

Questions for 2017 Per Capita Young Writers' Prize

1. If you were a Federal Cabinet Minister in a leading portfolio (Environment, Health, Education, Housing, Transport, Industry, Science, Treasury) what would be your principal policy priorities, taking account of the long-term national interest? Explain the reasons for your priorities and outline your strategies for implementation.
2. What measures could government take to provide more resources for social infrastructure including public housing, education, health care, public transport, inter-city fast rail, environmental measures and scientific research?
3. What do you think are the essential characteristics of a democracy? What forces inhibit or enhance effective democracy in Australia?
4. What actions can governments take to address the limitations of markets and ensure that the needs of consumers and society are better served?
5. What policies could produce more 'liveable' and equitable cities?
6. What are the political, social and economic challenges and opportunities associated with Australia's ageing population?
7. The Coalition Government is proposing to reduce all company tax over the next decade costing the budget around \$50 billion. Examine the arguments presented for and against this policy. What is your judgment of the efficacy of this proposal?