

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1	CORP 01	JOYCE	FTE	<p>Senator JOYCE: What is the average wage of the 989?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that number. I would have to take that on notice. I will just check with Mr Banham. I do not think I can give you an average wage.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Can you also give us the average number of sick days. Do you have the average number of sick days in your department?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We would have that information. We can provide that for you.</p> <p>CHAIR: As for Mr Wilson, there would not be too many if they were all like him.</p>	4 16/10/12		
2	CORP 02	JOYCE	FTE	<p>Senator JOYCE: What is the total number of ongoing staff recruited for the department?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Recruited over which period?</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Over the 2011-12 financial year.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get that information for you this morning. I do not have that readily available.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: I will keep running through. Can you give me the classification of those staff, as well.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check with Mr Banham, whether he has got that information. We will get you that this morning.</p>	4 16/10/12		

3	CORP 03	JOYCE	Pay points	<p>Senator JOYCE: In the executive level, how many are paid above \$500,000 a year?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: One.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How many are paid between \$400,000 and \$5,000?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I don't believe there are any.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How many are paid between \$300,000 and \$400,000?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Two.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How many are paid between \$200,000 and \$300,000?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. That would incorporate our SES band 2-level staff, of which we have seven.</p>	5 16/10/12		
4	CORP 04	JOYCE	Leased departmental buildings	<p>Senator JOYCE: Let's go to the other buildings. What other buildings do you have?</p> <p>Mr Banham: In Canberra?</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Banham: Next door: 62 Northbourne Avenue.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: When is the lease to that?</p> <p>Mr Banham: 2017.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Is that through the same people: UGL?</p> <p>Mr Banham: It is the same management company. I do not know who owns the building.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: The other one is owned by Multiplex; you do not know who owns this one. How many people have you got working there?</p> <p>Mr Banham: About 150.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Is there any spare space in that?</p> <p>Mr Banham: One floor. ATSB rent two floors from us. Australian Transport Safety Bureau.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Do you mean to say you do not know who owns the building you lease?</p> <p>Mr Banham: No, we deal through—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: That is not the question. I do not care who you deal through. You do not know—</p> <p>CHAIR: You asked the question, Senator Heffernan, and Mr</p>	6 16/10/12		

				<p>Banham answered it. Senator HEFFERNAN: But he was not going to answer it. CHAIR: He answered it: he does not know. What part of 'don't know' don't you understand? He answered your question. You might not like the answer. It might not suit your agenda for a newsbreak. Mr Mrdak: We will get the exact details of the building.</p>			
5	CORP 05	JOYCE	Leased departmental buildings	<p>Senator JOYCE: In relation to that Mort Street property you have on the market, what price per square metre have you got it on the market for? Mr Mrdak: I would have to check if I have that available. I can take that on notice.</p>	7 16/10/12		
6	CORP 06	HEFFERNAN	Credit card use for travel	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Could we have a list of what is appropriate if you are going to the various ports? You must be able to make that judgement. What is a fair thing for a feed in Kuala Lumpur— Mr Mrdak: We would be happy to provide you with our guidelines.</p>	9 16/10/12		
7	CORP 07	JOYCE	Leased Infrastructure Australia building	<p>Senator JOYCE: Infrastructure Australia—that is the one we were asking questions about last time, wasn't it? Tell me about where Infrastructure Australia's premises are. Mr Mrdak: They are located in the Deutsche Bank building in the Sydney CBD. Senator JOYCE: Overlooking the harbour? Mr Mrdak: They are in the CBD. Senator HEFFERNAN: How much is that a square metre, and who owns the buildings? Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information with me. Senator HEFFERNAN: Perhaps you could provide that on notice. Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I think we have provided that in the past, but I will provide that again. CHAIR: It has all been done. Had you paid attention, you would know. Senator JOYCE: So, you still have 12 or 13 staff there. Mr Mrdak: We have 12 staff.</p>	9-10 16/10/12		

				<p>Senator JOYCE: Last time I asked if you would inquire as to whether there were cheaper premises that could do the same job. Did you ever follow that up?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We do benchmark our rental rates against the market regularly. I do not know whether we have done that more recently.</p> <p>Mr Banham: No, not in Sydney.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not since we last discussed it, Senator.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: And how much does that position at the Deutsche Bank building cost a year? It is quite substantial.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: How much a square metre?</p> <p>Mr Banham: I do not have a square metre calculation. The current rent is \$1.1 million a year.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: But you can convert that on notice to square metres.</p> <p>Mr Banham: There are 750 square metres.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: Last time I inquired as to whether you would be able to see if there were alternative places that would do a similar job for less money. Obviously we have massive debts, and we have to try to work out how we are going to—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: To that end, Barnaby, I have just negotiated in Sydney a reduction of \$200 per square metre in a building with a harbour view, for a party. I would be very interested to know what the square metre price is for all of your attachments, because there is a hole in the market.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can certainly provide that again.</p>			
8	CORP 08	MACDONALD	Late lodgement of Responses to Questions on Notice	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you, Mr Mrdak, for what your department has done. Minister, as the representative minister here today, would you ascertain for us the reason for the delay. I appreciate ministers are busy and have lots of things to do, but the last lot of answers were delivered by the department on 31 August and I do not think we got them until last week.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I actually made a couple of phone calls to get them and we got them at the end of last week.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Again I appreciate that the minister cannot drop everything and just answer Senate questions, but would you try to ascertain on notice why it took two months just</p>	11 16/10/12		

				to deal with some of the questions. Senator Kim Carr: We will take that on notice.			
9	CORP 09	NASH	Sydney office rental costs	<p>Senator NASH: Is there any analysis of the cost of keeping those staff in Sydney? I understand that you obviously want to keep expert staff where you can. But has there been any analysis of the cost of keeping those staff in Sydney because they did not want to move, as opposed to if they had been prepared to move to Canberra and just be in the one building? Isn't it duplication of resources—because they did not want to move to Canberra?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is a relatively small cost to us. As I said, we take a sublease of a space with the Department of Family and Community Services in Sydney. The marginal cost of having that office in Sydney is not large.</p> <p>Senator NASH: How much is 'not large'?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take on notice what the rent is. It is not a huge amount. It is essentially facilities for three staff.</p>	55 16/10/12		
10	CORP 10	NASH	Staff salary ranges	<p>Senator NASH: Can we just run through what the 10 do?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: I manage the staff of nine. The main task we are doing at the moment is—</p> <p>Senator NASH: I meant each individual person.</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: I have an EL2 in Sydney who manages the Sydney office as well as undertaking policy work and coordination and consultation with our stakeholders. Likewise I have an EL2 who manages the Canberra office. Each of those deputise when I am unable to be present. So they manage the two offices, work across government on policy issues and provide input into the work of other portfolios that are relevant to cities. Likewise, they liaise with other parts of this portfolio on various policy issues that are of relevance to cities.</p> <p>They have an active role in the production of our publications, and they supervise the staff who work for them.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Are you able to give us a salary range for those?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We could take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Thank you. If you could take that on notice for all of them after we have run through, that would be great.</p>	54 16/10/12		

11	CORP 11	NASH	Office locations	<p>Senator NASH: Why the need for an office in Sydney as well as Canberra?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: The Major Cities Unit was established at a similar time to Infrastructure Australia.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Is it in the Deutsche Bank building?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: No, it is not. It was, but it no longer is.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Was it? Sorry—I was just kidding! When was it in the Deutsche Bank building?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: When it was originally established.</p> <p>Senator NASH: How long was it housed there?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: It was there for a couple of years. I cannot remember exactly. After the last election there were some changes to the reporting arrangements for the Major Cities Unit. We used to report through Infrastructure Australia; now we report directly as a division into the department. Therefore I operate more actively as part of the executive of the department. After those changes we established an office in Canberra as well.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If you would not mind, perhaps you could take on notice the period of time you were in the Deutsche Bank building and where you have moved to since. So, having had it established in Sydney, why then the need for a Canberra office?</p>	54-55 16/10/12		
12	CORP 12	HEFFERNAN	Departmental staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 4. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? 5. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? 6. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? 	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? <p>7. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? <p>8. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? <p>9. How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? b. What is the average length of their employment period? <p>10. Are there any plans for staff reduction?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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. b. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 			
13	CORP 13	HEFFERNAN	Savings and efficiencies	<p>1. Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>2. How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? <p>3. What restrictions will be implemented for business flights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? <p>4. How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will this impact on the Department/agency? b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 	Written		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 6. How will printing costs be reduced? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? b. How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? c. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 			
14	CORP 14	HEFFERNAN	Recruitment advertising costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? b. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 2. How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? b. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 	Written		
15	CORP 15	HEFFERNAN	Printing Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent on printing 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? b. How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? c. How many of these printed documents were also published online? d. Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? 2. How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? 	Written		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? b. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? c. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 			
16	CORP 16	HEFFERNAN	2013 Graduate Recruitment costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 2. Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 3. How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each. 	Written		
17	CORP 17	HEFFERNAN	Cost of advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? b. Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 2. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 3. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. 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. 5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency 	Written		

				<p>undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p> <p>7. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12?</p> <p>8. 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>9. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>10. 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> <p>11. 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>12. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services that was undertaken in 2011-12.</p>			
18	CORP 18	HEFFERNAN	Hospitality	<p>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>2. 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 each event.</p> <p>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what</p>	Written		

				<p>hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p> <p>10. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>11. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>12. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>13. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>			
19	CORP 19	HEFFERNAN	Boards within the portfolio	<p>1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p> <p>4. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12.</p> <p>5. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?</p>	Written		

20	CORP 20	HEFFERNAN	FOI requests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? b. How many requests were denied and how many were granted? c. Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? d. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? 3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 4. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? b. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? c. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 	Written		
21	CORP 21	HEFFERNAN	Community Cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. 2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. b. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 4. How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location. 	Written		

				<p>5. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?</p> <p>a. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses.</p> <p>b. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.</p> <p>6. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?</p>			
22	CORP 22	HEFFERNAN	Reviews	<p>1. For this financial year to date:</p> <p>a. How many Reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>f. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>g. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>2. For 2011-12:</p> <p>a. How many Reviews were undertaken?</p> <p>b. Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d. Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>e. What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>f. For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>	Written		
23	CORP 23	HEFFERNAN	Consultancies	<p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter</p>	Written		

				<p>of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?</p> <p>c. Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not?</p> <p>d. In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>2. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12?</p> <p>a. 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>			
24	CORP 24	HEFFERNAN	Media monitoring	<p>1. 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> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. 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>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services,</p>	Written		

				<p>including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?</p> <p>4. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?</p>			
25	CORP 25	HEFFERNAN	Social media	<p>1. 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>2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks) If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>3. 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		
26	CORP 26	HEFFERNAN	Internet issues	<p>1. 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?</p> <p>2. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p>	Written		
27	CORP 27	HEFFERNAN	Coffee machines	<p>1. 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</p>	Written		

				<p>machine was purchased.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why were coffee machines purchased? b. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? c. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 			
28	CORP 28	HEFFERNAN	Employment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date: 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). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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). b. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). c. 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). d. 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). e. 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). f. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering 	Written		

				<p>employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>g. 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>h. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>i. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. For 2011-12: 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).</p> <p>a. 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).</p> <p>b. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>c. 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>d. 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>e. 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>f. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX</p>			
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				<p>Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>g. 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>h. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>i. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
29	CORP 29	HEFFERNAN	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this 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>a. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>2. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>a. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>	Written		
30	CORP 30	HEFFERNAN	Commissioned reports	<p>1. How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? 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> <p>a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?</p>	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports? <p>2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 			
31	CORP 31	HEFFERNAN	Account payments	<p>1. 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)? If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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? b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? <p>2. For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a</p>	Written		

				<p>breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is/was 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? b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? c. Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not? 			
32	CORP 32	HEFFERNAN	Government stationery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? 2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. 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) in 2011-12? 4. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12? 	Written		
33	CORP 33	HEFFERNAN	Pay TV subscription	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written		

				<p>4. What was the 2011-12 cost for: TV subscriptions Newspaper subscriptions Magazine subscriptions</p> <p>5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.</p>			
34	CORP 34	HEFFERNAN	Travel by Departmental officers	<p>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed?</p> <p>a. How is the department/agency following the advice?</p> <p>b. How is this monitored?</p> <p>c. If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>4. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>5. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>6. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary</p>	Written		

				<p>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>7. For 2011-12, 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).</p>			
35	CORP 35	HEFFERNAN	Legal services cost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. 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. 7. 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. 	Written		
36	CORP 36	HEFFERNAN	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For 2011-12, 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 	Written		

				<p>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> <p>2. 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> <p>3. Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details.</p>			
37	CORP 37	HEFFERNAN	Executive coaching/Leadership training	<p>1. 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"> Total spending on these services The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 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) The names of all service providers engaged <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1,d), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment 	Written		

				<p>classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a. The location used</p> <p>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.</p> <p>4. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:</p> <p>a. Total spending on these services</p> <p>b. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. The names of all service providers engage</p> <p>5. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4,d), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour,</p>			
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38	CORP 38	HEFFERNAN	Media training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total spending on these services The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 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) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1,d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total amount spent on the service A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 	Written		

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39	CORP 39	HEFFERNAN	Paid parental leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 3. For 2011-12 to date which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written		
40	CORP 40	HEFFERNAN	Training for Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of 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. 4. For 2011-12, 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 	Written		

				<p>Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>5. For 2011-12, 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.</p> <p>6. For 2011-12, 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.</p>			
41	CORP 41	HEFFERNAN	Departmental vehicles	<p>1. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>2. For 2011-12:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How cars are owned by each department/agency? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What was the cost of each car? How far did each car travel? 	Written		
42	CORP 42	HEFFERNAN	Taxi cost	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the reasons for taxi costs? <p>2. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written		

43	CORP 43	HEFFERNAN	Corporate credit card	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 3. For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 	Written		
44	CORP 44	HEFFERNAN	Electronic equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide 	Written		

				<p>details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 6. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 7. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 			
45	CORP 45	HEFFERNAN	Electricity purchasing agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12? 3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written		
46	CORP 46	HEFFERNAN	Briefings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? e. How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written		

				<p>2. Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? e. How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>3. Were any briefings provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing (dates and with which Green MP/Senator). c. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? e. How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>4. Have any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d. How often and how much time is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? e. How many staff are involved and how many hours? 			
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				Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.			
47	CORP 47	HEFFERNAN	Shredders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? 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. 2. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? 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		
48	CORP 48	HEFFERNAN	Risk management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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		
49	CORP 49	HEFFERNAN	Office locations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a list of all office locations for DOIT and agencies within the portfolio by: <ol 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		
50	CORP 50	HEFFERNAN	Public relations, communications and media staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For DOIT and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. By Department or agency; b. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type 	Written		

				<p>of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p>			
51	CORP 51	MCKENZIE	Carbon tax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost? b. What does this cost work out to per employee? 2. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? b. What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs? 3. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did these commence? b. What impact have they had? 	Written		
52	CORP 52	HEFFERNAN	Grants programmes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has DOIT received? 2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program DOIT administers, and the total funding of each program. 3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused? 4. Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused? 5. On what date did DOIT receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received? 	Written		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with DOIT senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the DOIT Minister met with senior department officials. 7. From what date was DOIT told to implement the grants pause? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did it do so? 8. Has DOIT been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end? If so, what was the date? 9. Was DOIT advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants? 10. Please provide the advice DOIT gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause. 11. Did DOIT receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders? 12. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants. 13. Has DOIT been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did DOIT receive notification of future grants pauses? b. What is the date of future grants to be paused? c. Which grants programs will be paused? d. What is total value of pauses in future grants programs? e. When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public? 14. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within DOIT? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with? b. Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause? 			
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				15. During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?			
53	CORP 53	NASH	Department vehicles	<p>1. I refer to answer to Question on Notice number 30 which related to vehicles owned by the Department and its agencies and I note the Department's response that it does not own any vehicles. Can you please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many cars are leased by the Department and each of its agencies? b. Where are those cars located? c. What are they used for? d. What is the cost of each car for the 2011-12 financial year? e. How far did each car travel for the 2011-12 financial year? 	Written		
54	CORP 54	NASH	Department credit cards	<p>1. I refer to answer to Question on Notice number 32 in relation to corporate credit cards used by Department staff. The question asked for a breakdown of each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. The Department's response was "the Department provides credit cards and travel cards to eligible employees".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. So to rephrase the question, who are these 'eligible employees' that are provided a credit card? b. How many 'eligible employees' are there in the Department? c. What are their classifications? <p>2. The rest of Question 32 was in relation to misuse and monitoring of expenditure which was not answered in the response. Can you please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if a corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse been discovered in the 2011-12 financial year? List staff classification and what the misuse was and the 	Written		

				<p>action taken.</p> <p>e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>			
55	IA 01	JOYCE	Cost of the Toowoomba range crossing	<p>Senator JOYCE: Do you know how much the Toowoomba range crossing would cost now?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I will get you a figure. It is some billions of dollars.</p>	15 16/10/12		
56	IA 02	JOYCE	Cost of the Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra section A upgrade	<p>Senator JOYCE: And Toowoomba range is a couple of billion?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: And Cooroy to Curra?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Again, I will get the exact figure that is being asked of us, but it is a significant project, as well.</p>	15 16/10/12		
57	IA 03	BACK	Benchmarking infrastructure procurement	<p>Senator BACK: Have we got examples in Australia where that in fact is happening and which could actually be used to benchmark others to try and minimise this cost?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: In the report we have released about benchmarking infrastructure procurement there are a range of examples where things worked very well and some other examples of another nature. We think that report, which has been widely welcomed by both industry and governments, hopefully will be another starting point in those relationships.</p> <p>Senator BACK: So that is publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: It is, Senator, and we will get you a copy.</p>	25 16/10/12		
58	IA 04	CHAIR	Mr Abbott's discussion with Infrastructure Australia	<p>CHAIR: Mr Deegan, I have a couple of quotes here; I would like to put them to you. This one was put to the 56th federal council of the Liberal Party meeting or conference on 30 June 2012 by Mr Abbott:</p> <p>After discussions with Infrastructure Australia and state governments, I—</p> <p>Mr Abbott—</p> <p>can announce that the Coalition will commit \$1.5 billion to the East-West Link road tunnel in Melbourne, \$1.5 billion to the M4 East in Sydney, and \$1 billion to the Gateway Motorway upgrade in Brisbane.</p> <p>Are you aware of that announcement, Mr Deegan?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I am aware of the announcement.</p> <p>CHAIR: And did Mr Abbott actually have discussions with Infrastructure Australia about those projects?</p>	26-27 16/10/12		

				<p>Mr Deegan: While my office has not had discussions with Mr Abbott, it is possible that he may have had discussions with individual council members.</p> <p>CHAIR: And you do not know who that could have been?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: In that case, could you take that on notice and get back to us and let us know who may have had that conversation with Mr Abbott? What is the normal procedure if someone is going to have that discussion—say, the leader of a party or an opposition? Do they ring you up and say, 'Michael, do you want to get together for a cuppa and a chat?'</p>			
59	IA 05	RHIANNON	Infrastructure New South Wales	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Would you outline the process that will now occur with the WestConnex proposal that comes before you.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Certainly. Indeed, in public comments earlier this year I provided a report to the federal government on a range of issues associated with the M5 in particular and the potential upgrade. We have a couple of key interests in that discussion, but certainly the major one is the effectiveness of moving freight to and from Port Botany. I am not sure that necessarily all in the community in Sydney understand that we are moving from a relatively moderate sized port of two million containers to potentially eight million containers, which is the size of Hamburg, which is a very, very large port. So the freight issues associated with these developments are quite important. As we look at the Infrastructure NSW report and the long-term transport master plan provided by New South Wales, our particular initial interest will be in understanding how those freight movements will be made effective, whether by road or rail or a combination, and then deal with a host of passenger transport issues that come under that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I will get you to ask your last question and then we will put the rest on notice and move on.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice the actual process: when you give feedback on New South Wales and when you will be making decisions on aspects of freight and the other details we have put before you.</p>	29 16/10/12		

				<p>Mr Deegan: Certainly, but, in short, we receive the proposal, do an assessment, the draft goes to Infrastructure Australia council, they consider that and once that consideration is taken we give our draft assessment back to the New South Wales government—or the relative government in most cases—and then take our process forward from there.</p>			
60	IA 06	LUDLAM	Perth light rail project	<p>Senator LUDLAM: That is great—much appreciated. On that Perth light rail project, we heard some welcome news from Mr Deegan a short while ago that the WA government has actually submitted a project of some form to Infrastructure Australia. Do you have any visibility of that or are you just engaged at the moment on the feasibility study?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We are certainly aware of the project proposal. Some states have sent us copies of their project proposals. I think we are still in the early stages of looking at that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to table that proposal for the committee?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We would have to check that the Western Australia government was comfortable in making these proposals public, but we can certainly take it on notice and check.</p>	38 16/10/12		
61	IA 07	NASH	Infrastructure Australia priority list BCRs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does Infrastructure Australia verify benefit cost ratios provided in submissions to Infrastructure Australia? If so, what does this verification process involve? If not, why not? 2. (a) Were all projects on the 2012 priority list subjected to this verification process? (b) If not, why not? (c) If not, which projects were not subject to the verification process? (d) If so, for projects on the priority list were any discrepancies found between the analysis provided in submissions and the assessment undertaken by Infrastructure Australia? (e) If so, for which projects were discrepancies found? (f) If so, for each project that discrepancies were identified, what were these discrepancies? 	Written		

				<p>3. Does Infrastructure Australia gather data and perform its own calculation of the benefit cost ratios for projects prior to a determination of their inclusion on the priority list? If so, for which projects on the 2012 priority list was this undertaken? If not, why not?</p>			
62	IA 08	NASH	Publication of project appraisals	<p>I refer to page 20 of Hansard from RRAT Estimates in relation to the publication of Infrastructure Australia Project Appraisals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has Infrastructure Australia failed to publish the project appraisals of all projects on the Priority List if they meet the eligibility criteria? 2. (a) Have all projects that meet the eligibility criteria been published? (b) If not, please detail for each project that meets the criteria, why the project appraisal has not been published? (c) If so, please detail the projects on the Priority List that do not meet the eligibility criteria? (d) For each of those projects, detail why each project does not meet the eligibility criteria. 3. What decision making process is undertaken to determine which project appraisals will be published? 4. Ultimately who makes the decision whether or not to publish the project appraisal on the website? 	Written		
63	IA 09	NASH	Regional Roads Productivity Package in the NT	<p>Has Infrastructure Australia assessed the following projects to be funded under the Regional Roads Productivity Package for the Northern Territory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roper Highway • Port Keats Road • Santa Teresa Way • Central Arnhem Road • Buntine Highway • Arnhem Link Road <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) If so, what was Infrastructure Australia's assessment of each of the projects outlined in (a)? (b) What was the nature and date of this assessment? (c) Was this assessment undertaken at the request of the 	Written		

				<p>Minister's office? If not, had a submission been put to Infrastructure Australia to fund any of the projects outlined in (a)? If so, please provide the date and submitter of the submission.</p> <p>(d) Has Infrastructure Australia calculated benefit cost ratios for each of the projects outlined in (a)? If so, please provide the relevant BCR for each project?</p>			
64	NB-II 01	WILLIAMS	Heavy vehicle safety and productivity program audit	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Has the heavy vehicle safety and productivity program been audited to ensure it is delivering good outcomes?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, an audit of the program was undertaken as required by the legislation. I am advised that it has been tabled, and we would be happy to provide an additional copy for you.</p>	30 16/10/12		
65	NB-II 02	RHIANNON	Nation Building 2 proposals	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Of the proposals received by the states, what percentage are devoted to the Connecting People part of the program and Urban Living?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It would vary across individual jurisdictions. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You mean that it varies from state to state?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay, you can take that on notice. Thank you. What sort of community consultation would you expect the states to undertake in order to put in their submissions for the Connecting People funding?</p>	34 16/10/12		
66	NB-II 03	EDWARDS	Funding for the Gawler line modernisation project	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Are you able to provide the committee with the original application for funding to the Building Australia Fund for the Gawler line modernisation project?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can take that on notice. We do not have it with us but are happy to take it on notice.</p>	35 16/10/12		
67	NB-II 04	BACK	South Australian Government handling of funds	<p>Senator BACK: But, in general terms, if the Commonwealth makes an allocation of funds to a state or a territory from this particular vote, then those funds would not freely go into the general revenue accounts of that state or territory prior to works either commencing or being undertaken?</p>	36 16/10/12		

				<p>Mr Mrdak: We would expect that the funds are being held against this project, yes.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: They should be back with you, those funds. As Senator Back rightly points out, those funds are sitting there. They should be saying, 'No problem; clear breach; we'll send the cheque back.'</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As I said, I am not as familiar with how the South Australian government is handling the funds.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Perhaps you could take that on notice for us, if you would not mind</p>			
68	NB-II 05	EDWARDS	South Australian Government handling of funds	<p>Senator EDWARDS: I will come to a conclusion.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Perhaps I could add something here. My colleague in South Australia gave some evidence to a parliamentary committee in South Australia last week, which has been reported somewhat in the media. He makes it clear in his evidence that the Commonwealth's expectation for the money is that the project will be completed, and they are working with us to see if there are alternative proposals. He is quite clear that if the proposals do not meet our requirements for the project then the money will need to be returned.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: In the spirit of concluding, are you able to confirm to us that that is the message you have sent to them and also when you will expect that repayment? I will put the rest on notice.</p>	37 16/10/12		
69	NB-II 06	LUDLAM	Great Eastern Highway	<p>Senator LUDLAM: The Commonwealth has made a contribution to widening the Great Eastern Highway in Perth. I put some questions to you last time. This is a \$686 million Commonwealth allocation.</p> <p>Around traffic projections, you told us that with the volume of traffic forecast to 2031 the upgraded highway will be operating at its full capacity—in other words, we will have the same congestion we have today; it will just be wider. Can you tell us—and I will race through this pretty quickly and probably get to you to take some of this on notice—how many vehicles are expected to use the Great Eastern Highway by 2031 or provide the traffic modelling on those?</p>	37 16/10/12		

				<p>Senator Kim Carr: Before you go on we just need to correct the record on how you have summarised an answer.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Part of it was summarising, and some of it was editorial.</p> <p>Senator Kim Carr: It was a bit of editorial. The officer would like to correct the record.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Go ahead.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I believe our answer to your question on notice 129 from last time said: 'With the volume of traffic forecast for 2031, the upgraded highway will be operating below its full capacity.'</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I have 'at its full capacity'. There is an interesting typo. I will chase that. Thanks for that correction, if that is the case. Could you provide us with the traffic modelling on notice and give us an idea of how many vehicles are expected to be using that highway by 2031?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Thank you. Was any demand management, whether that be better public transport, better cycling infrastructure or behaviour change, used at all for that modelling, either by the state or by you guys?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: We will take that on notice. We would expect so.</p>			
70	NB-II 07	LUDLAM	Contact with NBN Co.	<p>Senator LUDLAM: It has made an awful mess, but I recognise that these things do make a bit of a mess. Was there any consideration given, either in this project in others, to embedding NBN infrastructure as you go? If you are going to tear up a freeway—and I am interested in this in a more general sense than just Great Eastern Highway—or a bit of road, if it is a project that is being funded by the Commonwealth, do you contact NBN Co. and let them know that there are major works underway?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Normally the project scheduling and the works proposals are with the states and territories, but I know NBN Co. does work pretty closely with most state jurisdictions. Obviously if there is an opportunity to joint trench they will do it. I am not familiar with the circumstances in this case, but I can ask that question.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think in these case utilities were moved, so</p>	38 16/10/12		

				<p>substantial work had to be done to move utilities, and the state government would have contacted all those utility owners and potential utility owners around that. That is usually managed by the state or territory government that is delivering the project.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So in the instance of this you are reasonably confident NBN Co. would have been contacted and advised?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I am saying that utilities were definitely moved, and the state government would have contacted relevant utility holders.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: You used the words 'potential utility'.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That is what they do, yes. I do not know in this particular case whether NBN Co. was contacted, but we can take that on notice.</p>			
71	NB-II 08	BACK	Roads to Recovery / Black Spots programs	<p>Senator BACK: Because of shortness of time and out of respect for my colleagues, I wonder if it would be possible to be provided on notice the actual formula state to state. You have Nation Building – Infrastructure Investment been kind enough to tell me how the allocations are made within a state. I am interested in knowing particularly what that formula is for Roads to Recovery and for Black Spots between states.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would be happy to provide that.</p>	39 16/10/12		
72	NB-II 09	WHISH-WILSON	Three Capes Track construction	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Were you involved with the modelling of the project? Did you look at the modelling and the assumptions behind the modelling? I am only asking that because, as you are probably aware, the tourism industry is in a bit of strife in Tasmania at the moment with the high dollar and tourism numbers dropping off. The assumptions include three to five per cent growth in tourism numbers every year and achieving 10,000 walkers on a new track, when our numbers are down only 3,000 for the Overland Track, for example, which is one of the world's great tracks. If you have not walked it, you should—it is fantastic. I am just wondering if you had questioned the assumptions for the modelling to underpin the economics of this project.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: The modelling was undertaken by the Tasmanian government when the project was originally considered for</p>	40 16/10/12		

				<p>funding under the Infrastructure Employment Projects program. So that would have been undertaken in the order of two or three years ago. In addition to that, under the program for projects that the department provided advice to the minister on, we also undertook independent viability assessments of the project. So this project would have been subject to a level of independent viability assessment prior to the project being considered and recommended for funding.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are those independent viability assessments available?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I would have to take that on notice.</p>			
73	NB-II 10	WHISH-WILSON	Three Capes Track construction and other projects	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Were there any goals or benchmarks that you entered into in terms of funding or, the funding having been provided, in terms of completion of the project?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: Our funding for this project and for other projects under the IEP program is based on milestones. We pay on the achievement of milestones.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Would they be available as well?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I believe so, but I can take that on notice.</p>	40 16/10/12		
74	NB-II 11	MACDONALD	Regional Infrastructure Fund	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, I have that, thank you. The Prime Minister announced on 11 July that \$6 billion would be made available for infrastructure works and that this would be done through Infrastructure Australia. It is out of the Regional Infrastructure Fund. Is that something you manage or is that something the regional department manages?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The Regional Infrastructure Fund is with this portfolio, Senator, apart from the component of the fund which is administered by Minister Crean under the regional program arrangements, which I think is of the order of \$573 million. The balance of the fund is with this portfolio.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Have any funds been allocated through this portfolio to date?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, there have been announcements of commitments to a number of projects and also there have been four planning projects which have been committed to. I will ask Mr Jagers to take you through them.</p>	40-41 16/10/12		

				<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Very quickly, but I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: There is the Peak Downs Highway safety works which is a \$120 million project; the Gladstone Port access road stages 2 and 3 which is a \$50 million project; the Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway interchange, which is the Blacksoil Interchange, which is a \$54 million contribution from the Australian government; the Townsville Ring Road section 4, which the Shore Road in the Mount Low area, which is a \$160 million commitment; the Yeppen Lagoon bridge and roundabout which is a \$68 million project; and also Gateway WA which is a \$480 million contribution from the Regional Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are there many more on the list?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That is the construction projects. There are two studies and four planning projects.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you give them to me on notice, please. All of those that you have mentioned, verbally, are all committed and the funds are set aside and locked in?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And the work has started?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Work has started on a number of those projects.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: How many are for the current financial year and how many for the forward years?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: There are four projects with funding this financial year.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And the others?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The others are funding in future years.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Where could I find when the commitments are made to those projects in forward funding?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I believe there is information on the departmental website, but we are happy to provide that.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay, could you do that.</p>			
75	NB-II 12	NASH	Liveable Cities Program expenditure	<p>Senator NASH: Mr Mrdak, can you help me out, given that I have missed nation building?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. What were you after?</p> <p>Senator NASH: Just the expenditure for the Liveable Cities</p>	56-57 16/10/12		

				<p>Program.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is \$20 million over two years—2012-13 and 2013-14—for that program.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Is anything allocated post that time? Or is it just the \$20 million for 2012-13 and 2013-14?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The \$20 million is all that has been allocated to that program. That program is due to cease after that two years. It was only funded for two years.</p> <p>Senator NASH: At the moment, how much of that expenditure has already been committed or contracted, and how much still remains?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There is \$13 million for this year and \$7 million for next year. Here are the details of how much has been committed: 25 projects were successful; 13 projects have now had project agreements signed and are underway; two projects have been withdrawn because of the Queensland government's withdrawal of matched funding; and the remainder of the projects that have been announced are subject to further negotiation with proponents to settle funding agreements.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Are you able, on notice, to give us a list of those projects, the funding allocated to each of those and the expenditure thus far?</p>			
76	NB-II 13	RHIANNON	National Smart Managed Motorways Program	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you give me examples of where the motorways are? Are you talking about the motorway projects in Sydney, for example?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: I am talking about some of the examples like the managed motorway project in Melbourne, that has delivered some good results, and I am happy to provide you with further information on that, on the results.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Which motorways have you been working on?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: There are a number of proposal projects in terms of managed motorways. Infrastructure Australia has rated it, I think, a project that is ready to proceed in terms of about \$6 billion worth of managed motorways projects. Within each of those projects there is information about what the specific project intends to achieve.</p>	57 16/10/12		

				<p>Senator RHIANNON: And how have you determined that this will increase transport efficiency?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: That is part of the submissions. The project proposals are about what the individual project will achieve in terms of delivering greater throughput of traffic et cetera.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you supply information? I imagine you are aware that the former head of the Roads and Traffic Authority and state rail in New South Wales has been critical of this motorway emphasis, that it is in fact not bringing the promised results in terms of more efficient transport movements, and that the induce-traffic phenomenon is becoming more real. Is the induce-traffic aspect that goes with motorways something you have looked at?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Can I just clarify. I think the comments you are referring to refer to new motorway projects and whether they are the appropriate choice for the investment in Sydney. What Ms O'Connell is talking about, the managed motorway program, is effectively retrofitting intelligent transport systems into existing motorways to increase flow, as you know. We can certainly have a look at, and provide you with information on notice on, the forecast benefits and also, as Ms O'Connell has indicated, some of the real experience that has already happened on some of the motorways, particularly in Melbourne, where there has been very successful introduction of ITS Technologies such as ramp metering and the like, which has improved traffic flow quite markedly. I think they are separate issues.</p>			
77	NB-II 14	MCKENZIE	Funding for the Echuca-Moama bridge	The 2009-2010 budget removed Federal funding of \$14mn for a new bridge at Echuca-Moama, where an average of 20,000 vehicles cross each day. Will the Federal Government reinstate the funding now that work has progressed on the bridge and the NSW and Victorian governments are working together to have it built?	Written		
78	NB-II 15	EDWARDS	South Road Upgrade at Darlington	In response to Question 135 the Department stated that the Australian Government is spending \$20 million on preconstruction, including land acquisition for the upgrade of South Road at Darlington.	Written		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide a breakdown of how that \$20 million is to be spent and how much has been spent to date and on what? 2. (a) If there is any funding left from the \$20 million – who has authority over this? (b) What does the Department anticipate the remaining funding will be used for? 			
79	NB-II 16	EDWARDS	Liveable Cities Program – Vibrant Adelaide	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 137 (May Budget Estimates 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department have any more details on the Project agreement it is settling with the South Australian government? What kind of issues are being discussed? 2. Is the Department dealing with Adelaide City council? What is being discussed? 3. With reference to part 2 of question 137, why was the budgeted/estimated amount (\$700,000) just under half of what was eventually allocated? 4. Why was the budgeted amount so different? 	Written		
80	NB-II 17	EDWARDS	Gawler Line Modernisation project – suspension of state government funding	<p>With reference to Written Question on Notice 138 (May Budget Estimates 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is being discussed with the South Australian Government? 2. Of the \$293.5 million committed under the Building Australia Fund for the Gawler Line Modernisation project, how much was committed for the ‘modernisation’ of the track and how much was committed for the ‘electrification’ of the track? 3. Provide a full break down of the project. How much has been spent to date and what has it been spent on? Of the remaining funds what work is it allocated for? Provide an itemised list with their respective costs. 4. Of the unspent funding, who has possession of this funding? 5. If it is the South Australian Government, when are they expected to have spent it by? 6. If the South Australian Government is not going to spend it when will they return it to the Commonwealth? 	Written		

				<p>7. What alternative proposals have been put to the Department by the South Australian Government to spend the money on?</p> <p>8. Has the Member for Wakefield spoken with the Department about any aspect of the Gawler Line Modernisation project? If so what?</p> <p>9. Provide the original application for funding to the Building Australia Fund for the Gawler Line Modernisation project.</p> <p>10. Provide any reporting or evaluation undertaken by the Department, other federal agency or the South Australian Government on this project to date.</p> <p>11. What has been discussed with the South Australian Government?</p> <p>12. What further discussions with the South Australian Government are planned?</p>			
81	NB-II 18	LUDLAM	Management strategies	How are demand management strategies used for funding decisions made in the Nation Building program?	Written		
82	NB-II 19	LUDLAM	Vehicles on Perth roads	Is the Department aware the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) predicts another 400,000 cars on Perth roads in the next ten years?	Written		
83	NB-II 20	LUDLAM	Great Eastern Highway	Why was the funding for the Great Eastern Highway project approved without requiring a light rail corridor to the airport?	Written		
84	NB-II 21	LUDLAM	Light rail feasibility studies	<p>In reference to light rail feasibility studies now coming before this unit, has the Department done any studies at all looking at any of the following, and if so could it please provide them:</p> <p>(a) Powering light rail by renewable energy;</p> <p>(b) The capacity to produce light rail cars locally on the basis that larger networks will be ultimately built in every major city;</p> <p>or</p> <p>(c) The potential housing yield along future light rail routes?</p>	Written		
85	NB-II 22	LUDLAM	QoN 126	<p>With reference to QON 126 (attached) and the provision of bike paths on federally funded roads:</p> <p>1. Were the answers to QON126 provided from the states or from this Department?</p>	Written		

				<p>2. Could the Department please consider revising the answers as it appears some are incorrect. For example the new Perth-Bunbury Highway is listed as one of the “projects with separated or segregated paths” - and it most certainly is not. (See attached).</p> <p>3. Please outline specifically which Department, or work unit is responsible for ensuring minimum standards with regard to bike infrastructure are enforced?</p> <p>4. Is this Department responsible for overseeing the provision of bike paths attached to federally funded roads?</p> <p>5. If not, which Department and specific unit is responsible for ensuring these standards?</p> <p>6. If so,</p> <p>(a) What standards does the Department currently apply when bike paths are built on federally funded roads?</p> <p>(b) Is the Department familiar with the Austroads minimum standards – the “ Preferred separation of bicycles and motor vehicles” (attached, source: Austroads, 2009)</p> <p>(c) Is the Department familiar with the Australian Bicycle Council’s guidelines on “Cycling on Higher Speed Roads - When to Provide for Bicycles on Higher Speed Roads”^[1]?</p> <p><i>It states:</i></p> <p><i>Best practice</i> <i>All of the international guidelines reviewed recommend that cyclists are separated from high speed traffic, generally by providing an off road path although in some circumstances bicycle lanes are acceptable. These paths should form a complete network so that cyclists are not forced to share space with high speed vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>Design guidelines from NSW, Queensland and New Zealand provide guidance about the preferred type of bicycle facility on urban roads based on the traffic speed</i></p>			
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				<p><i>and volume. At traffic speeds of 80 km/h and above, a bicycle path separated from the road is almost universally the recommended treatment. On 70 km/h roads with low traffic volumes, and rural roads, sealed shoulders (or bicycle lanes) are also acceptable.</i></p> <p>7. What proportion of bike paths on federally funded roads currently comply with these standards?</p> <p>8. With specific reference to the answers to QON 126 (attached) please list the paths which meet the Austroads and Bicycle Council minimum standards.</p> <p>9. With reference to the attached photos of the Perth-Bunbury Highway which is listed in QON126 as a “separate or segregated bike path”, please confirm whether this indeed is classified as a separate or segregated bike path, according to the federal government.</p> <p>^[1] See http://www.austroads.com.au/abc/images/pdf/ns1525_fs_one.pdf</p>			
86	NB-II 23	LUDLAM	Bike infrastructure	<p>With reference to a lack of federal funding for bike infrastructure;</p> <p>The National Cycling Strategy 2005-10 noted that spending across all three spheres of government on cycling infrastructure and facilities, coordination and planning, road safety for cyclists and cycling promotion and education was in the order of \$100m each year, and that this compared to more than \$5 billion being spent on new road infrastructure annually.</p> <p>1. Does this department play any role in advising or lobbying for an annualised fund for bike infrastructure?</p> <p>2. What would an annualised spend of \$80m translate to in terms of jobs in Australian regions?</p>	Written		
87	NB-II 24	RHIANNON	National Smart Managed Motorways	<p>Is there any studies conducted on the long term impact of the National Smart Managed Motorways program on car-dependency in the cities?</p>	Written		

88	NB-II 25	RHIANNON	Liveable Cities Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most of the projects funded through the \$20 million given are only planning proposals and demonstration projects. Have there been results so far for the demonstration projects? (a) For example, is the Green Square Town Centre "Trigeneration" implemented in the City of Sydney costing \$3,750,000 effective in improving energy efficiency? Has this been recorded and proven? 2. Are there benchmarks in place to assess the success of the demonstration projects and will they be public? 3. From the unit's perspective, what will the follow up be once these demonstrations and planning proposals are completed? 4. Are there steps laid down for a wider implementations nationally? 5. Does the major cities unit have an estimate on the impact the Liveable Cities Program will have on congestion and emissions the Liveable Cities program, at this stage? If the projects are implemented nationally, what will be its impact? 6. Is the major cities unit well-resourced to do the necessary research and modelling to understand the impact of the projects the Liveable cities program fund if it were to be implemented across all cities in Australia? If not how will this work be funded? 	Written		
89	NB-II 26	RHIANNON	Urban Living Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Urban Living program under the purview of the Major Cities Unit? 2. What funding is already in place for this program? 3. What expenditure has there been to date? 4. What are the steps that the Unit have taken and will take to implement this program? 5. Is the Unit well-resourced to embark on this program? 6. How much emphasis will be given to improving access to public transport? 7. Can the Unit share with us some proposed action plan? 	Written		

				8. Will this program also focus on improving cycling infrastructure? Will it encourage cycling as part of this program's implementations?			
90	NB-II 27	NASH	Regional Infrastructure Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the financial year by financial year funding profile for each of the projects funded under Stream 1 of Regional Infrastructure Fund. 2. Please provide the financial year by financial year funding profile for each of the projects funded under Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund. 	Written		
91	NB-II 28	NASH	Liveable Cities Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the breakdown of expenditure in the Liveable Cities program for the following financial years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2012-13 (b) 2013-14 (c) 2014-15 (d) 2015-16 2. (a) How much expenditure under the Liveable Cities program has been committed/contracted, and (b) how much expenditure remains to be committed/contracted within the Fund? 	Written		
92	NB-II 29	NASH	Bruce Highway	Please provide a list of each project on the Bruce Highway where the contribution of the Federal Government was more than 50%.	Written		
93	NB-II 30	NASH	Nation Building 2	<p>I refer to the Nation Building 2 program due to commence from 1 July 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Please provide a list of each project currently committed to by the Government under the Nation Building 2 program (b) For each of those projects, please provide the funding profile where applicable. (c) Please provide a financial year by financial year funding profile, where applicable for the following projects currently in the Contingency Reserve Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inland Rail preconstruction • Parramatta to Epping Rail Link • Moreton Bay Rail Link 	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richmond Bridge • Princes Highway West • Great Eastern Highway • Tasman Highway • Legacy Way – Northern Link Tunnel • F3 to Sydney Orbital <p>(d) For the projects outlined in (c) please detail the precise works that will be undertaken as part of the Federal Government’s investment.</p> <p>(e) Are the following nine projects the only projects from Nation Building 2 in the Contingency Reserve fund?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inland Rail preconstruction • Parramatta to Epping Rail Link • Moreton Bay Rail Link • Richmond Bridge • Princes Highway West • Great Eastern Highway • Tasman Highway • Legacy Way – Northern Link Tunnel • F3 to Sydney Orbital <p>(f) If not, please provide a list of the projects from Nation Building 2 currently in the Contingency Reserve Fund?</p> <p>(g) What is the current status of negotiations with the State/Territory Governments in relation to the program?</p> <p>(h) When is it expected that they will be finalised?</p> <p>(i) What is the size of the program?</p> <p>(j) Is all of the funding for Nation Building 2 in the Contingency Reserve Fund?</p> <p>(k) How much in the Contingency Reserve Fund is earmarked for the Nation Building 2 program?</p> <p>(l) The Budget in May 2012 cut the Nation Building 2 program by \$2 million. How can you cut money from a program when you haven’t determined its size?</p>			
94	NB-II 31	NASH	Yeppen Floodplain	I refer to the \$5 million Fitzroy River Floodplain Study (Yeppen Floodplain Strategy). At the previous estimates round it was advised that the Minister had written to the Queensland	Written		

				<p>Government about the report.</p> <p>a) What is the current status of the report?</p> <p>b) When will the report be released?</p>			
95	NB-II 32	NASH	Bruce Highway Cooroy – Curra	<p>I refer to Question on Notice answer 147 in relation to the Bruce Highway Cooroy to Curra upgrade. The answer provided did not answer the questions asked so again:</p> <p>a) In relation to Section A, the Government committed \$200 million for further planning and land acquisition. Is this the total of the Government’s commitment to Section A under the Nation Building program?</p> <p>b) Has this money been paid to the Queensland Government?</p> <p>c) What is the financial year by year funding profile of the \$200 million of Federal Government funding allocated to Section A?</p> <p>d) Has the planning for Section A been complete? If not, when will it be complete? If so, when will it be released?</p> <p>e) Has the land been acquired? If not, when will this happen?</p> <p>f) When will construction on Section A commence?</p> <p>g) When will construction on Section A be complete?</p> <p>h) When will Section C be commenced? And finished?</p> <p>i) What is the current status of the Section C upgrade?</p> <p>j) When will Section D be commenced? And finished?</p> <p>k) What is the current status of the Section D upgrade?</p> <p>l) When will the whole Cooroy to Curra upgrade be finished?</p>	Written		
96	NB-II 33	NASH	Special Purpose Vehicle	<p>I refer to the funding for the Special Purpose Vehicle announced in the 2012-13 Federal Budget.</p> <p>a) What is the current status of this funding?</p> <p>b) Can you provide detail on what the Special Purpose Vehicle will actually do?</p> <p>c) Please provide a breakdown of what the \$25 million will be used for? Establishment of an office? Payment of wages? Payment of consultants?</p> <p>d) What negotiations have been undertaken with the NSW Government for the establishment of the Special Purpose Vehicle? Please provide detail of the date and nature of negotiations.</p>	Written		

				<p>e) When did the Minister contact the NSW Government in relation to this Special Purpose Vehicle?</p> <p>f) Given that the SPV was intended to look at private financing options for the M5 East and the F3 to M2 project and given that the recent Infrastructure NSW report recommended the WestConnex project (including the M5 project), will the Department continue to negotiate with the NSW to establish this SPV? If not, what is the current status of the \$25 million?</p> <p>g) Given that the NSW Government has established a committee to investigate the unsolicited proposal from Transurban to construct the F3-M2 project and that financing options for the WestConnex project are being considered, are alternative options being considered for the \$25 million? If not, why not? If so, please provide further detail.</p>			
97	NB-II 34	NASH	Nation Building program	What is the current unallocated balance by financial year in the Nation Building program?	Written		
98	NB-II 35	NASH	Moorebank Intermodal Terminal	<p>In relation to the proposed intermodal terminal at Moorebank in NSW:</p> <p>(a) What progress has been made in terms of assessing the project as a 'whole of precinct' site including the Qube/SIMTA site and the School of Military Engineering site?</p> <p>(b) What actions have been undertaken since the last Senate Estimates hearings to look at the 'whole of precinct' as a strategic asset for freight movement in Sydney?</p> <p>(c) Please provide the date and nature of actions undertaken.</p> <p>(d) What is the current progress of the establishment of the Government Business Enterprise?</p> <p>(e) What is the Department's progress towards selecting board members?</p> <p>(f) When will board members be announced?</p> <p>(g) Can you detail the Board's responsibilities?</p> <p>(h) What will the role of the Moorebank Project Office be after the Board is established?</p> <p>(i) Who will report to the Board?</p>	Written		

				<p>(j) Will the Moorebank Project Office report to the Board? If not, why not?</p> <p>(k) How many board members will there be?</p> <p>(l) What are the eligibility criteria for being selected as a board member?</p> <p>(m) What is the process for selection to the board?</p> <p>(n) What will the term of appointment be?</p>			
99	NB-II 36	NASH	Regional Roads Productivity Package in the NT	<p>I refer to the Minister's announcement on 3 August 2012 committing \$90 million to a Regional Roads Productivity Package for the Northern Territory.</p> <p>a) What negotiations have been undertaken with the NT Government in relation to this announcement?</p> <p>b) Please provide date and nature of negotiations/discussions with the NT Government.</p> <p>c) Please provide the total financial commitment for each of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roper Highway • Port Keats Road • Santa Teresa Way • Central Arnhem Road • Buntine Highway • Arnhem Link Road <p>d) Will the total of the funding for the projects outlined in (c) come from Nation Building 2? If not, why not?</p> <p>e) Please provide a financial year by financial year funding profile for each of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roper Highway • Port Keats Road • Santa Teresa Way • Central Arnhem Road • Buntine Highway • Arnhem Link Road <p>f) When will construction commence on each of the projects outlined in (e)?</p> <p>g) When will construction conclude on each of the projects outlined in (e)?</p>	Written		

100	NB-II 37	NASH	Building Australia Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current uncommitted balance of the Building Australia Fund? 2. Will any of the \$1.5 billion budget surplus be invested in the Building Australia Fund? 3. How many staff in the Department are employed to administer the Building Australia Fund? 	Written		
101	NB-II 38	NASH	Nation Building programme	<p>I refer to Question on Notice Answer 142 which referred to the current Nation Building Programme. In answer to the question ‘what is the current unallocated balance in the Nation Building programme?’ The Department advised ‘no projects have been cut or delayed’ which was an answer to other questions asked but did not provide any detail on the unallocated funding balance in the programme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. So I’ll ask again: what is the current unallocated balance in the Nation Building programme? 2. Given the current Nation Building programme is set to end in 2013-14, is all of this funding due to be committed in the 2013-14 financial year? If not, when is it due to be spent? 	Written		
102	NB-II 39	NASH	Nation Building 2	<p>I refer to Question on Notice Answer 142 in relation to specific details of the Nation Building 2 programme. A number of questions were asked on notice but limited information was provided so I just want to follow up on a few matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current status of negotiations with the State/Territory Governments in relation to the programme? 2. When is it expected that they will be finalised? 3. What is the size of the programme? 4. Is the bulk of the funding still in the contingency reserve fund? 5. How much in the contingency reserve fund is earmarked for the Nation Building 2 programme? 6. The Budget in May cut the Nation Building 2 programme by \$2 million. How can you cut money from a programme when you don’t know how much it is? 7. What is the status of these negotiations? 	Written		

103	NB-II 40	HEFFERNAN	Bega Bypass	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is construction of the bypass currently running on schedule? 2. To date, how much been spent on the project? 3. When is the project expected to be completed? 4. Is it still expected that costs will come within the \$60 million budgeted for the bypass? 	Written		
104	NB-II 41	HEFFERNAN	Upgrade of the Interstate Rail Network – re-sleeping program	<p>In a media release dated 22/06/2012 whereby the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport was quoted as saying that “the entire re-sleeping program will be completed on time and on budget”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this project on budget? 2. If over budget, how much over has this project cost to date? 3. When is project expected to be completed? 	Written		
105	NB-II 42	HEFFERNAN	Hunter Expressway	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When are the three high bridges in the Sugarloaf Range to be completed? 2. How much has been spent on the project thus far? 3. Is the project expected to come under within the \$1.5 billion that was provided by the Federal Government? 4. If over budget, how much over has the project cost to date? 	Written		
106	NB-II 43	HEFFERNAN	Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presently, how much funding has been contributed by the Federal Government on this rail link? 2. Of the \$25.5m that was approved for the planning and design work, how much of this money has already been spent? 3. When is this project expected to be completed? 4. Is the project running on budget? 5. If over budget, how much over has the project cost to date? 	Written		
107	NB-II 44	MACDONALD	Regional Infrastructure Grants	<p>In July this year the Government committed \$6 billion to developing infrastructure in Regional Australia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of this \$6 billion has been allocated/paid so far? 2. What projects have been funded? 3. How much funding remains to be allocated? 	Written		
108	NB-II 45	MACDONALD	Bruce Highway Upgrade	The previous Labor Government in Queensland commissioned a study from the department of Main Roads which found that	Written		

				<p>flood-proofing the Bruce Highway would cost \$5.3 billion. Following the Prime Minister's statement on January 8, 2011 in Rockhampton that she would be pursuing a plan for flood-proofing the Bruce Highway, can you indicate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the funding has been allocated so far? 2. Where has it been allocated? 3. What sections of the Bruce Highway have been identified as priorities? 4. What contractors have been awarded projects? 5. How much work has actually been done? 6. Where has this work been done? 7. How much flood proofing will be completed before the start of the Summer wet season in November 2012? 			
109	NB-II 46	MACDONALD	Cardwell Range	<p>When the Cardwell Range Road upgrade was announced, Minister Albanese stated that the \$115 million project would be completed by the end of 2012.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the upgrade to the Cardwell range on track for completion as planned by the end of 2012? 2. Has the upgrade remained within the \$115 million budget? 3. If not, how much has the project cost? 	Written		
110	NB-II 47	MACDONALD	Cardwell Range	<p>When the Cardwell Range Road upgrade was announced, Minister Albanese referred to \$2.6 billion that would be spent on the Bruce Highway.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent to date? 2. How many flood-prone sections of the Bruce Highway in Northern Queensland have been repaired as part of this spending program? 	Written		
111	NB-II 48	MACDONALD	Outback Way	<p>In July this year the Government committed \$6 billion to developing infrastructure in Regional Australia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has any of this money been allocated so far? 	Written		

				<p>2. How much of this money been spent on roads in the north?</p> <p>3. (a) Has the Outback Way been earmarked for upgrade? (b) If so, how much funding has been allocated to the Outback Way? (c) If so, when will work commence on upgrades to the Outback Way?</p>			
112	NB-II 49	MACDONALD	Regional Roads Productivity Package	<p>In August this year the Government committed \$90 million to its 'Regional Roads Productivity Package'.</p> <p>1. How much of this money has been allocated so far? 2. Where has work commenced? 3. What road upgrades/remediation has been completed so far?</p>	Written		
113	NB-II 50	MACDONALD	Yeppen Crossing	<p>Some months ago the Government received the Aecom report on the third bridge proposal at Rockhampton as part of the on-going Yeppen Crossing and Yeppen South Road project.</p> <p>1. Has the report been publicly released? 2. If not, is it intended for public release and if so, when? 3. If it is not intended for public release, why not? 4. What was the cost of the report?</p>	Written		
114	STP 01	COLBECK	Tasmanian Freight Scheme	<p>Senator COLBECK: I will have a look at the project agreement. There was \$4 million to the Burnie port. I think it is understood where that is going. What role is the Commonwealth having in the establishment of the expert group, which I think \$1.5 million is going to fund? The expert group is looking at longer-term issues. So what is our engagement in that process? I understand Minister Albanese might have announced the chair or something recently when he was in Tasmania.</p> <p>Mr Sutton: That is correct. It is one of the three components of the \$20 million that is specified in the project agreement, which identifies, in a general sense, the role and functions of that money. Minister Albanese issued a media release on 3 October with Tasmanian Minister O'Byrne, indicating that applications were sought for membership of that freight logistics coordination</p>	45 16/10/12		

				<p>team.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is there a timeframe around the reporting of that group?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Could you take that on notice and find out what the timeframe is around the activities of that particular group, or if we are imposing or asking for anything—or is it just being managed by the Tasmanian government?</p>			
115	STP 02	COLBECK	Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme	<p>Senator COLBECK: Wouldn't that be fairly fundamental to providing advice to the minister, because surely that is part of the deal?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: The previous answer indicated we were providing advice to the minister. The minister has now responded to Mr Deegan's report, and in that response it was indicated that there would be no changes to the current way that the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme operates.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give me the date of that advice and where I might find it? Can you direct me to it?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I will have to check.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is it a public response?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: It was in advice provided to Mr Deegan. I am not sure if it is a public response at this point in time but we can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Part of it is public now, because you have just told me.</p> <p>Mr Sutton: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: That answers one question.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think the Prime Minister and the minister made comments on this issue during the recent community cabinet in Launceston. We can certainly see what is on the public record and take that on notice.</p>	45-46 16/10/12		
116	STP 03	ABETZ	Maritime Union of Australia	<p>Senator ABETZ: We are under time pressure so, rather than asking a lot of questions, I will make a comment for the consideration of the department. Avid reader as I am of matters trade union, I got the special commemorative booklet from the Maritime Union of Australia entitled <i>Kept Australia afloat:</i></p>	47 & 50 16/10/12		

			<p><i>shipping reform and the national interest.</i></p> <p>In that we have published a whole lot of commentary from departmental officials congratulating the Maritime Union of Australia on their activities et cetera. I am just wondering whether you would have sent notes of commiseration to those who were on the other side of the debate in this. I suppose all I am saying is that I personally do not think it is a good look for departments, when matters are hotly contested, to be sending congratulatory notes—</p> <p>Senator Kim Carr: Could we have a copy of this document?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I have just indicated what it is called: it is a special commemorative booklet called <i>Kept Australia afloat: shipping reform and the national interest.</i></p> <p>Senator Kim Carr: You have said that the officers are quoted.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, on page 17. I do not want to gratuitously put people's names into <i>Hansard</i>. Some people higher up than AMSA—I will be discreet as to that—have been published saying, 'Well done to all involved', 'Thanks and congratulations' and things of that nature. One day you might have to be acting for a government, potentially, that might have a differing view, pursuing a different policy. I am just wondering about the appropriateness of it. I will leave it at that; other colleagues have questions. But I just wanted to make that point.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly I am not aware of the publication or the comments in it. I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You can see this document. It came across my desk, and I was surprised that some very high-level officials had what I assume were email communications published which would suggest that they were all partisan participants in the debate, where the coalition clearly had a differing view. I will not take it further than that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any such comments by myself or my officials, and I will have a close look at that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Mr Mrdak, you are at the top of the tree, and you were quoted as well, saying: 'Paddy, thanks and congratulations. Well done to all involved. Looking forward to catching up.' With respect, I just do not think it is a good look.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Abetz, are you tabling that?</p>			
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				<p>Senator Kim Carr: No, he said he did not want to table it.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: No, I did not say that. I am more than happy to go back to my office and have it photocopied and brought up here for Mr Mrdak. I do not want to take the matter further. I am sure it was all done innocently, but I do not think it is a good look for the future. That is all.</p> <p>CHAIR: Mr Mrdak, do you wish to respond to Senator Abetz's line of questioning?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As I said, I will have a look at the document. I am not aware of it or of any comments I have made along those lines. But I am certainly aware that we constantly have contact with all levels of the industry. I will have a look at the context in which those comments have been published.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Senator Abetz raised the issue of a MUA publication and I would just like to clarify. I will come back to Senator Abetz on notice, but just to clarify that my comments and those of the officers were responses to letters from the MUA thanking my staff for the hard work they had done in facilitating the work on the legislation. I will come back on notice clarifying, but those comments reflect our responses to those letters thanking our staff for their hard work and should not be taken as anything other than that.</p>			
117	STP 04	NASH	Seat belts on buses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The list that you have provided for me, regarding the past recipients for the grant is this all the recipients from 2007 – 2012? <i>If the department says this is only for 2012 etc</i> 2. Can the department provide me a list of all the recipients for this grant from 2007 – 2012? 3. Can the department break down for me the total spending i.e. how much each year bus operators accesses the grant for the years 2007 – 2008, 2009 – 2010, 2011 – 2012, and 2012 – 13 budgets? 4. How many buses were retro – fitted or in the process of being retro – fitted with seat belts are from rural and regional 	Written		

				<p>area?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How many of those buses that were retro – fitted in the time period from 2007 – 2012 accessed “high risk” roads? 6. How many buses have been retro – fitted with seat belts are from a metro area or mainland state capital areas? 7. Can you break down into metro, inner regional, remote and very remote areas how many buses have been retro fitted with seat belts from 2007 – 2012 8. The Department states “The original allocation over four years from 2007 – 08 to 2010 – 11 was 37.6 million. Unspent funds from 2007 -08 were used to extend the program another year to 2011- 12” by any chance there was no money left over from 2007 – 08 budget would the program be scrapped? 9. If the \$4 million dollars is spent this 2012- 13 budget will the program be cut from the 2013- 14 budget if the only reason it continued was because of funds leftover from the 2007 – 08 budget? 			
118	STP 05	RYAN	<p>Inspection Certificates and Australian Design Regulations for vehicles imported from overseas into Australia.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 2003 how many compliance plates have been issued that have later found not to match the vehicle they have been fitted to? 2. Does the Department undertake audits to ensure compliance plates match vehicles? If so, how often and can you provide the results of these audits? If not, why don’t you undertake audits? 3. How often does the Department come across false or misleading 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates? 4. What measures does the Department have in place to ensure 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates are true and correct? 5. Of the false or misleading 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates detected how did the Department become aware that there issue with the certificates? 6. What proactive steps does the Department take to ensure that a vehicle is compliant? Does the Department rely solely on 	Written		

				<p>the 0-4-5 Inspection Certificate?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Does the Department undertake an audit to make sure compliance plates match the vehicle and that certified engineers are doing their job properly when they sign a 0-4-5 Certificate? 8. Is the department aware of any allegations or instances of fraud or any other criminality in regards to the issuing of 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates or compliance plates? 9. If there has been evidence of criminality what actions or sanctions have been taken against the perpetrators? 10. How many 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates and Compliance Plates were issued between 01/01/2003 and 01/01/2004? 11. Of these 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates and Compliance Plates issued between 01/01/2003 and 01/01/2003 how many have were found to be incorrectly issued? 12. Is the department aware of any cases between 01/01/2003 and 01/01/2004 where 0-4-5 Inspection Certificates have been filled out with false details and compliance plates issued? For example, <i>a 1993 Chevrolet is listed on the 0-4-5 Inspection Certificate when in fact the vehicle is a 1993 GMC Motorhome.</i> 13. Of the cases which the Department has known where false details have been placed on a 0-4-5 Inspection Certificate what investigations were carried out, what were the outcome of those investigations and what actions taken against those who falsely filled out the certificates? 14. Has the Department ever received complaints about an engineer by the name of Werner Ihle? If so, what was the nature of the complaints, were they investigated and what was the outcome of those investigations? 			
119	STP 06	NASH	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I understand that the start date for the national law has now been pushed back to 1 July. Is that correct? 2. How many staff are employed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator? 3. How many other staff in the Department are working on the implementation of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator? 	Written		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What is the Budget of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator? 5. What funding from general Departmental budgets is allocated to the implementation of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator? 6. Are you confident that the outstanding issues can be dealt with in a second Bill to be passed through the Queensland parliament? Will a third bill be required? 7. How confident are you that a national law will come into effect from 1 July next year? 			
120	STP 07	NASH	Temporary Licence refusals	<p>Since Temporary Licences were introduced for shipping in Australia on 1 July 2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many temporary licence applications have been refused? 2. What was the rationale for each of the temporary licence applications that have been refused? 3. In each case, what was the outcome of the refusal? Ie in each case was the cargo subsequently carried on an Australian flagged ship? 4. How many temporary licences have been refused for hazardous materials? 5. For each refusal, please provide the rationale of the refusal. 	Written		
121	STP 08	NASH	Australian shipping register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current number of vessels that are Australian flagged? 2. (a) What is the current number of vessels that are flagged on the Australian International Shipping Register? b) When were these vessels flagged on the AISR? c) Who are they owned by? 3. For those ships flagged on the Australian International Shipping Register, what was their former flag of registration? 	Written		
122	AMSA 01	NASH	Indonesian boat assistance	An article from 27 August 2012 which was published by a number of news outlets including The Age and the Canberra	Written		

				<p>Times which alleges that Indonesian Authorities approached “Australia’s ocean safety authority” about assisting a boat 29 hours before it was found to have capsized in June.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this the case? 2. Did Indonesian Authorities request assistance from AMSA in relation to this boat? If so, when? 3. The article claims that the boat made several calls for help to AMSA between 19 and 21 June and that vessels were sent to assist 41 hours after the first call. At what date and time was the first call received? 4. What action was taken after this call was received? 5. Please provide details of the date and time of all subsequent calls. 6. What action was undertaken after each of these calls were received? 7. When was maritime assistance provided? 8. When was a fly-over approved? 9. What communication with Indonesian Authorities and their search and rescue agency Basarnas was undertaken? 10. When was this undertaken? 11. What is the Department’s response to academics that claim that Australia failed to meet its international obligations under international conventions to provide assistance to vessels in distress at sea? 			
123	AMSA 02	HEFFERNAN	Sri Lankan boats	<p>At Senate Estimates on Tuesday 16 October, the acting CEO of Customs and Border Protection, Michael Pezzullo gave evidence that AMSA has requested that merchant vessels go to the assistance of asylum seeker boats in international waters off the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since August 2010, how many times has AMSA received phone calls, either directly or through 000 emergency call referrals, from people on their way to Australian on illegal boats from Sri Lanka seeking assistance or rescue? 2. Since August 2010, how many times has AMSA called on 	Written		

				<p>merchant vessels or Customs and Border Protection Command to go to the assistance of boats with asylum seekers on board outside our territorial waters?</p> <p>3. Of those instances, on how many occasions were those rescued or provided with assistance subsequently brought to Australian territory and where?</p> <p>4. Since August 2010, has AMSA contacted Sri Lankan authorities alerting them to vessels in distress in their waters that were on their way to Australia? If so, how many?</p> <p>5. Since August 2010, have Sri Lankan authorities including the Sri Lankan Navy ever informed AMSA of illegal boats arriving or on their way to Australia?</p> <p>6. Since August 2010, have Sri Lankan authorities ever expressed a view that boats they may have informed AMSA about should be returned to Sri Lanka, or that they would be willing to aid in their return?</p>			
124	AMSA 03	HEFFERNAN	SOLAS Convention	<p>1. Is the Australian Government obliged under the SOLAS Convention to provide a safe port for people rescued at sea outside our territorial waters?</p> <p>2. Does this situation change if AMSA has been involved in either co-ordinating the rescue or alerting foreign jurisdictions to the maritime emergency?</p>	Written		
125	AMSA 04	WHISH-WILSON	Pollution of the marine environment	<p>1. Over the past 5 years how many cases of pollution of the marine environment by ships has AMSA investigated?</p> <p>2. Which annex of the <i>International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)</i> have these cases fallen under?</p> <p>3. How many have been Australia registered vessels and how many have been internationally registered?</p> <p>4. How many successful prosecutions have there been?</p>	Written		
126	PAR 01	EDWARDS	Revised peak oil report	<p>Senator EDWARDS: When will the government publish its revised peak oil report, BITRE 117, which Minister Carr said in February 2012 hearings was not up to scratch?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: There is no intention to republish that report that you are referring to. I think we discussed at the last hearing that</p>	50-51 16/10/12		

				<p>a lot of the work that went into that report has manifested in a variety of other pieces of work the bureau has done, and we have provided a list of those. But there is no specific intention to republish that report.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Is that when you sent it out to all these other organisations—the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources and a number of other government departments?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No, in the process of that work being undertaken, some of the consultation that was done on that report.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It has been a controversial report, hasn't it. Can their feedback be provided, on notice?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I would have to check, but I think we provided an answer—again, this might be several hearings ago—that actually outlined the feedback we got.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I am not sure you have.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I will take it on notice and check.</p>			
127	PAR 02	NASH	Local road bridges in Australia	<p>Senator NASH: On local road bridges, has there been any research done on the state of the local state and federally controlled bridges across Australia?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Our bureau has not done such work.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Have you done anything at all in relation to bridges?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Not directly. ARRB—the Australian Road Research Board is its former name—do some work for the state governments. I imagine they have done some work on bridges.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Are there any statistics available through BITRE on perhaps the local, state and federally owned numbers of what is where?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: The number of bridges?</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Dolman: No, we do not collect statistics on that.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Have you considered doing any work on bridges?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: No.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Will you consider doing any work on bridges?</p>	52 16/10/12		

				Mr Mrdak: Ausroads and ARRB, as Dr Dolman said, are the research bodies for the state governments. We also participate. We are happy to take on notice what work they have done and come back to you in relation to that.			
128	PAR 03	EDWARDS	Peak oil	When will the government publish its revised peak oil report BITRE 117?	Written		
129	PAR 04	EDWARDS	Peak oil	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many million barrels of oil, million tons of coal, billion m3 of gas are needed to run Australian cities in the next 10 years? 2. What is the absorption capacity of the atmosphere when burning these fossil fuels? 3. Some state that Queensland plans to export more than 10 times the gas NSW needs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Has the Department done any work on this? (b) What is your view on this? 4. The NSW Government has plans to use gas as a transport fuel instead of oil. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Are there sufficient quantities to replace oil? (b) Has the Department done any work on this? (c) If so what, is it public, can we have a copy? 	Written		
130	MCU 01	NASH	Budget allocation for proofreading	<p>Senator NASH: And what is the remaining \$0.18 million allocated to?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: It is general operational. We have a very, very modest consultancy budget. But it is mainly services like proofreading our publications and limited print runs on our publications, as well as some staff development and travel.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Why do you need a proofreader? Why do you need to outsource for a proofreader?</p> <p>Ms Ekelund: It is a standard approach. We have an editor who looks at the document to make sure it is of a high professional standard.</p> <p>Senator NASH: But haven't you retained really, really smart people who did not want to move to Canberra, and they were so good you had to keep them? They cannot proofread?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think Ms Ekelund is talking more generally about</p>	56 16/10/12		

				<p>not just proofreading but the whole printing preparation process.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I understand that, but what component of that goes on proofreading?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: A very small component?</p> <p>Senator NASH: How much is pretty small?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it is part of the print-setting for the publication of documents. I will take that on notice, but it is not a large amount, and it is part of the publication—</p>			
131	OTS 01	NASH	Screening requirements for charter operators	<p>Senator NASH: Thank you. I am sure you are aware that it has created some issues. I specifically want to talk about the small and remote destinations, particularly for tourism. Are you aware of some of the concerns by the charter operators that this has put a real burden on them in terms of going into small towns like Bourke? Is that something that you are aware of?</p> <p>Mr Retter: I am aware that some months ago we had some active discussions with a number of open charter companies and associated airlines, who propose to fly into unscreened airports—category 6 airports in the Aviation Transport Security Regulations—and we went through an exercise with them to determine an appropriate set of measures that could be put in place that would allow them to continue to operate their tourism activities with minimal impact on both the passengers and the airlines, with the airports that are affected. We have done that. To my knowledge those measures are in place and are working effectively. And for the last three months I have heard nothing, from either the airports affected or the airlines.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Good. What were the measures? I want you to give me a brief answer and then give me a more detailed answer on notice, if you could.</p>	64 16/10/12		
132	OTS 02	NASH	Sunshine Coast Airport	<p>An article from the Sunshine Coast Daily in relation to extended airport queues at the Sunshine Coast Airport. I understand that security at the airport is contracted to Qantas and they are responsible for screening.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In general are there any guidelines for domestic security processing in terms of queue time? If so, what role does OTS play in this process? 	Written		OTS 02

				2. What oversight role does OTS have in ensuring that domestic security is undertaken appropriately?			
133	OTS 03	EDWARDS	New security regulations for regional airports impact on Regional Express	<p>I refer to some reports that Regional Express is considering whether or not to cut 29 flights between Port Lincoln and Adelaide due to the increased costs to the airline from screening.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is OTS aware of this? 2. Is OTS aware of the extent to which the new security measures have played a role in this proposed reduction of flight numbers and other airlines? 3. What discussions has OTS had with Rex? 4. Is OTS aware of other agencies having discussions with REX on this issue? 	Written		OTS 03
134	AAA 01	HUMPHRIES	Proposal to Standards Australia	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES: Did the document you put out for consultation for that month include an explicit reference to N60=6?</p> <p>Mr Stone: I believe so, the one that was published in July.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: The document is in front of you. Can you point to me which page you refer to.</p> <p>Mr Stone: If it was not published, it is possible that it was an oversight.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: You said it was published. Was it published or was it not published?</p> <p>Mr Stone: I will have to check but what I would say is we published a draft proposal and took comments back from stakeholders. I do have recollection that some stakeholders pointed out that that particular metric may have been omitted from one of the draft proposals and suggested that it should be included.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES: You just told us it was included. Are you now withdrawing that evidence?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it is best if we take this on notice and come back to you. It will give my office an opportunity to look at the document away from the table. We will come back to your question as soon as we can.</p>	68 16/10/12		

135	AAA 02	RONALDSON	Landing rights at Avalon Airport	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Mr Mrdak, back to the Avalon issue very quickly. It is my understanding that Air Asia approached the department in 2008 seeking landing rights for Avalon. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes. We had discussions with that company some years ago.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: For the record, is that an international airline?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes. It is a Malaysian carrier.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Why did the government at the time deny landing rights to Air Asia? Can you remember?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not think we denied rights. I think the capacity was available under the Malaysian air services agreement. I think it was a question for the Malaysian government as to how they allocated that capacity between their carriers. I would have to go back and check my recollection about the way in which the air service agreement negotiations took place at the time.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: If you could just take that on notice for me.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, certainly.</p>	68 16/10/12		
136	AAA 03	FAWCETT	Leased airports	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I will just distribute this map. Mr Mrdak, I am sure you would be disappointed if I did not come back to the issue of leased airports and the lot of operators on airports versus airport use. I will give you a document here which is about pre-lease opportunities for land at Bankstown airport. I have contacted the lease operator at Bankstown airport and he was very prompt and very good about responding, saying that any approval for this land—you can see the hatched land here—covers an area of the airfield, which, for as long as those people can recall, has been an aviation side of the airfield. It is where helicopters take off and land and there are formed helipads in there. People have invested many hundreds of thousands dollars—it is not millions—in building their businesses adjacent to that land so they can use it. That is an operating part of the airfield. It is now a pre-lease opportunity, which would essentially provide the opportunity to build infrastructure where these people need to operate aircraft to run their business.</p>	68-69 16/10/12		

				<p>The leaseholder has come back and said that anything would be subject to assessment under the controls and building regulations, including consultation with adjacent tenants as required under the regulation of airports building control regulation 96, including approvals from the airport building controller and the airport environment controller. Given the context of NASAG and given the context of the lease conditions, which say that airports are scarce land and they should primarily be for aviation use,—I am happy to take it on notice—but could you respond as to the principles that the department will apply should an application come forward for this land to be developed for non-aviation use or, essentially, a build infrastructure where for decades people have been landing and operating helicopters as part of their businesses at Bankstown Airport?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, Senator. I will just check with my officers if we are familiar with this proposal. I can just reiterate the government's policy position that in any master plan it would not look favourably upon any reduction in aeronautical activity zoning at an airport like Bankstown. That has been made very clear by the minister. I will just check with my colleagues.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: This zoning was approved in a previous plan, but the issue is the context upon which people look at that land, 'We don't mind if there is other businesses built around the edge of this aviation operation,' but what has been put forward to the broader marketplace is that all of this land is available for building of hard stand warehouses and other things.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As I said, the government has been very clear on its view to maintain aeronautical activity. I will have to check the status of this particular site. I am not familiar and I will check with my officers as to whether we are familiar with this proposal. Senator, I will have to take that on notice and we will come back to you with clear principles and also how we would handle such a proposal.</p>			
137	AAA 04	FAWCETT	Evans Head airfield	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure. Coming back to Evans Head airfield, I notice that the Office of Airspace Regulation has declined to approve the fly-neighbourly advice because of the proximity of residential areas to the aerodrome. On the basis of the fact that</p>	69 16/10/12		

				<p>NASAG indicates that the Commonwealth government is responsible for safety and that agencies like this are saying that the buildings are too close to the airport to even approve a fly-neighbourly agreement, which is constraining generally how people fly to try and avoid things like noise impact, I would ask you to take on notice what role the Commonwealth should be having for ALOP aerodromes. I hear what you said before that it belongs to the council and you gave the councils money so they could develop it and use it for commercial purposes. If the Commonwealth still retains under NASAG the responsibility for safety, which is not only the people on the ground but also for the people in the air, developments like this and some in Queensland, where literally in Queensland some of the houses have been built within a stone's throw of active aerodromes—</p> <p>CHAIR: I ask you to come to the question; we are four minutes over. You can take it on notice or you can answer it very quickly in 10 seconds.</p> <p>Mr Doherty: We cannot answer it in that time. Senator, I understand that this is an issue that has been raised with us in correspondence in the last couple of weeks. I am not sure whether it goes to a safety issue, but we will certainly have a look at that. In relation to the broader issue, you are aware of the work that we are doing through NASAG to try and get cooperation from the states to control the development which could interfere. We are trying to have some influence on what happens outside the boundary of the airport or in the airport.</p>			
138	AAA 05	RONALDSON	Making Avalon Airport international	<p><i>Proof Hansard</i>, 16 October 2012, p. 18, states that “Minister Albanese, at the request of Mr Marles...asked the department to take a lead role coordinating the activities across the Commonwealth for the development of Avalon Airport”. Given this coordination role of the department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has it taken the department and the government so long to address issues with Avalon’s lease? 2. Why was Avalon’s lease not varied earlier, as opposed to just recently? 3. What are the factors that led to a delay in varying the lease 	Written		

				and, therefore, have delayed making Avalon international?			
139	AAA 06	NASH	Carbon price	<p>1. Just to clarify in the answer that the Department provided me as it states “<i>Only fuel consumed on domestic flights will be subjected to an effective carbon price through an increase in the existing fuel excise on domestic aviation fuel. Fuel for international flights will not incur a carbon liability. Qantas and other Australian carriers will operate international services on the same basis as foreign carriers,</i>” domestic flights will see an increase in the existing fuel excise and international flights won’t be subjected to an increase aviation fuel excise due to the introduction of the Carbon tax is that correct?</p> <p>2. Does the Department know how much of an increase in ticket prices on domestic flights have been since the introduction of the Carbon tax?</p> <p>3. Has the department have any data on if there is an increase or decrease on how many people flew domestically after July 1st?</p> <p>4. There have been reports in from Virgin Australia and Qantas that international flights will be subjected to fuel excise due to the EU Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme is that correct?</p> <p>5. Will Australian travellers travelling to the EU be subjected to an increase in ticket prices because Airlines have to pass on the increase in the fuel excise due to the Carbon Price and a carbon price due to the EU Emission Trading Scheme is that correct?</p> <p>6. Does the Department have any information on how much it will cost an individual traveller travelling to say London return?</p> <p>7. Does the Department have any data on if there has been an increase or decrease in travel to international destinations in</p>	Written		

				particularly to the EU?			
140	AAA 07	NASH	Airline Customer Advocate	<p>I refer to the appointment of the Airline Customer Advocate in July.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an overview of the Advocate's responsibilities? 2. What is the average turnaround time of complaints to the Advocate? 3. What is the accepted turnaround time of complaints to the Advocate? 4. How many staff are employed by the Advocate? 5. Where are they located? 6. What is the budget of the Advocate in 2012-13? 7. What is the budget of the Advocate in each financial year of the forward estimates? 8. Does the Advocate receive any government funding or support? If so, what does this funding or support entail? 9. Were government funds used to establish the office of the Advocate? If so, how much did this cost? 10. Is the Airline Advocate solely funded by the airline industry? If so, how is this funding agreement determined? 11. Please provide a month by month breakdown of how many complaints the Advocate has received since its establishment? 	Written		
141	AAA 08	NASH	Aviation White Paper Recommendations	<p>In relation to actions outlined in the Aviation White Paper can you please provide an update on the following:</p> <p><i>Australia's international air services policy framework</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional aviation packages (page 48): in relation to the Government's commitments to encourage international airlines to land in regional ports such as Darwin, Cairns and Broome. In relation to the commitment to increase these opportunities by offering additional beyond rights and improved access to major gateway markets for international 	Written		

				<p>flights linked to secondary gateways.</p> <p>(a) How many airlines have taken up this opportunity and to which ports?</p> <p>(b) Are you aware of any concerns by regional airports or organisations that the enhanced package announced in the White Paper is not meeting its objectives? If so, which airports?</p> <p>(c) What benefit has the enhanced package had for Adelaide Airport?</p> <p>(d) What benefit has the enhanced package had for Darwin Airport?</p> <p>(e) Has the Department undertaken a review of the programme's effectiveness? Is the Department reviewing the programme? If not, is a review scheduled?</p> <p>3. Amendment to <i>Qantas Sale Act 1992</i> (page 49): in relation to the Government's commitment to remove some restrictions on foreign ownership of Qantas the White Paper outlines the government's intention to remove the 25% restriction for foreign individual shareholdings and 35% for total foreign airlines shareholdings but retain the general 49% limit on foreign investment.</p> <p>(a) Has the Department taken any action to implement this recommendation? If so, what? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. Completing the CASA regulatory reform program by 2011 (page 69): in relation to the White Paper commitment to complete the CASA regulatory reform program by 2011:</p> <p>(a) I understand that as at July 2012 this process still isn't complete. Do you have a revised completion date?</p> <p>(b) What remains to be finalised?</p> <p>(c) Why has this taken 12 months longer than outlined in the White Paper?</p> <p>5. Mutual recognition in aviation auto-parts industry (page 69): in relation to the White Paper Commitment to establish</p>			
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				<p>mutual recognition arrangements with key trading partners to lower the regulatory burden for Australia’s aircraft and parts exporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) What action(s) has the Department taken to implement this commitment?(b) What arrangements have been agreed to?(c) With which trading partners?(d) When were these agreed to?(e) If none has been agreed to, why have no agreements been made?(f) Are any agreements in negotiations?(g) Has the Department undertaken a review of this commitment? Is the Department reviewing policies in this area? If not, is a review scheduled? <p><i>Industry skills and productivity</i></p> <p>6. Air traffic controller standards and qualifications (page 81): in relation to the commitment in the White Paper to ensure the closer alignment of national civil and military air traffic controller standards and qualifications. In light of the recent near miss over Darwin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) What action(s) has the Department taken to implement this recommendation?(b) What changes have been made to “ensure closer alignment”?(c) What changes have been made to civil air traffic controller standards?(d) What changes have been made to military air traffic controller standards?(e) What changes have been made to civil air traffic controller qualifications?(f) What changes have been made to military air traffic			
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				<p>controller qualifications?</p> <p>(g) Has the Department undertaken a review of this commitment? Is the Department reviewing policies in this area? If not, is a review scheduled?</p> <p><i>Australian Consumer Law</i></p> <p>7. Corporate Charters for complaints (page 92): in relation to the White Paper's commitment to develop Corporate Charters to set benchmarks for standards for complaints.</p> <p>(a) Has this occurred? If so, when was it finalised? If not, why not?</p> <p>(b) Is this included as part of the work of the Airline Customer Advocate?</p> <p><i>Passengers with Disabilities</i></p> <p>8. Disability Access Facilitation Plans (page 92): the White Paper committed to facilitating the development of Disability Access Facilitation Plans by airlines and airports</p> <p>(a) Has this occurred? If so when? If not, why not?</p> <p>(b) What 'facilitating' action has the Department taken?</p> <p>(c) Which airports/airlines have developed these Plans?</p> <p>(d) What is the timeframe for full implementation?</p> <p><i>Aviation safety regulation and investigation</i></p> <p>9. CASA offices in Townsville, Cairns and Darwin (page 115): the White Paper states that offices in Townsville, Cairns and Darwin will be maintained.</p> <p>(a) Has this occurred?</p> <p>(b) Has there been any decrease in staff at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville • Cairns • Darwin <p>(c) If so, how can you say that the offices will be maintained as outlined in the White Paper?</p>			
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142	AAA 09	NASH	Board appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the eligibility/selection criteria for appointment to the Airservices Australia Board? 2. Is a background in aviation a pre-requisite for appointment? 3. What is the usual process undertaken prior to the appointment of a person to the Board? Assessment of selection criteria? Interviews? Etc? 4. Is there a selection panel? If so, who is on the selection panel? 5. And the selection panel makes a recommendation to the Minister for his approval? 6. For the new appointments announced in June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samantha Betzien Annette Kimmitt Paul Lucas Anthony Mathews <p>(a) Can you outline the process that was undertaken for each of those candidates?</p> <p>(b) Did all appointees go through the same process?</p> <p>(c) Were all appointees recommended to the Minister by the selection panel?</p> 	Written		

				(d) Did the Minister recommend any particular candidate to the selection panel or put any candidate forward for selection?			
143	AAA 10	NASH	Incident with Qantas aircraft in Darwin	<p>I refer to a well-reported incident on 2 October 2012 in which Qantas jets came within 250 metres of a mid-air collision. I understand that there will be a Defence investigation into the incident.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is CASA undertaking a separate investigation into this incident? 2. If so, what will this entail? What are your preliminary findings? 3. How did this incident occur? 4. What measures have been put in place to ensure that it does not occur again? 5. Are you confident with the effectiveness of the air traffic management systems at Darwin Airport? 	Written		
144	AAA 11	XENOPHON	FIFO flights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have additional safety measures been put in place to deal with the FIFO flights in Western Australia? 2. What are these measures and when were they put in place? 	Written		
145	AA 01	XENOPHON	Credit card expenses	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Has Airservices Australia introduced new controls on corporate credit cards since the departure of Mr Russell?</p> <p>Mr Clark: We have certainly introduced new procedures and controls around the chief executive, and we have tightened up some of the board procedures in relation to board expenditure as well.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That means that your new financial reporting requirements have been introduced in terms of credit card expenses and personal expenses? Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Clark: New sign-off processes have been introduced, yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Okay. If you could take on notice how they differ from the previous arrangements. For instance, is there a ban on the CEO of Airservices Australia using business class travel within Australia? Is that a new control?</p>	70 16/10/12		

146	AA 02	XENOPHON	Loss of separation incidents	<p>Earlier this month, there were reports about a Virgin Australia 737-800 being ‘lost’ by ATC along the Sydney-Brisbane route.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can ASA please describe what happened in relation to this incident? 2. Can ASA elaborate on how an aircraft’s details can become ‘inhibited’ on the system and what this means in real terms? 3. There has also been commentary that ASA attempted to restrict the reporting of this incident to the ATSB. What is the ASA’s response to this? Are these allegations being investigated? 4. The ASA also responded that Australia’s aviation system has ‘multiple layers of safety mechanisms’ in place, and that these include automated safety alerts in ATC systems and in aircraft. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Would the ‘inhibition’ of this flight prevent such warnings being triggered in the ATC system? (b) Does ASA consider that aircraft should have to rely solely on their onboard safety warnings? (c) What about aircraft that do not have such systems? 5. Can ASA provide information on how this incident was treated from a training and/or disciplinary angle? 6. There have been reports that the controller in question remained at his or her console after the incident. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Is this usual practice? (b) Is it consistent with ASA safety procedures? (c) Were there other controllers available to take over the console if required? 7. Is ASA aware of the screenshots published on the Crikey blog ‘Plane Talking’ that allegedly showed ‘attempts made by management to pass the... error... as a ‘display error’. What is ASA’s response to this? 8. I note that Andrew Clark responded to this blog under the title ‘Airservices media’. This response stated that the 	Written		
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				<p>aircraft was never ‘lost to Airservices air traffic controllers’ and that it ‘continued to be displayed on all air traffic control displays managing the airspace and was not in the vicinity of any other aircraft’.</p> <p>(a) Is this consistent with ASA’s position?</p> <p>(b) Mr Clark made this statement in his role as Acting CEO. Did he consult with the board or any other executives or managers before making this response?</p> <p>(c) Mr Clark was presumably briefed on this incident before he responded to the blog. Who briefed him and when?</p> <p>(d) I note that, according to the screen grabs posted on the blog, ‘appropriate assessment of known traffic for potential conflicts with VOZ913 did not occur’. Is this consistent with Mr Clark’s statement that the aircraft ‘was not in the vicinity of any other aircraft’?</p>			
147	AA 03	XENOPHON	Internal issues	<p>1. There have been a lot of comments in the past in relation to issues within ASA, including bullying, harassment, staff shortages and even alleged misappropriation of funds. Given the recent change in upper management, can ASA provide an outline of the strategies it is developing or has in place to begin addressing these serious systemic issues?</p> <p>2. Does the board have full support for these changes?</p>	Written		
148	CASA 01	GALLACHER	OH&S concerns	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I asked a question on notice regarding a protocol for dealing with OHS concerns raised by airline personnel. I thank CASA for the education you have given me by responding and saying that, yes, you do have one. So my supplementary question is: can I get a copy of the written protocol and an indication of the number of OHS concerns raised with CASA by airline personnel?</p> <p>Mr J McCormick: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	73-74 16/10/12		
149	CASA 02	FAWCETT	Aviation Safety	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr McCormick, last estimates we spoke about the role CASA has in aviation safety. We talked about the</p>	74 16/10/12		

				<p>heads of power that you have to influence safety at an ALOP aerodrome that is not directly controlled by the department. We talked about, for example, a body of water that could attract birds. You asked for a specific example and I gave you the example of Casino. What response can you give now in terms of your investigation into what actions have occurred?</p> <p>Mr J McCormick: Are you referring to a question on notice? I do recall a discussion.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Yes, we had the discussion. Just looking at the transcript here, the flow got interrupted and I do not whether it was recorded as a formal question on notice. But there was an undertaking to look into it, so I am just wondering whether that has been looked into. In what way are you able to exercise that head of power where there is a safety issue at an aerodrome that is not a leased federal aerodrome?</p> <p>Mr J McCormick: Sorry, I do not think we captured that as an actual question. Is it acceptable for me to take that on notice now and get back to you next time?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: If you could take it on notice now, that would be great. Thank you.</p>			
150	CASA 03	NASH	Aviation Maintenance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department clarify whether the new regulations, and specially those contained in CASA Part 21, Subpart M, applies to the General Aviation industry? 2. Did the department adequately consult with all key stakeholders, including the AMROBA (Aviation Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Business Association), as to the scope of these changes and to which sectors of the industry they will apply before enacting the changes? 3. If so, can the department explain why there is so much confusion surrounding the impact of these new regulations? 4. Has the department sought to clarify, beyond the statement released by the Director of Aviation Safety, the effect of the new regulations on the industry since its implementation? 5. How advanced is the department in its steps to introduce new regulations relating to maintenance standards for the rest of 	Written		

				the industry if the General Aviation industry is not covered by the changes recently implemented?			
151	CASA 04	HEFFERNAN	Wind turbines, Crookwell aerodrome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 18 May 2012, Ministers (Federal & State/Territory) agreed to implement the Safeguarding Framework at the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) meeting – were wind turbines discussed at this meeting, and if so, what discussions took place, what outcomes/policies were released in relation to wind turbines? Please provide details. 2. The DOIT website states “Obstructions in the vicinity of an airport have the potential to create air safety hazards and to seriously limit the scope of aviation operations into and out of the airport. Activities that could result in a penetration of the protected airspace must be approved prior to the proposed penetration” – do wind turbines fall into this category? Please provide details. 3. In relation to CASA Project AS 06/07 Assessment of obstacles including wind turbines and exhaust plumes in the interest of public safety, can you please provide a copy of this Report? If not, why not? 4. Is this report available to the public, if not, why not? Please provide details. 5. It appears there is currently no legislation covering the protection of aerodromes from wind turbine obstructions, turbulence and wake plumes, and although the DOIT Guidelines D is an attempt to furnish guidelines, there still is no legislation. Is this correct? Is legislation being considered by CASA and the government? 6. My understanding is the Project AS 06/07 was to address this deficiency, having resulted from industry lobbying the authorities, and by your website’s own admission Project AS 06/07 established a report that was never released. Is this correct? 7. Can CASA provide details of ALL industry and stakeholder submissions in relation to Project AS06/07? 8. In Advisory Circular 139-18(0) Sept 2004, “5.1 CASA 	Written		

				<p><i>strongly discourages the siting of wind turbines in the vicinity of an aerodrome” – does CASA still support this statement?</i></p> <p>9. What are CASA’s guidelines in relation to air space between aerodromes and wind turbines?</p> <p>10. Is the designated air space regulation supposed to be 30kms?</p> <p>11. How many reported aircraft accidents/incidents have occurred at Crookwell aerodrome for past 10 years?</p> <p>12. Has CASA had any dealings with Aviation Projects Pty Ltd? If so, please provide details with dates and description of dealings?</p> <p>13. Has CASA had any dealings with the company Goldwings, owners of the Gullen Range Wind Turbines near Crookwell? Is so, please provide details.</p> <p>14. Has CASA been involved in the decision in relation to the 11 Turbines which were removed at Crookwell by the NSW Land and Environment Court?</p> <p>15. What is CASA’s policy of lighting of wind turbine structures? Is there a policy? If not, why not?</p> <p>16. Mr Paul Trotman (Manager, CASA Corporate Relations) in a letter to a concerned constituent (dated 7 December 2009) admitted “at the present time CASA has no regulatory power over obstacles not in the vicinity of a registered or certified aerodrome. CASA has, however, commissioned a review into how to identify and manage the risks associated with man made obstacles, including wind farms which are located outside the vicinity of certified and registered aerodromes” – has this review been undertaken and published? Is so, can we have a copy? Please provide details of the findings? If not, why not?</p> <p>17. CASA proposed to develop a suite of regulatory requirements relation to such obstacles – has this occurred, please provide details of the regulations?</p> <p>18. Does CASA liaise with State/Territory Departments of Planning in relation to location of wind farms?</p> <p>19. Can CASA overturn the development and location of wind farms in Australia? If so, are there regulations and legislation? If not, why not and will CASA be undertaking</p>			
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				<p>more regulations?</p> <p>20. Has CASA and the Department Of Infrastructure and Transport commissioned any proper scientific evaluation/studies and measurement of wind farm wake plumes, to actually come up with a determination of a safe distance and allow for a buffer zone around aerodromes: circling areas, Procedures for Air Navigational Services— Aircraft Operations (PAN-OPS) and Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS), irrespective of the registration status of the aerodrome or an infrastructure that regularly supports aircraft landings. Please provide details of these studies.</p> <p>21. Considering the wind turbines near Crookwell NSW are on the top of the hill, which is 320 ft above the Crookwell aerodrome making it approx 800 plus ft total height, sometimes the top of the hill is in the mist, with south easterly winds in the summer and low cloud in the winter, is ATSB concerned about the safety of helicopters (eg South Care) and fixed wing flying through the gap under low cloud, would ATSB undertake a review? Or only undertake a review once an accident/ incident occurs? Please provide details?</p>			
152	CASA 05	XENOPHON	OH&S	<p>Senator Gallagher asked a question on notice (No 93) at Budget Estimates in relation to OH&S. My questions are:</p> <p>(a) For an aircraft in flight, what OH&S rules apply when it comes to hazards or injuries to passengers or crew?</p> <p>(b) Who is the responsible agency?</p>	Written		
153	CASA 06	XENOPHON	International flight sectors	<p>I asked you about the distinction between “an international flight sector and a domestic flight sector?” You replied that those terms are not used in the Act. Forgive my imprecision, but the term international as a description of flight operations occurs quite often in the Civil Aviation Act, for example in s21(2) the phrase “aircraft engaged in interstate or international air navigation or air navigation within, to or from a Territory” is used. Similarly, s26 is titled “Aircraft on international flights</p>	Written		

				<p>to have permission”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does CASA determine if an aircraft is engaged in international air navigation or characterised as an international flight? ○ And at the risk of being repetitive, in the context of the regulatory responsibilities of CASA, can a flight be characterised as both an international flight sector and a ‘non-international’ flight? ○ Do you take the formulation in s21(2) to indicate that the alternative forms of ‘air navigation’ are mutually exclusive? 			
154	CASA 07	XENOPHON	Jetstar in-cabin line surveillance	<p>I asked you about in-cabin line surveillance of the final sectors of the Jetstar ‘tag’ flights. You responded that you have conducted in-cabin line surveillance of “Jetstar’s international operations”. Obviously my previous question wasn’t specific enough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) How many in-cabin line surveillance flights have been conducted on Jetstar aircraft for each of the last 4 financial years? (b) How many in-cabin line surveillance flights have been conducted on Jetstar aircraft engaged in international air navigation for each of the last 4 financial years? (c) How many in-cabin line surveillance flights conducted on Jetstar aircraft engaged in international air navigation have involved sectors between Australian airports (i.e., ‘interstate’ air navigation) for each of the last 4 financial years? 	Written		
155	CASA 08	XENOPHON	Access to reports	<p>The proposal by the ATSB to provide CASA open access to mandatory reports has been brought to my attention. I believe that this access is not currently available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Has CASA been active in seeking access to this information? (b) If such access becomes available, will there be any restriction on CASA initiating enforcement action based on 	Written		

				<p>information in those mandatory reports?</p> <p>(c) Does CASA believe that the granting of open access to mandatory reports will have an adverse impact on aviation safety reporting?</p>			
156	CASA 09	EGGLESTON	Airport ratings/categories	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What airports in Australia are rated to <i>regularly</i> accommodate A380 movements? 2. What airports in Australia are rated to accommodate A380 movements in emergency circumstances (e.g. medical diversion)? 	Written		
157	ATSB 01	FAWCETT	ATSB recommendations and CASA action	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Chair, given the inquiry on Monday I do not actually have a huge number of questions, except to follow up something with Mr Mrdak. Last time we spoke about closing the loop between ATSB recommendations and CASA following through with regulation as a consequential change within a certain time frame. The view was expressed that it was not necessarily a departmental role to have that closed loop system. I challenged that at the time. I just welcome any comment you may have three or four months down the track as to whether there has been any further thought within your department as to how we make sure we have a closed loop system for recommendations that come out of the ATSB.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is something we are doing further work on in response to your concerns. We recognise that we do need to ensure the integrity of the investigatory response and then the regulatory response. So it is something we are looking at closely. I and the other chief executives in the portfolio will do some further work on that area.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Do you have a time frame on when you might be able to report back to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not as yet. I will come back to you on notice with some more detail.</p>	77-78 16/10/12		
158	ATSB 02	HEFFERNAN	Wind turbines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does ATSB have a policy in relation to aircraft and wind turbines in Australia? If so, please provide details. 2. Does ATSB have any regulations in relation to aircraft and 	Written		

				<p>wind turbines? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>3. Has ATSB investigated any incidents of aircraft flying near wind turbines? If so, please provide details?</p> <p>4. Considering the wind turbines near Crookwell NSW are on the top of the hill, which is 320 ft above the Crookwell aerodrome making it approx 800 plus ft total height, sometimes the top of the hill is in the mist, with south easterly winds in the summer and low cloud in the winter, is ATSB concerned about the safety of helicopters (eg South Care) and fixed wing flying through the gap under low cloud, would ATSB undertake a review? Or only undertake a review once an accident/ incident occurs? Please provide details?</p>			
159	ATSB 03	XENOPHON	Loss of separation incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many ‘lack of separation’ incidents is the ATSB currently investigating? • How many relate to ASA and how many to military control of civilian airspace? • How long does it normally take to investigate such an incident? • Under what conditions would the controller in question be stood down? How long for? • Does ATSB request that the controller in question be stood down? • What procedures apply in relation to the controller’s return to work? • Does ATSB oversee or supervise this process? 	Written		
160	ATSB 04	XENOPHON	Access to reports	<p>The Consultation document on Enhanced Aviation Mandatory and Confidential Reporting proposes to give CASA open access to all mandatory reports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was this proposal initiated by CASA, the ATSB or the Minister? 2. Does the ATSB believe that the granting of open access to 	Written		

				mandatory reports will have an adverse impact on aviation safety reporting?			
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