of these hours built into the \$867,285.70 (or \$66,714.23 / event) figure provided at last estimates or does that figure only relate to subcontractors?</p>		
174	Governance Division	Colbeck	Communications and Advertising	Why is 67% of communications and advertising expenditure on climate change (carbon farming futures) and only 9% spent on agricultural productivity?	Written	
175	Governance Division	Colbeck	Border Security TV program	<p>What involvement does DAFF have with the Border Security television program?</p> <p>Does anyone from the government get involved with post production editing or comments on Border security before it goes to air?</p> <p>What is the relationship with Channel Seven regarding access to inspection staff? Is there any payment for access?</p>	Written	
176	Governance Division	Colbeck	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office in the 2009/10 financial year?</p> <p>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in the 2009/10 financial year?</p>	Written	

177	Governance Division	Colbeck	Electoral Reports	<p>Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?</p> <p>Has the Department been asked to prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2013 election? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide a copy of latest reports.</p> <p>Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?</p>	Written	
178	Governance Division	Colbeck	Advertising and Marketing	<p>How much has the Department and portfolio agencies spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? Please justify this expenditure.</p> <p>Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts? Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.</p> <p>What communications programs have the Department and portfolio agencies undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? For each program, what is the total spend?</p> <p>Does the department have any planned budget expenditure for promotion between now and the election? Given the Food plan announcements on the weekend will there be any promotion related to this?</p>	Written	
179	Governance Division	Macdonald	Disaster Recovery and Relief	<p>In answer to Additional Estimates February 2013 Question on Notice 165 (proof Hansard p.31) regarding disaster recovery and relief, the department has indicated that it provides information regarding pre-impact conditions.</p> <p>The department has also indicated a range of disaster</p>	Written	

				<p>relief measures that are available to levy-payers who have been impacted by fires and floods.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department maintained a register of the LGAs who have received assistance in rural areas? Which LGAs have received assistance? 2. Has the department maintained a register of the primary producers who have received assistance in rural areas? 3. Can the Department advise the number of rural and farm businesses that have received NDRRA and/or AGDRP funding assistance? 4. What on-going services are being offered by the department to assist primary producers in the financial/productivity recovery following natural disasters? 5. Can the Department advise how many small business operators in rural and remote areas have received assistance under the same relief package? 		
180	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p>	Written	

				<p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>		
181	Governance Division	Heffernan	Board Appointments	<p>Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Written	
182	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department 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?</p>	Written	

183	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	
184	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many Reviews are being undertaken? ii. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? iii. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? iv. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? v. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? vi. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What reviews are planned? vii. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written	
185	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Media Monitoring	<p>What is 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?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Which agency or agencies provided these services? ii. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? 	Written	

				<p>iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>iii. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p>		
186	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Social Media	<p>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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>i. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>ii. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>iii. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written	
187	Governance Division and <u>all</u>	Heffernan	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial	Written	

	portfolio agencies			<p>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? ii. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 		
188	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. 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) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total amount spent on the service d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 	Written	

				<p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 		
189	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. b. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. c. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? 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	
190	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How are briefings requests commissioned? ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. iii. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. iv. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. v. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How are briefings requests commissioned? ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. iii. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. iv. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. v. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. vi. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? 		
191	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written	

192	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. By Department or agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written	
193	Governance Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Pre-election appointments	Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.	Written	
194	Governance Division/Interim Inspector General of Biosecurity	Heffernan	Reports	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: How do you measure an outcome for yourself and your four offsidars?</p> <p>Dr Dunn: An outcome I think is the report, which shows that there has been an examination of the system, findings on where there are weaknesses in that and some appropriate recommendations, where necessary, that are both implementable and reasonable.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Through you, Minister: are we</p>	19 27/05/2013	

				<p>as a committee able to get one of these reports and just see what that—what you just said—really means?</p> <p>Dr Dunn: My reports are published on the internet, as we have discussed before.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: You might just table it.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: We are happy to table the last couple.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I would be interested to see this postal one. Back to you, Senator Back.</p>		
195	Governance Division / Interim Inspector General of Biosecurity	Heffernan	ligb Achievements	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Would you like to summarise your biggest achievements in your role and give it to us on notice? It is a great curiosity and I think information takes away worry.</p> <p>Dr Dunn: I would be happy to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	20 27/05/2013	
196	Information Services Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	
197	Information Services Division	Heffernan	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency</p>	Written	

				<p>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.</p> <p>Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>		
198	Live Animal Exports Division	Boswell	Livestock Export Market Protocols	<p>Mr Glyde: Senator, I understand the urgency. We understand the importance of opening up new markets and we understand the importance of making sure that those new markets will be able to meet the standards of the MOU and also ESCAS. There are a number of things that are required in order for trade to occur. First of all, there is an MOU to govern the health arrangements and the off-loading arrangements. The second is ESCAS, a supply chain assurance system, where an exporter can bring that forward. The third is that it has to be commercially viable. In order to ensure the long-run sustainability of the trade it really is important that our MOUs are reflective of the current circumstances we are in. We had an experience last year where an MOU did not work in the case of Bahrain, so that has caused us to think again. We do not want to have another animal welfare incident because an MOU ceased to exist. It is important for the long running of the industry for us to make sure that these MOUs are able to handle the circumstances that we now find ourselves in. We understand the significance and the urgency of getting these markets established and new arrangements put in place, and we are working as quickly as we can. There has been a process, which I am not sure if you are aware of where—</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: Can I just interrupt you, Mr Glyde? How many of these protocols have to be</p>	36 27/05/2013	

				<p>finalised?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: There are a number, as I have just read through.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: How long have they been on the table to be finalised?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I would have to take that on notice, and I would put one further point, Senator that negotiating MOUs also requires the cooperation and assistance of the other country to which we are exporting. The history of negotiating MOUs is usually quite drawn out particularly for new markets. It is not just an issue of DAFF having complete responsibility for this. We have to also come to agreements with the countries that we are seeking to export to. If I could just add one more point. There is a process that has been going on in terms of this review and the results of that review are currently being discussed with the industry. We have some feedback from the industry about the nature of the directions we might take with the MOUs and we are currently considering that.</p>		
199	Live Animal Exports Division	Boswell	Signing Of Last Mou/Health Protocol	<p>Senator BOSWELL: When was the last protocol signed?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Are you talking a memorandum of understanding or a health protocol?</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: Yes, both. When was the last agreement signed that we could export cattle?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I might ask Ms Evans.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Perhaps we could take that on notice. We are going to move to another senator for questions as soon as you complete your answer.</p>	37 27/05/2013	
200	Live Animal Export Division	Rhiannon	Live Animal Issues	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, Chair. I have some questions about the health of animals that are being moved through Australia for the live export trade. Have you received any complaints or concerns raised about instances of the overloading of animals on trucks, or when one level falls down onto another level and legs are broken, or any of the health issues in getting the animals</p>	38-39 27/05/2013	

				<p>to the port on the road transport?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I could perhaps start an answer on that. I have received emails from groups associated with loading at the Fremantle port that go to some issues with the claims being that there are some issues with whether or not the animals have been transported consistent with the Land Transport Standards. In terms of getting a complete and full answer to your question we probably have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Sheep or cows?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Sheep are the ones I have received.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: So we have had a collapsed deck, have we?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I am just saying I have received.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: That does happen.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Chair, can the witness be allowed to answer the question, please?</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Yes, if Senator Heffernan can refrain from interjections that would be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I do not have anything more to add to the original answer. I do not know whether or not anyone else has got anything more. If you want the specifics of what we have received we can provide that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Is there any more detail? Could you take on notice what details you have received and how you are responding, how you are managing it? So as far as you know to date it is only concerning sheep going into Fremantle?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: No, sorry, I was just saying that was my personal experience of information I have received, emails I have received from the various groups that operate around the Fremantle port. I would have to check the record to establish whether or not there have been other things that have been brought to DAFF's attention.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When these issues are brought to your attention, what do you do to address the problem?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: In principle with any of these live animal issues it really comes down to making sure that it is being</p>		
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				<p>dealt with by the jurisdiction that has responsibility for those particular aspects. As both the minister and the secretary have already pointed out, the responsibility for animal welfare largely does lie with the state and territory governments. We would make sure that the information that we received would be referred to the relevant authorities. Obviously in issues to do with ESCAS, et cetera, we are the competent authority and we would deal with those through the investigations process that is outlined on our website.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: In terms of what you are taking on notice, could you also include, if you have received complaints, who it has been referred to and any follow up you have done with the state jurisdictions?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Sure.</p>		
201	Live Animal Exports Division	Rhiannon	ESCAS	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Which countries fall within the ESCAS framework and for what animals?</p>	41 27/05/2013	
202	Live Animal Exports Division	Back	Live Animal Exports To Egypt/Hormone Implants	<p>Senator BACK: Is it the case that Egypt under its import provisions required that the hormone implants not be in the ears of Australian cattle, or were they silent on that?</p> <p>Ms Irwin: I would have to check the details.</p>	42 27/05/2013	
203	Live Animal Exports Division	Rhiannon	Live Exports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current state of Australia's live export trade in terms of export income? 2. Has there been a reduction in export income and if so what do you attribute the change to? 3. Is there an increase in live export trade or a decrease? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the trade in terms of increased or decreased competition varies between overseas markets please list which markets Australia's live exports are experiencing increased competition and which ones decreased competition? 4. What is the government's assessment of the Indonesian government's goal to reach 90 per cent self-sufficiency in beef production by 2014? What impact will this have on Australia's live export trade to that country? What advice is the government 	Written	

				<p>providing to Australian pastoralists and farmers to manage their cattle stock in response to the Indonesian government plans that if realised will result in a large reduction in the live export trade to Indonesia?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Have you received complaints about the overloading of animals on trucks, or the collapsing of levels within the trucks or any other animal health and welfare issues associated with road transporting animals to port? 6. When you receive such complaints what body are the complaints referred to? Do you undertake any follow up? 7. Which countries fall within the ESCAS framework and for what animals? 8. Please list all the countries Australia exports live animals to, which species are exported there, is the purpose for meat consumption, breeding stock or some other reason, which countries come under the ESCAS framework and what animals does this framework cover for exports to each country in this list? 9. Please give details of all current reported breaches of ESCAS in overseas markets that are under investigation. 10. Please give details of , and recently completed investigations in Pakistan, Egypt, Mauritius, Israel, Kuwait, Qatar, Indonesia, Turkey, and Malaysia including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When were the incidents reported? b. When did the investigation commence? c. When do you expect the investigation will conclude? d. Which incidents have not yet had investigations initiated and why has the investigation not commenced? e. Expected end dates? 		
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204	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Unplanned Absences Cost	<p>Senator COLBECK: Just on the same topic, at the last estimates in question on notice No. 200 you told us that the financial costs in base salaries of the department due to unplanned absences for the 2000-12 financial year was \$17.6 million. Does that include superannuation costs?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: Base salary, Senator.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Base salary—so it does not include super?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: No.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So there would be additional costs on top of that? Is any of that cost recovered?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: The cost of the employees are part cost recovered and part appropriation. So the same patterns would apply.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give us a sense of what proportion of that \$17.6 million is cost recovered?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: I could, Senator. We would have to look at the breakdown of the staff and that might be part of the modelling that we could do on the usage of leave vis-a-vis the cost recovered staff versus the appropriation staff.</p>	10 27/05/2013	
205	People and Service Delivery Division	Heffernan	Sick Leave	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: If the median and the mean sick leave are evened up, is that a two per cent saving in overall budget?</p> <p>Ms O'Brien: I would have to take that one on notice, Senator.</p>	18 27/05/2013	
206	People and Service Delivery Division	Colbeck	Staffing levels	<p>There has been a reduction in funding in the Department and a reduction in staffing. In what areas will there be staffing reductions? E.g. Forestry, Horticulture, wool, grain, dairy, meat and livestock, rural programs, quarantine export</p> <p>Which of the divisions in Quarantine Operations are cost recovered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cargo and Shipping? 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Industry Arrangements and Performance? ○ Passengers and Mail? <p>The number of staff has risen most dramatically in Cargo and Shipping – what have been the drivers for this?</p>		
207	People and Service Delivery Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	
208	People and Service Delivery Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Staffing	<p>How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written	

209	People and Service Delivery Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Graduate Recruitment	<p>Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p>	Written	
210	People and Service Delivery Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Education expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. 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 the department/agency.</p>	Written	
211	People and Service Delivery Division and <u>all</u> portfolio agencies	Heffernan	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. 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) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written	

				<p>service and their employment classification</p> <p>5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>ii. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>		
212	Post Entry Quarantine Division	Acting Chair	Post Entry Quarantine/Mickleham	<p>Senator COLBECK: The proposal is to put a track there that anybody could use, including galloping, if they wanted to. From the design layouts I have had a look at, you could make the compound a little bit larger, extend the fences and have the facility as part of one of the compounds. It is not a difficult proposition. I am happy to table that if necessary.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Perhaps if you can take on notice. We will suspend given that our hardworking Hansard staff need a break. You can perhaps answer after we come back.</p>	68 27/05/2013	
213	Post Entry Quarantine Division	Colbeck	Industry Meeting- Harness Racing Australia	As discussed on Monday 28 th 2013 at estimates with Senator Colbeck and Dr Grant, has a meeting been held with HRA and the rest of the industry? If so, when was	Written	

				this and what was the outcome?		
214	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Ruston	Noncompliance Incident	<p>Senator RUSTON: Without naming them—in this particular situation that I am referring to, on 21 March the company received a letter from AFMA saying, 'After careful consideration of the facts there will be no further action taken against the company on this matter.' Then on 11 April the company received another letter which advised them that criminal investigations had commenced. So there is some level of confusion in a two-week space of time. They have gone from no further investigation to a criminal action, and that was the first time they had heard of a criminal action. Could you explain how something like that can happen?</p> <p>Mr Venslovas: I would like to take that on notice to get to the bottom of the facts there in relation to that particular incident. As I mentioned before, I am unaware of the particular circumstances of that incident. But we will be able to provide something on notice.</p>	19 28/05/2013	
215	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Macdonald	Foreign fishing vessel incursions	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So you are not aware of any foreign fishing vessel incursions into any of the Australian fishing zones in the north-east of Queensland in recent times?</p> <p>Mr Venslovas: In recent times, I would say no.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: When was the last reported illegal event?</p> <p>Mr Venslovas: I would have to check our records, but it would be at least a couple of years ago if not longer.</p>	26-27 28/05/2013	
216	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management	Macdonald	North-Eastern Sector Patrols	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you on notice, or does it give away something, tell me how many patrols have been made in that area of the world, say, in the last 12 months, or does that give away what your assessment is?</p> <p>Mr Venslovas: I would have defer to the Border</p>	27 28/05/2013	

	Authority			<p>Protection Command on that question.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. Well could you put that to them? If they could tell me, could you give that to me on notice? If they, for operation reasons, do not want to, I obviously understand.</p> <p>Mr Venslovas: Yes, all right.</p>		
217	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Draft Ombudsman's Report	<p>Senator COLBECK: My understanding is that you have a draft Ombudsman's report; can you give me the status of that?</p> <p>Dr J Findlay: I am not aware that we have got a draft Ombudsman's report. I certainly do not have a copy of that. I would have to take it on notice and check for you, but I am not aware of that.</p>	29 28/05/2013	
218	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	AFMA FOI	<p>Senator COLBECK: Minister, have you made any comment or statement around this particular issue?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: They are FOI matters and AFMA is handling it very well.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I mean not so much the issue of the release of the photographs, I am talking about the actual facts around the fishery, the management changes that have been made to the fishery and the actual impact in the fishery of those management changes in support of what our fisheries management system is doing. Have lent your weight in respect of advocacy towards those sorts of things?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I will check with the records. We might have been asked to comment on particular issues, but I would have taken advice from the department and AFMA as to what I said.</p>	32 28/05/2013	
219	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	SPF Research Between 2008 And 2012	<p>Senator COLBECK: Do we know how much research went on in the SPF between 2008 and 2012?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I know that there were some projects undertaken, but off the top of my head I would have to take that on notice.</p>	36 28/05/2013	

220	Sustainable Resource Management / Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Stereo-Video System Contract	<p>Senator COLBECK: In respect of the automation of the stereo-video system can you tell me where that is at? My understanding is that there is a three-year contract with the University of Western Australia which started in July last year and will take three years to complete. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr J Findlay: That is still the case, yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give us the status of the contract and the process?</p> <p>Dr J Findlay: I am actually meeting with a couple of proponents on 29 May, so at this stage I am not in a position to give you an update, but I will be happy to do it next estimates or on notice.</p>	38-39 28/05/2013	
221	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	CDDA Claim	<p>Has AFMA now received something from the Ombudsman?</p> <p>When do you expect to respond to the Ombudsman?</p>	Written	
222	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Carrying forward of the levy debt in the SPF Fishery	<p>You have said that any levy under recovery is carried forward in that fishery. What happens if the \$124K expected to be recovered from the SPF in 2012-13 isn't recovered?</p> <p>Will this result in a levy increase in a fishery that hasn't been fished because of government intervention?</p> <p>How will the SPF research plan be funded if no levies?</p>	Written	
223	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	SESSF levy fluctuations	<p>Is there an Industry Equalisation Reserve or similar in AFMA?</p> <p>Please provide an update on the investigation into the granting of SFRs in the ETBF.</p> <p>If there is one – how can the massive swings in levy give</p>	Written	

				fishers any sort of confidence that their access rights are being well managed?		
224	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Colbeck	Refugee Boats sunk in Southern Bluefin Tuna spawning ground	<p>What evidence does AFMA have that the impact on the SBT spawning ground from sinking of refugee boats?</p> <p>What assessment has been undertaken into the impacts of the sinking of illegal refugee vessels in the waters off Christmas Island?</p> <p>What level of certainty does AFMA have of the potential impact of this action on SBT stocks?</p>	Written	
225	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Siewert/Colbeck	Super Trawler Ban	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to confirm the date in 2014 when the current super trawler ban ends. Is that the end and what happens after that date?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: The procedure in place is that the investigation by the expert panel takes place. I think the declaration under the EPBC Act is the review that they can take up until then or sooner. So, it may actually be somewhat quicker than that. As we discussed earlier today, the process has just started. I am just checking the date. I think the date you provided sounded about right to me.</p> <p>Dr J Findlay: It is 19 November for the declaration for fishing activity and 26 April for the free-to-vessel activity.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So, 19 November for 2014. What was the April date?</p> <p>Dr J Findlay: It will be 26 April 2015.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: There are two scenarios and you have already outlined one which is that they report earlier, potentially?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Possibly.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Possibly. What happens if they do</p>	42-43 28/05/2013	

			<p>not report by those dates, if there is no action before those dates?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I would have to take that one on notice. I think it would be one that we would need to check with SEWPaC. But my understanding of the construction of the legislation is that the requirement is that that review be undertaken by that date and, if it is not completed by that date, that declaration lapses. But whether that is the actual thing is another matter, because other declarations could be made for other reasons or something of that sort. So I would prefer to take the detail of that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could. So, if there is no action taken and the declaration is not renewed, it goes back to the status quo from before the process was put in place. Would that be a correct interpretation?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: It could be. I would prefer to take that on notice, because the other thing that comes into play is that the actual amendment to the EPBC Act is sunsetted as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is it possible to make a new declaration? That would be the question.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And does that mean that the boat can come back?</p> <p>Mr Tucker: We can take that on notice, but SEWPaC are the administering department for that legislation, so it would probably be best if you could direct your questions to them.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes... I will ask SEWPaC, but could you also take it on notice to go through those timelines—so what is the scenario when the sunset clause kicks in, and when the other deadlines kick in, and what happens if the review is not completed, or the process is not complete. Does that mean automatically that the boat can come back?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We will take that on notice.</p>	
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226	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Siewert	Administration Costs	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. In terms of the administration of the new division, can you take on notice an update on the figures for the administration costs. Obviously you can only give me yours, I would presume, and I will have to ask SEWPaC for theirs. Has there been or will there be any increase in the administration costs? This seems like a very confusing approach, to put it mildly.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Unless Michelle Lauder has it to hand, we could certainly take on notice the number. But, from a Commonwealth point of view, the amount we spend on administration is no more—in fact, at least from our portfolio's point of view, it is less—than we spent last year, because we are automating quite a number of the reporting processes and streamlining some of the assessment processes. So, from a government point of view, we will be spending less on administration. What we are trying to do is ensure—through things like electronic reporting, simplified contract provision and prepopulated report templates—that we also keep the administration down for the regional bodies as well. From their point of view, they should be seeing one body administering their funds, and from our point of view we will have a couple of sets of people looking into it, but there always was a team of three or four people looking at one state or one region anyway, so that has not changed in reality.</p>	45 28/05/2013	
227	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Acting Chair	Camels	<p>ACTING CHAIR: I have read reports recently that the \$70 levy was withdrawn in the APY lands, particularly. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Lauder: No, not really.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: It was in <i>The Australian</i> supplement.</p> <p>Ms Lauder: It could be the fact that the funding that we provide finishes this year, so if that funding is coming from the project that the Australian government is funding, that would be why. This 135,000 camels is over four years, not five, because it has been a four-year project.</p>	56-57 28/05/2013	

				<p>ACTING CHAIR: Could I ask that question on notice, the levy that has been recently reported in the media in respect to the APY lands where they are mustering and sending camels to Peterborough is in jeopardy because of the withdrawal of that levy? Could I get someone to tell me where that rests?</p> <p>Mr Tucker: We will take that on notice. Just to make it clear, our program does not input a bounty, so it may be a state program.</p> <p>Ms Lauder: No.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Thank you.</p>		
228	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Edwards	Camels	<p>Senator EDWARDS: So, is there no biological or other control method; no herd control method. What you just said sounded very important but I am not sure what you actually meant.</p> <p>Ms Lauder: So, additional camels culled—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: You have been able to destroy 115,000 over four years—</p> <p>Ms Lauder: It is 135,000, yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Apologies, 135,000 over four years. How many more are you going to cull in six months?</p> <p>Ms Lauder: To tell you the truth I cannot remember. We can take that on notice.</p>	57 28/05/2013	
229	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Siewert	Caring For Our Country (Cfoc)	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes. I am trying to get to the bottom of what is being funded out of Caring for our Country. I have been next door and found out what is coming out of there. With the Tasmanian Forest Agreement I understand that \$94.5 million is coming out of Caring for our Country. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I could not answer that question. We would have to take that one on notice.</p>	64 28/05/2013	
230	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Budget Papers Provision for the Tasmanian Forest Agreements & drought	<p>Senator COLBECK: In terms of our understanding of the budget papers that is the provision for the Tasmanian Forest Agreements for the budget papers and for this department in terms of drought reform for Caring for our</p>	66 28/05/2013	

			reform for Caring for our Country	<p>Country.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: So that we do not give you the run-around we will take it on notice for this portfolio and direct you obviously to SEWPaC in a reasonable way. So, when we come back to answer our questions we will say whether we are wrong or right in the sense of whether it is in this portfolio or not in this portfolio. To that extent, you can ask SEWPaC whether it is in their portfolio budget statement.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p>		
231	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Colbeck	Marine Parks- Transitional Business Assistance	<p>How is the Transitional Business Assistance program development progressing?</p> <p>Is the program being run by SEWPaC?</p> <p>Is any assistance being provided by DAFF?</p> <p>What knowledge of industry does SEWPaC have?</p>	Written	
232	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Macdonald	Commonwealth Marine Reserves	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department indicate if it has assessed the number of commercial fishers who will be displaced by the Commonwealth Marine Reserves coming into effect? 2. Can the department provide data on the projected impact on fisheries catch? What is the projected reduction in catch that is anticipated by the re-zoning? 	Written	
233	Trade and Market Access Division	Macdonald	Performance Measures Of Overseas Counsellors	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: No; time is short, thank you. What performance measures are applied to the conduct of the counsellors?</p> <p>Ms Evans: The performance measures are really along the lines of market access maintenance and improvement. That is obviously sometimes a somewhat vague concept in that, if you look at market maintenance, it is often hard</p>	12 27/05/2013	

				<p>to see where we have achieved that work because it is a counterfactual—their work results in the continuation of the access as opposed to something new happening. So it is sometimes difficult to see the results in what you would normally call a key performance indicator. I would like to say we could absolutely list every single thing that they do like that but we do not. The kinds of things we ask them to look at in addition to maintaining and improving market access are how many times have they been in to represent Australia's interests with officials; how many delegations have they worked with, either incoming or outgoing—that kind of thing.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you, perhaps on notice because time is short...</p>		
234	Trade and Market Access Division	Macdonald	Progress And Success Of Counsellors In Jakarta	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you, perhaps on notice because time is short—you mentioned an incident. My final question is: what progress or success has occurred as a result of the work of the counsellors in Jakarta? You mentioned one incident with horticulture. The people raising this with me are in the beef cattle area. I am wondering if there is a way you have of identifying progress and successes that have occurred as a result of the work of the counsellors.</p> <p>Ms Evans: I am happy to take it on notice specifically for Indonesia and come back to you on that.</p>	12-13 27/05/2013	
235	Trade and Market Access Division	Heffernan	Guidelines On Facilitation	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you tell us—and you can take it on notice if you like—are these people given guidelines on facilitation and the discrimination between facilitation and bribery?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Before all of our counsellors, not just in Jakarta but all around the world, depart on their postings they go through quite comprehensive briefing which is very—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Do they report back?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I am not sure that I understand.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Anyone who is fair dinkum knows that if you go to Asia you can get a signature on</p>	13 27/05/2013	

			<p>anything if you pay the bloke enough money. I just wonder how we manage that in this instance.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: Australian law is very clear on the issue of offering improper payments. It is certainly not just an issue for the department; it is an issue for all of Australian industry.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: It is a bloody difficulty, I can tell you.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: Absolutely. I think it is fair to describe that in some markets issues are not as transparent as you would hope they would be here. We have to work in that environment but we are very clear on that point: it is simply something that cannot happen and we certainly would never get involved in that.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you provide the guidelines? There are obviously some international discussions going on as to how you define 'facilitation', which is giving an incentive to a government or an official to do his job more quickly, and a bribe, which is giving the same person money to do something he is not paid to do. It is a huge problem. I can take you through people who have been over there and been done over—like some of that stuff in the Middle East. It is bloody red-hot.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: The policy and legal ownership of this issue of course is bigger than agriculture. The department of foreign affairs are the people who manage that internationally for Australia. But we are very clear on what the Australian law is, and that is what we do. We cannot get involved in anything other than proper official negotiations in relation to trade and market access.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: The difficulty is, of course, as you would know—</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Senator Heffernan, I do not think we need to debate it; the issue is very clear and has been answered. I think we are moving to Senator Nash.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: It is pretty well impossible to get business done in some places over there if you do not pay them.</p>		
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236	Trade and Market Access Division	Macdonald	Russian Trade	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are the statistics on the Russian trade readily available?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I would have to take that on notice, but it is certainly the case that we have had shipments already accepted. The first shipment was successfully cleared on 25 February.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you have a feel of whether it is back to what it used to be, or is it just crawling?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I would not be able to tell you that tonight. I would have to take that on notice?</p>	122 28/05/2013	
237	Trade and Market Access Division	McKenzie	Timeline of when other departments will consider SPC Ardmona's request	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I understand that. My question was about the initial investigation done by the department of agriculture around this. As you said, 'There is obviously a bit of a case here. Let's send it forward.' What did that entail? What information did you base that decision on?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I can certainly say we will be providing all of the analysis that we were able to do within the department in the time frame. We will be providing that to the other departments for their consideration as well.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Great. Do you have a time line for when that will be provided to the other departments for their consideration?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I will have to double-check. If we have not already provided it we can provide it by tomorrow morning. But I would have thought we have had active discussions with all the departments already, so I would have thought they have already considered it.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Could you check on that and let us know in the next day or so whether that information has gone across?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Yes.</p>	124 28/05/2013	

238	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Previous Safeguards Timeline - Pigmeat	<p>Senator COLBECK: Mr Metcalfe, with the information that you are coming back to us on, Minister Ludwig was not aware of the timeframe for the Productivity Commission process around the previous claim. Could you give us that on notice, through the secretariat, please.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe: Yes. If we can find that out, we will pass that back through the secretariat as well.</p>	127 28/05/2013	Provided to Committee 31/05/2013
239	Trade and Market Access Division	Back	Travel	<p>Senator BACK: Would senior industry personnel travel with you, for example, if you were visiting another country to undertake these negotiations?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Certainly that is sometimes the case. Recently, for example, there was a trans-Pacific partnership negotiation in Peru, and we took a number of representatives from the National Farmers Federation with us on that negotiation. It is certainly a practice that we do use. I would have to take on notice whether that has occurred in China or not.</p>	129 28/05/2013	
240	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Program Funding	<p>Senator RHIANNON: So, that is a fair swag of the \$10.2 million. Perhaps you could run through how much of the remaining \$3.8 million goes on those other programs.</p> <p>Ms Evans: \$2.8 million is under the Improved Animal Welfare Program. Just to clarify, these are estimates of a future year, so they are not expended yet. There is a small amount—just \$20,000—for the emerging infectious diseases program, which is a very small part of that larger program. There is \$90,000 from the East Timor animal disease surveillance program. There is \$10,000 in the East Timor laboratory support project, which is something we have done under the Public Sector Linkages Program. There is \$230,000 under the Papua New Guinea animal disease surveillance and monitoring program. There is \$100,000 for a standard program, and I would have to check some details as to what it is specifically.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Would it be possible to table that</p>	133 28/05/2013	

				<p>piece of paper you have there?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Perhaps I could take on notice to give you something that is a little bit more legible. There are parts of it that I cannot read myself! So I will take it on notice and provide you with a summary.</p>		
241	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Overseas Development Assistance	<p>Senator RHIANNON: The OECD, in defining ODA, says that it must be primarily for 'the economic development and welfare of developing countries'. So, could you set out how the programs—and let's start with the bigger ones—benefit low-income countries? Take, say, the international agricultural cooperation program, which low-income countries is that benefiting?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Let me again just clarify that all the numbers I have read out to you are just shares; they are portions of these programs whereby we have isolated the parts of them that relate to exactly the goals you have just described. So, for the international agricultural cooperation program, I am not sure if I can come up with a specific example off the top of my head, but I am happy to take on notice to provide you with a list of the types of projects that have been done in ODA-eligible countries that meet the criteria, and that is the basis on which we do our assessment each year to make this report to AusAID.</p>	134 28/05/2013	
242	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Food Standards, MRL Levels	<p>Senator COLBECK: I want to ask a question around food standards in Japan, which I know is very sensitive for the Japanese, and the 'three strikes and you're out' process around MRLs, not just for the individual business that sends the product in but for us as a country. Have we had any conversations around that protocol? I understand it is theirs and it is their prerogative, but have we had any conversations around that and the impacts that it has on the broader industry for one particular breach?</p> <p>Ms Evans: We might need to take on notice the question around discussions we have had on the specific protocol, but maybe it is useful for you to know that we have a quite active engagement with Japan on MRLs. We have</p>	135 28/05/2013	

				<p>had a project running for quite a number of years, working with them to help set acceptable MRL levels. That has enabled us to have quite a good ongoing discussion around MRLs in the broad. Regarding specifically that protocol, we would have to take the question on notice to make sure we give you a complete answer.</p>		
243	Trade and Market Access Division	Nash	National Food Plan	<p><i>Page 88 National Food Plan</i></p> <p><i>Our Policy Goals to 2025</i></p> <p>1) To refer to 1.2 “Negotiate and implement regional and bilateral trade agreements that deliver significant benefits to Australia’s agriculture and food sectors,” What is the government’s five year plan to achieve better relationships with other countries when pertaining to bilateral trade agreements?</p> <p>2) To refer to the five year goal “Enhance relationships with trading partners particularly in Asia, to promote Australian interests and assist with resolving trade issues” Can you clarify for the committee what the governments five year goal will entail i.e. securing FTAs with Japan, South Korea and China etc.?</p> <p>3) In reference to the wording of “resolving trade issues” what are the government’s priorities in securing FTA’s in Asia i.e. what countries?</p>	Written	
244	Trade and Market Access Division	Nash	Agricultural Exports	<p>1) In reference to Agricultural commodities – vol. 3 no. 1 March quarter 2013 page 23 “The export value of livestock and livestock products is forecast to increase by 5.4 per cent in 2013–14 to \$15.2 billion.” Has that percentage and dollar value on livestock exports changed in any way since March?</p> <p>2) Page 25 in Agricultural commodities – vol. 3 no. 1 March quarter 2013 there is a forecast that beef and veal</p>	Written	

			<p>exports in 2013 – 14 would be worth \$4.72 billion is that figure still correct? Can you provide the committee with an updated figure on what beef and veal exports are worth for 2013- 14?</p> <p>3) Page 87 Agricultural commodities – vol. 3 no. 1 March quarter</p> <p><i>Because only one-third of production is consumed domestically, international demand for Australian beef and veal is a key driver of the direction of the beef cattle industry. In the short term, export volumes are forecast to increase by 3 per cent in 2012–13 to 975 000 tonnes (shipped weight) and a further 3 per cent in 2013–14 to 1 million tonnes. In 2013–14 Australian beef and veal export earnings are forecast to increase to \$4.72 billion, driven by expected higher export volumes.</i></p> <p><i>In the short term a mixed export performance is forecast for Australian beef and veal in the three largest markets (Japan, the United States and the Republic of Korea). In Japan, higher supplies of US beef and low growth in consumer demand is expected to contribute to a decline in demand for Australian beef. In the United States and the Republic of Korea, a forecast decline in domestic beef production is expected to result in increased demand for imported beef, including from Australia.</i></p> <p>Can you update the committee on beef exports to the Republic of Korea is demand still increasing for Australian beef in the light that Australia has not secured a free trade agreement with the Republic of Korea?</p> <p>4) Can you provide to the committee on recent percentage, dollar value and metric tonnes of beef exports to the Republic of Korea?</p> <p>5) How much has beef exports to South Korea changed since last estimates in February?</p>		
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				<p>As it states that in the short term Australian beef is expected to maintain the largest share of the Korean beef import market, can the department clarify what was the forecast of short term i.e. three months, 6 months, a year?</p> <p>10) Does Australia still maintain the largest share of the Korean beef import market?</p> <p>11) With the absence of a free trade agreement with South Korea because of governments bungled decision not to purchase Samsung Techwin's Land 17 self-propelled howitzers has the government made any progress of securing a free trade agreement with South Korea?</p> <p>12) What progress has the department and the Minister made in securing a free trade agreement with South Korea?</p> <p>13) Does the department know what is the delay in Australia and South Korea signing a free trade agreement is?</p> <p>14) Page 91 Agricultural commodities – vol. 3 no. 1 March quarter</p> <p><i>Australian beef and veal exports to the Republic of Korea are projected to increase gradually over the medium term, reflecting ongoing growth in Korean beef consumption. If Australian beef continues to be subject to a higher tariff than US beef, growth in exports to the Republic of Korea is likely to slow as US beef becomes more price competitive, particularly toward the end of the projection period</i></p> <p>Would this be still accurate that beef and veal exports to the Republic of Korea are projected to increase over the medium term?</p>		
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				15) Can you provide to the committee on percentage, dollar value and metric tonnes for beef exports to South Korea?		
245	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Korea FTA collapse	<p>What role has the Department played in the trade agreement with Korea?</p> <p>Given the high dollar, carbon tax and the high cost of doing business in Australia will the failure to sign a trade agreement decrease our competitiveness into that market and lead to loss in market share? If not, please explain the situation.</p>	Written	
246	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Canned Fruit	<p>Is the Government willing to apply a safeguard measure to protect against imported multi-serve fruit and canned tomato products that are placing local industries at risk? If not, why not?</p> <p>Is the Government prepared to apply provisional safeguards which can be granted by the responsible Minister without referring the matter to the Productivity Commission (PC) or other agency? If not, why not?</p> <p>Is the Government willing to refer any subsequent case for full safeguards to a body other than the PC, given that body's notorious opposition to tariffs and the fact that tariffs are the only measure that can be used under the WTO Safeguards Agreement, and tariffs or quotas are the only measure allowed for full safeguards? If not, why not?</p> <p>Is the Government aware that it can replace the PC as the responsible body for full safeguards inquiry at any time?</p> <p>When will the Government be giving SPCA and the people of the Goulburn Murray region its decision on the company's request for urgent action on safeguards?</p>	Written	

247	Trade and Market Access Division	Colbeck	Funding for International Agricultural Cooperation	In program 1.13 International Market Access the funding for the International Agricultural Cooperation increases by 600,000 dollars in 2015-16 budget year up from \$307,000 to \$919,000. Why is this so?	Written	
248	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Export kangaroo products	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role does the Trade & Market Access Division play in promoting markets for kangaroo meat and products? 2. Over the past five years what activities has the Trade & Market Access Division been involved in to promote and maintain kangaroo export markets? 3. Please supply details of the activities with dates, description of projects, partners in projects, countries, cost of project, outcomes. 4. For the countries that kangaroo meat is exported to have any governments of those countries questioned the health standards of the kangaroo meat they receive? 5. What are the Trade & Market Access Division's current priorities and planning to promote kangaroo meat exports? 6. Is the Trade & Market Access Division undertaking any activity in Russia to promote kangaroo meat exports to that country? 	Written	
249	Trade and market Division	Colbeck	Australian Food Statistics 2011-12 Report	<p>Has the government overlooked the issue of regulations in countries like China when addressing market access?</p> <p>Given that some of Australia's top export countries are Japan, South Korea and Indonesia for food, is enough being done to maintain our relationships with these countries?</p> <p>Growcom pointed out in 2012 that if "food production can be doubled by 2050, we will be able to feed the projected population of Australia and less than 1.3% of the projected Asian population". Does the Food plan agree with that assessment?</p>	Written	