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<i>Q No</i>	<i>Senator</i>	<i>Division / Agency</i>	<i>Broad topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Proof Hansard page & Hearing date or written question</i>	<i>Date answered</i>	<i>Date tabled</i>
1	Williams	ACCC	Fuel Price Boards	<p>1. As part of the investigation into the fuel discounts offered by major supermarkets will you be investigating fuel price boards that are displayed to the public? If not, can you include it in your investigation as the price boards can be misleading as they advertise a price that is only available to people who have shop dockets.</p>	Written - 14/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
2-6	Williams	APRA	Banks' Exposure	<p>2. The four major banks would appear to be very vulnerable to a run on funds, if the figures for liquidity (liquid assets to domestic liabilities) are only 16.9% and where 56% of the deposits are a call (only 44% of the deposits are for fixed terms). Given that 2 to 3% of total gross loans and advances are credit cards loans, and that additional secured loans are made by four major banks, how can 4.8 to 5.9% tier 1 capital be sufficient to protect the Australian investor and Federal Government's guarantee?</p> <p>3. How exposed are the four major Australian banks' lending books in an economic climate where properties devaluing (in some places significantly up to 50%) and where 41% of total loan approvals were 60 to 80% LVR, and 33% of loans were greater than 80% LVR? Surely these statistics provided by APRA from last year's Senate estimates would promote great concern for APRA and what measures are APRA putting in place to reduce risk exposure of our banks?</p> <p>4. Why doesn't APRA collect data on all unsecured lending by the banks, where it is surely a measure of risk exposure?</p> <p>5. Given that the Australian banks have been offered a government guarantee for the investor deposits, how is APRA intending to shorten the exposure of that government insurance policy?</p> <p>6. The Council of Financial Regulators are responsible for</p>	Written - 14/2/14	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				making recommendations as to which financial institutions should receive a government guarantee for investor deposits. As a member of that council, why does APRA not recommend to extend the government guarantee to those finance companies such as secured not issuing companies that on the face of it, would appear to be less risky than the banks? a. Particularly those companies that have no exposure to development loans and low tolerance to non-performing loans and doubtful debts?			
7-10	Williams	ASIC	Flood Insurance	7. The cost of insurance has increased substantially in recent years for people living in residential strata buildings in Nth Queensland. What in your opinion has been the cause of these increases? 8. Are you concerned that home insurance is becoming unaffordable for some people in these areas? 9. Most insurers now offer flood cover, but we have seen media reports that in flood prone areas the premium for an average home and contents policy, for example, with a sum insured of around \$400,000, can be up to \$25,000 per annum. Do you agree that flood cover premiums at these levels are totally unaffordable for most people and if so what could the government do to make flood insurance more affordable? 10. Are you aware that most insurers have made flood insurance cover mandatory in their home insurance policies and that this is forcing some homeowners to drop out of home insurance altogether, leaving them uninsured not only for flood, but also for fire, storms, burglary, etc?	Written - 14/2/15		
11-15	Bernardi	Reserve Bank of Australia	Next Generation Banknote Project	11. It was reported that the Next Generation Banknote (NGB) project was two years behind schedule (Adam Shand, 'First look at our potential new banknotes and the untold tale behind their design', <i>The Australian</i> , 27 September 2012). a. Is this correct? b. If so, what are the reasons behind this delay? c. What is the expected completion date of this project? 12. Given that \$9.3 million has been spent already, what is the expected budget for the NGB project?	Written - 14/2/16	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>13.</p> <p>a. What efforts are being made to retain the cultural importance attached to the banknotes?</p> <p>b. If there are changes in the cultural and historical features of the new banknotes (compared to the old banknotes) can you please provide an explanation as to why each of these changes were made?</p> <p>c. For example, it appears that the new \$20 note design does not include the pedal wireless, human body chart or the rider and his camel – all notable parts of John Flynn’s work in the outback. Why were these features removed?</p> <p>14. According to <i>The Australian</i>, designers were “supplied with new portraits depicting the subjects on the notes at earlier moments in their lives.” (<i>The Australian</i>, 27 September 2012) Why was the decision made to supply younger portraits of the banknote subjects?</p> <p>15. When the RBA states that “the Bank will also consult extensively with relevant stakeholders to ensure that Australia’s banknotes continue to meet community needs” (RBA media release, 27 September 2012), will any people that are experts in Australian history and culture be consulted?</p> <p>a. If so, please provide details about these people and their qualifications</p>			
16-18	Williams	ATO	ATO Policy	<p>16. Can the agency indicate how much it has cost to defend assessments in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court over the past three years, compared with how much revenue that has been recovered as a result of these actions?</p> <p>17. Has the ATO ever issued a directive that 80% of objections to its assessments be disallowed?</p> <p>18. Has any ATO Officer ever been promoted, remunerated or otherwise rewarded based on the dollar value of amended assessments issued to taxpayers?</p> <p>a. If so, is the amount of tax collected relevant to that reward?</p>	Written - 18/2/17	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
19	Abetz	ASIC	Stock Market	Senator ABETZ: In general principles, of course, Ms Gibson,	Hansard - page	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			Hoaxes	<p>is the corporations law adequate to deal with this sort of malfeasance of putting out false statements to the stock market through hoaxes?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: I would have thought so. Those penalties are among the heaviest penalties under the corporations act if the market is misled.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Do you believe there is a need for deceptive and misleading statements of this kind to be made offences under the Crimes Act? Have you given any thought or consideration to that in ASIC?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: I do not believe we have. I think we feel that the criminal penalties provided for in the act, having been increased in 2010, are substantial.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But do you think a conviction under the Crimes Act might potentially be more of a disincentive.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is the same question. She has answered it.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am not sure she has.</p> <p>Ms Gibson: I am not aware there is any work being done in ASIC. I certainly have not turned my mind to it.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Take it on notice to see if you have and, if you have not, whether it is something you might turn your mind to in the future. Clearly, if this behaviour has occurred, we may need a stronger disincentive. Thank you.</p>	106, 13 February 2013		
20	Williams	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	SBT 31 - Section 420A of the Corporations Act	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Ms Gibson, I asked you last Senate estimates about section 420A and whether ASIC has ever taken any action under that rule. I do not think we got an answer back, though I will stand corrected.</p> <p>Ms Gibson: We have responded to that, but it may not have reached your office yet. I am sorry, but I am struggling to recollect exactly what it was.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: I asked you if you have ever pursued any receivers, banks or anyone who has control of assets under section 420A for selling what would be way below market value. We got that evidence with one particular person in the bank inquiry, and that is why I asked you the question. Do you know if you ever have?</p>	Hansard - page 106, 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Ms Gibson: I cannot remember the answer to the question that we responded to, and I am sorry that we do not have that with us this afternoon.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: My staff just informed me that we have never got a response on that.</p> <p>Ms Gibson: We have answered it. I cannot understand why it has not come through to you.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Would it be at the minister's office? You answer to the minister's office, don't you? You give your answers to Senator Wong?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Why don't we take that on notice, and we can come back with where it stands.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Thank you for that.</p>			
21	Williams	ASIC	Access to Flood Insurance	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: I want to go to insurance and the troubles especially in Queensland with its many flooded areas. Do you think the government should require insurers to provide flood cover to customers and give customers a choice to opt out of flood cover if they cannot afford it so that they can still obtain affordable insurance for all the other risks they face—storm, tempest, fire, burglary or whatever? Including flood insurance is very expensive, and many cannot afford it. Should there be the option for them to opt in or out of flood insurance?</p> <p>Mr Kell: In many cases they have the option to incorporate flood cover as part of their home and contents or property insurance.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: I thought there were only a couple of companies doing that.</p> <p>Mr Kell: The number of people that now have the ability to access flood cover as part of their insurance has increased substantially. I think it is now around 80 per cent. I would have to check on the exact number, but that has gone up from well below 50 per cent a few years ago. This is obviously still a matter that is being worked through with the insurance industry; but, from ASIC's perspective, having a clear disclosure to the consumer about whether flood cover is</p>	Hansard - pages 107-108, 13 February 2013		

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				available and how much it might cost so that you have the ability to make that choice has been a good development. We would like to see it continue to roll out to the minority that still does not have access.			
22	Cormann	ASIC	Professional Indemnity Insurance	<p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you for that; it is very useful. A series of questions have been raised with me by industry participants around the more difficult market conditions now in the context of obtaining professional indemnity insurance. Is that an issue that you are aware of? From your reaction it looks to me as if you are. Can you just talk us through your assessment of that as an issue and whether you have any concerns from what you are observing in relation to that?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The issue of ensuring that licensees have effective professional indemnity insurance is an issue that is important, particular in the advisory sector, and it is raised with us from time to time by industry associations. I would note that the recent Richard St John reports raised various issues around professional indemnity insurance and the possibility of ensuring clearer standards around the issues that that insurance should cover. That is obviously still under consideration by the government, but we are looking at that closely. There is also the question of the way in which professional indemnity insurance covers decisions or outcomes from, say, the Financial Ombudsman Service as well. We have a strong interest in ensuring that professional indemnity insurance is available and covers the right sorts of issues for the advisory sector, and we are in fairly regular dialogue with them with how that is going.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Looking at your regulatory guides, RG 126—I am looking at 25 and 28—says:</p> <p>The compensation requirements are not a mechanism for providing compensation directly to consumers. Rather, they are a means of reducing the risk that a licensee cannot pay claims because of insufficient financial resources.</p> <p>It sort of goes on in a similar vein. There seems to be a perception that ASIC is going beyond that and is now</p>	Hansard - pages 110-111, 13 February 2013		

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			<p>requiring insurance that goes down the indemnity insurance for retail consumer compensation purposes. Is that something you are aware of as a complaint? Has there been some sort of change in the way that ASIC approaches this in recent times, or is this something that you reject out of hand?</p> <p>Mr Kell: That has not come up as a major issue from any of the professional associations in the financial advisory sector in recent times. Again, because of the significance of PI cover, we are certainly happy to have conversations around any difficulties that advisers are having in obtaining that cover at a reasonable price. But it has not come up as a big issue recently.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So no advisers have raised that?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I cannot say off the top of my head that no advisers have raised it with any person in ASIC recently, but it certainly has not come up as a major issue.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Obviously, the consequences if you cannot get professional indemnity insurance are pretty significant because, as I understand it, you would close that business down in those circumstances.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: When you spoke about it, I knew getting PI cover was a problem a few years ago but I have not actually heard that—do you remember Belinda?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Here are some of the—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: This is a perennial challenge, but we are very happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: things that I have been told. The contention is that there are four underwriters remaining and premiums have gone up by 170 per cent over four years, even for firms with clean claims records, and by a lot more for others. When compulsory PI was designed in 2007 the market was soft, but now it is getting harder and harder to get appropriate cover. You have not come across this?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We are very much aware that it remains an ongoing challenge for the advisory community. In relation to the particular issue that you are talking about, it has not been front</p>			
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				and centre recently. Now that you have raised it, I am very happy to take it up with those groups because I think we need to understand it.			
23	Urquhart	ASIC	ASIC Investigations	<p>Senator URQUHART: I was just looking at your website and I noticed there are a number of topics and information about some of the enforcements and investigations that have been going on and what the outcomes have been. How many enforcement actions or investigations does ASIC have underway currently?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: Our enforcement teams are in two parts. One is the enforcement of our financial economy side, and there are 269 investigations there. There is a separate branch that deals with actions to enforce compliance with registration and director qualifications. I do not have those statistics.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to get those and provide them to us?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: We can.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: That would be great.</p>	Hansard - page 112, 13 February 2013		
24-25	Bushby	ASIC	Enforcement Special Account	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I have a few questions about some specific matters. One thing I have asked regularly about is the enforcement special account. Can you provide an update on the current balance and how that is looking for the current financial year?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: We can do that.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: You do not have any details of that here?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: It is probably easier to give it to you on notice because it is quite detailed.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Have you been dipping into it a bit this year?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: As you know, my strategy on that has been to try and build a buffer in it—that is the reason it was originally established. We do have a buffer built into it now.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is it still \$30 million a year that is allocated?</p> <p>Ms Gibson: Yes, that is correct. We did have a buffer built</p>	Hansard - page 112, 13 February 2013		

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				from last year. We took the view that cases can be multi year and if you do not win one then you have to deal with funding it. So we have been building a buffer by not using it all in a single year. We currently have a forecast for this year, and we are looking at a reasonable buffer. I am very happy to provide the details on notice.			
26	Bushby	ASIC	ASIC Budget	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you. How is ASIC travelling with its budget at the moment? I have asked questions in the past about this.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will not exceed our budget this year. I have three performance criteria of leaders in ASIC, they are the three Bs: their business plan, their budget and their behaviour. It is fairly well integrated in the performance and people probably tend to focus very much on that, and we are very much on budget.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I am quite confident that you will be, Mr Medcraft.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I can assure you that we will be.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: As you said before: ... you can have an ASIC at \$350 million, you can have one at \$250 million and you can have one at \$450 million; but essentially you cut your cloth to suit. What I am interested in is, what cloth you have had to cut in order to ensure that you will come in on budget?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: For the first time, we have published the surveillance levels that we undertake and how often we get around to see various stakeholder groups. We have published how often we get around in terms of engagement. We now publish enforcement, what we do, and that really reflects the level of activity that the Australian public gets for their \$350 million. How we allocate resources is based on three things. Firstly, clearly, the priorities of government; secondly, stakeholder expectations; thirdly, and most importantly, risk, particularly emerging risk in the economy. They are the three most important criteria. Risk is a very important one, and that can change. We have indicated that you can see from where</p>	Hansard - pages 114-115, 13 February 2013		

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			<p>we look, what we consider to be high-risk areas in the sector. The last criterion is systemic and regulatory risk. Our legislative responsibilities, which we have to do—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: They take priority.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: and is non-discretionary, and we have got a register, et cetera, but then there might be discretionary aspects as driven by government policy, systemic and regulatory risk and stakeholder expectations. They are the drivers. To be more transparent, if you look at each of the key tools—engagement, surveillance, guidance, enforcement and policy—we have quite clear activity indicators now in those areas. They are in our annual report as well.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Clearly, if you had \$450 million, you could increase the level of activity, and if you had \$250 million you would have to wind that back.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: It is a matter of determining what level of resilience you really want in the financial system.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: One further question on your budget. You are also a revenue raiser for consolidated revenue through the fees that you charge, and we have gone through that before. Is the level of fees that you are raising and contributing to consolidated revenue on track for previous years? Is it up or down?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I might take that on notice. I do not have the number.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It might actually be quite an interesting figure in terms of the numbers.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will come back to you, unless somebody here has the number.</p> <p>Mr Tanzer: I think the revenue this year will be up because we have taken on the business service. It is a detailed question. The nature of the period has changed and the nature of the activity for which we raise revenue is significant, so we would need to strip that out and look at it. I was not aware that there was a very significant difference, but it does cycle.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It could be quite an interesting indicator, if</p>			
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				you can strip that out, of the trends in corporate activity.			
27	Xenophon	ACCC	Investigation into Supermarket Supply Chains	<p>Senator XENOPHON: You would acknowledge, though, that there are stories—and I cannot discuss what was discussed in camera in another committee—where there might be issues and suddenly six months down the track, after what appeared to be a bit of a blue with a major supermarket chain, the supplier is no longer required, the contract is terminated, it is not renewed. Do you acknowledge that retribution or that sort of unconscionable behaviour is difficult to prove in the context of the current legislative framework?</p> <p>Mr Sims: I am not sure. Each case depends on its facts. We have got laws that deal with retribution and we have got laws that deal with unconscionability. I do not know whether my colleagues want to add to that.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I will not take it any further, but perhaps you could add anything further you want to say on that later.</p>	Hansard - page 119, 13 February 2013	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
28	Xenophon	ACCC	Predatory Pricing – United Service Station, Richmond	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ...I want to go to the issue of William and Samira Fares—and you may want to take it on notice. They used to run the United Service station on Marion Road, Richmond—and I moved the Richmond amendment several years ago in relation to that. Senator Wong is smiling, which is always a good thing. Unfortunately, they have closed down their service station because they could not compete with Woolworths. The complaint that Mr Fares put to me not so long ago was that, on many, many occasions, he would be buying fuel at a wholesale level that was actually more expensive than the retail level that was being sold at the service station right next door. He thought the ACCC could not or was not able to assist him. You may want to take it on notice in relation to that case; but, in terms of a broad concept, isn't that prima facie indicative of either predatory pricing or conduct that shows an abuse of market power?</p> <p>Mr Sims: For it to be predatory pricing, we have to establish that there is an anticompetitive purpose, which is quite a high hurdle. We also have to establish if it is being cross-subsidised</p>	Hansard - page 119, 13 February 2013	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				from the supermarket and what the relevant cost is between both the supermarket and the petrol, so it gets quite complicated. I think the main focus of our attention now is on the shopper dockets investigation, because that is where we have an explicit and large and continuing cross-subsidy.			
29	Xenophon	ACCC	Petrol Investigations	Senator XENOPHON: This is my second-last question; I will be very quick. On notice, can you tell me how many complaints have been made to the petrol commissioner in the last 12 months, how many have been investigated and what were the outcomes of those investigations?	Hansard - page 119, 13 February 2013	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
30	Xenophon	ACCC	Qantas-Emirates	Senator XENOPHON: ...Finally, in relation to the Qantas-Emirates matter, which we have corresponded on extensively, there is an issue of trying to obtain, if not the documents, an index of the documents that Qantas has relied on in respect of its key assertion that it is losing money on international routes. The response that I have had from the FOI officer is that there is no index if we cannot supply it. It is a critical issue not just for me but for other parties, including the TWU and licensed aircraft engineers. Will the ACCC at least consider providing an index of documents, in terms of the documents that were supplied— Mr Sims: I will take it on notice, if you do not mind, Senator. Senator XENOPHON: because I think it is coming up. Mr Sims: As you understand, the issue of terminal decline was not one that was central to our cost-benefit analysis. Senator XENOPHON: That may be an issue of continuing dispute. But thank you very much.	Hansard - page 119, 13 February 2013	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
31	Madigan	ACCC	Australian Manufacturing Standards	Senator MADIGAN: Recommendation fifteen of the Prime Minister's manufacturing task force report is made partly on the basis that there should be an increased priority given to addressing misleading claims of conformity with Australian regulations and standards. With regard to imports, can you advise how many instances of false or misleading claims of adherence to Australian standards were referred to the ACCC? Mr Sims: We might have to take that on notice, Senator, if we could.	Hansard - page 119, 13 February 2013	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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32	Madigan	ACCC	Australian Standards - WorkCover	<p>Senator MADIGAN: Can you advise me or take on notice how many of these goods infringements you have followed up? I have a number of Australian manufacturers who pay tax in this country, provide a safe workplace, pay superannuation and pay WorkCover, and, as we speak, there are products coming into this country that do not comply. I can even take you to instances of where people have had near fatalities. When I rang up the state regulatory bodies for these people and followed up other sources, nobody wanted to know about it. There is a time lapse with something being done. For instance, one of these machines—and these machines are sold all over the country—was being used in a business. If somebody had been killed—it was a near miss—by that machine in that workplace, the employer would have been dragged before WorkCover and prosecuted. If somebody buys the same machine to use in a private home, nobody wants to know about it. So there is a big gap between the rhetoric and the reality of compliance with Australian standards.</p> <p>Mr Sims: We will take it on notice, Senator. We do a lot of work internationally to try and get uniform standards across countries. We will take it on notice. I think that is the best and most efficient way to answer the question.</p>	Hansard - page 120, 13 February 2013	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
33	Boyce	ASIC	Future of Financial Advice (FoFA) Legislation	<p>33. a. The Future of Financial Advice (FoFA) legislation was passed in March 2012. As part of the legislation, a class order provision was included to allow financial planners the opportunity to 'obviate the need to Opt-In' if they are subject to an ASIC approved Code of Conduct. Eleven months have passed since FoFA was legislated and there are only 4 months until FoFA commences (1 July 2013). Has ASIC approved any professional Codes of Conduct?</p> <p>b. When will industry be permitted to make an application to ASIC to have their Code approved?</p> <p>c. Why has ASIC displayed no sense of urgency in assisting industry in providing certainty on this issue? Many licensees and financial planning businesses have been forced to make decisions and commit millions of dollars on implementing</p>	Written - 19/2/13		

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				systems and processes to comply with Opt-In because ASIC have not been ready or willing to approve Codes – in fact ASIC have yet to finalise the regulatory guide on how they will actually approve Codes. When will the regulatory guide be finalised?			
34	Bushby	AOFM	Historic Comparison of Forecast Financial Requirements & Actual Financial Requirements	<p>Senator BUSHBY: You do not use forward projections or anything like that. That is fine. In October Senate estimates, the committee asked AOFM to provide a historic comparison of forecast financial requirements and actual financial requirements. We do not have that yet. I am not sure whether that was taken on notice or not, but the information does not appear to have been provided. Just for clarity, for each of the budgets since 2008-09, would AOFM be able to provide what the forecast was for financing requirements for the government in that year and what the actual financing requirement of the government was for that year?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Are you referencing a question or are you now asking a question?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I am asking a question. It is my understanding that we asked it before. I am not sure. I have not checked to see if it was a question on notice. I am not going to concern myself with that. I am asking now for that information. I am happy for it to be taken on notice tonight.</p> <p>Senator Wong: If we could take it on notice, we will check up whether or not that answer has been tabled.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: What I am after is data for each of the years from 2008-09 until the most recent year: what was the forecast for financing requirements of the government contained in the budget and what was the actual financing requirement for each of those years?</p> <p>Senator Wong: So that is from 2008-09 until the current financial year.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It is for 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.</p> <p>Mr Nicholl: And how it is iterated through the budget, MYEFO and actual outcomes.</p>	Hansard - page 122, 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Senator BUSHBY: Yes. It is the AOFM's assessment of what their financing requirement would be for the year and what the actual financing requirement was at the end of the year.</p> <p>Mr Nicholl: Just to be clear: we do not determine what the financing requirement is. That it an output from the budget process. We get told what the financing requirement is. I understand what you are saying, but I am just trying to clear up some confusion that the determination of the financing requirement does not come from us, it comes from the budget process.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay, that is fine. But you are told what that is.</p> <p>Mr Nicholl: Yes, that is right.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So you have an estimate what that will be at the beginning, or once you have received the budget, and then you have to deliver an actual financing requirement as the year unfolds.</p> <p>Mr Nicholl: I am fairly confident that the information you are asking for is in the budget papers, but we will take that on notice.</p>			
35	Cormann	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Appointment of Productivity Commission Chair	<p>Senator CORMANN: This is the first meeting since the previous chair, Mr Banks, left the commission and it is the first meeting since the appointment of Mr Harris. He will join the commission, I gather, on 11 March. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Woods: Indeed, that is correct.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: This is probably more appropriately a question for you, Minister. Could you talk us through the appointment process that was followed for the appointment of the new chair of the Productivity Commission?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will have to take that on notice, if you want detail on it. It is a cabinet-level appointment. I am not the minister who dealt with this. I am representing the Treasurer, so I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure, but if you are going to take it on notice you need to know what I am interested in so I will read that into Hansard. That might be useful.</p>	Hansard Page: page 127, 13 February 2013		

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				<p>Senator Wong: Sure.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am interested to know how long the process took, how many candidates applied for the position and how many candidates were short-listed for interview. I suspect you will not tell us this, but how many candidates were interviewed? Were any other Commonwealth departmental secretaries considered and/or interviewed? Were any departmental secretaries of state governments interviewed? Did any of the candidates interviewed come from the private sector or from academia? Being a key economic institution, with a responsibility to fight for greater productivity and reform, what was the key skill set or skill sets that helped Mr Harris succeed in this position above any other candidates that may have been considered? Can you take those questions on notice?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take that on notice. We will give you the same sorts of responses that Mr Costello used to give.</p>			
36	Cameron	Productivity Commission	Incoming Brief – Productivity Commission Chair	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you prepared an incoming brief for the new chairman?</p> <p>Mr Woods: We are in the process of preparing briefs on what activities we are currently undertaking and what is likely to come up in the near future in terms of publication of reports. There will be discussions with the incoming chair when he arrives.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you provide a copy of that brief to the committee.</p> <p>Mr Woods: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Woods.</p>	Hansard Page: page 130, 13 February 2013	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
37	Boyce	Markets Group (MG)	Annual Fee Disclosure Statement - FoFA	<p>37. a. There was a last minute change to the Annual Fee Disclosure Statement during the Future of Financial Advice (FoFA) discussions, which changed the measure from applying to New clients to applying to ‘ALL’ clients. What analysis did Treasury conduct in respect to the cost to industry, the cost to clients and the benefit that this would actually provide to consumers?</p> <p>b. Did Treasury consider the existing fee disclosure</p>	Written - 19/2/13		

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				<p>obligations required under the Corporations Act and the duplication that the fee disclosure statement would create?</p> <p>c. Why did Treasury make this measure a retrospective measure when all other FoFA measures are prospective in nature?</p> <p>d. How can retrospective fee disclosure be relevant or of benefit when it applies to a different regulatory regime and not the FOFA regime?</p> <p>e. There is no regulatory impact statement on this specific measure – that is the cost to industry and clients on requiring an annual fee disclosure statement on existing clients – why is this?</p> <p>I. How much will this measure cost consumers?</p> <p>II. How will this measure make financial advice more affordable and accessible to more Australians?</p>			
38-42	Rhiannon	ABS	Work, Life and Family Survey Program	<p>38. Regarding the ABS' Work, Life and Family Survey program:</p> <p>a. Can the ABS confirm that the following ABS publications are informed by the Survey Program:</p> <p>i. Employment Arrangements, Retirement and Superannuation, Australia (ABS ca.t 6361.0)</p> <p>ii. How Australians Use Their Time (ABS cat. 4153.0); and</p> <p>iii. Unpaid Work and the Australian Economy (ABS cat. 5240.0)</p> <p>b. What sort of policy areas are informed by these publications?</p> <p>c. How current should such data be to be considered accurate – what is a recognised life-span of such types of data to be considered current and valid?</p> <p>d. Is this survey program the main or only source of national data about unpaid work carried out across Australia?</p> <p>e. Are women the main providers of unpaid work? What is that work's estimated value to the Australian economy?</p> <p>f. Has this program informed government support for more flexible working arrangements for employees with care responsibilities?</p>	Written - 19/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>39. When were these publications last produced and made available via the ABS website?</p> <p>40. When was the last Work, Life and Family Survey carried out?</p> <p>41. When was the next Work, Life and Family Survey originally scheduled?</p> <p>a. When is it currently due?</p> <p>i. If delayed, what were the reasons given for the delay?</p> <p>b. Has it been cut?</p> <p>42. If yes, when was this decision made and what were the justifications used to cut it?</p>			
43-45	Rhiannon	ACCC	Complaints Regarding AEC and Free Range Eggs Labelling	<p>43. Are there currently any complaints lodged with the ACCC about any AECL member/egg producers concerning misleading free-range egg labelling?</p> <p>44. How many complaints are there, what is the nature of those complaints?</p> <p>45. How many such complaints have there been in the last year that have been resolved, and what was the outcome of those complaints?</p>	Written - 19/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
46	Cormann	Fiscal Group (FG)	Underlying Cash Balance - Pre-Election Fiscal Outlook	<p>Senator CORMANN: Given your obligation and given your responsibility to exercise your professional judgement, are you then in a position today, in line with what you have said before as well, to give us a commitment that you will publish the underlying cash balance at the end of 2012-13 in the pre-election fiscal outlook?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I would have to discuss that with Mr Tune. This is a joint product.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is this something that you can please take on notice and get back to us on at the earliest opportunity?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I am happy to do so, but in a way I do not think it is an issue. What I am trying to say is that I anticipate that the underlying cash balance number will already be public before we prepare PEFO. Were it not, then, to the extent that we have information on it, I would be intending to discuss</p>	Hansard - Page 34, 14 February 2013	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				with Mr Tune how we reference that.			
47	Cormann	Fiscal Group (FG)	Chart 3.2 - 2012-13 MYEFO	<p>Senator CORMANN: Let's go back to the question of how many surpluses will be required to pay off government debt. I go to documents that you have actually published. Since the 2009-10 Budget, all the way through to the 2012-13 MYEFO, you kept delaying the year when net debt was estimated to return to zero. You kept changing the date by when you expect net debt to return to zero. In the 2012-13 MYEFO you suggest that the year would be 2020-21. Could the Fiscal Group please outline in dollar terms to 2022-23 the projected underlying cash balances as illustrated by chart 3.2 in the 2012-13 MYEFO?</p> <p>Mr Ray: We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You know which one I am talking about?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I have got the chart in front of me.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So we have got figures here from 2012-13 to 2022-23.</p> <p>Mr Ray: Yes, I understand the chart you are looking at and normally I mark mine up with plot points, although they would not be in dollar terms; they would be in per cent of GDP terms. For some reason, I did not do that this time. So I do not have them with me, even in per cent of GDP terms. But you are asking us for the plot points in per cent of GDP terms—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am asking you for the plot points in dollar terms.</p> <p>Mr Ray: We can have a look at that too.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you.</p>	Hansard - Page 55, 14 February 2013		
48	Cormann	Fiscal Group (FG)	Structural Saves	<p>Senator CORMANN: ...Now, just going to the structural saves: the Treasurer, in his speech to G'Day USA, asserted \$250 billion of structural save. Is Treasury able to provide us with an exhaustive list of the \$250 billion of structural saves that the government asserts they have made?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I thought that Minister Wong had actually answered a question on notice on this.</p>	Hansard - Page 55-56, 14 February 2013	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Senator Wong: Yes, I did. Mr Ray: I have not got it with me. Senator CORMANN: I am not aware that we have ever seen a breakdown of these structural savings. Senator Wong: I suspect a number of them are ones you have opposed, Senator. Mr Ray: I am happy to take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: But just to be clear, though—this is a quote from the Treasurer. The Treasurer says: 'The structural savings we've made will deliver cumulative savings to the budget of over a quarter of a trillion dollars by 2020-21.' The information we expect back from Treasury is the detail of \$250 billion worth of structural savings to 2020-21. Mr Ray: I understand, and if the Treasurer said it, it would be correct, so we will take it on notice to provide the information. Senator CORMANN: I would not be so sure. Now of this list— Senator Wong: Sorry. I was just trying to find the box on MYEFO which included some of the savings, Senator. It was box 3.1 which included the increase in the pension age; the reforms to the family payment system—which you described as class warfare; means testing of the private health rebate, which you are intending to repeal and you oppose; reforms to personal tax offsets, the FBT, and superannuation concessional contributions, which you are also opposing; and means testing for aged care recipients, which I think you have also opposed. I suppose that means you are in a pretty difficult structural position going forward. Senator CORMANN: Does that add up to \$250 billion, Minister? Senator Wong: This does say 'the most significant of these savings', so I assume this is a set of examples. Mr Ray: What it does do is it says the difference in the net debt position would be over \$250 billion in 2020-21 without those savings. Senator CORMANN: So could we please have the entire list,</p>			
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				<p>with dollar figures next to each item— Mr Ray: Yes. I understand what you are asking for. Senator CORMANN: and of that \$250 billion of asserted structural saves, how many of them are revenue measures and how many of them are actual spending cuts? Mr Ray: You would like those measures split between revenue and expenses. Sure. Senator CORMANN: So are you going to provide that on notice? Is that what you are committing to? Mr Ray: Yes. I will take it on notice. Senator CORMANN: Thank you for that.</p>			
49	Cormann	Fiscal Group (FG)	Clean Energy Finance Corporation - Expenditure	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. You have mentioned that you are doing some development issues with offices and staff. How much money have you had allocated to your organisation in order to get things up and running by 30 June? Mr Yates: The accounts or the money in relation to the Clean Energy Finance Corporation is currently operated by Treasury until such time as we have all our systems in place, so I can let Treasury provide you with specifics in relation to our current expenditure if that would be helpful. Senator BUSHBY: That is fine; I am happy for you to seek that detail. But there is no specific allocation? It is basically just that you make an application for what you need and Treasury— Mr Yates: I think there was a budget of approximately \$19 million established, and Treasury will have that. There are processes and procedures by which, if there is expenditure that we need to incur, we need to go through a process, and that is authorised and released by Treasury and approved by the chairman of the board or me. Senator BUSHBY: Is that \$19 million found through existing Treasury allocations, or is it additional money that has been provided? Mr Ray: It is an appropriation to the Treasury. Senator BUSHBY: It is a separate appropriation? Mr Ray: Yes.</p>	Hansard Page 56-57, 14 February 2013		

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50	Bushby	Fiscal Group (FG)	Clean Energy Finance Corporation - Funds	<p>Senator BUSHBY: If I may ask another question on a slightly different thing that has just occurred, in terms of the return to the taxpayer in your enabling legislation or anything that has been prepared, I understand that the \$10 billion when you have access to it all is reinvested. So if a borrower repays you get to take the principal and you reinvest that. But as for your obligations to actually contribute dividends to the government and to revenue, is there anything specifically set out at the moment as to how that might work?</p> <p>Mr Yates: I believe I was using a colloquial analysis of how we would look at this in the private sector.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: But, presumably, if you start making money as an organisation at some point you will start providing a return to your primary shareholder, being the government.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: The CEFC's returns will go back to the CEFC to be reinvested in the sector. Because the CEFC is part of the general government sector and is fully accounted for in the government's budget statements, any returns will also be reflected in the government's budget statements. But the actual money, any returns, will be available to the CEFC to reinvest.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Only the CEFC. Is there any scope for the government of the day to demand a dividend like it can of other GBEs?</p> <p>Mr Ray: It is not a GBE, so a dividend is not relevant at all. We cannot get dividends from ourselves.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So, under the way it has been set up as you described, Ms McCulloch, there is no scope for the government to decide that they will take a return out of the CEFC. All money it earns will be retained by the CEFC.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: There are some slight complications around relationship with ARENA which I would have to take notice on. ARENA is a complementary body for providing grants to this sector, so there are some complications around that. I will take it on notice and check; but, to the best of my knowledge, the government cannot require the CEFC to return funds.</p>	Hansard - Page 62, 14 February 2013		
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				<p>Senator BUSHBY: Presumably, if the CEFC is able to continue to operate for many years and does it successfully under Mr Yates's guidance, its capital will increase over time if it is successful in making a profit on all its investments.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: The basic principle was that it would become self-sustaining.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. Thank you.</p>			
51	Siewert	Fiscal Group (FG)	Community Wage Case	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to go to the community wage case. I have been asking around at various agencies about where they are up to, and a number of them told me I should come here for certain questions. I would like an update on where federal-state negotiations over the agreements are up to. I understand that is nearly finalised. I have specific questions about Western Australia because of the issue of who is included nationally.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We have been engaged with the states and territories on this matter going back over a number of months now. We provided an initial offer to the states back in early October. That offer was \$1.1 billion over the eight-year period of the phase-in of the arrangements. We have had multilateral and bilateral discussions with the states. They have been most useful on both the funding side of the offer and the terms and conditions around which the funding will be provided. The discussions have allowed us to test the assumptions that we used in our initial offer around things like the proportion of Commonwealth funding that flows from states out to providers, the wage component of providers' activity and the wage gap between the old award and the order of Fair Work Australia. Those differ across states and, indeed, across programs. So we have gone through that process. The government will be providing a new, final offer very shortly. That is in the process of finalisation by the government at the moment, but as I understand it it is certainly imminent.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: A couple of questions flow from there. Will that offer be going up? Did you find out in your negotiations that there are more people in scope?</p>	Hansard - Page 63, 14 February 2013		

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			<p>Mr Robinson: Given that the government is in the process of finalising, I cannot comment on the new offer—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I always push my luck.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: but we have the issue I know you are interested in: the proportion of providers covered by the Commonwealth offer. The initial offer covered around 35 per cent of providers in Western Australia. That had regard to the fact of the coverage of the Fair Work Australia order in that Western Australia has not referred powers to the Commonwealth on the industrial action side, but then it was still an open question as to whether 35 is the correct proportion. All I can say at this point is that we have had that engagement and listened to the case put to us. My FaHCSIA colleagues have in the process of their usual engagement with the sector been testing these questions as well. So we have taken what we have heard into account in the advice we provided, and the government will be issuing a new offer quite soon.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. I appreciate the position you are in, so I am going to try to frame this carefully. Does that mean there will be different offers to different states given who is potentially in scope from what you have done with the negotiations?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes. Offers have been made to each of the states, and we have taken on board the conversations we have had around the various parameters. Offers will then be made as a final round.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate you cannot tell me what the percentage is in WA now, but what happens if it turns out that more than what you have decided are in scope are in scope?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We have always said that, if positions were put to us that indicated they were clearly in scope for the programs, we would have those discussions.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I understand that is what has occurred for the direct offers to providers. What is the process in WA where we are not quite sure who is in scope? Because this is between the Commonwealth and the state and then the state</p>			
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				<p>and the community, what is the community's avenue for appealing that process if it turns out that we have more in scope? I am using Western Australia because it is one of the states that has not referred its powers and it is my home state, so it is the one I am hearing it all from. What happens if there are more organisations that think they are in scope? My understanding from the sector is that there are more that think they are in scope than the 35 per cent.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: As you said, in the Commonwealth direct outlays there will be a direct negotiation process. The issue you raise is one we will need to finalise with the states, but we are conscious of the issue.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: When you say you are close to announcing it, does that mean the next couple of months?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: The government is close to announcing it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, sorry. Does that mean in the next month, minister? I do not know if you are going to announce them, but the new offers to the states for the federal-state agreements as part of the community wage case?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to tell me how many offers overall have been made in Western Australia?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Of those we have responsibility for? No, I am not. I will need to consult my FaHCSIA colleagues on it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: It will save me going around and asking each agency. I know how many FaHCSIA has offered.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: No, I do not have a figure across agencies.</p>			
52	Siewert	Fiscal Group (FG)	Equal Remuneration Order - WA	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. I want to go to the ERO case in Western Australia. You are aware that there is a new case.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I am aware, yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I understand there needs to be new money allocated. There will be agencies, particularly with the state-Commonwealth arrangements. There would need to be a new allocation if the Commonwealth were to consider contributing to any decision that is—</p>	Hansard - Page 63-64, 14 February 2013	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Senator Wong: This is a case under the state legislation?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Would the Commonwealth be thinking of allocating more resources if that were a successful case?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I think that is a policy question.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay, thank you. Did you say you would take on notice the overall number?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you very much.</p>			
53-56	Abetz	Markets Group (MG)	‘Safety First Following Victorian Quake’ Press Release	<p>Senator ABETZ: I understand that the department has had notice of a bracket of questions that I seek to ask about a press release by the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation—question No. 33, dated 19 June 2012. Is someone able to tell me at what time that press release was issued?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes. Is this the media release by Minister Shorten following the Victorian earthquake of 19 June?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. It is headed 'Safety first following Victorian quake'.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes. We are not in a position to confirm the time that the release was first sent to the media. Treasury first received a copy of the release in an email from the minister's advisers, and that was sent at 07:23 on 20 June, requesting that the release be published on the ministerial website.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Right. But that release—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: The email of 07:23 attached an email of 22:51 from the day earlier, 19 June, from another of the minister's advisers, but we are not clear as to whether that was the time the release was issued to the media. Then, to finish it, Treasury uploaded the release to the website on the morning of 20 June.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you for that. Minister, I am assuming, in fairness, that you will not be able to assist me as to when the minister's office released that media release on the 19th.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am afraid not, Senator, but I am happy to</p>	Hansard - Page73-74, 14 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>take it on notice. This is Minister Shorten, yes?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, Minister Shorten's release of 19 June 2012. From what you tell me, Mr Murphy, would it be fair to say that this press release was generated in the minister's office and not in the department?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: It was, but some of the information, which is sort of advice to people, is information we have provided in other press releases dealing with natural disasters.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Is the department able to say whether the minister has issued similar press releases, and by 'similar' I mean commenting about a natural disaster—insurance claims et cetera—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Has he issued—and before you get too anxious to say that he has—similar press releases in relation to the recent bushfires in Tasmania, for example, or the floods in Queensland?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: He has on floods. I would have to—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: On the Queensland floods, the recent ones?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: He has issued one on floods in Victoria. I am not aware of him issuing one on the floods in Queensland.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: On Queensland, or on the bushfires in Tasmania or the bushfires in New South Wales.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: We had better check that for you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right, if you could. Then in his press release, Minister Shorten said:</p> <p>I have spoken to the Insurance Council of Australia tonight and they have indicated they are already surveying likely claims.</p> <p>Are you aware of when the minister spoke with the Insurance Council of Australia? The department would not have that information?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: No. Senator ABETZ: I accept that, Mr Murphy. Minister Wong, can you please then take on notice the time that the minister spoke to the Insurance Council of Australia on that night and who from the Insurance Council claimed that</p>			
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			<p>they were 'already surveying likely claims'?</p> <p>Senator Wong: You will be pleased to know that I do not keep track of Minister Shorten's telephone calls, but I will take that on notice—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is why I am asking you to take it on notice. The quote happened at nine o'clock at night and we are led to believe by this release that the Insurance Council of Australia had people there already 'surveying likely claims' before midnight—a three-hour turnaround. Moe, where this quote occurred, is some substantial distance from Melbourne, so how this all turned around so quickly is a bit of mystery to all of us. That is why I am asking that these matters be placed on notice and, in fairness to you, Mr Murphy, I think most of those questions will be going to the minister directly because all of the activity seems to have been generated in the minister's office.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I can add to this generally. The minister has a very close relationship with the ICA, the Insurance Council. There has been a lot of work done with them. And 'surveying likely claims' could be actually looking at databases. I do not think it means surveyors out there with a tripod. It could be just looking at databases; I do not know.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: As I understand it, what 'surveying likely claims' means is that when there is a flood or a fire or indeed an earthquake, people are sent out to do a check of the actual scene to ascertain how many claims might be coming in, how much damage has been caused and things of that nature. That is my advice; I do not want to argue about that. Let us find out to whom the minister spoke at the Insurance Council and exactly what was said. I am assuming from what you said, Mr Murphy, that the department did not have media people called in that night of 19 June to assist in the preparation of that media release or to have it circulated to media that night.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I do not think so, but I will check on that. It has been checked. No.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So the answer to that is no. Thank you very</p>		
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				<p>much for that. Can you confirm for me that, with the other releases that Mr Shorten has put out in relation to the Victorian floods, he did not have included in those media releases a statement:</p> <p>I have spoken to the Insurance Council of Australia ... and they have indicated they are already surveying likely claims. Whether it was today or tonight is immaterial, but it seems that out of all the natural disasters in Australia, this one required him to pick up the phone, clearly after nine o'clock at night, and have that included in the press release, but when we have massive fires burning in Tasmania the minister does not even bother issuing a press release, let alone telling us that he has rung the Insurance Council of Australia, and similarly with the devastating floods in Queensland. So I suppose I'm wondering what the unique circumstance was of the Moe earthquake, in which I understand there were in fact—somebody might be able to confirm—no fatalities.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think that is a statement rather than a question. I have certainly taken a number of your timing questions on notice, but I do not think that anyone in this parliament should suggest that there is any politics involved in how people respond to natural disasters. The government has made a very substantial amount of assistance available—as we should—to people in Tasmania, Queensland and other parts of Australia which have experienced those disasters and, regrettably in some cases, tragedies. There is no politics, Senator—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I just want to know what was—</p> <p>Senator Wong: that should be applied in the response of politicians to these issues.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I have not mentioned any politics. All I am asking is—</p> <p>Senator Wong: You are. I am happy for this not to continue, Senator, but your statement was implying some suggestion that the government did not take as seriously the dreadful circumstances in your home state of Tasmania, for example. If</p>			
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				<p>that were your intention, that would not be true. Senator ABETZ: No. Very sensitive, Minister! All I have asked is: what were the unique circumstances of the Moe earthquake that excited all this activity late at night and making these assertions when no releases at all were put out in relation to the Tasmanian bushfires and the Queensland floods? Those in the middle of the Moe earthquake must have had a hugely frightening experience, and I do not want to diminish that, but I am sure that objectively we might be able to come to the conclusion that the fires in Tasmania and the floods in Queensland were, on the scale of natural disasters, possibly somewhat more devastating. In those circumstances, what was the uniqueness of this earthquake that drove all this activity? I will leave it at that. Senator Wong: Is there a question in that, Senator? Senator ABETZ: No, I was just summing up for you so you can contextualise the questions that have been taken on notice.</p>			
57	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Tax Agent Services Act	<p>Senator CORMANN: Given the change only applies to accountants that are members of a joint accounting body, how does that fit with the Minister Shorten's statement on 28 November 2012 when he said: The regulations will also benefit thousands of small businesses by creating a significant opportunity for up to 10,000 accountants and the estimated 18,000 financial advisers who wish to grow and diversify their business. How does this change benefit 18,000 financial advisers? Ms Sim: This change brings into the licensing regime people that were not previously within the licensing regime. How would it benefit the other advisers? It creates a limited licensing class so it would allow someone who has not got a financial services licence to apply for this limited license. Mr Murphy: You can meet the eligibility requirement of this limited license. You do not have to be an accountant. Senator CORMANN: So how long will the accountants have to transition into the licensing regime? Mr Murphy: I think it goes for three years, from July 2013 to</p>	Hansard – Page 80, 14 February 2013	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>July 2016.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: When would the accountants have to start complying with all of the ASIC requirements?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: The new license applies from 1 July 2013 and then there is this transition period which can run for the three-year period.</p> <p>Ms Sim: Ultimately, they need to come into the regime by 30 June 2016. They are being eased into the licensing regime.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Eased into the licensing regime. Given that we are talking about easing, on the flip side there have to be some changes to the Tax Agent Services Act, which I think were announced last Friday, were they?</p> <p>Ms Sim: That is handled by our colleagues in Revenue Group, but I believe yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Hang on. So you are not responsible for the extension of the Tax Agent Services Act to financial planners? This is the flip side of what you are doing.</p> <p>Ms Sim: Yes, that is the flip side. Our Revenue Group colleagues are responsible for that part of it, so we have been liaising with them to make sure that there is consistency. But that is being handled by our Revenue Group colleagues.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you look after tax agents that want to be financial advisers.</p> <p>Ms Sim: They are handled by us, yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But financial advisers that want to do—</p> <p>Ms Sim: Because the Revenue Group has responsibility for the tax agents board.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you are not able to tell me when that is supposed to come into force?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am sure you can ask that in two hours.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Revenue Group has a lot on, as you know.</p> <p>Senator Wong: There is no conspiracy. We can take it on notice.</p>			
58	Cormann	Markets Group	MySuper	Senator CORMANN:If you do not mind, I might just go	Hansard - Page	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		(MG)		<p>back to MySuper for a moment: the fourth tranche of the MySuper bill and this whole issue of the product dashboard, which has been going around for quite some time. Again, it is particularly industry funds that have expressed a lot of concern in relation to this particular issue. Can you just talk us through (1) the concerns that were raised with you; (2) what your response is to those concerns; and (3) whether you are considering any changes to respond to those concerns.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: The key legislation around the product dashboard was in the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Act. At the time that was in the parliament, the minister undertook—given that there were still some residual issues being raised by industry—to continue to consult with industry on issues relating to the product dashboard. That legislation specified five key elements of a dashboard to provide a simple expression of the key elements of a superannuation product for consumers to use to compare products in the market. It is fair to say that there have been some issues raised around at least three of those elements of the dashboard, the first one being around what metric would be used for a return target—whether it be a return target based just on a net investment return or a return target that would also net off other administrative costs. So there are some discussions around that. There is also a metric in the dashboard around historical performance of the product. Again, whilst there is general support for the concept of having a metric on historical performance, there are some ongoing discussions around what the right metric should be for that. Similarly, there is an element on liquidity which is designed to give consumers an idea of how readily they will be able to move their money from one product to another. Again, there is general consensus in the industry around having a liquidity metric but there is still some ongoing discussion around what the right metric might be. The other two elements are one pertaining to having a standard measure of risk—there is general consensus around</p>	81-82, 14 February 2013		
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				<p>that—and another metric around the fees charged by a particular product. Again, there is pretty broad consensus. There have been ongoing discussions with industry around these issues. I think the general position of industry now is one of consensus around some potential changes to the legislation for the government to consider. Some of these issues also feed into APRA's reporting standards work. Again, there could be some changes coming out of these discussions with industry which APRA would contemplate.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So the final position is not yet settled.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: It is with the government to consider.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But, listening to you there, there seems to be a lot of activity which may lead to changes.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: From the discussions with industry, there is a high degree of consensus around the way forward. But, again, that will be a matter for the government.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But here we have legislation—I will say it again: it comes into effect on 1 July 2013. It has come through in four tranches, one after the other, in a pretty disjointed fashion. Even the things which were only legislated just before Christmas we are already now changing. Once we have legislated tranche 4, we will probably be changing that. Yet people are supposed to comply in less than four months. I think that sometimes there is not enough appreciation of how that is all received at the grassroots end, where people actually have to make it work.</p> <p>The capital exemption for dual regulated entities is being removed in the fourth MySuper bill. Does the regulatory impact statement consider the impact of removing the capital exemption for dual regulated entities?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: The Strong Super and MySuper reforms have complied with the government's best practice regulation requirements. The original—</p> <p>Page 82 Senate Thursday, 14 February 2013 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Senator CORMANN: That was not my question. My question</p>			
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			<p>was—yes or no—did the regulatory impact statement cover the issue I have just mentioned? It is clearly something which has significant implications. Either it did or it did not.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: I was going to explain the process. There have been a series of decisions through the reforms. The original government response to the Cooper review had an exemption from the regulatory impact statement requirements. There were further decisions made in 2011 for which a regulatory impact statement was prepared and cleared by the Office of Best Practice Regulation. There was discussion of the dual regulated entities issue in that regulatory impact statement.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is that a long-winded way of saying, 'No, it did not'?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: There was a discussion of this policy proposal.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Did the regulatory impact statement assess the removal—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Excuse me, Senator. Regulatory impact statements are published, so I was—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes, I have seen it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Then you probably do not need to ask questions.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I want to know why it is was not covered. Why is he not telling me?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: As I recall, in the appendix to that regulatory impact statement there is a discussion of this policy.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It was not covered as part of the regulatory impact statement.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is not what he just said.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It was not assessed.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: There is a—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I think you will find that—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator! Let the officer finish.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: My recollection—and I am reasonably confident—is that there is a discussion of this policy decision in the appendix to that regulatory framework—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I could not find it—</p>			
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				<p>Senator Wong: Just relax!</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I could not find it on the list—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, no! No! Senator, please—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: This is—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can we allow officers to finish their sentences?</p> <p>Mr Rollings: We can provide that to you—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: We will come to a conclusion. There are other people who want to ask questions. I could not find—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Frankly, that is your problem if you keep asking questions. But this gentleman is entitled to respond in the manner he sees fit and to the courtesy of allowing him to finish.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: We have got to the end of it. If you can show me where it is I would be very interested to see it.</p> <p>Mr Rollings: Sure.</p>			
59	Heffernan	Markets Group (MG)	Sovereign Investment	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: ...I have some questions in the tax section for the Markets Group. There is increasing provision by sovereign sources foreign of passive investment capital, some of which, according to the tax office, is certainly from a nonmarket currency—say, Chinese. What impact will that have on our markets if it continues to grow given that it has tax-free status?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I am not clear about it. If it is a tax matter, you are better off with Revenue Group.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: No, it is a capital market value. It is a provision of capital into Australia from a foreign sovereign source, and if it was in the case of a provincial or the central government of China, it would be a nonmarket currency—right? You understand that?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: This passive investment, which is a question for Treasury but it is an influence in the capital market, with the encouragement of a non-taxable status, which it has—passive investment from a sovereign investor has some non-taxable status, the interest in the revenue earned—</p>	Hansard - Pages 87-88, 14 February 2013	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>what are the implications of that for the distortion of our capital markets?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I think I would have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Is it too—it is something I think about—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: We could have a general—I think I know where you are coming from. It would be better to—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Just to assist you—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes, please.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I am chairing the review into the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test, which is all out of date. In that we have collected evidence that says, for instance, you can distort the capital market, the commodity market and avoid the revenue base if you go about it the right way. It is a global problem: \$3 trillion of tax is avoided globally due to the incapacity of countries to be able to audit transfer pricing. There is \$600 to \$800 billion in the US alone. What I am thinking about is that if we have increasing dealings with countries, which we appear to be going to have as we are developing relationships with countries like China, and they then keep their sovereign involvement—there will be pressure on them to deplete their sovereign involvement into market involvement—then money that is coming into Australia that has the status of sovereign investment, which, according to the evidence we have received would also have some tax relief involved, the tax office has told us that sovereign passive investment income earned can be tax free under the international convention, and if you had enough of that coming in, much like the distortion of the home unit market there where we had to change the Foreign Investment Review Board rules, wouldn't that distort the capital market?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes and no.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: It might not be a thing for tonight.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: In a lot of these areas it is going to depend on the quantity and depend on—really you have to get some facts and figures. If the tax office has said that to you—yes, we are</p>			
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				<p>responsible for foreign investment; yes, we are involved with responsibilities for capital markets. We would be very interested in this, and I think we should be reviewing the submissions that have come to your committee and provide some advice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Thank you for that. I am just an old, worn out cocky, but one of the things you can distort, because of the status, because we have it in a written form from the tax office, is that if you declare in a sovereign investment here, regardless of the capital involved, that the production is for a humanitarian purpose—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes, I have heard of that.</p>			
60-62	Cormann	ATO	Minerals Resource Rent Tax	<p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you, Chair, and welcome on behalf of the coalition to Mr Jordan. It is good to have you here. I might just kick off on the topic that has been getting a lot of attention in recent weeks—namely, how much or how little the mining tax has raised in the first two quarters since it came into effect.</p> <p>The advice the Senate Economics References Committee got from you, Mr Jordan, was that the total of the instalments received in relation to the Minerals Resource Rent Tax for the first two quarters is \$126 million. I am just wondering whether we can go into a little bit more context around all of this. Are we right to take it that that \$126 million represents the MRRT liability for the first two quarters, when we look at the equation that is in the act?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: That is correct. That figure is the two instalments for the MRRT.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Sorry, Senator, I may have misheard, but, as the commissioner has said, they are instalments paid. It is not actually the final in MRRT liability ascertained.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure. At the moment all we have are the first two quarters' instalments, which I assume is what the taxpayer's expectation is of their MRRT liability? Right?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Not quite. They have to make their instalment payments based, in part, on their expectation for their liability</p>	Hansard - Pages 93-95, 14 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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			<p>for the year. But at any point in time a taxpayer would be looking at various things—the overall liability is going to be a function of a range of things, as the secretary took the committee through this morning. When prices move around, at any point in time the taxpayer, I think, will be entitled to say, 'Well, at this point in time the price is this and my best guess is that the price will stay as it is or that the exchange rate will stay where it is.' I guess the exchange rate is probably more important one, because while they will have forecast of prices, which, with their demand and so forth overseas, they will probably get a good read on, as you would be aware, the exchange rate is also very relevant to the tax. Forecasting the exchange rate is a completely different kettle of fish altogether.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The other thing is that, whether or not the taxpayer's tax year would be our budget year—the Australian financial year—or whether it is a calendar year would be relevant. If you had a large taxpayer, for argument's sake, who balanced on a calendar year, the first two instalments is part of the 2012 year and not the 2013 year, whereas other taxpayers were balancing over 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, then that would be their second instalment. So all that matters.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I understand that all that matters. Obviously we have been having the argument for some time. I understand the variables. I understand that revenue will change with quantity, prices, volumes, exchange rate, royalty credits, starting base allowance. I understand all of that. What I am trying to understand right now—bearing in mind that once you have the reconciliation for the full year things might change up or down, both ways, as far as the taxpayers that make those instalments were concerned in those first two quarters—the equation in the act, which says, 'MRRT liability = MRRT rate x [Mining profit - MRRT allowances]'. Does the \$126 million, as far as taxpayers to the best of their knowledge know at that time, represent what their expectation</p>			
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			<p>is of the MRRT liability for the first two quarters? If it is not, what is it?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I do not mean to be deliberately obtuse—far from it; I would never do that. One very important element here is it is a new tax, so the taxpayers themselves are saying: 'This is a new tax. How is this going to play out and what does it mean for my end-of-year tax liability?' There will be some teething arrangements from firms.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure. If they get it wrong, if they underestimate, and they paid you too little in their instalments, what is the consequence for the taxpayer at the end of the year—they would finally have to make up the difference?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Yes—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is there a penalty?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: If the end result is a certain amount away from the instalments that have been paid there will be the potential for an interest charge liability—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Indeed. Certainly that is the feedback that I have been getting out of the industry; in particular, dare I say it, from smaller miners rather than, as you would expect, bigger miners, who find it more difficult to really get their head around all of the ins and outs of that new tax. It would be fair to say that they take a cautious and conservative approach in order to minimise the risk of tax penalties down the track. Is that a fair—</p> <p>Mr Jordan: I would imagine that in these cases it would be the best estimate that the taxpayer could do based on the information for that quarter. That would be a normal expectation.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Great. Beautiful. Are you able to break down the \$126 million for us on a quarter by quarter basis?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: The legal advice that the ATO received was that it was protected information and should not be disclosed for the first quarter. But when you added the second quarter amount in the risk of that being inappropriate disclosure was only a low to medium risk. So it is not something I would like to—</p>			
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				<p>Senator CORMANN: I am not going to get distracted on that legal point now, because we only have a short period of time.</p> <p>Senator Wong: But he is allowed to answer the question as he sees fit.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure, and that is great, but you are aware that in the taxpayer confidentiality provision in the Taxation Administration Act there is a provision which says that none of these confidentiality provisions prevent the provision of protected information to a committee of either house of parliament. You are aware of that, aren't you?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you able to share with us whether it would be right to say that 100 per cent of that \$126 million over the two quarters came from iron ore projects and none of it came from coal projects?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: I do not know that information. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you. Does Treasury know that information, Mr Heferen?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Given that we have got this equation where you have to apply the rate to mining profit minus MRRT allowances—and the liability for the first two quarters was \$126 million, so we know what the final outcome was—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Sorry, Senator, the final outcome of the first two quarters?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I thought you were saying the final outcome of the year.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: We know the final outcome of the first two quarters. Given that the equation is rate times profit minus MRRT allowances, are you able to tell us what the mining profit was for the first two quarters?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: I do not have that information; I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The other elements—</p>			
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				<p>Senator CORMANN: Sorry, there was information in the paper, for example, and you can say that it is wrong, but on the front page of the Australian—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Hang on, we don't—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am quoting.</p> <p>Senator Wong: No. Mr Jordan has taken it on notice. He is not going to be responding to what I think you are doing, which is putting to him whether or not any speculation publicly is correct or not. Mr Heferan has a response.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I just wanted to urge the committee to recognise that the instalments paid are a function of the instalment calculation and not of the mining liability calculation. An instalment calculation is a different one. That is not actually dealt with in the MRRT Act; it is dealt with in amendments to the Taxation Administration Act, along with the instalment payments for a range of other taxes. The instalment rate for, say, iron ore—the default rate is eight per cent of revenue, not of profit but just revenue. Irrespective of the costs, irrespective of any expenditure they may have incurred or any depreciated starting base or anything of the like, it is simply eight per cent of the revenue. The act also makes clear that, where a taxpayer has a particular reason to vary that instalment, they can do so, and they then have to tell the ATO in their instalment return what they have varied the instalment percentage to and the reason why.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: And presumably that would be because of their expectations on how the formula would eventually play out for them.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: It could be but the lines at the moment as I understand on the instalment form—I stand to be corrected—but there are a number of reasons for varying the rate: current business structure not continuing, change in exchange rate and commodity price, use of starting base allowance, use of other MRRT allowances, changes in creditable royalties payable, change in expenditure, transferred ownership of whole or part project, interest or default rate is simply not appropriate. They</p>			
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				<p>are all important in their own way but 1-3, which is the change exchange rate and commodity price—when they vary instalments down, I think it would be pretty reasonable, in a situation where prices are quite volatile or indeed the exchange rate would have quite a movement, for a taxpayer, from one quarter to another, notwithstanding they might have a view of what their overall liability might be, because they have no real way of projecting the exchange rate, to say, 'In these circumstances, I would like to vary it down, but in future ones possibly vary it back up again.' It is the long way around of saying that that 126— whilst it is the only figure about the collection that has come in, so indeed some weight needs to be given to it, it is not necessarily the case that you can think about that as being a function of the miners' expected profit over the 12 months because of the way the instalment calculation works.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure. This actually raises a whole series of other questions. If somebody wanted to keep it simple, they would just say, 'I will pay you by way of instalments eight per cent of revenue,' but once they go through the process of looking at their profits, which is revenue minus expenditure, minus MRRT allowances, they might not end up with any liability at all, yet they have paid you eight per cent of instalments based on revenue. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Potentially that could be the case, given a collection. Some taxpayers may have done that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: This is a very important question. I am not interested in specific information about individual taxpayers, believe you me. I am just trying to understand what the behaviour of taxpayers is in relation to how they deal with their instalment obligations. Out of the taxpayers that have so far paid any MRRT instalments, have all of them paid on the basis of eight per cent of revenue, or have a number of them claimed variations based on expected MRRT allowances or losses or whatever else? What are we dealing with here?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: My understanding is that a number of taxpayers</p>			
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				<p>have varied their instalments down. Senator CORMANN: Has any taxpayer paid on the basis of eight per cent of revenue? Mr Jordan: I am not aware. Senator CORMANN: Could you on notice just check that?</p>			
63	Cameron	Revenue Group (RG)	Taxing Trusts	<p>Senator CAMERON: Just let me go through the other issue. Joe Hockey, the week before this article but I do not know exactly what day, in an address to accountants said: The difference in tax rates between entities carrying on businesses as individuals, partnerships, trusts and companies according to the type of legal entity seems to have no basis in logic. So the shadow Treasurer is saying this whole trust approach has no basis in logic. He then went on to say that the different tax treatment provides incentives to arrange business affairs to minimise tax rather than focus on business activity. Are you aware of those statements by the shadow Treasurer? Mr Jordan: I am not aware of those specific statements, but it does raise the choice that taxpayers do have in terms of what vehicle they can use to carry on a business. They can be a sole trader and simply pay tax at their marginal rate. They can be a partnership, which does not have limited liability, and achieve income splitting through a partnership mechanism. They can have a trust or they can have a company. Senator CAMERON: You can take this on notice. Can you provide me the logic between the different entities. I am not asking you to do it now, because I have a range of questions, but take it on notice and provide me the logic of that. It seems to me that the shadow Treasurer is saying there is no logic in it and John Passant from the faculty of law says it offends a basic tax principle. So I would like you to take those questions on notice and come back to me. Thanks for the questions on notice that you answered last time.</p>	Hansard – Page 103, 14 February 2013	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
64	Cameron	ATO	1999 Ralph Review	<p>Senator CAMERON: ...I move on. You are aware of the 1999 Ralph review?</p>	Hansard Page 103, 14	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Mr Jordan: Yes. Senator CAMERON: It recommended that trusts be taxed as companies. That is correct? Mr Jordan: Yes. Senator CAMERON: The then Treasurer, Peter Costello, accepted that proposal? Mr Jordan: Yes. Senator CAMERON: And then there was quite a political attack on any move to adopt this approach. That is correct? Mr Jordan: There was a widespread concern from various areas of the community, particularly the farming sector and small business area. The government of the time referred the matter of the taxation of trusts as companies to the Board of Taxation to do a review on it. I was on the board of tax at that time, so I am aware of the problems associated with that proposal to tax trusts as companies. Senator CAMERON: But it is not all problems, is it? The Ralph review at the time estimated taxing trusts as companies would raise about \$900 million in revenue. That is correct? Mr Jordan: I do not recall that estimate. Senator CAMERON: Maybe you can check that and come back to me on that. According to Dr Passant, that would be about \$2 billion in current terms. So that is \$2 billion from taxing trusts as companies that you could add to the tax base of the country. Could you check those figures for me? These are important issues for the tax office.</p>	February 2013		
65	Cameron	ATO	Discretionary Family Trusts	<p>Senator CAMERON: So we can go to the first one. Are there rules in place either under the tax act or in accordance with ATO determinations in relation to discretionary family trusts extending loans to individuals or other parties who may or may not be beneficiaries of the trust? If so, what are they? Mr Quigley: I think what you are referring to may be a provision in the 1936 Act—section 108—which effectively says, where a loan is funded essentially out of the unpaid present entitlement of other beneficiaries as reimbursement agreements, the recipient of that is deemed not to be presently</p>	Hansard - Pages 104-105, 14 February 2013 (also see AET 88-95)	26/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>entitled and the trustee is assessed at the top rate on those amounts. Effectively, the amount that is presently entitled to one beneficiary is streamed to someone else.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: And that has not changed since 1936?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I am sorry; that is in the 1936 Assessment Act. Exactly when the provision was inserted I cannot tell you off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So it could be even earlier?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: It certainly was not earlier.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: No, it certainly was not earlier. That is a provision that is an anti-avoidance provision so it certainly was not in in 1936, but I believe it was meant to cover that situation.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: On notice, could you advise me when that part of the legislation was inserted into the Tax Act.</p>			
66	Whish-Wilson	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	MRRT & Iron Ore	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Just more for curiosity's sake: I know that you have not been able to work out the shortfall in the MRRT yet and whether that has come from commodity prices or other issues. You also discussed that iron ore seems to be where the majority of the revenue has come from. Do you have a breakdown of the big companies with the iron ore, what is now traded on the spot market versus long-term contracts?</p> <p>Mr Brake: It is probably a question best directed to our macroeconomic group colleagues. We could take it on notice and—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I am just aware that a lot of the big iron ore companies increasingly have been moving towards the spot market and using derivatives to cover the spot market. It would be very hard to work out what their effective price is actually going to be, and if you have to forecast that your forward estimates are going to be quite complicated.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: They are very difficult. Granted the argument</p>	Hansard - Page 110, 14 February 2013		

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				<p>about the spot price, it does take time. There is some lag for the spot price to feed through, and then its balance. You are right: it is one of the complexities in the system, trying to get a good handle on the actual effect of the change in prices to the revenue being collected.</p> <p>Mr Brake: Our macroeconomic group colleagues to put a lot of focus on commodity price forecasts.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes, you would have to go to the companies directly. It would be quite hard to know in advance what they are going to trade on—particularly what they are going to put on the forward markets to cover their spot. Do we know roughly what they are doing in the spot market versus—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No, as Mr Brake said, we will have to take that on notice and provide an answer from people who actually work on this stuff and will be able to—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I will be very interested to have a look at that, thank you.</p>			
67	Abetz	ATO	Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Act 2006	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you to officials from the Australian Taxation Office. I am sure that chapter 3 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Act 2006 will immediately spring to mind, but I understand that that deals with the issue of promoters of certain schemes. In section 290-60 we are told:</p> <p>(a) the entity markets the scheme or otherwise encourages the growth of the scheme or interest in it; ...</p> <p>Does that apply to charitable institutions as well, if somebody goes out promoting or requesting money, albeit that it will not be for an investment or a profit but for a charitable institution?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: My gut feeling is that it would not, but I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Right, if you could take that on notice. Then, taking it the next step: what if it is done for the purpose of allegedly charitable purposes, or fraudulent purposes disguised as charitable? Would that regime in the tax act apply? If you want to take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes.</p>	Hansard -Page 110, 14 February 2013	26/03/2013	16/05/2013

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68	Abetz	ATO	Charity Fraud	<p>Senator ABETZ: No, this is just a generic question. That is the allegation in this case. Let me put it to you, then: if somebody goes around fraudulently collecting for a charitable purpose but then uses it for their own personal use, does that require disclosure under the Australian tax regime?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I would certainly think that that would be income under ordinary concepts.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. So, without commenting on this particular case of the foundation, as a general concept you would agree with that?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: From what you have said, I would think so, yes.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Is it correct that the Tax Office can in fact reach back indefinitely if fraudulent activity is involved?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Certainly if there is fraud and evasion there is no time limit for amendment.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So if somebody were involved in, for example—just picking a random example—the Australian Workers' Union reform association, which collected hundreds of thousands of dollars, and then used that for themselves personally but did not disclose it in their taxable income, that would be something that the Australian Taxation Office could pursue and prosecute if need be?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Again, Senator, I think you are trying to get me to give you an answer about a specific instance. I am not in a position to do that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Can I ask whether this matter, given all the public airing it has had, has at least excited the interest of the Australian Taxation Office?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: All I will say is that we obviously follow all these things in the media, in the press and in the courts and we look to see what tax implications there might be.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I think the Australian people would be most interested in whether or not this particular case of the Construction Industry Drug and Alcohol Foundation issue is being pursued and also the issues surrounding the Australian Workers' Union reform association. Are you able to take on</p>	Hansard - Pages 110-111, 14 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
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				notice for us whether these matters are under active consideration? Mr Quigley: I will take on notice your question but with the caveat that I do not believe we will be able to provide you with information about specific instances.			
69	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Government Revenue From Superannuation	<p>Senator CORMANN: I have one final question. Going back to your explanation as to why government revenue from superannuation is expected to increase by 58 per cent and you said it was because the economy has recovered and so on. If that is what is driving it, why is company tax revenue expected to increase by just 15 per cent, GST is expected to increase by 16 per cent and other categories of revenue are expected to increase by way less? Are people in superannuation funds investing in such superior assets than all the companies paying company tax and so on? Why is government revenue from superannuation—from retirement savings—going to double between 2010-11 and 2015-16, when every other category grows significantly slower than that?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The explanation Mr Brake went through outlining super funds is on page 5-21. There is one element of policy change, and so there will be in the out years of that a gradual increase of the SG. That will obviously have an effect. We will have more funds under management. The other thing is that the growth will be off a low base. The effect of the GFC on the super tax is quite significant.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But we told that the effect on company taxes was significant and that the effect on a range of other taxation categories was significant—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: And indeed it is. If you like, Senator, we could take that on notice and see if there is more detail that we could provide to 5-21.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That sounds great. Thank you very much.</p>	Hansard - Page 116, 14 February 2013		
70-74	Xenophon	ACCC	Fuel Prices	70. In relation to competition issues, can the ACCC explain the difference between what it considers to be anti-	Written - 20/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>competitive conduct versus uncompetitive conduct?</p> <p>71. Can the ACCC provide an update on the progress of the inquiry into Shopper Dockets?</p> <p>72. Can the ACCC provide an update on the progress of the inquiry into Informed Sources?</p> <p>a. Is the ACCC looking at data sharing more broadly within the context of the industry, or just Informed Sources?</p> <p>73. I understand there is currently a discussion taking place around the display of discounted prices on fuel price boards.</p> <p>a. Is the ACCC involved in this discussion?</p> <p>b. What is the ACCC's position on this issue?</p> <p>c. Is the ACCC supportive of a national standard?</p> <p>74. How many complaints have been made to the Petrol Commissioner in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. How many have been investigated?</p> <p>b. What were the outcomes of these investigations?</p>			
75	Bushby	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	International GDP Growth	<p>75. At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Dr. Gruen indicated that in terms of growth for GDP per capita, Australia is <i>almost</i> alone in having seen growth since before the Global Financial Crisis (<i>Hansard</i>, Thursday 18 October 2012, p. 45).</p> <p>Can the Treasury provide an update of which are the other countries that have also seen growth in this measure since the crisis?</p>	Written - 22/2/13		
76-80	Bushby	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Mining Industry	<p>76. At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Dr. Gruen stated that the economy has seen the impact of significant falls in the price of commodities such as iron ore, thermal coal and coking coal (<i>Hansard</i>, Thursday 18 October 2012, p. 46). Since then, there has been a dramatic rise in the price of iron ore and both thermal and coking coal. How do current spot prices compare with those at the time of the Budget?</p> <p>77. At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Dr. Gruen described the resource boom as a multifaceted phenomenon that should be thought of in three phases (<i>Hansard</i>, Thursday 18 October 2012, p. 47). Dr. Gruen also</p>	Written - 22/2/13		

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				<p>said at that time that the price boom is over.</p> <p>Can Treasury outline how recent rises in commodity prices since October 2012 fit into Dr. Gruen's three-phase boom discussed at Estimates in October?</p> <p>78. At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Dr. Gruen stated in the context of the investment boom that supply will meet demand at a price.</p> <p>a. Did Treasury not anticipate the fall in commodity prices between Budget 2012 and October 2012?</p> <p>b. Did these price falls arise as a result of additional supply coming on? Was that additional supply detected by Treasury?</p> <p>c. If these price falls did not arise solely as a result of additional supply, was it a result of other factors leading to a short-term fall in price which has now rebounded? If this is the case, what factors led to the drop in price?</p> <p>79. At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Dr. Gruen stated that Treasury was expecting a 45 per cent increase in mining investment this financial year (<i>Hansard</i>, Thursday 18 October 2012, p. 70).</p> <p>a. Can Treasury provide an update on that figure?</p> <p>b. Are the recent increases in commodity prices likely to drive further investment?</p> <p>c. Does that change Treasury's assessment of when the investment boom will peak?</p> <p>80. At the Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2012, Mr Duggan indicated that in his conversations with mining companies, the cost of doing business and increased union activity on mining sites had not been raised with him at that time.</p> <p>a. Have the above issues been raised with anyone at Treasury either before October 2012 or since, specifically in the context of cost controls becoming increasingly more important for mining investment?</p> <p>b. What mining costs does Treasury consider to be within the realm of Government decision makers to reasonably influence?</p>			
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81	Bushby	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Reserve Bank Act	<p>81. In relation to the extract from the Reserve Bank Act below:</p> <p>RESERVE BANK ACT 1959 - SECT 17 Disqualifications from membership A person who is a director, officer or employee of an ADI is not capable of appointment, or of continuing to act, as a member of the Reserve Bank Board.</p> <p>a. What reasons can you posit for this provision being in place? b. Having regard to the evolving nature of the financial system, with the creation of near banks and super funds, some of which hold assets far greater than some of the smaller banks, is there a need to review this provision? c. Is the Treasury aware that a recent RBA appointee holds a directorship with Australia's largest union super fund with assets exceeding \$100 bn and investments in cash of billions of dollars? d. If the answer to the above is yes, did Treasury give any advice to the Treasurer regarding how any potential or actual and perceived conflicts of interest could be handled in relation to this appointment? If so, in what written format and on what date? e. Given that on a Monday this person could be in receipt of sensitive interest rate data whilst at an RBA meeting, and on Tuesday sitting at super fund directors meeting deciding whether to sell assets and go into cash or vice versa, isn't this a matter about which we should be concerned? f. Is there any consideration being given to amending the RBA Act to bring it in line with the contemporary financial sector in Australia?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
82	Bushby	ATO	Tax Agent Portal	<p>82. In relation to a reported security breach of the Australian Taxation Office's Tax Agent Portal (Criminals breach Australian tax system, <i>The Age</i>, 8 February 2013, online), can the ATO please answer the following:</p>	Written - 22/2/13	27/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>a. Did the security breach occur?</p> <p>b. If so, when did the security breach occur and when did the ATO first notify tax agents of the breach?</p> <p>c. How did the ATO notify tax agents of the breach?</p> <p>d. What is the total number of tax agents affected by the security breach?</p> <p>e. Will the ATO be taking any steps to upgrade its online security, and if so what will these measures include?</p>			
83	Bushby	ATO	ATO YouTube Videos	<p>83. In relation to the three YouTube films on the ATO website; 'Nail your business reporting – lodge online', 'Lodge online – a solid foundation for business reporting' and 'Use your own software to lodge online', could the ATO please answer the following:</p> <p>a. Which company was engaged to produce the short films?</p> <p>b. Did either the production company or the ATO conduct any market research or market testing prior to producing the short films?</p> <p>c. Has Scott Cam featured in any other media or publications for the ATO?</p> <p>d. Does the ATO intend to engage the services of any other celebrities for similar projects in the future?</p> <p>e. What was the total cost of producing the short films?</p> <p>f. How much of that cost was Scott Cam's appearance fee?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
84	Sinodinos	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Modelling for Economic Shocks to the Australian Economy	<p>84. Has Treasury conducted any economic modelling of economics shocks to the Australian economy?</p> <p>a. If so, what type of economic shocks has been modelled by Treasury?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
85	Sinodinos	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Modelling for an Oil Price Shock	<p>85. Specifically, has Treasury conducted any economic modelling on potential impacts that a rise in global oil prices resulting from rising geo-political tensions would have on the Australian economy?</p> <p>If so:</p> <p>a. What assumptions has Treasury made with respect to the oil price shock?</p> <p>b. What is the impact on the Australian economy in terms of a</p>	Written - 22/2/13		

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				percentage change to nominal and real GDP, unemployment and inflation resulting from an oil price shock?			
86	Sinodinos	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Global Economic Uncertainty and Forecasting for the 2013-14 Budget	86. According to Treasury's economic model, what is the relationship between US GDP growth and Australian GDP growth? What impact will a 1% increase in the US GDP growth level have on Australian GDP?	Written - 22/2/13		
87	Sinodinos	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Joint Economic Forecasting Group – Finalising Budget Forecasts	87. Have any dates of meetings been scheduled of the Joint Economic Forecasting Group? If so, what dates have been scheduled?	Written - 22/2/13		
88-95	Cameron	ATO	Discretionary Family Trusts	88. Are there rules in place either under the Tax Act or in accordance with ATO determinations in relation to discretionary family trusts extending loans to individuals or other parties who may or may not be beneficiaries of the trust? If so, what are they and how are loans treated as distinct from distributions or present entitlements? 89. Are discretionary family trusts required to report to the ATO, presumably through their tax return, any loans the trust may have made? If so, are they required to report the value of the loan and the terms on which it is made including repayment schedules? 90. Can the ATO provide the Committee with the total aggregate value of loans extended by discretionary family trusts in the most recent financial year for which data is available? 91. How does the ATO satisfy itself that loans extended by discretionary family trusts are actually repaid? 92. Does the ATO consider a non-repayable loan made by a discretionary family trust to be a sham loan and thus, in fact, a distribution or present entitlement which is taxable? 93. How does the ATO enforce the Tax Act in cases of sham loans that are in fact taxable distributions? 94. Does a discretionary family trust have the capacity to write	Written - 22/2/13 (also see AET 65)	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>off a loan as a bad or doubtful debt? If so, in what circumstances and subject to what restrictions? 95. Does the ATO have any data on the aggregate value of loans written off by discretionary family trusts as bad or doubtful debts? If so, what is the value of such loans?</p>			
96-97	Fifield	Fiscal Group (FG)	National Injury Insurance Scheme	<p>96. The Productivity Commission had a target date for a National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) to run in parallel with the National Disability Insurance Scheme by 2015. What progress has the Commonwealth made towards the NIIS?</p> <p>97. The Productivity Commission had a target date for a National Injury Insurance Scheme to provide, as a first step, for no fault injury coverage for motor vehicle accidents by the end of 2013. Will the Government achieve this?</p>	Written - 22/2/13		
98	Bushby	ABS	Survey of Research and Experimental Development Businesses	98. Upon whose decision and/or upon whose instruction was the collection of the ABS 'Survey of Research and Experimental Development (R&D), Businesses' (as part of Category 8104.0) changed to a two yearly format instead of annual, and when and why?	Written - 22/2/13	04/06/2013	27/06/2013
99-102	Ryan	ATO	Small Business (ATO) – Benchmark Auditing	<p>99. How many benchmark audits were undertaken by the ATO for the following years: (a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12</p> <p>100. How many small businesses paid the default assessment for the following financial years: a) 2006-07 b) 2007-08 c) 2008-09 d) 2009-10 e) 2010-11 f) 2011-12</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>101. How many adjustments has the ATO made for each of the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12</p> <p>102. How much revenue has the ATO recovered from small business using benchmark auditing for the following years:</p> <p>a) 2006-07 b) 2007-08 c) 2008-09 d) 2009-10 e) 2010-11 f) 2011-12</p>			
103-109	Ryan	ATO	Microbusinesses	<p>In the ATO Compliance Program, those with an annual turnover under \$2 million are referred to as a micro enterprise, this term is used within the ATO to define entities that fit this market segment.</p> <p>Small to medium enterprises are those with an annual turnover of \$2 million to \$250 million with the small enterprises turning over between \$2 million and \$10 million. This definition is also used in Taxation Statistics that is published annually.</p> <p>103. Under this definition, how many micro enterprises were there for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p> <p>104. Under this definition, how many small enterprises were there for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07</p>	Written - 22/2/13	30/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>(b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p> <p>105. Under the ATO Compliance Program definition how many:</p> <p>(a) Micro enterprises are structured as companies? (b) Small enterprises are structured as companies?</p> <p>106. Under the ATO Compliance Program definition how many micro enterprises pay company tax for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p> <p>107. Under the ATO Compliance Program definition how many small businesses paid company tax for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p> <p>108. Under the <i>Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Act 2007</i> definition of a small business entity, how many small enterprises were there for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p>			
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				<p>109. Under <i>Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Act 2007</i> definition of a small business how small businesses paid company tax for:</p> <p>(a) 2006-07 (b) 2007-08 (c) 2008-09 (d) 2009-10 (e) 2010-11 (f) 2011-12?</p>			
110-113	Ryan	ATO	ATO Outstanding Tax Debts	<p>110. How much tax debt is outstanding from small businesses with less than \$2 million in turnover for the following financial years:</p> <p>a) 2007-08 b) 2008-09 c) 2009-10 d) 2010-11 e) 2011-12?</p> <p>111. How many garnishee orders to small businesses with less than \$2 million in turnover did the ATO make during the financial years:</p> <p>a) 2007-08 b) 2008-09 c) 2009-10 d) 2010-11 e) 2011-12?</p> <p>112. How many businesses has the ATO put into liquidation or administration due to the failure pay tax for the following years:</p> <p>a) 2007-08 b) 2008-09 c) 2009-10 d) 2010-11 e) 2011-12?</p> <p>113. For the following years, how many times has the ATO initiated litigation against any small business with less than \$2 million turnover due to failure to pay tax debt:</p>	Written - 22/2/13	08/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				a) 2007-08 b) 2008-09 c) 2009-10 d) 2010-11 e) 2011-12?			
114-117	Ryan	ACCC	ACL Country of Origin Labelling	114. What penalties or other sanctions have been imposed on businesses in breach of the country of origin representations in the ACL? 115. How many complaints has the ACCC received about confusion surrounding the requirements and meanings of the country of origin representations set out in s 255 of the Australian Consumer Law? 116. In the event of a complaint about a misleading or deceptive claim on food labelling: a. how quickly does the ACCC respond to it and b. enforce a removal of the claim? 117. What are the statistics on this for the years since 2008 until now?	Written - 22/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
118-120	Ryan	ACCC	Price Signalling	118. Has the Commission instigated any action to have any other sector or market included within the reach of the price signalling provisions? If so, which markets or sectors and what kind of anti-competitive conduct has the Commission observed and what metrics are used to identify market dysfunction, competition impairment or consumer detriment in order to qualify for potential inclusion within the reach of the price signalling prohibition? 119. Has Government asked the Commission to examine any other sector or market for possible inclusions within the reach of the price signalling provisions? If so, which markets or sectors and what kind of anti-competitive conduct has the Government identified observed and what evidence has been provided to identify market dysfunction, competition impairment or consumer detriment in order to qualify for potential inclusion within the reach of the price signalling prohibition?	Written - 22/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>120. It was reported in December 2012 that petrol prices have reached their highest ever sustained level despite the high dollar, and the consumer watchdog is investigating whether price monitoring by 'Informed Sources' may be reducing competition.</p> <p>If price signalling provisions were extended to other markets, would it have an impact on the operation of the retail petrol market?</p>			
121-123	Ryan	ACCC	Unfair Contract Terms	<p>121. Have any businesses sought to have consumer contracts reviewed by the ACCC to ensure their compliance with the law?</p> <p>If, so how many businesses and contracts and what is the nature of the advice the Commission has provided?</p> <p>Have contracts been effectively endorsed as not offending the unfair contract term provisions?</p> <p>122. What are some examples of contractual terms that have been found to be unfair under the legislation and what corrective action has the Commission recommended and/or what consequences have arisen resulting from identified breaches?</p> <p>123. What problems has the ACCC perceived in relation to the implementation of the unfair contract terms law?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
124-126	Ryan	ACCC	Australian Consumer Laws	<p>124. What is the enforcement record since the implementation of the ACL in terms of the nature of types of breaches, product and service types and enforcement action/investigations consequence for the ACCC and state/territory consumer affairs agencies enforcing the ACL?</p> <p>125. Where 'systemic breaches', cross-jurisdictional complaints or concerns with the ACL framework have arisen as is where the Commission advises it does it work, what corrective action has the Commission recommended or taken and/or what consequences have arisen resulting from verified concerns?</p> <p>126. What are the exact statistics on the amount of warranty and refund complaints the ACCC and consumer affairs agencies have received in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and</p>	Written - 22/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				2011? Did this amount increase or decrease with the implementation of the ACL?			
127-130	Ryan	ACCC	Right to Repair/Lemon Laws	<p>127. Since the commencement of the ACL, how many complaints has the ACCC received from consumers about defective where a ‘lemon law’ might result in the consumer being permitted to return the goods?</p> <p>128. Have sellers generally made a concerted effort to remedy any product defects? Is there a need for ‘right to repair’ provisions for significant durable consumer goods?</p> <p>129. What does the ACCC perceive to be the pros and cons of an implementation of ‘lemon laws’ and/or ‘right to repair’ provisions with respect to cars? Has and with whom has the Commission been consulting with in relations to these propositions?</p> <p>130. Does the ACCC perceive the ACL to sufficiently address issues relating to lemon products and reasonable opportunities to repair significant durable consumer goods? Is the ACL more or less effective than the ‘lemon laws’ in other jurisdictions (for example, in America)?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
131-135	Ryan	ACCC	Secondary Boycott/False and Misleading Claims	<p>131. Is the Commission currently investigating union conduct in relation to ‘campaigns’ against and builders in what is claimed to be industrial action for potential breaches of secondary boycott provisions?</p> <p>132. If so, how are these inquiries progressing, when does the Commission believe investigations might be concluded and what specific provisions of the Competition and Consumer Law may have been breached?</p> <p>133. What remedies are available to the Commission and affected parties is breaches of the law are found?</p> <p>134. Has the Commission investigated whether non-government organisations making claims that are not accurate and cannot be substantiated and seek to influence commerce by impacting consumer decision making or commercial strategy are subject legal requirements under the CCA to not make ‘false and misleading claims’?</p> <p>135. Will the Commission seek to test the application of the</p>	Written - 22/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				law as its reach in term of ‘false and misleading claims’ by NGOs where the claims are intended to have an impact on commerce by way of influencing consumer behaviour and commercial decision making?			
136-141	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate	<p>136. What is the specific number of Australian wine producers who have claimed WET rebates for each of the last 5 years, namely 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years?</p> <p>137. How many of these Australian wine producers claimed 0-20%, 20%-50%, 50%-70% and 70- 100% of their maximum rebate in each of those same years?</p> <p>138. What is the forecast for the number of Australian wine producers who will claim WET rebate for the financial year ending June 2013?</p> <p>139. What was the total monetary value of WET rebated to Australian wine producers for each of these financial years referred to in question 1?</p> <p>140. Provide a breakdown for each year for the past 5 years as to the total monetary value of WET rebated to specifically Australian wine producers?</p> <p>141. What is the forecast budget for the total monetary value of WET to be rebated to Australian wine producers for the financial year ending June 2013?</p>	Written - 25/2/13	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
142-147	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate – New Zealand	<p>142. How many New Zealand based wine producers have claimed WET rebates in each of the last 5 years from 2007-08 to 2011-12?</p> <p>143. How many New Zealand based wine producers claimed 0-20%, 20%-50%, 50%-70% and 70-100% of their maximum rebate in each of those same years?</p> <p>144. What is the forecast for the number of New Zealand based wine producers who will claim WET rebate for the financial year ending June 2013?</p> <p>145. What was the total monetary value of WET rebate to New Zealand based wine producers for each of these financial years referred to in question 7?</p> <p>146. Provide a breakdown for each year for the past 5 years as</p>	Written - 25/2/13	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				to the total monetary value of WET rebated to specifically New Zealand based wine producers? 147. What is the forecast budget for the total monetary value of WET to be rebated to New Zealand based wine producers for the financial year ending June 2013?			
148-160	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate – ATO Audits	148. What is the total number of audits that have been conducted in reference to the WET rebates of wine producers (“WET Audits”) over the last 5 years? 149. How many of those WET Audits have been conducted in each year of the past 5 financial years? 150. What is the forecast for the number of WET Audits to have been conducted for the financial year ending June 2013? 151. What is the forward budget forecast for the number of WET Audits to be conducted for the next 5 years? 152. What is the value of reclaimed monies collected by the ATO as a result of the audits on Australian wine producers over the last 5 years? 153. What value of penalties have been applied by virtue of WET Audits over the last 5 years? 154. What is the forecast value of penalties applied for the financial year ending June 2013? 155. What is the total interest levied on the penalties for each of the last 5 years and levied on those reclaimed monies? 156. What is the average length of time taken to conduct a WET Audit for those audits identified in each of the last 5 years? 157. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested an extension of time to conduct the WET Audit? 158. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested a 2nd extension of time to conduct the WET Audit? 159. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested a 3rd and or more extensions of time to conduct the WET Audit? 160. Give comprehensive reasons for the extensions being	Written - 25/2/13	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				sought.			
161-172	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate – New Zealand Audits	<p>Please answer the following questions in reference to auditing of New Zealand based wine producers:</p> <p>161. What is the total number of audits that have been conducted in reference to the WET of wine producers (“WET Audits”)?</p> <p>162. How many WET Audits have been conducted in each year for the past 5 years?</p> <p>163. What is the forecast for the number of WET Audits to have been conducted for the financial year ending June 2013?</p> <p>164. What is the forward forecast for the number of WET Audits to be conducted for the next 5 years?</p> <p>165. What is the forecast value of reclaimed monies collected by the ATO as a result of the audits on New Zealand based wine producers?</p> <p>166. What value of penalties has been applied by virtue of WET Audits so far?</p> <p>167. What is the forecast value of penalties applied for the financial year ending June 2013?</p> <p>168. What is the total interest levied on the penalties for each of the last 5 years and levied on those reclaimed monies?</p> <p>169. What is the average length of time taken to conduct a WET Audit for those audits identified in each of the last 5 years?</p> <p>170. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested an extension of time to conduct the WET Audit?</p> <p>171. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested a 2nd extension of time to conduct the WET Audit?</p> <p>172. On each of the WET Audits, how many times has the ATO requested a 3rd and or more extensions of time to conduct the WET Audit?</p>	Written - 25/2/13	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
173-174	Edwards	Revenue Group (RG)	Wine Equalization Tax - Tax Laws	173. What is the forecast of saving from the introduction of the amendments outlined in the Act on blending rules for this financial year?	Written - 25/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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			Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Act 2012	174. Can you provide the forward forecast of saving over the next 3 years from the introduction of new amendments in the Act?			
175-177	Nash	Markets Group (MG)	Foreign Investment Review Board	I refer to the Foreign Investment Review Board Annual Report 2011-12, table 2.11: Approvals by country of investor in 2011-12 – Industry sector (pp 30-31) 175. Would FIRB advise the individual breakdown of the \$222 million of approvals in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector in Other, by country and value. 176. Would FIRB define ‘off-the-plan’ developments referred to in note (c) on p. 31. 177. Would FIRB explain why investments approved for developers for off-the-plan developments are investments that cannot be attributed to a country. How is country of origin determined for those funds invested?	Written - 26/2/13		
178-184	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Staffing	How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
185	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Making the Public Service	Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		(CSG)	more efficient	operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html). In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
186	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
187-188	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
189	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
190-193	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising <i>campaign</i> or <i>non-campaign</i> advertising?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>			
194-202	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date.</p> <p>Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date.</p> <p>Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
203-206	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
207-212	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Program Launch Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2012-13. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>			
213-215	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Board Appointments	<p>List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
216-218	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
219-222	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type,</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental officers attend? List date and location. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
223	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13		
224-225	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
226-227	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
228-230	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
231	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
232	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Staff Amenities	<p>What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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233-234	Bushby	(CSG) Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
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				to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?			
235-244	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
245-246	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
247	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13		
248	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the 	Written - 22/2/13	11/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
249-250	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
251-253	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
254-261	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for</p>			
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				employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?			
262-265	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
266-267	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
268-270	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification;</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 			
271-273	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services;</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used;</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
274-276	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
277-279	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Training for Portfolio	For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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		(CSG)	Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>portfolio? Itemise each training, provide the cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, provide the cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for; note how many employees attended and note their classification.</p>			
280	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Corporate Cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
281	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
282	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Hire Cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
283-284	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update details of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? • How is corporate credit card use monitored? • What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse been discovered? If yes, list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. • What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 			
285-288	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs?</p> <p>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
289-290	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Electricity Purchasing	<p>What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
291-292	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Briefing for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings requests commissioned? • What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. • Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. • Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings requests commissioned? • What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. • Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. • Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed. • How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. • Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? 			
293	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
294	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
295	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency;	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>			
296-297	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
298-299	Bushby	Revenue Group (RG)	Alternative Policy Costings	<p>Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when. Did the Department undertake any alternative policy costings in 2010-11 and 2011-12? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
300-	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing	How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial	Written -	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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306				<p>year to date? What classification are they? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening.</p>	22/2/13		
307	Bushby	ASIC	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
308	Bushby	ASIC	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
309-310	Bushby	ASIC	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
311	Bushby	ASIC	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
312-315	Bushby	ASIC	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?			
316-320	Bushby	ASIC	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
321-322	Bushby	ASIC	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
323-325	Bushby	ASIC	Program Launch Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
326-328	Bushby	ASIC	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?			
329	Bushby	ASIC	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
330-331	Bushby	ASIC	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
332-333	Bushby	ASIC	Media Monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>the year 2012-13?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
334-336	Bushby	ASIC	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
337	Bushby	ASIC	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				office?			
338	Bushby	ASIC	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
339-340	Bushby	ASIC	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p>	Written - 22/2/13		

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341-350	Bushby	ASIC	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
351-352	Bushby	ASIC	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
353	Bushby	ASIC	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
354	Bushby	ASIC	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
355-356	Bushby	ASIC	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
357-359	Bushby	ASIC	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
360-367	Bushby	ASIC	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>(such as incidentals). For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships. When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
368-371	Bushby	ASIC	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
372-373	Bushby	ASIC	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
374-376	Bushby	ASIC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 			
377-379	Bushby	ASIC	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used;</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
380-382	Bushby	ASIC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
383	Bushby	ASIC	Corporate Cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>Where are the cars located?</p> <p>What are the cars used for?</p> <p>What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
384	Bushby	ASIC	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
385	Bushby	ASIC	Hire Cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?			
386-389	Bushby	ASIC	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
390-391	Bushby	ASIC	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
392	Bushby	ASIC	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
393	Bushby	ASIC	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
394	Bushby	ASIC	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>			
395-396	Bushby	ASIC	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
397-403	Bushby	ACCC	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>			
404	Bushby	ACCC	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details:</p> <p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
405	Bushby	ACCC	Printing Costs	<p>How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				printed documents were also published online?			
406-407	Bushby	ACCC	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
408	Bushby	ACCC	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
409-412	Bushby	ACCC	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
413-417	Bushby	ACCC	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
418-419	Bushby	ACCC	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
420-422	Bushby	ACCC	Program Launch Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
423-425	Bushby	ACCC	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
426	Bushby	ACCC	Reviews	For this financial year to date:	Written -	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	22/2/13		
427-428	Bushby	ACCC	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
429-430	Bushby	ACCC	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
431-433	Bushby	ACCC	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
434	Bushby	ACCC	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
435	Bushby	ACCC	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
436-437	Bushby	ACCC	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
438-447	Bushby	ACCC	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
448-	Bushby	ACCC	Grants	Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants,	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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449				including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?	22/2/13		
450	Bushby	ACCC	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
451	Bushby	ACCC	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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452-453	Bushby	ACCC	Stationary Requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
454-456	Bushby	ACCC	Media Subscriptions	What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
457-464	Bushby	ACCC	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
465-468	Bushby	ACCC	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
469-470	Bushby	ACCC	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.			
471-473	Bushby	ACCC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				(provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.			
474-476	Bushby	ACCC	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used; ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location			
477-479	Bushby	ACCC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
480	Bushby	ACCC	Corporate Cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>Where are the cars located?</p> <p>What are the cars used for?</p> <p>What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
481	Bushby	ACCC	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
482	Bushby	ACCC	Hire Cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
483-486	Bushby	ACCC	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs?</p> <p>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.			
487-488	Bushby	ACCC	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
489	Bushby	ACCC	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
490	Bushby	ACCC	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
491	Bushby	ACCC	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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492-493	Bushby	ACCC	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>a. By Department or Agency:</p> <p>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iv. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>v. How many are media managers?</p> <p>vi. How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
494-500	Bushby	AOFM	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
501	Bushby	AOFM	Making the	Please provide an update of the savings achieved through	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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			Public Service more efficient	<p>pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	22/2/13		
502	Bushby	AOFM	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
503-504	Bushby	AOFM	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
505	Bushby	AOFM	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
506-509	Bushby	AOFM	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>			
510-514	Bushby	AOFM	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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515-516	Bushby	AOFM	Meeting Costs	What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
517-519	Bushby	AOFM	Program Launch Costs	What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
520-522	Bushby	AOFM	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
523	Bushby	AOFM	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 			
524-525	Bushby	AOFM	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
526-527	Bushby	AOFM	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
528-530	Bushby	AOFM	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>			
531	Bushby	AOFM	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
532	Bushby	AOFM	Staff Amenities	<p>What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
533-534	Bushby	AOFM	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
535-544	Bushby	AOFM	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
545-546	Bushby	AOFM	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				(see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?			
547	Bushby	AOFM	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
548	Bushby	AOFM	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
549-550	Bushby	AOFM	Stationary Requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
551-553	Bushby	AOFM	Media Subscriptions	What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>each channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 			
554-561	Bushby	AOFM	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes,</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
562-565	Bushby	AOFM	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
566-567	Bushby	AOFM	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
568-570	Bushby	AOFM	Executive Coaching and	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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			Leadership Training	<p>provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 			
571-573	Bushby	AOFM	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>1. Total spending on these services;</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used;</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
574-576	Bushby	AOFM	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				these payments. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?			
577	Bushby	AOFM	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
578	Bushby	AOFM	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
579	Bushby	AOFM	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
580-583	Bushby	AOFM	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.			
584-585	Bushby	AOFM	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
586	Bushby	AOFM	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
587	Bushby	AOFM	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
588	Bushby	AOFM	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
589-590	Bushby	AOFM	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>			
591-597	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
598	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
599	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
600-601	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
602	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
603-606	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>			
607-611	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
612-613	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
614-	Bushby	Commonwealth	Program Launch	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for</p>	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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616		Grants Commission (CGC)	Costs	this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	22/2/13		
617-619	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
620	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
621-622	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
623-624	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
625-627	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>			
628	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
629	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
630-631	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
632-641	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
642-643	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
644	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		(CGC)		<p>commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 			
645	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
646-647	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
648-650	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is their cost for this financial year to date? What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 			
651-658	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes,</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?			
659-662	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
663-664	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Education Expenses	What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
665-667	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services,	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification;</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 			
668-670	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services;</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>employment classification);</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used;</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
671-673	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
674	Bushby	Commonwealth	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency?	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		Grants Commission (CGC)		Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	22/2/13		
675	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
676	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
677-680	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
681-682	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
683	Bushby	Commonwealth	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		Grants Commission (CGC)		financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	22/2/13		
684	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
685	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
686-687	Bushby	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?			
688-694	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
695	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details:</p> <p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
696	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
697-698	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
699	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
700-703	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. Provide details for any other communications program,	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?			
704-708	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
709-710	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Meeting Costs	What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
711-713	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Program Launch Costs	What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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714-716	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
717	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
718-719	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
720-721	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
722-724	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
725	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?			
726	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
727-728	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
729-738	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
739-740	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
741	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013
742	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
743-744	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
745-747	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
748-755	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
756-759	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
760-761	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
762-764	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</p>			
765-767	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				(provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used; ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location			
768-770	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
771	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
772	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	17/04/2013	16/05/2013
773	Bushby	Productivity	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this	Written -	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		Commission		financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	22/2/13		
774-777	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
778-779	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
780	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
781	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
782	Bushby	Productivity	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all	Written -	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		Commission		departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	22/2/13		
783-784	Bushby	Productivity Commission	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
785-791	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Staffing	How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>financial year to date? What classification were they? How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they? Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>			
792	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
793	Bushby	Inspector-	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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794-795	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
796	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
797-800	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
801-805	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
806-807	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
808-810	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Program Launch Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
811-813	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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814	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
815-816	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
817-818	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
819-821	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
822	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
823	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
824-825	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Coffee Machines	Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
826-835	Bushby	Inspector-General of	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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		Taxation (IGT)		<p>in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work 			
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				undertaken and the cost.			
836-837	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
838	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
839	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
840-841	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
842-844	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
845-852	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
853-856	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
857-	Bushby	Inspector-	Education	What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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858		General of Taxation (IGT)	Expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	22/2/13		
859-861	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 			
862-864	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used; ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location			
865-867	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
868	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
869	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
870	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
871-874	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</p>			
875-876	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Electricity Purchasing	<p>What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
877	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Shredders	<p>Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
878	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Protective Security Policy Framework	<p>Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
879	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Office Locations	<p>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <p>a. Department/Agency;</p> <p>b. Location;</p> <p>c. Leased or Owned;</p> <p>d. Size;</p> <p>e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification;</p> <p>f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</p> <p>g. If owned, the value of the building;</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.			
880-881	Bushby	Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT)	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>a. By Department or Agency:</p> <p>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iv. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>v. How many are media managers?</p> <p>vi. How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
882-888	Bushby	ATO	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s)</p>	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				why these are happening			
889	Bushby	ATO	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
890	Bushby	ATO	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
891-892	Bushby	ATO	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
893	Bushby	ATO	Graduate Training	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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894-897	Bushby	ATO	Government Advertising	<p>What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
898-902	Bushby	ATO	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be</p>	Written - 22/2/13	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?			
903-904	Bushby	ATO	Meeting Costs	What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
905-907	Bushby	ATO	Program Launch Costs	What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
908-910	Bushby	ATO	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
911	Bushby	ATO	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? 	Written - 22/2/13	19/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 			
912-913	Bushby	ATO	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
914-915	Bushby	ATO	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
916-918	Bushby	ATO	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and</p>	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>			
919	Bushby	ATO	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	02/05/2013	16/05/2013
920	Bushby	ATO	Staff Amenities	<p>What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
921-922	Bushby	ATO	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been</p>	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
923-932	Bushby	ATO	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, 	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
933-934	Bushby	ATO	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as</p>	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?			
935	Bushby	ATO	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	19/04/2013	16/05/2013
936	Bushby	ATO	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
937-938	Bushby	ATO	Stationary Requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
939-941	Bushby	ATO	Media Subscriptions	What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 			
942-949	Bushby	ATO	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed,</p>	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
950-953	Bushby	ATO	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
954-955	Bushby	ATO	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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956-958	Bushby	ATO	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location. 	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
959-	Bushby	ATO	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each	Written -	26/04/2013	16/05/2013

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961				<p>department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The location used; ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location 	22/2/13		
962-964	Bushby	ATO	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the</p>	Written - 22/2/13	07/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?			
965	Bushby	ATO	Corporate Cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
966	Bushby	ATO	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
967	Bushby	ATO	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written - 22/2/13	07/05/2013	16/05/2013
968-971	Bushby	ATO	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or	Written - 22/2/13	11/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.			
972-973	Bushby	ATO	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
974	Bushby	ATO	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	26/04/2013	16/05/2013
975	Bushby	ATO	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	19/04/2013	16/05/2013
976	Bushby	ATO	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
977-978	Bushby	ATO	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of	Written - 22/2/13	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</p> <p>iv. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>v. How many are media managers?</p> <p>vi. How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>			
979-985	Bushby	APRA	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
986	Bushby	APRA	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details:</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
987	Bushby	APRA	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
988-989	Bushby	APRA	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
990	Bushby	APRA	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
991-994	Bushby	APRA	Government Advertising	What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>			
995-999	Bushby	APRA	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
1000-1001	Bushby	APRA	Meeting Costs	<p>What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
1002-	Bushby	APRA	Program Launch	<p>What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for</p>	Written -	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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1004			Costs	this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	22/2/13		
1005-1007	Bushby	APRA	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1008	Bushby	APRA	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1009-1010	Bushby	APRA	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
1011-1012	Bushby	APRA	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1013-1015	Bushby	APRA	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? 	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>			
1016	Bushby	APRA	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1017	Bushby	APRA	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1018-1019	Bushby	APRA	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
1020-1029	Bushby	APRA	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
1030-1031	Bushby	APRA	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1032	Bushby	APRA	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 			
1033	Bushby	APRA	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1034-1035	Bushby	APRA	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1036-1038	Bushby	APRA	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 			
1039-1046	Bushby	APRA	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?			
1047-1050	Bushby	APRA	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1051-1052	Bushby	APRA	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
1053-1055	Bushby	APRA	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each 	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</p>			
1056-1058	Bushby	APRA	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service;</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used;</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
1059-1061	Bushby	APRA	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1062	Bushby	APRA	Corporate Cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>Where are the cars located?</p> <p>What are the cars used for?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?			
1063	Bushby	APRA	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1064	Bushby	APRA	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written - 22/2/13	4/04/2013	16/05/2013
1065- 1068	Bushby	APRA	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1069- 1070	Bushby	APRA	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1071	Bushby	APRA	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013

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				shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.			
1072	Bushby	APRA	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1073	Bushby	APRA	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written - 22/2/13	21/03/2013	16/05/2013
1074-1075	Bushby	APRA	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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1076-1082	Bushby	ABS	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>How many contract staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1083	Bushby	ABS	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at: http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details:</p> <p>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
1084	Bushby	ABS	Printing Costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1085-1086	Bushby	ABS	Graduate Recruitment	How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1087	Bushby	ABS	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1088-1091	Bushby	ABS	Government Advertising	<p>What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?			
1092-1096	Bushby	ABS	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?	Written - 22/2/13	17/04/2013	16/05/2013
1097-1098	Bushby	ABS	Meeting Costs	What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1099-1101	Bushby	ABS	Program Launch Costs	What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1102-1104	Bushby	ABS	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>			
1105	Bushby	ABS	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1106-1107	Bushby	ABS	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1108-1109	Bushby	ABS	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 			
1110-1112	Bushby	ABS	Social Media	<p>Have there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). • Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? • If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1113	Bushby	ABS	Internet	<p>Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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1114	Bushby	ABS	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1115- 1116	Bushby	ABS	Coffee Machines	<p>Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?			
1117-1126	Bushby	ABS	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost. 			
1127-1128	Bushby	ABS	Grants	<p>Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1129	Bushby	ABS	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1130	Bushby	ABS	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
1131-1132	Bushby	ABS	Stationary Requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1133-1135	Bushby	ABS	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. • What is the cost for this financial year to date? <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. • What is their cost for this financial year to date? 	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1136-1143	Bushby	ABS	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
1144-1147	Bushby	ABS	Legal Costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
1148-1149	Bushby	ABS	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1150-1152	Bushby	ABS	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification; d) The total number of hours involved for all employees 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>(provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: - The location used; - The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); - Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</p>			
1153-1155	Bushby	ABS	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); 4. The names of all service providers engaged. <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased; b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e) The total amount spent on the service; 	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used; ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); iv. Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location</p>			
1156-1158	Bushby	ABS	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1159	Bushby	ABS	Corporate Cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency? Where are the cars located? What are the cars used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1160	Bushby	ABS	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1161	Bushby	ABS	Hire Cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				What are the reasons for hire car costs?			
1162-1165	Bushby	ABS	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs?</p> <p>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1166-1167	Bushby	ABS	Electricity Purchasing	<p>What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1168	Bushby	ABS	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1169	Bushby	ABS	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1170	Bushby	ABS	Office Locations	<p>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <p>a. Department/Agency;</p>	Written - 22/2/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>			
1171-1172	Bushby	ABS	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or Agency: i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; iv. How many are graphic designers? v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written - 22/2/13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
1173	Whish-Wilson	ASIC	Bribery Laws	<p>The OECD's Working Group on Bribery recently expressed its concern that "Australia's enforcement of its foreign bribery laws has been extremely low, with just a single case leading to a prosecution out of 28 referrals in 13 years and cases have been closed prematurely". It specifically said that ASIC's expertise in fighting corporate crime needed to be better utilised. Do you accept this and what is being done to improve our performance? What memoranda of understanding do you have now, or are you preparing, with the Australian Federal Police?</p>	Written - 27/2/13		

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1174	Whish-Wilson	ACCC	National Australia Bank	Have you seen media reports that after National Australia Bank promoted itself as ‘breaking up with’ the other banks and charging lower home loan rates, some investors who held shares in the other major banks as well as NAB put pressure on NAB management not to compete so aggressively? Are you planning any action?	Written - 27/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
1175	Whish-Wilson	ACCC	Shareholders	Analysis of the extent of common ownership of the major banks and the major supermarket chains is obscured by the dominance of nominee companies in their published lists of major shareholders. Is the ACCC privy to information allowing them to see through the nominee companies to the actual owners? If so, what conclusions have you reached about the extent of common ownership and does it have any implications for competition? If not, should you have this power?	Written - 27/2/13	28/03/2013	16/05/2013
1176	Nash	Markets Group (MG)	Foreign Investment Review Board #2	I refer to the Foreign Investment Review Board Annual Report 2011-12, table 2.11 (page 3) - Can FIRB provide a breakdown of the approvals of foreign investment in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors, specifically within rural land purchases and rural and regional businesses? - Can FIRB provide a breakdown of each cost of the purchase? - Can FIRB provide who made purchases within the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors? - What was purchased within the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors? - What was the size of the purchase in dollar value and in acreage? - What countries made purchases within the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors?	Written - 28/2/13		
1177	Ronaldson	Revenue Group (RG)	Tourism – Tax Loss Carry Back initiative	Please note the answer by Senator Wong to Senate Question on Notice no. 2637. With respect to the number of businesses eligible for the tax loss carry back initiative, can the department please ask the Department of Treasury to provide	Transferred from DRET on 5/3/13	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				estimates to the department of the amount to be returned to tourism and tourism-connected businesses?			
1178	Bushby	Markets Group (MG)	Housing supply	<p>Senator BUSHBY: ...Do you have any projections for the degree to which housing stock lags demand at the moment? Is that something that the Markets Group looks at?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Mr Thomas might be able to give you some comments on that.</p> <p>Mr Thomas: We have within Treasury a function that looks after the National Housing Supply Council. They provide projections on housing undersupply and oversupply. At the moment, the council is producing its final report. They are looking at the gap between the total underlying demand and total supply, and it is estimated to increase by approximately 28,000 dwellings in the year to June 2011.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that a shortfall of 28,000?</p> <p>Mr Thomas: It is a cumulative shortfall of 228,000 dwellings since 2001.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is the trend getting larger or smaller?</p> <p>Mr Thomas: The trend is actually showing that it will get larger over time. There have been some adjustments to the figures from the National Housing Supply Council as a result of the recent ABS census, which looked at some of the issues associated with population size, and it made some adjustments. That had a result of causing an adjustment to household formation, which actually had a slight reduction in the level estimated by the National Housing Supply Council.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is the 28,000 dwelling shortfall broken down to where in Australia the shortfalls are considered to be?</p> <p>Mr Thomas: They do give a breakdown. I have not got the details on that here.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I am happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Thomas: The most acute shortage appears to be in New South Wales. I do not have the breakdown in front of me, but we could take that on notice.</p>	Hansard - Page 77, 14 February 2013		
1179-	Bushby	Macroeconomic	Cash Rate	The official cash rate is currently at 3 per cent, which is a	Written –	04/06/2013	27/06/2013

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1180		Group (MEG)		level that was described in the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis as 'emergency levels'. Does Treasury consider an official cash rate at 3 per cent in the current economic environment as an emergency level? What work is the Treasury doing to examine the macroeconomic impact of both domestic and international demographic trends on Australia?	22 February 2013		
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