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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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*Questions unanswered*

Nos 14, 58, 62, 68-106, 108-160, 162-178, 180-196, 198-214, 216-232, 234-250, 252-304, 306-370, 373-399, 401-455, 457-533, 558-559, 562-563, 572-574, 581, 596-597, 600-601, 619-620, 632-633, 641, 666, 682, 688-693, 696-697, 699, 701, 703-706, 708-710, 714-732.

### QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper.

#### *1 September 2016*

- 14 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will the Government honour all 2016 election funding commitments promised to the electoral division of Richmond.

#### *7 November 2016*

- 58 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the \$28,616.50 contract to Peppers Manor House (CN3384440) for hotels and lodging and meeting facilities, (a) for what purpose was the venue hired, (b) how many staff members attended the function for which the venue was hired, and (c) what is the itemised breakdown of the costs associated with the contract.
- 62 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment—In respect of the \$45,454.55 contract to Dentsu Mitchell Media Australia (CN3381295) for engagement of an Instagram channel, (a) what Instagram channel was the subject of this contract, (b) what is the itemised breakdown of the services provided, (c) what was the period of the contract, and (d) what policy area did this relate to.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 68 to 85)—In respect of office space leased or owned by the Minister's department, (a) where are these offices located, (b) how much space (in square metres) is occupied by each office, (c) how much of this space is currently unused, and of this (i) what is the rental cost per month of the unused space, and (ii) what is the cost of utilities at the unused space, including electricity, gas, internet and telephone.
- 68 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 69 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 70 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 71 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 72 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 73 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 74 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 75 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

- 76 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 77 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 78 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 79 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
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- 81 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 82 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 83 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 84 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 85 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 86 to 103)—What sum did the departments and agencies within the Minister's portfolio spend on the supply of alcoholic beverages in 2015-16, and for what purpose(s) was the alcohol purchased.
- 86 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 87 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 88 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 89 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 90 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 91 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 92 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 93 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 94 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 95 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 96 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 97 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 98 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
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- 100 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 101 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 102 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 103 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 104 to 121)—In respect of costs for departmental media events and photo opportunities in 2015-16, what (a) date was each event held, (b) location was each event held at, (c) sum was spent on each event, (d) announcement and/or issue did the event relate to, and (e) was the expenditure for.
- 104 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 105 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 106 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 108 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 109 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 110 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 111 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
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- 114 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 115 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
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- 117 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 118 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 119 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 120 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 121 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 122 to 139)—
- (1) In 2015-16, what sum was spent on (a) domestic travel, and (b) international travel, for departmental staff.
  - (2) Of this, (a) on what dates, and to what locations, did the Minister travel, (b) how many departmental staff accompanied the Minister on this travel, and (c) what was the purpose of the travel.
- 122 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 123 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 124 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 125 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 126 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 127 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 128 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 129 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 130 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 131 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 132 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 133 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 134 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 135 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 136 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 137 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 138 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 139 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 140 to 157)—In respect of venue hire by departments and agencies within the Minister's portfolio in 2015-16, (a) what total sum was spent, (b) what functions were these hires for, and (c) on what dates were these functions held.
- 140 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 141 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 142 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 143 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 144 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 145 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
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- 148 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 149 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
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- 151 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 152 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 153 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 154 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 155 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

- 156 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 157 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 158 to 175)—What sum was spent by the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio on advertising and associated services in 2015-16, and what policy areas did this relate to.
- 158 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 159 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 160 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 162 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 163 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 164 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 165 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 166 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs.
- 167 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 168 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 169 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 170 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 171 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 172 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 173 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 174 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 175 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 176 to 193)—What sum was spent on promotional material and merchandise for the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio in 2015-16, and, of this, (a) what types of promotional material and merchandise were produced, and (b) what policy areas did this relate to.
- 176 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 177 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 178 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 180 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 181 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 182 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 183 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 184 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs.
- 185 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 186 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 187 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 188 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 189 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 190 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 191 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 192 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 193 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 194 to 211)—Were there any instances of fraud or theft detected by departments or agencies within the Minister’s portfolio from (a) internal sources, or (b) external sources, that resulted in cost to the department or agency in 2015-16; if so (i) what fraud or theft took places, (ii) when did the fraud or theft take place, (iii) what was the cost to the department or agency of this fraud or theft, and (iv) what action has been taken to prevent such theft or fraud occurring again.

194 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.

195 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

196 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

198 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.

199 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.

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209 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

210 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.

211 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 212 to 229)—In respect of staff in departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio (a) how many redundancies were made in 2015-16, (b) from what department or agency were these redundancies, and (c) what was the cost of payments associated with these redundancies.

212 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.

213 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

214 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

216 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.

217 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.

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226 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.

227 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

228 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.

229 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 230 to 247)—What sum did the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio spend in 2015-16 on external legal services.

230 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.

231 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

232 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

234 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.

235 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.

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245 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

246 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.

247 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 248 to 265)—What sum was spent by the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio on market research and associated services in 2015-16, and what policy areas did this inform.

248 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.

249 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

250 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

252 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.

253 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.

254 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.

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263 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.

264 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.

265 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 266 to 283)—In respect of the use of (a) consultants, and (b) contractors, by the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio in 2015-16, (i) what total sum was spent, (ii) what services were provided, and (iii) which firms provided the services.

266 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.

267 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

268 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

269 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.

270 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.

- 271 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 272 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 273 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 274 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 275 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 276 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 277 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 278 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 279 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 280 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 281 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 282 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 283 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 284 to 301)—In respect of labour hire firms contracted by the departments and agencies within the Minister's portfolio in 2015-16, (a) how many positions were filled using casual staff from labour hire firms, (b) what sum was spent on the provision of these casual staff, and (c) what roles did these casual staff fill.
- 284 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 285 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 286 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 287 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 288 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 289 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 290 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 291 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 292 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 293 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 294 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 295 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 296 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 297 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 298 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 299 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 300 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 301 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 302 to 319)—In respect of recruitment, training and service contracts undertaken by the departments and agencies within the Minister's portfolio in 2015-16, (a) how many new staff contracts were entered into, and of those, what are the relevant staffing levels, and (b) what total sum was spent on recruitment, and of this, what is the breakdown for (i) recruitment agency fees, (ii) advertising, (iii) assessment processes, and (iv) other associated costs.
- 302 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 303 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 304 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 306 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 307 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 308 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 309 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 310 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

- 311 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 312 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 313 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 314 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 315 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 316 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 317 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 318 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 319 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 320 to 337)—What total sum was spent by the departments and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio on credit card (a) interest, and (b) fees, in 2015-16.
- 320 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 321 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 322 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 323 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 324 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 325 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 326 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 327 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 328 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs.
- 329 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 330 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 331 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 332 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 333 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 334 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 335 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 336 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 337 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.  
**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 338 to 365)—In respect of catering and hospitality by the Minister in 2015-16, (a) what total sum was spent, (b) for what functions was the catering and hospitality provided, (c) on what date(s) did each function occur, and at what location(s), and (d) for each function, what sum was spent on (i) food. (ii) drinks, (iii) hospitality or catering staff.
- 338 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 339 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 340 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 341 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 342 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.
- 343 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 344 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Justice.
- 345 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 346 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.
- 347 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Small Business.
- 348 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 349 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 350 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.



- 351 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
- 352 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure.
- 353 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 354 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Defence Industry.
- 355 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 356 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 357 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 358 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.
- 359 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 360 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 361 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 362 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 363 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 364 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 365 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 366 to 393)—In respect of costs for ministerial media events and photo opportunities in 2015-16, (a) on what date was each event held, (b) at which location was each event held at, (c) what sum was spent on each event, (d) what announcement and/or issue did the event relate to, and (e) what was the expenditure for.
- 366 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 367 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 368 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 369 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 370 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.
- 373 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 374 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.
- 375 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Small Business.
- 376 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.
- 377 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 378 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
- 379 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
- 380 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure.
- 381 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 382 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Defence Industry.
- 383 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 384 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- 385 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 386 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.
- 387 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 388 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
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- 390 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 391 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 392 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 393 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 394 to 421)—In respect of venue hire by the Minister in 2015-16, (a) what total sum was spent, (b) what functions were these hires for, and (c) on what dates were these functions held.

- 394 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 395 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 396 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 397 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 398 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.
- 399 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 401 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 402 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.
- 403 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Small Business.
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- 405 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 406 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development.
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- 408 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure.
- 409 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.
- 410 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Defence Industry.
- 411 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
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- 413 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.
- 414 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.
- 415 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 416 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications.
- 417 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment.
- 418 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Social Services.
- 419 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 420 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 421 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 422 to 449)—In 2015-16, what sum was spent on replacing lost, stolen or misplaced equipment of Ministerial staff, and what goods were replaced.
- 422 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 423 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 424 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 425 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
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- 447 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 448 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 449 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 450 to 477)—Did the Minister host any conferences in 2015-16; if so (a) on what date(s) did each conference occur and at what location(s), (b) what total sum was spent on each conference, and of this, what sum was spent on (i) meals and accommodation, (ii) travel, and (iii) social events.
- 450 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 451 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 452 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
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- 476 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 477 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

**MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 478 to 505)—What sum was spent on replenishing the Minister’s drinks cabinet in 2015-16, on what date were these purchases made, and what was purchased.

- 478 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- 479 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- 480 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 481 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 482 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.
- 483 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
- 484 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Justice.
- 485 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 486 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services.
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- 503 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Human Services.
- 504 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training.
- 505 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.
- MR KEOGH:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 506 to 533)—In respect of global roaming costs for Ministerial staff on information and communications technology devices in 2015-16, can the Minister provide an itemised list of costs incurred, including (a) date of use, (b) call or data type, (c) location of use, (d) length or size of the call or download, and (e) cost per call or data download.
- 506 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Prime Minister.
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- 508 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 509 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
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- 533 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

*9 November 2016*

- 558 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs—Of the 'up to' \$15 million to enable police in Queensland to better respond to domestic violence in remote communities and for measures that reduce re-offending by Indigenous perpetrators, announced in the September 2015 Women's Safety Package, (a) what sum has been spent, and (b) on what measures.
- 559 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs—Of the \$3.6 million for the Cross Border Domestic Violence Intelligence Desk to share information on victims and perpetrators who move around the cross border region of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory, announced in the September 2015 Women's Safety Package, what sum has been spent.
- 562 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs—Has the \$1.4 million funding commitment announced in the Women's Safety Package to extend the Community Engagement Police Officers in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory been spent.
- 563 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs—Has the 'up to' \$1.1 million funding commitment announced in the Women's Safety Package to help remote Indigenous communities prevent and better respond to the incidence of domestic violence through targeted support, been spent.

*10 November 2016*

- 572 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Women—In respect of the Government's announcement on 28 October 2016 that it would commit \$25 million of funding, for the period of the Third Action Plan for the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, towards services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians experiencing family violence, how will this funding be distributed between the three measures identified in the announcement.
- 573 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Women—
- (1) Why is the Government only providing funding certainty for Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) until June 2018.
  - (2) Will the Government commit to maintaining funding for FVPLS at current levels until at least the end of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children; if not, will the Government commit to maintaining such funding at current levels until at least the end of the Third Action Plan.
- 574 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Women—When will the Central Australian Women's Legal Service receive a response to its proposal, submitted 11 August 2016, for funding to extend remote outreach across the Central Australia and Barkly regions.

- 581 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Women—
- (1) Is the Office for Women participating in the Government's response on the non-consensual sharing of intimate images.
  - (2) What steps has the Office for Women taken to respond to the recommendations of the recent Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee's report on the inquiry into the phenomenon colloquially referred to as 'revenge porn'.
- 596 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Women—Of the 'up to' \$15 million to enable police in Queensland to better respond to domestic violence in remote communities and for measures that reduce re-offending by Indigenous perpetrators, announced in the September 2015 Women's Safety Package, (a) what sum has been spent, and (b) on what measures.
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- 619 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of the (a) G20's acknowledgement that one of the world's most significant barriers to global economic growth is the persistently low level of women's participation in the workforce compared with men, and (b) Government's commitment (made while hosting the G20 summit in Brisbane in 2014) to the G20 target to reduce the gap between women and men's workforce participation rates by 25 per cent by 2025, (i) is the Government on track to reach this target, (ii) which agencies are tracking progress towards this target, (iii) what arrangements have been implemented to report progress towards this target to the Government and the wider community; and (iv) what specific steps has the Government taken to advance this goal.
- 620 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is it a fact that an Executive Level 1 staff member within the Office for Women is eligible for a salary that is \$10,000 lower than an equivalent staff member within the general Social Policy Division of his department; if so, what steps has the Prime Minister or anyone within his department taken to address this pay disparity.

*24 November 2016*

- 632 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—In respect of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority confirming that the fishing trawler, the Geelong Star, is no longer under Australian jurisdiction, (a) when did the trawler officially leave Australian waters, (b) will the trawler be returning to Australian waters; if so, when, and (c) how many Australians were employed to work on the trawler.
- 633 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—In respect of a media article by Emma Field 'Multi-peril insurance: Poor uptake of rebates' (*Weekly Times*, 23 November 2016) which reported that there has been poor uptake of the Government's new multi-peril crop insurance rebates scheme, (a) is it a fact that only \$80,000 in rebates have been approved for the 2015-16 \$3.6 million annual allocation for the scheme; if so, will the Government return unused funding to budget repair; if not, what will it do with the unused funding, (b) can he provide funding detail for the scheme over the forward estimates, (c) what key performance indicators will be used to assess the effectiveness of the scheme, (d) have any changes been made to the eligibility criteria for the scheme, (e) how has the scheme been communicated to producers and at what cost, and (f) what is he doing to address the issue of farmer reluctance to take up the scheme from costs associated with application and premiums and a lack of understanding from banks and farm consultants, as reported by AgRisk in Kondinin Group Research Report issue 078.

*7 February 2017*

- 641 **MR HILL:** To ask the Prime Minister—In respect of his reported position in November 2015 that he would formally advise Her Majesty the Queen to release the correspondence known as the ‘Palace Letters’ between her and the then Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, in 1975 on the dismissal of the Whitlam Government, has he done this; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will he; if so, (c) on what date, and (d) what response has he received.
- 666 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—
- (1) From 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2017, how many Centrelink customers were sent letters informing them that they had been overpaid and would need to repay this debt, only to have this advice subsequently rescinded when queried.
  - (2) Does this number represent a growth compared to the previous twelve months.
  - (3) Has there been a change in the way that Centrelink investigates and informs customers of over-payments; if so, will he outline the change.

*15 February 2017*

- 682 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In light of the recent Government announcement that the ASC is to be split into three separate companies, can the Minister confirm that current workplace conditions and agreements for the ASC workforce will remain unchanged.
  - (2) Has the Government, through the Minister for Employment or any other Minister, directed the ASC to enforce its Public Sector Workplace Bargaining Policy on ASC workers; if so, (a) who, (b) on what basis, and (c) why.

*20 March 2017*

- 688 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—Is it a fact that (a) NBN services provided through the NBN Sky Muster Satellite Service (SMSS) guarantee a maximum connection speed in the same way as metropolitan residential ADSL services, and (b) the maximum connection speed provided through the SMSS is the maximum combined speed for all services connecting to the spot beam from the satellite; if so, do NBN rural and remote customers using the SMSS only receive a fraction of the theoretical maximum—that is,  $1/n$  where  $n$  = the number of active connections in the spot beam.
- 689 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—
- (1) Are spot beams from the NBN Sky Muster Satellite Service (SMSS) across northern Australia classed as ‘wide spot beams’, and do they cover an area of approximately 330,000 square kilometres.
  - (2) Are users of NBN services provided through the SMSS unable to predict the level of congestion on wide spot beams and therefore, unable to reasonably predict the expected speed of a connection; if so, does this mean that users cannot deploy services that depend on minimum connection speeds such as VoIP or ‘fat client’ type ERP applications, because they do not have access to a predictable connection speed.
- 690 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—What is the NBN mobile data coverage across northern Australia above the Tropic of Capricorn.
- 691 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—Are NBN services residential only—attributable to an individual, not a business entity; if so, does this mean that individual services cannot be managed through a single account, meaning all support/account management must be carried out by the named account holder, not a business representative.
- 692 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—Is it a fact that the NBN data caps are small, and the NBN has a ‘fair usage’ policy that enforces a restrictive data cap over a rolling four-week period, effectively reducing caps to a weekly allowance; if so, as a result of the small NBN data caps, are some businesses operating in remote areas forced to install multiple connections to ensure staff ‘personal’ use does not consume the bandwidth required for ‘business’ use.
- 693 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—Is it a fact that there are no service level agreements on NBN connections; if so, does this mean that if there is an outage, no contractual relationship exists with the supplier to restore the service within an agreed timeframe, or to provide adequate communication channels for status updates on the outage.

- 696 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—In respect of mobile black spots (a) how many remain after Rounds 1 and 2 of the Mobile Black Spots Program, (b) what modelling has been done on the estimated cost to eliminate all identified mobile black spots, and will the Minister provide a copy of this modelling, and (c) what is the average cost of eliminating a single mobile black spot.
- 697 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—In respect of the Minister’s departmental website stating that a competitive process to allocate Round 3 funding for the Mobile Black Spots Program is expected to commence in 2017, (a) what progress has been made on this process, (b) when will the details be announced, (c) who will be eligible to apply for funding, (d) what will be the conditions for funding and (e) will a list of the sites be published, and then telecommunications companies be invited, to bid for a package.
- 699 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Communications—In respect of the Government announcing, as part of its commitment to Round 3 of the Mobile Black Spots Program, that a number of priority locations would receive funding (a) how many base stations were on the list compiled at the time of the announcement, and will the Minister present this list, (b) what proportion of the \$60 million will be committed if all of the base stations on the list are funded, (c) how was this list compiled, (d) was there a consultation process for compiling this list, (e) did the Minister’s department have a say in compiling this list or was it provided by the Minister’s office, (f) what was the process for seeking nominations for this list from Members of Parliament, (g) will the Minister publish the current list of priority locations to be funded, (h) if communities are not on the list for Round 3, what is the process for them to apply for having mobile black spots addressed, and (i) how many mobile phone towers will be funded under Round 3.
- 701 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—Is the Minister’s department going to review the Consumer Safeguard Guarantee; if so, (a) has funding been set aside, (b) what are the terms of reference, (c) when will the discussion paper be released for public consultation, (d) what plans exist for consultation with rural and regional communities, (e) will public hearings be held, (f) will consultation be done internally or by a consultant, (g) what is the timeline for consultation, (h) what plans exist for the review to interact with the Productivity Commission’s review of Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation, (i) on what date will the review be completed, (j) how will the outcomes be reported, (k) when will the report be made public, and (l) will the Minister commit to presenting the final report to both Houses of Parliament.
- 703 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Centrelink debt recovery program, (a) is there a statute of limitations regarding Commonwealth actions, (b) from what date can people be asked to explain Centrelink and employer income and payments made to them, (c) does Centrelink have an internal time limit as to how far back it will ask people to provide evidence of income and payments, and (d) is there a time limit on this program.
- 704 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Centrelink debt recovery program, (a) will any Centrelink payment from now on be regarded as ‘safe’ or should all current and future Centrelink payments be regarded as provisional and subject to further investigation and repayment, (b) will Centrelink consider instigating any internal audits to improve its performance, and (c) what steps will be taken by the Government to ensure that Australian Taxation Office requirements regarding record keeping are in line with Centrelink debt recovery requirements.
- 705 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Centrelink debt recovery program, (a) what options exist for people with uncooperative former employers not providing requested data, or who have gone out of business or been sold to a new owner, or when other details are no longer available, (b) what is the process for situations where constituents are unable to provide the requested information, and with which party does the burden of proof lie, and (c) did his department obtain legal advice regarding this process; if so, what are the details.
- 706 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the Centrelink debt recovery program, what proportion (as a percentage) of (a) recovery actions relate to payments that occurred up to seven years ago, and can these be presented by the year in which they occurred, and (b) debts appear to have occurred primarily because people were overpaid whilst receiving income from other sources (part time work, etc).



## 21 March 2017

- 708 **MR HART:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—In respect of Infrastructure Australia’s January 2017 Infrastructure Priority List which identified ‘Tasmanian sewerage infrastructure upgrades’ as a proposed initiative and ‘Tasmanian waste water treatment environmental compliance’ as a problem (page 9), (a) is he aware that in 2015 the Margaret Street Pump Station in Launceston spilt raw effluent into the Tamar River more than 900 times, and (b) what support has been requested of the Australian Government from the Tasmanian Government, TasWater, or any local government authority within Tasmania in respect of (i) investigation, (ii) design, and (iii) funding, of any inadequacies of the sewerage and water infrastructure within Tasmania.
- 709 **MR HART:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—In respect of Infrastructure Australia’s January 2017 Infrastructure Priority List which identified ‘Tasmanian sewerage infrastructure upgrades’ as a proposed initiative and ‘Tasmanian waste water treatment environmental compliance’ as a problem (page 9), (a) has any material been supplied to the Australian Government on the likely cost of separation of sewerage and stormwater within the city of Launceston given it has a combined sewerage and stormwater system, without separation of sewerage and stormwater outflows, and (b) is there any material to suggest that the separation of sewerage and stormwater within the city of Launceston will have any effect on the incidence of discharge of raw sewerage in breach of environmental obligations.
- 710 **MR HART:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—In respect of Infrastructure Australia’s January 2017 Infrastructure Priority List which identified ‘Tasmanian sewerage infrastructure upgrades’ as a proposed initiative and ‘Tasmanian waste water treatment environmental compliance’ as a problem (page 9), (a) in light of the Australian Government either funding or facilitating a number of projects within the Tamar basin at Launceston, in particular flood protection, remediation and tourism developments, are the present sewerage treatment plants within the greater Launceston area (ie, Legana, Newnham, Riverside, Ti-Tree Bend, Hoblers Bridge, Norwood and Prospect Vale), constraining growth in economic activity in Northern Tasmania, and (b) has the Australian Government received any submissions on the likely increase in sewerage volume to the system, and the capacity for the Launceston sewerage system to cope with these anticipated volume increases.

## 27 March 2017

**MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 713 to 714)—

- (1) What infrastructure projects were fully or partially funded by the department between December 2007 and September 2013.
- (2) For each project, (a) on what date (i) was the funding approved, (ii) did construction commence, (iii) was the facility commissioned, (b) what sum of Commonwealth funding was provided, (c) what was the total final cost, and (d) from what program was the funding sourced.

714 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Health.

## 9 May 2017

715 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) Will the Government continue funding the keys2drive program beyond 30 June 2017; if not, (a) what modelling has been done to support withdrawal of the funding, and (b) has he appraised the rural/regional implications of withdrawing the funding.
- (2) How many drivers aged 17 to 25 years were killed in road crashes in the calendar years (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, and (d) 2017 (to date).
- (3) What proportion of drivers killed on Australia’s roads are in the 17 to 25 age group, as compared to those in the over 25 age group.
- (4) How many learner drivers participated in the keys2drive program in the calendar years (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, and (d) 2017 (to date), by (i) age, and (ii) state/territory.

716 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—Further to the answer to question in writing No. 655 (*Hansard*, 29 March 2017, page 162) does his department post to the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister’s website all (a) media releases, (b) public interview transcripts, and (c) public speeches, delivered by the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister; if not, who determines which of the above are posted and which are withheld.

717 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—Further to the answer to question in writing No. 659 (*Hansard*, 29 March 2017, pages 162–63) does his department post to the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources’ website all (a) media releases, (b) public interview transcripts, and (c) public speeches, delivered by the Assistant Minister to the Minister for Agriculture and Water; if not, who determines which of the above are posted and which are withheld.

**MR J. H. WILSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 718 to 720)—In respect of Main Roads Western Australia’s 2 September 2016 options briefing paper for the then state Minister for Transport, Mr Dean Cambell Nalder MLA, regarding the contract award and construction approach for the Perth Freight Link (PFL), (a) was the (i) Minister, (ii) Minister’s office, or (iii) the Minister’s department, made aware, formally or informally, of the recommendation by Main Roads Western Australia to only proceed with the project prior to the state election in a form that minimised both the environmental damage and the sunk cost of the clearing and preliminary work; if so, was the Minister provided with a copy of the document, and (b) did the (i) Minister, (ii) Minister’s office, or (iii) the Minister’s department, discuss this advice, formally or informally, with the Western Australian Minister for Transport, his office, or his department; if so, did the (i) Minister, (ii) Minister’s office, or (iii) the Minister’s department, formally or informally provide advice to, comment on, or make a recommendation to, the Western Australian Government on how to proceed with the PFL; if so, what was it.

718 **MR J. H. WILSON:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

719 **MR J. H. WILSON:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure.

720 **MR J. H. WILSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance.

721 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) How many Special Disability Trusts (a) have been entered or are currently in force under Part 3.18A of the *Social Security Act 1991*, and (b) are currently being actively applied to social security beneficiaries.
- (2) What is the (a) total sum of all assets held in such trusts, and (b) average value of the assets held.

#### *10 May 2017*

722 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—

- (1) How often does he work in his Ministerial Office in Armidale.
- (2) In total, how many (a) Ministerial meetings, and (b) Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio meetings, have been held in his Ministerial Office in Armidale.
- (3) In the same period, how many Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio meetings have been held in the Commonwealth Parliament Offices in Sydney.

#### *11 May 2017*

723 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) provide data that includes a breakdown of Australian Public Service (APS) employees by (a) agency, (b) location, (c) classification, (d) remoteness of area, and (e) postcode, for each calendar year from 2000 to 2016.
- (2) Is there a policy in place to protect people from regional areas against discrimination in employment decisions in the APS; if so, what is it.
- (3) By agency, how many graduates from regional university campuses were accepted into APS graduate programs in (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, and (d) 2017 (to date).
- (4) By agency, how many APS employees telecommuted more than one day a week in (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, and (d) 2017 (to date).
- (5) By agency, how many regionally located APS employees telecommuted in (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, and (d) 2017 to date.
- (6) Does the APSC have a policy on telecommuting or teleworking as the primary means of employment; if so, what is it.

- 724 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) How many of the measures in the 2017-18 budget (a) required a Regional Australia Impact Statement (RAIS) to be completed, and (b) were exempt from completing a RAIS.
  - (2) Can the Minister provide a list that includes (a) each budget measure title, (b) the budget impact, and (c) whether a RAIS was completed.
  - (3) Can the Minister describe the process through which a RAIS is taken, including (a) how it is decided that one is required, and (b) what happens when it is drafted.
  - (4) What are the record keeping processes for the completed RAISs, and are these accessible to policy makers as a reference for development of future policy proposals.
  - (5) How many staff are responsible for the oversight of the RAISs, and what proportion of each staff member's time is dedicated to the RAIS process.
  - (6) Have there been any reviews of the RAIS process; if so, what were the outcomes.
- 725 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—
- (1) By Employment Service Area (ESA), how many people were assessed as meeting the Disability Employment Services—Employment Support Service (DES-ESS) funding levels 1 and 2 in (a) 2013-14, (b) 2014-15, (c) 2015-16 and (d) 2016-17 (to date).
  - (2) By ESA, how many people moved from funding level 2 to level 1 in (a) 2013-14, (b) 2014-15, (c) 2015-16 and (d) 2016-17 (to date).
  - (3) Can the Minister provide details of the plan to address the growing number of people using the DES-ESS in regional Australia.
- 726 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—In respect of Disability Employment Services (DES), (a) what modelling has been done by the Government (i) to take into account the increasingly higher level of non-funded services, such as housing needs, financial counselling, and other welfare referrals, being provided by regional providers as other community services decline, and (ii) on the impact of competition through the DES business reallocation resulting in only large national and/or international employment firms winning the tenders, (b) what measures has the Government put in place to work with smaller service providers to allow them more time to prepare and submit DES tenders and compete with larger organisations, (c) what action has the Minister taken to ensure there is a choice of service provider for clients, (d) what action is the Government taking to improve the transparency of the Star Rating System applied to employment service providers, (e) has a review been conducted into the effectiveness of the star rating system; if so, has performance improved, and (f) can the Minister supply data on how many service providers previously rated as either 1 or 2 stars, have closed in rural/regional Australia as compared to the metropolitan centres.

*22 May 2017*

- 727 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—In respect of the Attorney-General's announcement on 24 April 2017 that the Government would reverse its funding cuts to the community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services, (a) will the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre funding be completely restored; if so, will this funding allow for annual increases to maintain current service levels; and (b) will there be an ongoing commitment to the outreach services in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Pottsville.
- 728 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the impact of the implementation of the automated debt-recovery system on Centrelink offices in the electoral division of Richmond, (a) how many extra people are now seeking assistance, (b) how much longer are people spending waiting to be assisted, (c) how many Centrelink customers were sent letters informing them that they had been overpaid and would need to repay this debt, only to have this advice subsequently rescinded when queried, (d) have staff numbers been increased to cater for the higher volume of assistance sought, and (e) have staff sick days, resignations and retirements increased since the introduction of this system.
- 729 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—In respect of the NBN rollout on the North Coast NSW, (a) can the Minister provide a timetable of expected dates for its completion, and (b) will additional satellite capacity be made available for regional and rural consumers on the North Coast.

- 730 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—
- (1) Why did it take more than a week to restore NBN services for some customers after the recent flooding in Northern NSW.
  - (2) Why were there no effective alternatives offered for these customers to access the NBN, especially given such delays were not experienced when the copper network was in use.
- 731 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—In respect of the confirmation of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate and Perfluorooctanoic Acid contamination at the Gold Coast Airport, will he (a) commit to fully restoring all contaminated soils and ground waters around the Gold Coast Airport, (b) ensure that the process in part (a) is open and accountable, and (c) take all possible steps to prevent such contamination of local wetlands and waterways.
- 732 **MRS ELLIOT:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the impact on age pensioners in the electoral division of Richmond of the 1 January 2017 changes to the pension assets test, (a) what total number of age pensioners have been affected, (b) how many age pensions have (i) been reduced, (ii) been increased, and (iii) remained unchanged, and (c) how many age pensioners have entirely lost their age pension or part pension.

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