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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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Questions unanswered

Nos 14, 58, 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, 641, 682, 723, 729-730, 733-738, 741-742, 747-753, 756-760, 762-803.

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.

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.
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- 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.
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- 94 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs.
- 95 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
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- 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.
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- 113 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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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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.

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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.

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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.
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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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 295 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for Health.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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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.

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.

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.

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.

22 May 2017

- 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.

24 May 2017

733 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—Why did the NSW Government commence the acquisition process for the site at 7 Darley Road Leichhardt for use as a mid-tunnel construction site for Stage 3 of the WestConnex project prior to the reference design for that Stage of the project being finalised.

25 May 2017

734 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—

- (1) Is he aware of the complaints from numerous Leichhardt residents regarding the most recent concept design for the M4-M5 Link of the WestConnex project, including the vagueness of the design and the lack of detail and specificity about the impacts of the project.
- (2) What minimum level of community consultation and transparency is required for major infrastructure projects, and has Sydney Motorways Corporation (SMC) met this standard for the concept design.
- (3) Will he call on the SMC to retract and reissue the concept design with appropriate details and specificity about the project.

735 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of the 2017-18 budget document titled ‘Stronger Growth to Create More and Better Paying Jobs’ in which it states that \$3.1 billion will be spent on South Australian infrastructure, what (a) projects will this funding be used for, and (b) is the funding allocation for each project.

736 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Health—What proportion of the \$75.6 billion in health funding in 2017-18 is expected to be spent in regional, rural and remote Australia.

29 May 2017

737 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—In respect of the most recent concept design for the M4-M5 Link of the WestConnex project stating that Sydney Motorway Corporation is undertaking consideration of the western end of the Rozelle Rail Yard corridor as a potential mid-level tunnel construction site, can he outline how these investigations are progressing.

738 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—

- (1) Is he aware that Sydney Motorways Corporation (SMC) advised the WestConnex Community Reference Group of the Inner West Council on 2 May 2017 that there was the possibility of an overlap between the 12 week exhibition of the concept design for the M4-M5 Link project and the release of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.
- (2) Will he ensure that the SMC takes into account the community feedback generated by the exhibition of the concept design when the EIS for the project is being finalised.
- (3) What is the minimum level of community consultation and transparency required for major infrastructure projects, and has the SMC met this standard when it comes to the M4-M5 Link project.

30 May 2017

741 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—In respect of the reported cost (of tens of millions of dollars) of the potential acquisition of the site at 7 Darley Road Leichhardt for a mid-level tunnel construction site for WestConnex, (a) what steps have the Australian and NSW governments taken to mitigate the exposure of taxpayers to paying compensation to Tdrahciel Pty Ltd, and (b) is any of the (i) advanced Australian Government funding, and (ii) Australian Government’s concessional loan, for WestConnex being used for this proposed acquisition.

31 May 2017

742 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) How many Centrelink clients who were notified of a debt or the likelihood of a debt with Centrelink through its Online Compliance Intervention system, have subsequently had their debt (a) reduced, and (b) cancelled completely.
- (2) Could he provide a breakdown of parts (1)(a) and (b) by (a) state and territory, and (b) postcode.

1 June 2017

747 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Urban Infrastructure—Could he provide an explanation as to why NSW Roads and Maritime Services informed Leichhardt residents that no decision had been made in respect of the acquisition of 7 Darley Road Leichhardt to build a mid-level tunnel construction site for WestConnex, while at the same time beginning the statutory acquisition process.

13 June 2017

748 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) How many Australians now suffer from chronic disease.
- (2) What (a) number, and (b) proportion, of (i) rural, and (ii) metropolitan, Australians suffer from chronic disease, and how has the Government addressed this disparity in available medical and surgical services.

749 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) Has the Government completed modelling on the impact of the rising cost of health care on sufferers of chronic disease; if not, why not.
- (2) How does the Government provide additional support to sufferers of chronic disease in recognition of these conditions being ongoing and incurable, causing a prolonged detrimental effect upon the sufferer's mental and physical health.

750 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) Has his department undertaken an analysis to assess the greater costs to rural Australians for accessing medical care; if so, (a) what was the Government's response to the findings, and (b) can this response be published.
- (2) Are the additional costs to rural Australians for accessing medical care taken into account when determining Health Care Card eligibility.
- (3) Is the level of support and access to medical care determined by location.

751 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) Are the partners of people with chronic and serious illness included in the income test for eligibility for the Health Care Card; if so, (a) what is the policy rationale for this, and (b) are there any exemptions; if so, (i) how many Australians are exempt from partner means testing, (ii) on what basis are they exempt, and (iii) what will this cost the Government in 2017-18.
- (2) Has the Government considered only including the income of the person suffering from chronic and serious illness in the means test for Health Care Card eligibility; if so, what is the estimated cost to the Government of removing partners from the income test, and does this estimation take into account the improved mental and physical health prospects of providing an independent income and therefore, greater autonomy to those with chronic illness.
- (3) Will the Government acknowledge that means testing (a) Australians suffering from chronic disease as well as their partners creates a work disincentive for both of them, and (b) to include a partner's income adds significant burden to relationships already stressed by ill health.

752 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—What appeal mechanisms are available to those whose health is being negatively impacted by the ongoing costs of living with chronic disease but who do not qualify for a Health Care Card.

14 June 2017

753 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—

- (1) How many people have become Australian citizens since the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948* came into force.
- (2) How many people are currently eligible to become Australian citizens but have not applied.

- (3) In (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16, and (c) 2016-17 (to date), how many people were refused Australian citizenship for (i) an inability to pass the citizenship test, and (ii) reasons unrelated to an inability to pass the citizenship test.
- (4) How many Australian citizens have had their citizenship revoked, and for what reasons.

21 June 2017

- 756 **MS RISHWORTH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—In respect of the indexation freeze on access to Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) funded specialist services for veterans under the Repatriation Medical Fee Schedule (RMFS), (a) is he aware (i) of the impact on veterans accessing clinical help, including through psychologists, (ii) of the evidence provided to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry into suicide by veterans and ex-service personnel by Griffith University's Australian Institute for Suicide Research Prevention, the Australian Psychological Society and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, raising concerns that it is creating disincentives for experienced and skilled clinicians to see veterans, (iii) that it will force many clinicians to close their books to veterans, (iv) of the Australian Medical Association's survey of some members which highlighted that only 71.3 per cent of specialists are currently continuing to treat all veterans under the DVA RMFS, with the remainder adopting a range of approaches including closing their books to new DVA funded patients or treating some as fully private or public patients, (v) of information provided during a public hearing that the Australian Defence Force pays a psychologist \$200.95 per session, whereas under this fee freeze the DVA can only pay \$148.95, and (vi) that some veterans now have to pay out of their own pocket for access to a psychologist, and (b) what has he done, and is he currently doing, to have the freeze dropped immediately.
- 757 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health—What plans exist to include the pharmaceutical drug known as Orkambi, used to treat cystic fibrosis in patients aged six years and over, on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- 758 **MS RISHWORTH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Why are there no targets for the Veteran's Employment Program (VEP).
 - (2) Will his department provide outcomes for the VEP; if not, why not; if so, when.
 - (3) How is the success of the program currently being measured.
- 759 **MS RISHWORTH:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What sum of funding is required over the forward estimates to meet the needs of the Veteran Centric Reform, and why was this sum not met in the 2017-18 budget.
 - (2) Is it normal procedure to fund reform projects one year at a time.
 - (3) Why will the Government not commit to fully funding the much needed upgrade to the information and communication technology system.
 - (4) How does this approach provide certainty for his department and for veterans.

22 June 2017

- 760 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Why has Australia chosen to boycott negotiations for a United Nations treaty that prohibits nuclear weapons.

8 August 2017

- 762 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the restricted non-competitive (for specified services) component of the Community Child Care Fund program draft guidelines, (a) how many months in advance of July 2018 will child care services receive notice of whether or not their application for supplementary funding has been successful, and (b) what support in finding alternative child care services will be available to the families using providers whose grant applications are unsuccessful.
- 763 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the restricted non-competitive (for specified services) component of the Community Child Care Fund program draft guidelines, in particular, that a capital contribution, in kind contributions, and designated use periods, might apply to grants given for capital improvements, given many Budget Based Funded services operate from buildings owned by councils or other third parties, does the Minister's department intend taking a flexible approach.

- 764 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the restricted non-competitive (for specified services) component of the Community Child Care Fund program draft guidelines, is it a fact that there is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant (page 15); if so, why does oversight by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal or some other body not apply to such decisions made by a Minister or a delegate.
- 765 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the restricted non-competitive (for specified services) component of the Community Child Care Fund program draft guidelines, in particular, that the Assessment Team may apply an equitable funding formula to determine the sum that services may require during their transition to the new child care system (page 14), could this formula be provided to help services with applications and planning.
- 766 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the restricted non-competitive (for specified services) component of the Community Child Care Fund program draft guidelines, in particular, that the Minister’s department can make amendments to the guidelines at any time and that reasonable notice will be given to participants, will the Minister consider the suggestion by stakeholders to provide a three month notice period in appropriate circumstances.
- 767 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) How many Round 2 National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) applications were received for the maximum amount of \$10 million, and how many grants of this amount were awarded.
 - (2) Under the Round 2 NSRF guidelines for application, how is an applicant’s funding proposal assessed for competitive neutrality.
 - (3) What mechanisms in the Round 2 NSRF assessment process exist to ensure that when a grant is awarded to an individual business, other businesses are not unfairly disadvantaged.
 - (4) How broadly does the Round 2 NSRF assessment apply and does it consider like businesses Australia wide.
 - (5) In making the decision to fund a project, does the Round 2 NSRF Ministerial Panel receive advice on other business that may be impacted by the grant.
- 768 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) How many grants under Round 2 of the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) are given to private businesses.
 - (2) What mitigation measures under Round 2 of the NSRF exist to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on other businesses as a result of grant funding being awarded to a particular business or council.
 - (3) Is there a process of appeal for businesses to demonstrate that they will be adversely impacted by a Round 2 NSRF grant being awarded to a particular business or council.
- 769 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—In respect of the National Stronger Regions Fund grant to the Bourke Shire Council to assist the development and construction of the Bourke Small Stock Abattoir project, (a) on what date was the contract signed, (b) what sum has already been paid, (c) what are the milestones for progress payments, and (d) what is the completion date.
- 770 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—In respect of the National Stronger Regions Fund grant to the Bourke Shire Council to assist the development and construction of the Bourke Small Stock Abattoir (BSSA) project, (a) was an assessment (i) undertaken to ascertain whether the project would have a negative impact on existing abattoirs or agribusinesses across regional Australia, and (ii) completed on the potential for other abattoirs to lose business to the BSSA and impact on jobs in other regional communities across Australia, (b) if an assessment was undertaken, (i) what evidence was found that in opening the BSSA, other abattoirs would not be adversely affected, and (ii) were existing abattoirs consulted; if so, did any raise concerns with the proposal prior to the decision to grant funds, and (c) did the Bourke Shire Council address competitive neutrality issues in the application for funding.
- 771 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—Given the number of employees stood down in abattoirs in March 2017 (350 in Cobram, 180 in Deniliquin, 220 in Cootamundra, 130 in Lonford and 110 in Myrup), how many jobs are expected to be created by the Bourke Small Stock Abattoir.

- 772 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development—In respect of the National Stronger Regions Fund grant to the Bourke Shire Council (BSC) to assist the development and construction of the Bourke Small Stock Abattoir (BSSA) project, (a) what is the anticipated processing capacity, in goats per year, (b) how many goats have been processed in Australia each year in the last 10 years, (c) was the availability of goats for processing addressed in BSC’s application, (d) will the BSSA harvest additional goats or take a share of the existing goat supply, and (e) was the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries consulted in the assessment of this application.
- 773 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the Higher Education Reform Package, (a) what sum will be saved in each year of the forward estimates by lowering the threshold at which repayment of HELP debts commence, (b) as loans, do HELP debts have an impact on the budget bottom line, and (c) has any modelling been done on the impact on the budget if the minimum repayment threshold of \$42,000 for HELP debts is not legislated; if so, what was the outcome.
- 774 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) Has the Minister’s department modelled the impact on regional and remote students of measures outlined in its Higher Education Reform Package, including the impact on students’ plans to attend university given the increase in student fees and the lowering of HELP repayment thresholds.
 - (2) Is the research conducted by La Trobe University that shows that regional and remote students are on average 10 per cent less likely to have plans to attend university than metropolitan students consistent with the Government’s modelling of students across Australia.
 - (3) What modelling has the Minister’s department completed to understand the impact that these changes will have on bridging the gap in regional and metropolitan educational attainment, and will the Minister provide a copy.
 - (4) Will universities with regional campuses receive the financial backing they need to meet the higher costs associated with regional delivery outlined in the Government-commissioned report *Cost of Delivery of Higher Education* (Deloitte Access Economics, 1 May 2017) in order to maintain their regional operations and continue delivering higher education options.
- 775 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) In respect of the ‘regional loading’ under the Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS), (a) how is it determined—is it based on the number of students enrolled in units/classes on the regional campus, and (b) is there a requirement for a unit/class to be delivered in person on the regional campus or can it be delivered via distance education.
 - (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the campuses that receive the regional loading, including the sum (a) received by each campus, and (b) equal to 7.5 per cent of the campuses’ CGS funding.
 - (3) What modelling has been completed on the expected impact of withholding 7.5 per cent of CGS funding from regional university campuses, and will the Minister provide a copy.
- 776 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—In respect of the Higher Education Reform Package, have the proposed performance measures been developed in consultation with universities; if so, what was the process for determining these performance measures.
- 777 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—Under the Higher Education Reform Package, will (a) an expansion of places in eligible sub-bachelor programs be aligned with the needs of students in regional areas, and (b) students in regional areas have continued access to the innovative sub-bachelor and dual enrolment programs now offered through La Trobe University and other regional higher education providers.
- 778 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—How will the introduction of Regional Study Hubs under the Higher Education Reform Package address (a) declining demand for tertiary education from regional students impacted by increased student contributions and a lower threshold for repayments, and (b) the higher costs of delivering tertiary education in regional areas in order to stop the move by regional students to the city.
- 779 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—What is the status of the bid for a new regionally based medical school, the Murray Darling Medical School, by Charles Sturt University and La Trobe University.
- 780 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—When will the management arrangements for Australia’s National Network of Commonwealth Marine Reserves be completed and operational.

781 **MR HART:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What criteria, if any, apply to determining whether an applicant for pension or benefit, including but not limited to the Age Pension, is assessed by a team of Complex Assessment Officers (CAOs).
- (2) What proportion of assessments for pensions or benefits within the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 constituted complex assessments.
- (3) How many CAOs were within Centrelink as at 31 December 2016.
- (4) What is the average length of time for a complex assessment to be determined by a CAO, from the time an application is referred to them until determination and advice is given to the applicant.

782 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) For each month in 2016-17, what was the average number of days taken for an age pension application to be processed to completion.
- (2) What are the remaining inconsistencies in Centrelink's automated debt raising and recovery system and what steps are being taken to address these inconsistencies.
- (3) What was his response to recommendations 1 to 8 of the Commonwealth Ombudsman report *Centrelink's automated debt raising and recovery system* (April 2017).
- (4) What supports are currently available to the most vulnerable Australians to navigate the Centrelink debt raising and recovery system.

783 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—

- (1) What is the funding allocation over the forward estimates for the National Climate Change Adaptation Facility (NCCAF).
- (2) Will there be ongoing funding for the NCCAF's online platform CoastAdapt.

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784 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) What is the definition of the 'family home' under the Age Pension assets test.
- (2) Is the total value of the family home excluded as part of the assets test.
- (3) What analysis has the Government done on options to change the assets test structure to include the family home.
- (4) Are there any plans to review or change the pension assets test treatment of the family home; if so, what is the timeframe for this review or change.

785 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) How does the Age Pension assets test take into account disparity in house/land value between Australia's capital cities and regional/rural Australia (ie, a 'family home' valued at \$2 million in Melbourne or Sydney as compared with a similar sized home worth \$200,000 in rural Australia).
- (2) How does the asset test account for pensioners in regional Australia who are not able to obtain reverse mortgages or sell their homes/land in order to downsize and use equity as disposable income.

786 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) How many regional Australians of Age Pension age have been living on properties greater than two hectares for less than 20 years.
- (2) How many rural and regional pensioners will lose or have their pension reduced under the Extended Land Use Test because their land is over two hectares and they have not lived on that land for at least 20 years.
- (3) What is the policy basis for the 20 year rule under the 'Land over two hectares rule'.
- (4) Has the Government considered reducing the 20 year time frame and setting a value based on the previous/traditional use of the parcel of land, the productive potential of this land and the actual or rateable value of this land.

787 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) How does the Age Pension assets test account for the current planning laws in Victoria, where properties zoned as Farm Land under 40 hectares in area cannot be subdivided.
- (2) Is there special consideration for Victorian pensioners who do not meet the criteria under the 'Land over two hectares rule' but cannot split their land for sale to have this extra land counted as an asset under the assets test.

- (3) What methods are used to value extra land that has only limited or no productive capacity and cannot be subdivided for sale.
- (4) Does the assets test recognise the extra costs of maintaining rural property and the need for specialist equipment, such as a ride on mower; if so, how.

788 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) Is special consideration or discretion under the Age Pension assets test given to assist older Australians who unwittingly made the mistake of releasing some of their accumulated capital so they can enjoy a comfortable retirement.
- (2) What appeal options are available to older Australians, who, having sold their metropolitan homes and moved to lifestyle blocks in regional Australia, find that they then lose access to the pension under the assets test.

10 August 2017

789 **MR MARLES:** To ask the Minister for Defence Industry—In respect of competitive tenders for Project AIR 7003, (a) why did the department bring forward the due date from November to August 2017, (b) what is the anticipated impact of this change on competition for the tender, and (c) can the department demonstrate that it has done a comparative analysis to include (i) capability, (ii) Australian Industry Content, and (iii) best value, to evaluate all systems and proposals provided.

790 **MS ROWLAND:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—Can he indicate how many Child Support Agency clients died as a result of suicide between 1 January 2016 to 1 July 2017.

14 August 2017

791 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—

- (1) Has his department or the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) undertaken any modelling that takes into account (a) the current rules in the Water Sharing Plan for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2012, and (b) current storage capacity on the Barwon-Darling; if so, can he provide a copy.
- (2) Has his department or the MDBA undertaken an audit that establishes the number and holding capacity of water storages on the Barwon-Darling.

792 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—

- (1) In (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16, and (c) 2016-17, what expenditure was made from the Environment Special Account (ESA), and to whom (i) in total, (ii) to fund constraints relaxation, and (iii) to fund water infrastructure efficiency measures.
- (2) What is the projected expenditure for the ESA (a) in total, (b) to fund constraints relaxation, and (c) to fund water infrastructure efficiency measures.
- (3) Do unexpended appropriations made for the ESA remain in that account until expended; if not, to what account/s is/are the unexpended appropriations transferred.
- (4) Are independent audits conducted on the ESA; if not, why not.

793 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—

- (1) Is independent auditing conducted in respect of the water accounting standards used by his department and the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA); if not, why not.
- (2) Are independent reviews conducted of the MDBA's progress; if so, how often are they conducted; if not, why not.
- (3) How will the Government guarantee that all water meters meet the necessary standards and are tamper proof before water resource plans can be accredited under the *Water Act 2007*.
- (4) For infrastructure water efficiency measures relating to the 450 gegalitre (long term average annual yield), what amount of water has been recovered, and is planned to be recovered.
- (5) In respect of constraints relaxation, will his department and/or the MDBA require action by the states to achieve 111,000 gegalitres per day passing flow capacity at the South Australian border as per the MDBA Constraints Management Strategy, despite NSW and Victoria submitting business cases that do not currently meet these targets (and which only total 78,000 gegalitres per day).

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- 794 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts—
- (1) Since 7 September 2013, (a) what proportion of Commonwealth arts program funding has been spent or committed by the (i) department, and (ii) Australia Council for the Arts, across all programs in Queensland, and (b) by program, what is the breakdown of this funding.
 - (2) Has any funding been provided for capital expenditure for any arts organisations in Queensland since 7 September 2013; if so, (a) what sum, and (b) to which organisations.
- 795 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts—From 7 September 2013, (a) was any of the Catalyst program grants funding expended and/or committed to South East Queensland based organisations or projects; if so, to which organisations and projects, and (b) will the Minister provide a breakdown of where the Catalyst grants funding was committed and/or expended, by electorate.
- 796 **MS T. M. BUTLER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts—On how many occasions since 7 September 2013 has the Minister for the Arts met with the Queensland Theatre Company.

17 August 2017

- *797 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—In respect of Round 3 of the Mobile Black Spot Program, will the Government be honouring its election commitments to fund the construction of new mobile base stations in (a) Gosse, and (b) Ashbourne, in the electoral division of Mayo.
- *798 **MS MCGOWAN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—In respect of asylum seekers whose applications for the Protection visa (subclass 866), Temporary Protection visa (subclass 785) or Safe Haven Enterprise visa (subclass 790) have been unsuccessful, (a) what support is provided to assist asylum seekers to return to their country of origin or permanent residence, and (b) does the department keep track or follow up on the treatment asylum seekers receive after they return to their country of origin or permanent residence; if so, how many asylum seekers who have returned to their country of origin or permanent residence have been imprisoned or subsequently died as a result of the persecution they had sought to escape.
- *799 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—
- (1) In light of rolling blackouts in South Australia last summer, is the Government taking additional and proactive measures to improve standby power capability for mobile base stations and NBN infrastructure in areas of high bushfire risk; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are these measures, and (b) which of these measures will be complete in advance of the 2017-18 summer bushfire season.
 - (2) Why does the Government not currently guarantee any minimum standby capability for mobile base stations and NBN infrastructure in areas of high bushfire risk.
 - (3) Who is going to take responsibility for the maintenance of the copper network in areas where the NBN is being delivered through satellite or wireless technology, and in these areas, will there be a requirement to maintain the copper network to a certain standard; if not, why not; if so, what will that standard be.
- *800 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—
- (1) Will the Minister be implementing the recommendation of the Productivity Commission report *Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation* (28 April 2017) to wind back Telstra's obligation to provide payphones; if so, how will this ensure that unemployed Australians and regions with little or no mobile phone coverage will not be worse off.
 - (2) Is the proposed funding program for some form of community telecommunications (which could involve payphones, mobile charging stations, and public WiFi) to replace the payphones Universal Service Obligation, being designed; if so, (a) who by, (b) what is the outline of the program design, (c) when will it be delivered, and (d) who will be delivering it.
- *801 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health—Can he detail any plans by the Government to include Spinal Muscular Atrophy on the list of conditions generally tested for through newborn bloodspot screening.
- *802 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health—Can he detail plans for any ongoing work by the Government to develop a national framework for newborn bloodspot screening.

*803 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Can the Minister detail how many low socio-economic status schools (with an SES score of lower than 800) participate in the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program.
- (2) Will the Minister grant students in schools that participate in the PACER program on Kangaroo Island extra allowances (similar to those granted to Tasmanian students) to cover the minimum \$80 additional expense to travel to the mainland.

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