

Development Policy Centre

Report for October-December 2013

Highlights

- We released our [policy brief calling for a parliamentary committee on aid](#) in November, authored by Ashlee Betteridge and Stephen Howes. In mid-December, we were informed that there would be a [foreign affairs and aid subcommittee](#) under the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, a positive step forward for parliamentary oversight of aid.
- In December, we [launched the results](#) of the first Australian aid stakeholder survey. The extensive and innovative survey report authored by Stephen Howes and Jonathan Pryke was disseminated online and through the Devpolicy Blog and an op-ed in the Canberra Times. It takes on additional importance given the abolition of AusAID and the uncertainty about the future direction of Australian aid.
- The second Harold Mitchell Development Policy Annual Lecture was held in November, with former World Bank VP Jim Adams [discussing](#) the lessons for economic reform that the Pacific could take from Africa. Again, the timing was excellent given the new government and its interest in economic growth in the Pacific.
- Stephen Howes and Robin Davies presented plenary addresses at the annual ACFID Council event in Canberra. The Centre was also strongly represented at the Development Futures conference at the University of Technology, Sydney.
- Research Fellow Grant Walton published a report for Transparency International, authored with Sarah Dix, on *Papua New Guinean Understandings of Corruption*. He discussed some of the findings in a [two-part blog series](#).
- We hosted a high level delegation from PNG's Constitutional Law Reform Commission, made up of MPs and senior bureaucrats. Findings from our Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project were used to inform discussions on proposed budget integrity laws and decentralisation reforms. Survey findings were also used for a political economy analysis workshop at the Australian High Commission in PNG, which was conducted in collaboration with the Overseas Development Institute.
- The blog continued to perform well and increase its reputation as a leading source of news and analysis, particularly in light of the changes to the Australian aid program.
- The Development Policy Centre moved into its own building at ANU at 7 Liversidge Street.
- Overall, our budget is on track (Attachment 1) and we achieved most of the milestones we set for ourselves, but not all (Attachment 2).

Media

Stephen Howes on 2013 Australian aid stakeholder survey

- [Canberra Times](#)
- [ANU](#)

Stephen Howes on PNG medical supplies aid cut

- [ABC News](#)
- [Radio Australia](#)

Stephen Howes on the future of the Pacific

- [Radio National Big Ideas](#)
- [Radio Australia](#)

Stephen Howes on a parliamentary committee for aid

- [Radio Australia](#)

Stephen Howes on Ok Tedi

- [Pacific Media Watch](#)
- [PNG Attitude](#)

Stephen Howes on PNG foreign investment rule changes

- [Radio Australia](#)
- [ABC Online](#)

Stephen Howes on mutual accountability/Julie Bishop on aid

- [The Age/Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- [AidWorks](#)

Robin Davies on the history of Australian aid

- [Radio National](#)

Robin Davies on global aid policy brief

- [IRIN](#)
- [AllAfrica](#)
- [Kaiser Family Foundation Blog](#)
- [UN Dispatch](#)
- [ANU website](#)
- [The Australian](#)

Robin Davies on the end of AusAID/DFAT integration

- [Canberra Times](#)
- [Sydney Morning Herald](#)
- [PS News](#)
- ABC Newsradio Evenings
- ABC Local Radio (666 with Ross Solly)
- [AidWorks](#)
- Although not explicitly referenced, Robin's blog post on the end of AusAID also [informed a story by the AAP wire](#), which was then widely syndicated.

Robin Davies on asylum seeker costs and aid

- [Human Rights Law Centre Bulletin](#)

Robin Davies on Typhoon Haiyan/aid cuts

- [New Matilda](#)

Visiting Fellow Margaret Callan and Research Associate Andrew Anton Mako on resources in PNG

- [The Global Mail](#)

Devpolicy Blog post by John McCarthy on Aceh disaster response

- [Financial Times](#)

Research Associate Richard Curtain on youth unemployment in the Pacific

- [World Bank Praxis](#)

Jim Adams on sidelines of Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture

- [Radio Australia](#)

Tess Newton Cain on 2014 in the Pacific

- [Radio Australia](#)

Research Fellow Grant Walton on PNG perceptions of corruption

- [ANU](#)
- [PNG Attitude](#)
- The National: Media urged to investigate, November 14: p. 6.
- The National: Ombudsman asked to carry out awareness, November 14: p. 6.

Devpolicy Blog and social media

Visitor numbers to the Devpolicy Blog have continued to grow each month. Visits to the blog exceeded 35,000 in both October and November, with unique visits above 24,000, maintaining the significant gains made in September from election coverage, and more than doubling visits on a year earlier. Traffic dropped off in December due to holidays and the Christmas shutdown of the blog from December 20-January 6.

Social media and email subscribers have continued to grow. Twitter followers increased to 3,777, up by 365 since the end of September. Facebook page likes increased by 160 to 1,099 over the same period. Subscribers to the daily blog email increased by 270 to 1,287 and newsletter subscribers increased to 4,277, a jump of 200.

Robin Davies' blog farewelling AusAID was the most popular post of the year, attracting more than 10,000 pageviews. Other posts on the major changes afoot for Australian aid due to the AusAID-DFAT integration also received significant attention— with limited public details made available on these changes, the Devpolicy Blog quickly became the main source for readers looking for more on the integration and its implications.

Top blogs

[Felled before 40: the once and future AusAID](#) by Robin Davies

[AusAID staffing: how low could it go?](#) By Robin Davies

[AusAID into DFAT: opportunity, not threat](#) by Brian Doolan

[Why we need to talk about periods: menstrual hygiene management in development practice](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[Why do some men rape: looking for reasons behind gender-based violence in Asia and the Pacific](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[Don't mention aid: what's left unsaid in Australia's economic diplomacy](#) by Benjamin Day

[Back to the future: the split personality of Australian aid](#) by Jack Corbett and Sinclair Dinnen

[More transparent, open and effective: Julie Bishop on Australian aid](#) by Stephen Howes and Ashlee Betteridge

Top briefs

[Principles released for AusAID's deep integration into DFAT](#)

[No reason for AusAID-DFAT merger: Plibersek](#)

[Australia's \\$5 billion aid program: most generous, above average or what?](#)

[Behind the Beautiful Forever: insights into poverty](#)

[Mark Davis' deportation from PNG: questions for Australia](#)

Meetings, talks, training, assignments

- Research Fellow Dinuk Jayasuriya was awarded a research grant from the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection and ANU's HC Coombs Policy Forum, valued at \$425,000, to investigate drivers and determinants of migration from Sri Lanka. He is also engaged in a long term consultancy as the evaluation advisor to the Asian Development Bank's Impact Evaluation Committee.
- Our Associate Director Robin Davies was appointed to the board of UNICEF Australia as a non-executive director.
- We hosted a visiting delegation from PNG's Constitutional and Law Reform Commission (more details available in PEPE update under Research).
- Research Fellow Anthony Swan participated in the PNG Emerging Leaders Dialogue, hosted by the Lowy Institute. Grant Walton also met with the delegation at ANU.
- Stephen Howes and Ashlee Betteridge met with Liberal MP Sharman Stone to discuss the parliamentary committee policy brief and Pacific seasonal workers. Staff from the Centre also provided advice to other MPs on aid and development issues.
- Robin Davies attended a meeting at the Crawford School with the Sydney Peace Prize winner for 2013, Dr Cynthia Maung.
- Stephen Howes gave a number of speeches including: a keynote on climate change at the IMPF Ministerial Pacific conference in Vanuatu (November 21-22); an update on the Seasonal Worker Program at the World Bank Samoa Pacific labour mobility conference (October 22-24); a keynote on international developments at the ANU Climate Change Update (December 4); and a keynote on the future of aid at the ACFID Annual Conference (October 31). He also participated in the ANU "G20 at 5" roundtable providing comments on the G20 and development; he gave a guest lecture to ANU students on aid to Asia; and he hosted a meeting of PhD students working across ANU on various aspects of aid.
- Research Fellow Grant Walton launched the *Papua New Guinean Understandings of Corruption and Anti-Corruption* report to NGO, government and donor representatives in Port Moresby (November 13). Following this, he met with Sam Koim, head of PNG's Taskforce Sweep, in Port Moresby to discuss what the findings mean for the taskforce.
- Grant Walton participated in a round table discussion – designed to workshop some of the challenges facing the country – with PNG's new Ombudsman Commissioner, Rigo Lua.
- Grant Walton met with representatives of DFAT and the University of Birmingham to discuss approaches to researching collective action problems and corruption in PNG.
- Matthew Dornan presented his research on energy in the Pacific to a group of 20 diplomats from countries that provide aid to the Pacific in the energy sector.
- Matthew Dornan presented at the ANU Energy Update on access to electricity in the Pacific.
- Matthew Dornan met with the National University of Samoa to discuss potential collaboration.

Events

December 12 -- 2013 Australian aid stakeholder survey launch

- 85 attendees
- In July and August 2013 the Development Policy Centre surveyed 356 stakeholders in the Australian aid program. The findings were launched at this event. Stephen Howes presented the survey results and discussed their implications. Marc Purcell, Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), and Mel Dunn, Chair of International Development Contractors (IDC) Australia discussed the findings. Stephanie Copus-Campbell, CEO of the Harold Mitchell Foundation, chaired proceedings.

December 5 -- Afghanistan: what has been achieved?

- 80 attendees
- This event included the Australia launch of The Asia Foundation's Survey of the Afghan People 2013 and scrutinised the 2013 report of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan. Speakers included: Mark Kryzer and Palwasha Kakar from The Asia Foundation, Senator Alan Eggleston and Nematullah Bizhan, an ANU PhD student researching aid to Afghanistan.

November 27 -- Economics of climate change in the Pacific

- 60 attendees
- Cyn-Young Park, Assistant Chief Economist in the Economics Research Department, and Xianbin Yao, Director General of the Pacific Department, ADB presented the findings of a recent ADB study that provides fine-scale climate-economic information that is critical for making development and adaptation planning decisions in the region.

November 20 -- Syria: Responding to the humanitarian challenge of a generation on the brink

- 20 attendees
- Luciano Calestini, currently coordinating UNICEF's humanitarian response in Lebanon where more than 800,000 refugees are struggling to survive, provided a unique insight into the heart of one of the largest humanitarian crises the modern world has known.

November 19 -- Are the Asia-Pacific small states different from other small states?

- 90 attendees
- Patrizia Tumbarello, Chief of the IMF's Pacific Islands Unit, presented the IMF's recent work on small states in Asia and the Pacific, discussing the unique constraints these states face, and the role of policy in building resilience and raising growth. Vivek Suri, the World Bank's lead economist for the Pacific acted as a discussant.

November 14 -- The 2013 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Annual Lecture: The challenges of aid dependency and economic for Africa and the Pacific

- 170 attendees
- Jim Adams focused on how effective economic reform emerged in Africa, and related institutional and capacity issues. Drawing on this and his Pacific experience, he reviewed a number of proposals that could be taken by donors in the Pacific to accelerate economic reform and support the emergence of improved government institutions and capacity on policy making.

October 24— Enterprise challenge fund for the Pacific and Southeast Asia: lessons learned

- 70 attendees
- Organised in conjunction with the former AusAID and Coffey International, this full-day workshop brought together stakeholders to discuss the lessons learned from AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund (ECF) and to look at the ways other donors are approaching ECFs.

Research

Benchmarking Australian aid: results from the 2013 Australian aid stakeholder survey

Stephen Howes and Jonathan Pryke, December 2013

In July and August 2013 the Development Policy Centre surveyed 356 stakeholders in the Australian aid program, from the senior executives of Australia's biggest NGOs and development contracting companies, to the officials of multilateral, partner government and Australian government agencies. The survey asked them what they thought about the Australian aid program, what they liked, what they didn't like, what they thought the future of aid was and what needed to be done to improve our aid.

» [view publication](#)

PB8 A parliamentary committee on aid? Issues and options

Ashlee Betteridge and Stephen Howes, November 2013

Parliamentary inquiries into the Australian aid program have been few and far between. An aid committee or subcommittee would improve parliamentary oversight of aid. This brief explores the different forms that a committee on aid could take and suggests what it should focus on.

» [view publication](#) [PDF, 865KB]

PB7 Global aid in 2013: A pause before descending

Robin Davies and Michelle la O', October 2013

Global aid has fallen in each of the last two years. Will 2013 be another year of cuts? Based on public information from the 15 largest donors, we estimate the direction and magnitude of changes in global aid from 2012 to 2013. The 2013 spending outcome is likely to show marginal growth relative to 2012 but the medium-term outlook is for further contraction.

» [view publication](#) [PDF, 1,220KB]

DP 32 2013 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Annual Lecture: The challenges of aid dependency and economic reform - Africa and the Pacific

Jim Adams, November 2013

In his lecture Jim focuses on how effective economic reform emerged in Africa and related institutional and capacity issues. Drawing on this and his Pacific experience, he puts forward a number of proposals that could be taken up by governments and aid donors in the Pacific to accelerate economic reform and support the emergence of improved government institutions and policy making capacity.

» [view publication at SSRN](#)

Papua New Guinean understandings of corruption: insights from a nine-province survey

Grant Walton and Sarah Dix, November 2013

This report sheds light on what Papua New Guineans think about corruption and anti-corruption efforts. Over 1800 rural and urban citizens were asked about definitions, causes and reporting of corruption, and their perceptions of the effectiveness of organisations in addressing corruption. It finds that many are concerned about corruption but do not know how to report it; respondents also indicated their concern about the effectiveness of anti-corruption efforts. The report makes recommendations for actors seeking encourage public support in the fight against corruption.

>> [view publication at SSRN](#)

A Framework for Understanding Aid Effectiveness Determinants, Strategies and Tradeoffs

Stephen Howes in Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies, December 2013

Prominent reform agendas for aid abound. How do they relate to each other? This article tries to organise the aid reform literature by proposing a general framework for thinking about the determinants of aid effectiveness and strategies for improving the same. It presents three schools of thought on aid effectiveness: the recipient, donor and transaction costs schools. It argues that none of the reform agendas proposed by these schools dominates. Although actual aid reform agendas will combine elements of all three schools, there are in fact important tradeoffs between the recipient and the donor school reform agendas, and between the transaction costs and the donor school reform agendas. Contrary to the clarion calls of prominent aid reform advocates, aid reform in practice is a messy and difficult business.

>>[view publication at Wiley Online Library](#)

Regional Service Delivery in the Pacific

Matthew Dornan and Tess Newton Cain, Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies Working Paper Series, October 2013

The paper outlines the Pacific experience with regional service delivery; a strategy advocated as a means of addressing the challenges associated with smallness, distance from major markets, and capacity constraints. The paper finds that experience with pooling among Pacific SIDS has not met the optimistic expectations of advocates, including development partners. This is the result of the challenges inherent in voluntary regionalism, which are exacerbated by the diversity of Pacific island states, political economy factors, and issues of accountability and legitimacy.

The analysis suggests that expansion of regional service provision in the Pacific will be slow, although prospects at the sub-regional level are more positive.

>>[view publication on SSRN](#)

Reform Despite Politics? The Political Economy of Power Sector Reform in Fiji, 1996-2013

Matthew Dornan in Energy Policy, December 2013

Attempts to reform the electricity sector in developing countries have achieved mixed results, despite the implementation of similar reforms in many developed countries, and concerted effort by donors to transfer reform models. In many cases, political obstacles have prevented full and effective implementation of donor-promoted reforms. This paper examines the political economy of power sector reform in Fiji from 1996 to 2013. Reform has been pursued with political motives in a context of clientelism. Policy inconsistency and reversal is explained by the political instability of ethnic-based politics in Fiji. Modest success has been achieved in recent years despite these challenges, with Fiji now considered a model of power sector reform for other Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) in the Pacific. The experience demonstrates that reform is possible within difficult political environments, but it is challenging, takes time, and is not guaranteed.

>>[view publication](#)

Access to Electricity in Small Island Developing States of the Pacific: Issues and Challenges

Matthew Dornan in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 2014 (in press – the paper will be available online shortly)

Energy poverty is widespread in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific. It is estimated that 70 percent of Pacific islander households do not have access to electricity, which is equivalent to access rates in sub-Saharan Africa and slightly below the average for low income countries. Pacific SIDS face unique challenges in expanding access to electricity, given that their populations are spread across tens of thousands of islands. Governments and development partners in Pacific SIDS continue to prioritise development of electricity grids, as is evident in ongoing subsidisation of grid-based power consumption and the establishment of ambitious (grid-based) renewable energy targets.

This paper argues that traditional approaches to rural electrification which prioritise grid extension are not suited to the Pacific islands region. Increased funding should be directed by both governments and development partners towards rural electrification, especially in off-grid areas where isolated systems are more appropriate. Institutional reform is also important. Regulatory reform is needed for power utilities to extend electricity grids into rural areas. Institutional arrangements that facilitate the sustainable operation and maintenance of off-grid systems also need to be established. Past donor and government-funded off-grid rural electrification projects have rarely been sustainable. Alternative approaches involving payment of output-based subsidies to energy service companies are worth exploring, although will only succeed where sound regulatory arrangements are in place.

Chinese Assistance in the Pacific: Are Pacific Island Countries Passive Recipients or Active Agents?

Matthew Dornan and Philippa Brant, Asia Pacific Policy Studies (being peer-reviewed)

Chinese development assistance in the Pacific has attracted increasing attention since the 1st China-Pacific Island Countries Economic Development and Cooperation Forum in 2006, at which China announced RMB 3 billion (US\$492 million) in concessional loans to the region. Another US\$1 billion in concessional loans was announced at the 2nd China-Pacific Forum in 2013. These announcements have led to China becoming a major creditor to many Pacific island countries. Most studies have focused on geostrategic implications of such assistance, and on the relationship between China and traditional aid donors. Missing is analysis of the role played by Pacific island governments and Chinese contractors in Chinese-funded aid projects. This paper presents research exploring how governments pursue and implement projects funded by Chinese official development assistance in four Pacific island countries where assistance has been significant: Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa and the Cook Islands. We argue that the way in which governments have pursued and implemented projects has differed considerably, and is an important determinant of the effectiveness and developmental impact of Chinese assistance.

>>[view blog on recent announcements regarding Chinese assistance](#)

Promoting Effective Public Expenditure Project (PEPE)

Following the successful launch of preliminary survey findings in September 2013, the PEPE project focused on deeper analysis of survey data and report writing in the fourth quarter. We hosted a high level delegation from PNG's Constitutional Law Reform Commission made up of MPs and senior bureaucrats. Findings from our survey were used to inform discussions on proposed budget integrity laws and decentralisation reforms. Survey findings were also used for a political economy analysis workshop at the Australian High Commission in PNG, which was conducted in collaboration with the Overseas Development Institute. Project researchers also re-visited several health facilities close to Port Moresby to verify survey data on patient visits at health clinics that have declined over the last decade.

PNG Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Centre (CMC)

We continued to work on this project, taking forward discussions with key potential partners, DFAT (through the Australian aid program) and Oxfam, and progressing practical preparatory steps such as securing a work visa for the CMC CEO.

Attachment 1: Financial statements

The attached financial statements cover the period till November 2013. We are on track with regards to our budget. Note that the PEPE project is budgeted for separately.

Development Policy Centre	ACTUAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	307,336.37	
Fiscal (Cal.) Year 2013	BUDGETED INCOME LESS EXPENSES	259,219.18	
Year to date Nov. 25	Budget	Actual	
			NOTES
INCOME	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
<i>Grants</i>	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Vice Chancellor Special Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	Q53600 A6 P13
Harold Mitchell Foundation	500,000.00	500,000.00	Q53600 A6 P3 (Invoice # 424158) P10 (Invoice #429020)
Crawford Matching Contribution	100,000.00	100,000.00	Q53600 A6 P13
CAP	250,000.00	250,000.00	Q53600 A6 P3 (This includes contributions till 2017)
EXPENSES	740,780.82	692,663.63	94%
	Budget	Actual	
<i>Staff</i>	675,780.82	640,097.91	
<i>Travel</i>	20,000.00	18,302.04	
International	10,000.00	6,809.51	
Domestic	10,000.00	11,492.53	
<i>Events</i>	10,000.00	4,174.27	
Catering & Venue	5,000.00	2,484.27	
Materials & Equipment	5,000.00	1,690.00	
<i>Other</i>	35,000.00	30,089.41	
Blog & Web	10,000.00	8,252.28	
Printing	15,000.00	11,161.30	
Other	10,000.00	10,675.83	
NOTES			
1. After 2013, annual income will be \$750,000. Income higher this year due to prepayment by CAP of its entire five-year contribution			
2. Additional income of \$57,750.00 was generated by various training and other assignments. This is not shown here since such funds accumulate to another account (fund R53600 0114). These funds were also used to eliminate the deficit in that account.			
3. The amounts above only show the cash support provided to the centre. The salary of the Centre's Director and other costs relating to administration and facilities are provided by the Crawford School, College of Asia and the Pacific and ANU			
4. There is reduction in the staff due to adjustment in salary transfer and contract fee			
5. This only includes expenses upto 25 November 2013			
STAFF			
Anthony Swan			
Ashlee Betteridge			
Dinuk Jayasuriya			
Jonathan Prykes			
Macarena Rojas			
Matthew Dornan			
Robin Davies			
Matt Morris (Discontinued)			
Other casual, part-time staff			

PNG Budget Expenditure Capability Framework Fiscal Year 2013	2013 ACTUAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	8,126.54
	2013 BUDGETED INCOME LESS EXPENSES	20,501.05

INCOME	Budget	Actual Budget 2013	NOTES
Budget Total	334,205.44		
Budget 2013	334,205.44	273,621.41	Total fund received for 2013
On Execution			Received P8 (2012)
3 months from activity Start Date			Received P11 (2012)
6 months from activity start date	91,325.45	91,344.34	Received P1 (2013); Invoice # 423490
9 months from activity start date	91,325.45	91,344.34	Received P8 (2013) Invoice #427335
12 months from activity start date	90,932.73	90,932.73	To be received Check P11(2013) Invoice #429172
15 months from activity start date	60,621.81		Not yet received Check P13 Invoice #430992
18 months from activity start date			
21 months from activity start date			
24 months from activity start date			
27 months from activity start date			

EXPENSES	2013 Budget	Actual Expenses 2013	
Cost	313,704.39	265,494.87	85%
Staff	192,662.31	169,384.44	
Travel	65,000.00	50,717.53	
Flights	40,000.00	30,511.60	
Accommodation	15,000.00	13,133.66	
Perdiem, Visa & Taxi	10,000.00	7,072.27	
Other	56,042.08	45,392.90	
Misc	2,500.00	944.10	
Management overhead (Crawford)	27,362.13	18,268.85	P6 (Invoice # 423490); P8 (Invoice # 427335)
Management overhead (DevPolicy)	26,179.95	26,179.95	Transferred to Q53600 A601 (P12)

NOTES

- Total expected income for entire project duration is \$920,779.99
- Total income for 2013 till date is \$273621.41 (Yet to receive \$60,621.81)
- Budget up to 25 November 2013

STAFF

Anthony Swan (33% of salary)
Colin Wiltshire
Grant Walton
Ruth Ai Ling Tay
Andrew Anton (Discontinued)

Attachment 2: Progress against milestones

This table reproduces the 2013 milestones in our 2012 annual report and assesses progress against them.

Objective	Status	
Australian aid		
Complete the first Australian aid stakeholder survey to obtain new insights into the strengths and weaknesses of Australian aid.	The survey was conducted from June-August and received 358 responses. Results were released in December.	✓
Hold the first post-budget aid forum to improve the quality of aid analysis and discussion.	We hosted the event to a crowded audience the morning after the budget on May 15 th .	✓
Prepare a pre-election aid brief and hold a public forum to contribute to aid policy thinking after Australia's federal election in September.	The brief (and accompanying blog post) were released weeks before the election. The public forum was delayed in light of recent developments with the Australian aid program.	✓
Launch a working group on public-private sector collaboration to learn from AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund for the Pacific and South East Asia, and similar mechanisms, and publish the group's recommendations.	We launched the working group in July. The group has met three times and the findings from the discussions will be published in 2014.	✓
Launch a new crowd-sourced project on 'What it takes to succeed in aid.'	This project has been deferred to 2014.	✗
Analyse the findings of the 2013 OECD Development Assistance Committee aid review of Australia, and track the implementation of its recommendations.	We discussed the findings on our blog in May.	✓
Publish quantitative analysis on trends in Australian non-government aid and explore options for qualitative analysis.	Our analysis was published in late August.	✓
Develop a policy brief on options for enhancing parliamentary scrutiny of aid.	This policy brief was published in November 2013.	✓
Extend our analysis of the use of aid to meet onshore asylum seeker costs.	We have provided extensive commentary and analysis of this issue on our blog.	✓
PNG and the Pacific		
Expand the Pacific Update into a two-day event.	The Pacific and PNG update was held on June 27-28 this year in partnership with the ADB. A post-event feedback survey returned very positive results.	✓
Analyse our PNG expenditure tracking data and feed it back into policy debates through biannual budget fora in collaboration with our partner, PNG's National Research Institute.	The preliminary findings were presented at the PNG budget forum on September 19 (a summary can be found here). The survey has been met with keen interest from both AusAID and the PNG government.	✓

Further research Australia's Seasonal Worker Program and the Australia-Pacific Technical College to identify reforms that will increase their contribution to regional labour mobility.	We released our recommendations for reform of the SWP in September this year. A paper on the APTC has been drafted.	✓
Research Pacific Plan collaborative initiatives to identify lessons and contribute to the Pacific Plan review.	A submission was delivered to the Review of the Pacific Plan (summary available here).	✓
Deepen our research into the contribution of the resources sector to development in PNG.	Our research is continuing, with results collected here .	✓
Research the development effectiveness of Chinese aid to the Pacific.	This research has progressed in collaboration with the Lowy Institute and a paper is currently being peer reviewed.	✓
Disseminate research to improve infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific.	The report was released [pdf] in June and discussion continues on our blog.	✓
Evaluate Australia's Pacific Partnerships.	Deferred.	✗
Global development policy		
In cooperation with the G20 Studies Centre at the Lowy Institute, contribute to thinking on how to streamline and set priorities for the G20's development agenda, in preparation for Australia's chairing of the G20 in 2014.	We contributed to the Lowy G20 Monitor and are playing an active role in contributing to the development agenda with both the Lowy Institute and Tim Costello's office at World Vision Australia.	✓
Contribute to international discussions on the post-2015 development framework from an Asia-Pacific and fragile-state perspective.	We hosted an event at the end of August laying out our suggestions for the post-2015 agenda. These suggestions will be formally released in the coming months.	✓
Produce global aid projections for 2013.	This policy brief was published in October, and a story on the findings was syndicated internationally by IRIN.	✓
Complete work on the evolving role of development financing, bilateral and multilateral, in providing international public goods, as part of our contribution to the World Bank study, 'Collective Solutions 2025'.	The World Bank study has almost been completed, with the Centre continuing to play an active role in its ongoing research.	✓
Survey and assess the use to date of results-based aid mechanisms by development agencies, and recommend priorities for Australian engagement in such mechanisms.	Deferred.	✗