

QoN Number	Question Submitted By	Group Responsible	Subject	Full Question Text	Spoken/Written	Proof Hansard Page	Question Date
SI-1	McKenzie, Bridget	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Women in STEM	I understand that there will be announcement on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to help support women into careers into these industries, could you provide an update on those measures?	Written (Transferred from PM&C)		18/10/2016 0:00
SI-2	Hume, Jane	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Nuclear waste	Please explain the difference between high level, low level and intermediate waste, and the need for a commonwealth nuclear waste facility.	Written		20/10/2016 0:00
SI-3	Roberts, Malcolm	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Climate change policies	A) What are the current budget expenditures on climate change policies from CSIRO & the Department currently & over time? For the Australian Government as a whole currently & over time? For state/territory & local governments currently & over time? B) What are the economic impacts from CSIRO/Department climate change policies including on public utility prices (eg communications, energy, transport, water, etc)? From the Australian Government as a whole currently & over time? From state/territory & local governments currently & over time? C) Has there been a truly independent & credible cost benefit analysis (CBA) done of climate change policies from CSIRO & the Department? For the Australian Government as a whole? For state/territory & local governments?	Written		20/10/2016 0:00
SI-4	Gallacher, Alex	Corporate	Credit and transaction cards	1. What types of credit and transaction cards (including Cabcharge Fastcard and eTickets) does your department issue? 2. What was the total expenditure for each type of card over the last 3 financial years? 3. Can you break down the expenditure into categories? 4. What is the highest and lowest credit limit for each type of card? 5. How many times in the last 5 years has the credit limit been reviewed? 6. What are Credit Cards used for? 7. What are the Governance/probity rules for employees to follow? 8. Are cash advances allowed? a) Can you list the total amount of cash advances from credit and other transaction cards over the last 3 years? b) Can you provide details on the 10 largest cash advances in your department and provide particulars such as how much was accessed? c) Who approves cash advances in your department in the event of paying suppliers 9. Who reviews transactions in regards to all cards? 10. Who provides assurance to the Minister in respect to probity governance and fraud control?	Written		24/10/2016 0:00
SI-5	Roberts, Malcolm	Office of the Chief Scientist	Impact of global warming	Senator ROBERTS: All right. That is two steps. The fourth step—or your third step—would be that warming is detrimental to the planet and to civilisation. Dr Finkel: Exactly what the impact of global warming will be is determined—well, we have models to try to predict what that will be. And that is difficult. There are a lot of models, and it is not as easy to predict what will be the consequence of the warming as it is to say how fast a mass will move if you apply a certain force. But the models do predict significant climate change? Senator ROBERTS: So you are relying on the models for that last part? Dr Finkel: Absolutely. Senator ROBERTS: Absolutely relying on the models. Would you be able—take it on notice—to provide me with a summary of the logic that you have just outlined and the empirical evidence at each stage, or, failing the empirical evidence, the models at each stage. Dr Finkel: I could certainly give it a try on notice. Senator ROBERTS: Thank you very much. I would appreciate that. It does not have to be long. I just want to check the logic and I just want to check the data sources.	Spoken	57	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-6	Carr, Kim	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Two per cent incentive measure	Senator KIM CARR: Is it possible for you to provide further information to support this recommendation? Dr Finkel: The threshold recommendation? Senator KIM CARR: The two per cent incentive measure, yes. Dr Finkel: Can I take that on notice and consult with the department to do the best that we can? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, that is reasonable.	Spoken	59-60	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-7	Macdonald, Ian	Office of the Chief Scientist	Singapore strategic partnership	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are you involved with the Singapore cooperation agreement—and that is not the correct terminology. Senator SINODINOS: The strategic partnership? Senator IAN MACDONALD: The Singapore strategic partnership. Dr Finkel: Not directly. These things are negotiated government to government and department to department. Senator IAN MACDONALD: One of the significant parts of that agreement was a build-up of science and culture, if I remember correctly. I was just wondering whether you were planning anything proactive to increase the science connection or interaction between Australia, and, to declare an interest, particularly with northern Australia and James Cook University. As you probably know, they are the only foreign university in Singapore that is accredited as a university. Dr Finkel: I was involved in some level of casual discussion about the attractiveness of Singapore as a country with whom we should be having these discussions, and I think it is a terrific country. We have a number of these kinds of bilateral arrangements with other countries. I will be leading next year, in around April, a science delegation to a number of European countries, in fulfilment of the expectations under these bilateral agreements that exist with a number of European countries. So if the Singapore agreement unfolds and has those kinds of expectations then I would see myself and successive Chief Scientists participating through leading delegations and trying to build bridges with our colleagues there. That is facilitated once these agreements are in place, because then it is much easier to get the support of the departments in each country for the visits and exchanges of information. Senator IAN MACDONALD: These agreements were only signed when the Singaporean Prime Minister was out here last week. Could you on notice give me a fuller answer on whether you will be involved or whether it will be just the department? If it does involve you, how will you be involved and how do you envisage building upon the agreement? The agreement I think was signed last year, but separate, more particular agreements were signed earlier this week. Dr Finkel: Happy to take that on notice. Ms Beauchamp: I would like to add to that. Thank you for the question. I will work with Dr Finkel, but leading into that partnership we had our Singapore dialogue. A number of agencies at the Commonwealth and state levels, together with the Singaporeans, actually developed what was an underpinning science and research element of the partnership agreement. We have got universities to universities working together, along with business to business and government to government, and we can provide some of the details of that MOU. Senator IAN MACDONALD: That would be great. Thanks very much.</p>	Spoken	61	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-8	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Statement of expectations	<p>Dr Paterson: We are working under that same statement of expectations. The advice that we have had from the department is that it stands. Senator KIM CARR: The minister recently said that there would be a new statement of expectations for the CSIRO. Has there been a similar statement in regard to ANSTO? Dr Paterson: I have met with the minister and we have had a number of discussions. I imagine that it is possible that he would expect some things of us, but there is no written document at this point. Senator KIM CARR: Did the former Minister Macfarlane—it would have been, what, around February 2015 that you received the letter? Dr Paterson: I think it was of that order. Senator KIM CARR: I am just trying to go from memory. Did that letter make any reference to you seeking to maximise commercial returns? Dr Paterson: I will take that on notice because it is a rather specific term. There was a general indication that we should seek to work closely with industry and to develop a portfolio of outcomes in the industrial setting, but I will take the specific question on notice.</p>	Spoken	63	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-9	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Ministerial direction	<p>Senator KIM CARR: When was the last time you received a ministerial direction? Ms Bennett: I would have to take that on notice. Mr Roy: Senator, there was a directive issued—I do not have it in front of me—pertaining to us adopting the bargaining framework. That was probably the one you were referring to.</p>	Spoken	76	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-10	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Phase 2 of the fugitive study	<p>Senator WATERS: I am not disputing their passion. I agree. Can I move now in the brier time that is left to me to phase 2 of the fugitive study. I am not talking about the Surat Basin fluxes report phase 2, although I am interested in that, but there is no time, unfortunately, to go through that. I am talking about the environment department funded CSIRO research into fugitives from CSG which is meant to help assess the true climate impacts of the leaks that happen with coal seam gas and other unconventional gas. When is the phase 2 report scheduled to be complete? Dr Wonhas: We have completed the scientific work and have submitted the report to the Department of the Environment and Energy. Senator WATERS: When did you submit that? Dr Wonhas: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Can you give me a rough indication? Dr Wonhas: I honestly do not know, but I will certainly provide that to you. Senator WATERS: That is with the minister now, as far as you know? Dr Wonhas: With the department. That is correct. Senator WATERS: Have you discussed with the department whether there will be funding for phase 3 of that research? Dr Wonhas: Yes, as far as I am aware, we will be doing phase 3. In fact, phase 3 work has already started, which is some of the more longer term measurement of background methane emissions. Senator WATERS: Can you outline for me specifically what the scope of phase 3 will cover and also how much funding is associated with it? Dr Wonhas: Again, I would have to take those questions on notice. Senator WATERS: You said it was about long-term background ambient emissions? Dr Wonhas: Yes, that is right. Senator WATERS: How does that interact with the Surat Basin fluxes report, which I understand is comparing ambient methane with whether it is natural or incurred? Is there any interaction between those two studies? Dr Wonhas: We would certainly try to maximise the synergies between those two pieces of work, in an environment where there is ultimately limited funding to achieve the maximum benefit. I am very happy to take on</p>	Spoken	81	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-11	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Surat Basin	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. That Surat Basin report is two-thirds funded by industry, so I would be concerned if there was a close interaction with phase 3 of the supposedly independent, government funded study. I will await that with great interest. Phase 3 has begun. Do you know what time frame you are operating to for the completion of phase 3? Dr Wonhas: Again, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	81	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-12	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSG production	<p>Senator WATERS: Can you confirm for me my understanding that given that stage 1 is now complete and public and stage 2 has been submitted to the department, that, so far, the areas of CSG production that have not been studied by CSIRO in relation to fugitives are water gathering and treatment infrastructure and decommissioned wells? Is that correct, and are there any other areas that also still have not been studied? Dr Wonhas: I will take that on notice, and I will give you an overview of what has not been covered yet.</p>	Spoken	81	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-13	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Australia's current emissions factors	<p>Senator WATERS: In relation to Australia's current emissions factors, which I hope will be influenced by the findings of all the phases of the study, does CSIRO normally have any input into the process of reviewing those emissions factors, as a matter of course? If so, has the government already asked you to start turning your mind to that, given, as you say, there seems to be quite a lot of doubt over the accuracy of our current emissions figures about fugitives from CSG? Dr Wonhas: I can take the detail of that question on notice. We do not have a formal role in this process, but I am certainly aware that in other areas, for example fugitive emissions from open-cut coalmining activities, CSIRO has played a critical role in determining those emissions factors and measurement methods. Senator WATERS: So why the different approach to coalmines versus CSG? Dr Wonhas: It is a very different process in which methane emissions get released. In an open-cut coalmine, you effectively dig a big hole and then expose the coal seam and it basically vents into the air. Senator WATERS: Yes, but why would CSIRO be involved with that and not with the calculation of CSG emissions factors? Dr Wonhas: I just gave that as an example of where we have been involved. I am aware that there have certainly been informal discussions held, but I would have to take on notice the extent to which we are part of a formal process. Senator WATERS: If you could provide me with as much detail about those discussions as you can, I would much appreciate it. Dr Wonhas: I would be delighted to.</p>	Spoken	82	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-14	Rhiannon, Lee	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Ginninderra agricultural and horticultural testing station in the ACT	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. I want to move on to another issue. Can you provide an update on the proposal for housing at the Ginninderra agricultural and horticultural testing station in the ACT. Ms Bennett: Yes. On 19 August last year CSIRO announced its request for the National Capital Authority to designate the Ginninderra site as urban area, as the site is much greater than our research needs. We have undertaken extensive public consultation regarding our intention to divest the site. We have commenced a process to identify a suitable development partner to progress with the next steps in the planning for the development of the site. In May 2016 we released a request for expression of interest to the market for potential development partners to identify themselves. The responses have been evaluated, and our next step will be to move to a formal request for proposal from the market. Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. What consideration is being given to the potential toxic chemical contamination in the area? Reading their list, there are quite a lot of nasties there. I understand some of them are carcinogenic—DDT, malathion and dioxin. Ms Bennett: We have undertaken extensive environmental reviews so far on the site. Observations, including from external experts, have indicated that over 99 per cent of the site is absolutely suitable for proposed residential redevelopment. There are a few areas that are being identified as needing potential remediation, and these include some asbestos, a small amount of hydrocarbons in the vicinity of former underground storage tanks and some hydrocarbons and pesticides in the vicinity of a former herbicide shed. We have employed an external, suitably qualified environmental consultant and have voluntarily appointed an EPA-approved auditor to assist us in determining and presenting a final report at this point in time. That report will be due—we expect to receive comments by the end of October. Senator RHIANNON: Can you supply a list of what the toxic chemicals that have been found on the site are, please—not just the word 'hydrocarbons', but what they actually are, please. Ms Bennett: I can certainly tell you what we know, but I would stress that at the moment the reports coming back to CSIRO are not identifying, to use your words, a large degree of 'toxic chemicals' on the site. But I can certainly take it on notice and provide you with the information we have at the current time.</p>	Spoken	85-86	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-15	Rhiannon, Lee	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Environmental impact statement	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Has an environmental impact statement been made? Ms Bennett: As I have indicated, at the stage we are at: we have undertaken over the last two years voluntarily various environmental studies, including a stage 1 environmental assessment in February 2014; a stage 2 environmental assessment in May 2015; a targeted environmental site assessment, which was completed in February 2016; and a site-wide environmental investigation, which is being undertaken, as I have indicated. We will not be required to do what I think you are referring to as an impact statement until later in the process. Senator RHIANNON: Are the reports that you have just mentioned publicly available? Ms Bennett: I would have to take that on notice as to whether they are. If I may come back to the comment you made about some of the chemicals: the only herbicides and pesticides found were applied to research trials. They are for the general management of weeds and insect pests. They are commercially available products. At no time have we undertaken research in the development, formulation or testing of any new or experimental herbicides. No experiments specifically involving dioxin are recorded as having been carried out at the site. The environmental consultants are testing for a broad suite of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides in the soil, surface water and sediment. The initial report is that it has not found any concentration at elevated levels. Dioxin has not been specifically tested for as it has not been indicated to be a contaminant of concern at the moment. Senator RHIANNON: How long has the CSIRO had the site? Was it since 1958? Ms Bennett: I am not sure I have that date. Yes, you are correct—since 1958. Senator RHIANNON: What I am trying to understand—and you could take this on notice—is the comprehensive register of works that have been carried out on the site since then. I note that you said that you have not tested for dioxin, but there are reports around that there is dioxin in the soil. So I am just trying to resolve that in terms of what your material says, which you would hope would be comprehensive and thorough, and what is out in the public domain at the moment, because there is growing concern. Ms Bennett: Let me clarify: the reason, at the moment, that dioxin has not been specifically tested for is through the work of the environmental consultants. It has not been indicated as being a contaminant of concern. So it is an informed decision based on the advice of the external consultants. Senator, I will try and get you the information that you are asking for to the best of our ability.</p>	Spoken	85-86	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-16	Rhiannon, Lee	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Public release of environmental impact statement	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I asked the question about the EIS, and you said that you have not got to that yet. Are there any exemptions for you, or will you have to do an EIS and will it be public? Ms Bennett: We will be required, at the appropriate time, to do a full environmental impact statement. Senator RHIANNON: Right. So it will be public in the usual way? Ms Bennett: I would imagine, yes. I see no reason why not. Senator RHIANNON: Going back to the comprehensive register of the works conducted on the site: at the moment that is not on the public record. Is there any reason for that, and will it be on the public record? Ms Bennett: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	87	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-17	Rice, Janet	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Staff survey	<p>Dr Marshall: While Dr Wonhas looks that up, Mr Roy has the answer to your earlier question. Mr Roy: As to the precise question, 'At the present time, are you seriously considering leaving CSIRO?'—in 2014 it was 29 per cent and in our most recent survey it is 25 per cent. Senator RICE: Do you have that broken down into the business units that are particularly affected? Mr Roy: I do not have it with me at the moment. I am reading off what we put on the website. At enterprise level it says we are three to four per cent better than we were at that stage. I think we were talking of numbers of about 50 per cent before but it is 25 per cent now. Senator RICE: Can you take it on notice at a business unit level. Mr Roy: We will take that on notice. Senator RICE: And on notice can we have all the detail from that staff survey. Mr Roy: What do you mean by 'all the detail'? Senator RICE: The results of the staff survey. I have information that was available through public sources, but a copy of the results of the staff survey. Mr Roy: Just to be clear and transparent, there is a 70-page document on our website that we have released to all staff around the staff survey and that is what we consider to be the full results of the survey. Senator RICE: That is not a public document, then, if it is released to all staff—it is not available to me as a senator. Mr Roy: We do not have any difficulty making that available. It is on our internal website. Senator RICE: But it is the internal rather than your external website. Mr Roy: Yes.</p>	Spoken	91-92	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-18	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission.	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Commissioner, I was wondering if you could tell us something of the Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission. The report was first handed to government on 4 April, is that correct? Mr Seymour: That is correct. Senator KIM CARR: I assume the election campaign and the subsequent change of ministers caused some delay in its release. Mr Seymour: The government received my report on 4 April. I subsequently updated the report to take account of movements in the market and impacts on the Australian market in the following 2½ months, and I provided that updated report in September to the minister. Senator KIM CARR: Was the original report ever tabled? Mr Seymour: Tabled as in? Senator KIM CARR: Published. Mr Seymour: The report was provided to the minister and it is up to the government to determine what to do with the report. Senator KIM CARR: Was it your intention that the original report be tabled? Mr Seymour: I am not sure what you mean by tabled? Do you mean published? Senator KIM CARR: It is a term that is used around this place. Has it been published? Mr Seymour: That would be a matter for the government. I was requested to inquire into the pressures being felt by Australian manufacturers in steel and aluminium and to give a considered view on market behaviours in a number of Asian economies, and I did that. Senator KIM CARR: Minister, will you take on notice whether the original report could be tabled. Senator Sinodinos: Sorry? Senator KIM CARR: Can the commissioner's original report, handed to the government on 4 April, be tabled? Senator Sinodinos: We will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	95-96	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-19	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Recommendations dropped from report	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Why were the recommendations dropped from your report. Mr Seymour: They were put into the cover letter to the minister as opposed to being in the report itself. I did not change my view on those recommendations. Senator KIM CARR: I see. So there is a cover letter. Is the cover letter available? Mr Seymour: That would be a matter for the minister? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. I would ask the minister if he can take on notice the cover letter to the report.</p>	Spoken	96	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-20	Carr, Kim	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Anti-circumvention provisions	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Commissioner, you referred specifically to the current legislative framework as being adequate, but you spoke about circumvention as being an insidious practice, and said that 'we need to be ruthless in our application of the anti-circumvention provisions.' That remains the case? Mr Seymour: Absolutely. Senator KIM CARR: I would ask, Minister, is that the view of the government? Do we expect to see any policy changes in regard to the insidious practice of circumvention? Senator Sinodinos: You are asking me a policy question. I will refer it to the appropriate people, and we will see what happens. Senator KIM CARR: Will you take that on notice? Senator Sinodinos: Yes.</p>	Spoken	97	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-21	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	A4 copy paper	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I go to the issue of paper? I understand that you have had a preliminary affirmative determination with regard to paper. You released a preliminary affirmative determination in September, confirming that the A4 copy paper exported to Australia from Brazil, China and Thailand during the investigation period was at dumped prices. Can you give an update on that investigation?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: The investigation continues as a preliminary affirmative determination that I made under the act, which requires securities be taken against certain exporters from certain countries. It is a complex and large investigation in relation to four countries—Brazil, China, Indonesia and Thailand. There are allegations of a market situation—the very point you were raising. Countervailing subsidies exist in relation to two of the countries, being China and Indonesia. There are 11 exporters and nine importers, and the governments of China and Indonesia are both very actively involved in the investigation. We have received almost 50 submissions. This is going to be one of those large and complex investigations. We have also received large quantities of information and data on trade flows from independent sources to assist with assessing the complex market situation claims in relation both to China and to Indonesia. On that last point, I would just add that investigations that relate to market situations are by their nature very sensitive with governments of those countries. So, obviously, we are very careful to take a very fact-based evidence-led approach to how we analyse and determine outcomes. Senator KIM CARR: Fair enough. Your preliminary affirmative determination covers the dumping. Why did it exclude countervailing measures? Mr Seymour: Because I do not have enough information in front of me at the moment to make a judgement that securities ought to be taken under the act. I need sufficient evidence. Senator KIM CARR: You are saying that there is not sufficient evidence at this point— Mr Seymour: At this point in time, and so the investigation continues. Senator KIM CARR: It took you 171 days from the initiation of the investigation to the publication date. Why so long? Mr Seymour: As I just explained, it is a very large and very complex investigation— Senator KIM CARR: Because of the regions— Mr Seymour: There are multiple players on all sides. I am not prepared to make a preliminary affirmative determination, where legally I am able to take securities on imports of certain goods, unless I have sufficient information to do so. Senator KIM CARR: Right, now— Mr Seymour: So I give everyone the benefit of the doubt in making sure that I get to that threshold. Senator KIM CARR: Okay. But in the case of Brazil, China and Indonesia, the United States recently found that they had been dumping copy paper. The governments of China and Indonesia, they found,</p>	Spoken	97-98	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-22	Xenophon, Nick	Anti-Dumping Commission	Tindo Solar	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I am asking about dumping, I am asking about Tindo Solar, and I am asking about the issue of material injury. The commissioner has helpfully said that in this case they have found that dumping has taken place, in breach of WTO rules, but because there is not material injury, no action is going to be taken. The investigation was terminated. Mr Seymour, you are saying it is because you cannot establish harm to the business. Is that correct? Mr Seymour: I need to be satisfied that there is a causal link, and I was not satisfied that a causal link existed. Senator XENOPHON: Have you been able to establish how much below cost the panels from China are being brought into the country? Mr Seymour: This is a very substantive matter, in terms of both my first termination report and my second termination report. I can step you through the detail but it will be a complex matter. Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps you could give some of this to us on notice, because it is important but I am also concerned about time constraints. But I just want to understand this: what is the order of magnitude of the below cost—roughly; I am not going to hold you to it—that we are talking about?</p>	Spoken	102	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-23	Xenophon, Nick	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Ministerial direction on material injury	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I understand. There is no need to apologise. That is fine. Is what you are relying on to interpret how you determine whether there is an actual injury or not the ministerial direction on material injury on 1 June 2012? Mr Seymour: We have a practice that relates back to that direction and reflects our obligations under the agreement. Senator XENOPHON: If the ministerial direction were clearer, sharper and more in line with what some other countries are doing, could that mean potentially a different outcome in terms of some of these investigations? Because the ministerial direction is what guides you, isn't it? Mr Seymour: It is an interesting question. The basic analysis on injury is price and volume effects. There are about five or six tests. Those tests come directly from the World Trade Organization agreement. So— Senator XENOPHON: Do you mind setting out, on notice, what those tests are? Mr Seymour: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: Because we are running out of time, could you also reflect on notice on whether a new ministerial direction could potentially change the way you interpret these matters for the purpose of determining whether duties or countervailing duties should apply? Mr Seymour: On the last one, I will just qualify my comment there: I am happy to take it on notice as you suggested, but it is a matter for the government to determine what ministerial directions they provide to me.</p>	Spoken	103	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-24	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Contract CN3312065 - NISA Creative Services	<p>Ms V Cook: We can do them in sequence. I have before me a contract number. Did you say CN3312065? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Ms V Cook: Yes. I can confirm that is for Whybin. Senator KIM CARR: That was for? Page 106 Senate Thursday, 20 October 2016 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Ms V Cook: That was for creative services as part of the national innovation— Senator KIM CARR: But creative of what? Ms V Cook: That was to create the advertising materials for the NISA campaign. Senator KIM CARR: For the website? Ms V Cook: That was largely for the advertising. I would have to take that on notice for a breakdown. Senator KIM CARR: You cannot confirm that that is for the website. Ms V Cook: I cannot confirm that particular element. I will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: As I say, can we get this over dinner? Ms V Cook: Certainly. -----</p> <p>----- Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. With respect to Mitchell and Partners, what was the total budget for that? It is listed here as \$19 million. Originally it was \$16.9 million. There are two figures listed on the AusTender documents. Ms V Cook: That may have been the contracted amount, but the actual spend on Mitchell was the \$18,759,145. Senator KIM CARR: Eighteen million dollars. Ms V Cook: I beg your pardon, the \$14,792,000. Senator KIM CARR: You are going to tell me what the 65 was after the dinner break. That is what was actually sent. Ms V Cook: Yes. I will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: You will be able to confirm for me whether or not it was the website construction? Ms V Cook: I will do my best. -----</p> <p>----- Senator KIM CARR: There is a question: is that the case? Ms Beauchamp: Could I just clarify, this was raised at the last estimates. The ANAO had a look at the process and made a decision that it was not of a political nature— Senator KIM CARR: After the change. Ms Beauchamp: But in terms of changes to the website, I think our answer to the question on notice is that that is regularly updated. CHAIR: Senator, it is time for the dinner break. Senator KIM CARR: Let me just finish this point, because the secretary will need to check the FOI material over the dinner break. What this FOI material indicates is that the department was telling the contractor to change the terminology to make it consistent with the guidelines so that the ANAO could bring in that report. Is that not the case? Ms Beauchamp: I will take that on notice, but I am pretty sure that is not the case at all. I think that was clarified through the questions on notice that we provided to the committee some time ago. Senator KIM CARR: Which is the question on notice? Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take that on notice as well. My apologies, I will find it. Senator KIM CARR: I want you to do that, because the</p>	Spoken	105-113	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-25	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Staff Bonuses	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I want to turn to the question of staff bonuses. Who makes that? Mr Schwager: I will give it a go. Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could tell me who in the department gets a performance payment. Mr Schwager: I do not actually have a list with me; so I cannot tell you exactly who gets it. Senator KIM CARR: Let me put it to you in more generic terms. Is it the case that all staff are eligible? Mr Schwager: No, it is not the case that all staff are eligible for performance bonuses. Senator KIM CARR: What is the eligibility criteria? Ms Beauchamp: They would have had to have done something absolutely exceptional. Senator KIM CARR: Exceptional? Ms Beauchamp: It could be project specific or it could be superior performance during the year. There are a limited number of performance bonuses paid. Senator KIM CARR: Who decides which staff receive a payment? Who makes the decision? Ms Beauchamp: The executive board of the department makes the decision. Senator KIM CARR: How is the amount calculated? Ms Weston: Some staff have individual flexibility arrangements where they may have a bonus portion as part of their pay package. The reason that might be the case is that they might have some skills that we need in the organisation. So they are given a special arrangement that might include a bonus. There will be some staff in that situation. Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps we could go into more detail and you could explain to me how many receive bonuses. Is it correct to say that the number of staff receiving performance bonuses declined? Ms Weston: I would say that my best thinking on that would be that that is probably the case, yes. But I would probably need to take that on notice and do a bit of analysis for you. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Can you confirm that there were 102 in 2013-14 and it went down to 67 in 2014-15? Ms Weston: I will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Is it also true to say that the average amount of performance pay received has gone up over the last five years? Ms Weston: I will take that on notice for you too. Senator KIM CARR: Is it correct that the average has gone from \$7,757.75 in 2011-12 to \$10,810 in 2014-15? Ms Weston: You are reading that from an annual report? Senator KIM CARR: I am relying on annual reports. Ms Weston: Then I feel that I will probably be confirming those figures. If you are reading from that, it is very likely that it will be correct. Ms Beauchamp: Senator, those reports should be read in context as well. There has been a significant number of machinery of government changes that have impacted on those averages and numbers. Senator KIM CARR: We will get to that. I am just wondering whether you can confirm that figure and, if so, why was there was an increase from \$7,700 to \$10,800? If we look at your 2013-14 annual report, 22 SES officers were paid a total of</p>	Spoken	113-114	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-26	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Departmental Programs	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many departmental programs were discontinued since the change of government in 2013? Ms Weston: I would have to take that on notice, but there will be a number— Ms Beauchamp: I think we have provided this previously through questions on notice. So we will update that for you.</p>	Spoken	114-115	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-27	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Corporate Network Costs	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Let's go to corporate network costs. Again, I am referring to the incoming minister brief volume 2, prepared for Minister Hunt, which shows a total allocation to corporate ICT and related departmental services in 2016-17 of \$165 million. How does that compare to the previous year? Ms Beauchamp: I responded to some claims about our corporate services that were reported a couple of weeks ago. We have had our corporate services benchmarked. In fact, we have had a large accounting firm undertake a functional efficiency review of the department that indicated our corporate services were around 14 per cent of our budget, which I think benchmarks very well in the public sector.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It is \$166.5 million for 2015-16. Is that an accurate figure? Ms Weston: Can you clarify where the \$166 million is coming from? Is it based on the incoming government brief? Senator KIM CARR: I am just trying to find the relevant page in the brief. I do not have it with me. Are you saying it is not true? Ms Beauchamp: The reports that were made a few weeks ago are definitely not true; they are absolutely incorrect. We do have corporate services support in the order of 14 per cent. I think the number you are referring to may have been an addition of a number of divisions. Some of those divisions provide, for example, services to business through business.gov. We also provide parliamentary services. I do not see that as a corporate overhead. Indeed, I see that as part of core business to government. There are also a number of services provided through the Office of the Chief Economist that provide evidence based evaluation and information to market, industry and business. I do not see those as corporate services either. From my point of view, what was reported and what was provided through the FOI has very much been misinterpreted. Senator KIM CARR: Can you confirm that the figure of \$156.5 million was contained in the department's incoming government brief volume 2? Can you take that on notice? Ms Beauchamp: There was not a separate figure of \$156.511 million; it was someone's addition of indicative budgets for a number of divisions—not all of the divisions but some. Ms Weston: And some of those that were included are actually policy divisions rather than what people would term 'corporate' in a 'benchmarking of corporate' sense. Senator KIM CARR: I will ask you to take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	115-116	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-28	Waters, Larissa	Corporate	Meetings with Former Ministers	<p>Senator WATERS: On 12 October former minister Macnamara was interviewed in his new capacity here from parliament. Are you aware whether he had meetings that day with the minister or with any departmental officials? Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take that on notice. Could you repeat the date? Senator WATERS: 12 Oct this year. Can you recall whether departmental staff or the minister or the minister's office has met with the former CEO of the Queensland Resources Council in the past—Mr Michael Roche, who was the CEO for very many years? Ms Beauchamp: I have met with him on a couple of occasions. Senator WATERS: Could you provide a notice to me the dates of those meetings and a brief description of the nature of the meetings and the topics discussed? Likewise, if you could take on notice whether the minister or the minister's office similarly engaged with Mr Roche, and the dates of those engagements and a brief description of the nature of them. Ms Beauchamp: Which minister are you asking for now in terms of the engagement? Senator WATERS: Any that has headed your department. Ms Beauchamp: Since what time? Senator WATERS: Since Mr Roche has been CEO. It might be quite a long time. Ms Weston: The secretary has been secretary of this department only since the change of government in 2013, so that would be the— Senator WATERS: Obviously the department is larger than just one woman, albeit she is no doubt doing a very good job. Ms Weston: But part of the issue is that the resources and energy part of the department came into the department only in 2013, as well. So there will be a period of time when this department did not have resources and energy. Senator WATERS: If you could answer for the relevant period where this department had resources. Ms Weston: I would think that from 2013 is probably— Senator WATERS: Thank you, and I will pursue earlier times with other relevant departments. Ms Weston: The other relevant department is actually here. Senator WATERS: Could you provide me both time periods then? Ms Weston: You are asking in relation to the secretary, that was all? Ms Beauchamp: [inaudible] Senator WATERS: I was not actually just lending it to you. I am also interested in your meetings, too. Ms Beauchamp: It is quite a large task, because, of course, as a department we meet with a range of stakeholders and it would be absolutely imperative for us to meet with a number of associations and industry and other groups. So it would be a large task just for the time that I have been the secretary of the department to see which officers and when met with the CEO of the Queensland Resources Council. Senator WATERS: Thank you for taking that task on. I appreciate that it is a large one. Ms Beauchamp: I will see what I can do. If it is an unreasonable diversion of resources I might have to say that. But I will do what I can. Senator WATERS:</p>	Spoken	117-118	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-29	Waters, Larissa	Executive	Statement of Ministerial Standards	<p>Senator WATERS: Are your departmental staff aware of the Statement of Ministerial Standards? Ms Beauchamp: I might have read it at some stage. Senator WATERS: So you would be aware then that if a former minister is seeking a meeting within the 18-month cooling-off period it is not in accordance with the standards. Is there any process that departmental staff would use to raise a meeting request from a more former minister in that 18-month cooling-off period, to advise the current minister of the risks of proceeding with such a meeting? Ms Weston: I am not sure that the standing requirements require that. Is that the case? Senator WATERS: They require an 18-month cooling-off period— Ms Weston: I understand that, but you are asking— Senator WATERS: I am wondering how that gets operationalised in practice. Does anybody tell the present minister? Ms Weston: We are happy to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: So it does not sound like there is any departmental process that you are immediately aware of, but you will have a look into it? Ms Weston: I will take it on notice. Senator WATERS: Also, if you could let me know if that would normally be something that the department would do or would it be left to the minister's staff? It seems to be different in every instance. So I am interested in if there is a procedure and who would be the people who would normally follow it. Ms Beauchamp: On the issue I raised before in terms of previous minister Macfarlane, in his capacity as chair of the innovative CRC, of course we would have to meet as part of the administration of the CRC program. I think you are talking about using the role as minister, in terms of related functions. Senator WATERS: Yes. The ministerial statements relate to meetings on matters on which that person had official dealings when they were a minister. So I would say, yes, I am less concerned about the CRC meetings. Ms Beauchamp: Okay. Senator WATERS: Would the department usually seek advice from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in a situation where a former minister, in that 18-month period, sought a meeting with the current minister? Ms Beauchamp: Certainly the executive would be told from junior officers and, certainly, SES similarly would raise it with the executive. I think that would be a judgement call as to whether we would have to raise it any further. Senator WATERS: You will have to forgive my lack of knowledge with Public Service echelons. Can you say that for me again? Ms Beauchamp: If a previous minister contacted a junior officer in the department and wanted to meet, then, of course, the junior officer would raise it with their Senior Executive Service member. Similarly, the Senior Executive Service would also raise it with the deputies and myself, and an adjustment would be made as to whether 1) to meet, and on what basis and 2) whether we would need further advice</p>	Spoken	118-119	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-30	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Provision of Corporate Services	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Given that you are disputing the assertions—can you confirm that BizLab's indicative divisional budget, as contained in the Incoming Government Brief Volume 2, was \$1.833 million. Ms Beauchamp: I can confirm it was an indicative budget. Senator KIM CARR: Can you confirm the Corporate Division (Corporate Network) was \$47.891 million? The indicative ASL staff for BizLab is 10.00 and for the Corporate Division (Corporate Network) it is 579.00. Can you confirm that? Ms Beauchamp: I can confirm that, but that does not mean that the staff contained within the division are working purely on the provision of corporate services. Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me what they do work on? Ms Beauchamp: I think I gave you some examples— Senator KIM CARR: Yes, you did. I would ask you to take that on notice. Corporate Division (Corporate Overheads) was \$50.719 million, with an indicative staff of 10.00. Mr Schwager: That would be an example of corporate overheads such as property. For example, we have 35 properties around the country—or 35 locations where we operate. That would be an example of overheads and people doing property management, for example.</p>	Spoken	119-120	26/10/2016 0:00
SI-31	Carr, Kim	Digital Strategy and Operations	business.gov.au	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. In regard to the business.gov.au website, what is the funding profile for that? Mr Boyley: As part of a program of work called the single business service program, we have recently undertaken a redevelopment of business.gov.au. Is that the cost you are referring to? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Mr Boyley: That program involves a large number of projects. The program aims to make it simpler for businesses to access the information they need at the time that they want it and through the format they want it. The business.gov.au redevelopment work was carried out in tranche 2, which was completed in June 2016. Tranche 2 delivered \$33½ million worth of benefits to Australian businesses and to the department more broadly. Senator KIM CARR: How much did it cost? Mr Boyley: The total cost for the business.gov.au redevelopment was \$4,110,906. Senator KIM CARR: So \$4.1 million. Mr Boyley: Correct. Senator KIM CARR: Does that include the ongoing maintenance cost? Mr Boyley: That includes the software licensing costs and it includes the hosting costs. The department built the website in the cloud on the Microsoft Azure cloud platform, so it includes those costs. It does not include the ongoing costs for the content component of the site. It is the first building component to the point where the project— Senator KIM CARR: Sure, so \$4 million to build it. How much to run it? Mr Boyley: I will have to take that on notice. I only have the construction costs.</p>	Spoken	120-121	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-32	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	<p>Senator WATERS: I have some questions about the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility. Thank you for your response to my question on notice. I did not have a date on it, so I was not quite sure at what point in time the NAIF had received just one formal investment proposal. So can you just explain to me: is that still the case? Have there been any other formal investment proposals? Senator Canavan: The information I have to date is that there is one formal investment proposal at this stage. That means that it has gotten to a stage of due diligence for the board. I believe there may be 13 other proposals that are at an advanced stage of discussion. Senator WATERS: Okay. There were 11 at the time, so that has gone up to 13. Senator Canavan: Yes, so there are a couple of others. Senator WATERS: Okay. Carry on. When was the investment proposal that is now at formal stage submitted? Senator Canavan: I do not have that information myself. Are there any officials that can help? Mr Lawson: There is not a formal date of submission process. It is when the board would have met and decided to take that project through to the next phase of submissions. Senator Canavan: How about we take that on notice? Mr Lawson: The date would have been 10 August—the board meeting. Senator Canavan: It most likely would have been at a board meeting, I would say, that they would have made that decision to take it. But we do not have officials here from the NAIF tonight. Senator WATERS: Oh. Senator Canavan: Well, there is a new CEO who was appointed last week, so she has not started yet. She starts on Monday, I believe—Ms Laurie Walker. But we will help you out as best we can, and we can take questions on notice. Senator WATERS: Okay, thank you. So it was roughly mid-August when the board said it can go through to the next stage. But could you check for me, or take on notice, when the original proposal was submitted, and whether that was at EOI phase or whatever the first phase is. I cannot remember the formal process; I think it is EOI, or you called for something or other. Senator Canavan: I could perhaps briefly explain it, and some of this goes to before I was minister, so if officials need to correct me please do so. We asked for expressions of interest when the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility was announced last year. Obviously there was no board or facility established at that stage. The Export Finance and Insurance Corporation was assisting in that process. They were collated. The board has now been established, and they have obviously entered into more detailed discussions with</p>	Spoken	122-123	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-33	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	NAIF Proposals	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. You said you could not give me any information about the specific project and the location or the cost, but is there anything that you can tell me about the nature of the proposal? Is it a transport proposal or an energy or water proposal? Senator Canavan: I will take that on notice. Obviously there is sensitive information that the NAIF discusses with proponents, and they ask proponents about the confidentiality the proponents would like to keep around these issues. So it is best I take that on notice and consult with the NAIF before coming back to you. Senator WATERS: If you could also please ask the board about those other 13 proposals that are now before it. I understand you cannot tell me the names or the precise costings, but if you could ask about the general nature of the type of development. As I say, is it infrastructure, energy—</p>	Spoken	123	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-34	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	NAIF Board Meetings	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Is there a regular schedule of board meetings? Senator Canavan: There are future board meetings planned. Mr Coffey: Yes, that is right. The next board meeting is in late November in Darwin. That will be the third board meeting since July. There is also a forward schedule of board meetings for next year. Senator WATERS: What is the regularity between those meetings? Mr Coffey: I do not have them with me. We could take that on notice and provide that to you. At the moment, they are meeting every couple of months.</p>	Spoken	125	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-35	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Meetings between NAIF and Adani	<p>Senator WATERS: Moving now to specific potential proponents—it may or may not be one of the 13—has anyone under the purview of NAIF, whether it is EFIC or yourselves or people that you have mentioned as working on NAIF, met with any representatives of any of the Adani group of companies, or Mr Adani himself? Mr Coffey: Yes, I understand that there have been some meetings between NAIF and Adani. Senator WATERS: Could you give me some more detail on those, please? Mr Coffey: I do not have those details with me. We could take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Is there anything more you can tell me tonight? Mr Coffey: No, because it has been between NAIF and the company. Senator WATERS: Do you know which Adani company that has been with? Mr Coffey: No, I do not. Senator WATERS: Sorry, you are here representing NAIF, and you said the meetings have been between NAIF, but not, evidently, you— Senator Canavan: Not quite, if I could explain. Mr Coffey heads up the Office of Northern Australia— Senator WATERS: Sorry, I misconstrued. Senator Canavan: He has an oversight role of a number of northern Australian initiatives based in Darwin. Normally, I am sure, we will have here a representative from NAIF directly, once the permanent CEO is on board.</p>	Spoken	125	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-36	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Adani	<p>Senator WATERS: All right, thank you. We will push on as best we can. I am interested—perhaps this will have to be on notice as well—in whether or not the Adani coal railway or the port or any associated water infrastructure to do with the mine had been discussed by NAIF and the Queensland government, and, if so, when? Senator Canavan: We will probably have to take that on notice, although, in the interests of full disclosure, I am aware of the Queensland government proposing to us to look at the project. I would have to take on notice the component of the Carmichael mine project that that related to. That was in correspondence to the government last year. Senator WATERS: Are you able to table that correspondence, Minister? Senator Canavan: I will take it on notice. Ms Beauchamp: There are several inquiries and discussions, so the point where they translate from discussions about an idea to a potential project is not all that clear. Sometimes, we might have to seek of the board and the CEO whether the discussions also with the potential project owner—whether they want those sorts of things disclosed, particularly at that early stage when they are thinking about it. There are obviously a number of competitors in this space as well. Senator WATERS: I understand that. For this particular project, the project is so well known and it is reasonably well advanced, so probably that particular consideration does not apply. But I accept that the concept applies in general. Senator Canavan: I accept that too. I have spoken to officials and representatives of Adani, and they are quite comfortable having in the public domain that they are interested in discussions with NAIF—that is a matter of public record. I do not have much more information than that. It is a matter for the board now to progress those discussions. Senator WATERS: Could you please take on notice any amount of information that you can share as to how far along the track those discussions have progressed— Senator Canavan: Sure. Senator WATERS: and whether that is one of the 13. Please tell me that if you are able, or provide as much information as you can. I am sorry to belabour the point, and perhaps this will also have to be on notice, but I am interested if the Queensland government has ever expressed any specific support for the project. You mentioned there had been that correspondence. Since then, have there been any particular statements of support? I am interested if NAIF, or yourself, as the minister, have discussed with any proponents or state governments any power stations of water infrastructure that would service either Adani or any of the other proposed Galilee Basin coalmines? Senator Canavan: I will take it on notice, with the proviso that our ability to get information from the Queensland government may be limited, since they are not appearing here. I will take on notice whatever information I can provide.</p>	Spoken	125-126	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-37	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Meetings held with Jemena	<p>Senator WATERS: Have there been any meetings held with Jemena, the proponents of the gas pipeline from Northern Territory to Queensland? Senator Canavan: I cannot speak for NAIF. Is your reference to NAIF? Senator WATERS: Either with NAIF or yourself? Senator Canavan: I met with people from Jemena. It was before the election. I can take on notice the timing of that. Senator WATERS: Thank you, and the general nature of the discussions too, please. Senator Canavan: Just to be clear, that was before the establishment of NAIF.</p>	Spoken	126	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-38	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Infrastructure Projects	<p>Senator WATERS: Would the board take into account any designations by state governments of infrastructure projects being critical when making funding decisions? As you would know, the Queensland government Senator Canavan: Sorry, could you repeat that? Senator WATERS: Would the board take into account, in their funding decisions, any designations by state governments as critical infrastructure, or state significant or some other kind of— Senator Canavan: I think that goes to a level of specifics that I cannot answer. Again, we can take it on notice. I can say that under the mandate we provided to NAIF there are requirements on NAIF to consult the state governments on any project they are seeking to fund, principally so that they could understand where such infrastructure might fit into state government priorities. Senator WATERS: Could you also take on notice whether or not such a designation, as happened with Adani, would make it easier for projects to obtain funding under NAIF, given that they would have the imprimatur of the state? Regarding rejections of proposals, I understand that section 11 of the act says there are a few criteria on which a proposal can be rejected by the minister—that is the veto we were talking about before. You flagged that it involved adverse national or domestic security implications. Minister, have you formed a view on whether or not it is inconsistent with the objectives or policies of the Commonwealth government or with national or domestic security implications for Adani to be financed under NAIF? Senator Canavan: No, I have not</p>	Spoken	126	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-39	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Funding under the NAIF	<p>Senator KETTER: Yes, too. Some of my questions complement those of Senator Waters, so I will try and work through them. I am interested in the project funding under the NAIF. How many inquiries have been received by NAIF? I think, Minister, at the end of September you said about 85 projects had expressed an interest. Senator Canavan: We will take it on notice. I have here more than 70 at the moment, but there are projects sometimes dropping off or losing interest. So I will take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Can I ask for a breakdown by state, a breakdown by electorate and a list of the infrastructure projects. Senator Canavan: We will provide as much as we can on that. We will take it on notice. Senator KETTER: Thank you. How many of those entities have submitted a formal investment proposal? Senator Canavan: I do not want to be held too much to the precise wording, because I am not a representative of the NAIF here, except to say, as I have said earlier, that my understanding is that there is one project that has proceeded to an investment proposal, but this is a matter for the board. If there is other information on that, I will get back to you and clarify the record. Senator KETTER: My understanding is that there is one that has progressed to the due diligence stage. Senator Canavan: Yes, this is the understanding I have. Again, the information and advice I have received for that one project is that the investment proposal stage is going through the due diligence, so in fact they are the same or equivalent stage in my mind. I will just check that to make sure that is correct for you and for the record. Senator KETTER: I also understand that there are another 13 progressing through the approval pipeline. Senator Canavan: That is the information we updated earlier, yes. Senator KETTER: Of those 14 in total, how many have submitted a formal investment proposal? Again, could you provide a breakdown by state and electorate and a list of infrastructure projects. Senator Canavan: We will take that on notice. Senator KETTER: You have indicated you have some constraints talking about the one project that is at the due diligence stage. Is it possible to find out which state and which electorate? Senator Canavan: We will take it on notice, consult with the NAIF and provide what we can for the committee. Senator KETTER: And, if possible, the list of infrastructure projects associated with that. Senator Canavan: Yes. Senator KETTER: Senator Waters might have touched on this, but can the due diligence requirements surrounding project applications be made public? Senator Canavan: Again, I will have to take that on notice. Those processes are certainly a matter for the board. Senator KETTER: I know that there is nobody from NAIF here tonight, as I understand. Are you seeking to clarify whether or not you can provide information about inquiries and projects? Senator Canavan: I am</p>	Spoken	127-128	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-40	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	13 NAIF proposals	<p>Senator KETTER: I can put the rest of my NAIF questions on notice. Senator WATERS: Just one further question, Minister. You mentioned earlier, when we were discussing Adani, that they were quite happy for their interest in NAIF to be public and had talked about it, and so forth. Can I ask: are they one of the 13 proposals that have been submitted? Senator Canavan: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	133	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-41	Ketter, Chris	AUSI - Business Services	CRC for Developing Northern Australia	<p>questions in relation to the CRC for Developing Northern Australia. Senator Canavan: It is in the industry department, but under Minister Hunt's part. Ms Beauchamp could probably assist. Senator KETTER: The CRC was apparently meant to commence in mid-2016, according to an April 2016 media release. That deadline has obviously been missed. I am looking for information on what the cause of the delay is there. Ms Beauchamp: As you may be aware, Mr Wharton was asked to look at proposals for developing the CRC. He has only recently provided his report to Minister Hunt. That is why it was not delivered in mid-June. That was during caretaker period. Senator KETTER: Can you give a firm time line for when the CRC will be up and running? Senator Canavan: It is not my primary responsibility, but I know the consideration of Mr Wharton's report is progressing. Establishing a CRC obviously involves discussions with partners in that process as well. Those discussions are occurring. Hopefully they will be completed as soon as possible. I do not have time frame, but we could take that on notice and consult with Minister Hunt and his area of the department.</p>	Spoken	133-134	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-42	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Retention Leases on the Bass Strait	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Minister, you are familiar with the retention leases in the Bass Strait and the broad history of that. How much natural gas lies beneath the Bass Strait? Senator Canavan: I would have to ask. Geoscience Australia would probably be our best bet. I do not believe we would have a firm estimate for you in any case. Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps you can take that on notice. Senator Canavan: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: One figure that has been put to me is seven trillion cubic metres of gas either proven or probable. If you could take that on notice, Minister, because I have some broader issues I want to deal with. Senator Canavan: Sure. Senator XENOPHON: My understanding is that retention leases were introduced by the then petroleum minister Gareth Evans—that is a blast from the past—a number of years ago. I do not think you were born then. Senator Canavan: I am reading his diary at the moment, but I am not up to that chapter. Senator XENOPHON: Are you? His personal diary or a published diary? Senator Canavan: His cabinet diary. Senator XENOPHON: I do not think you were even born then, Minister. Senator Canavan: I was born. Senator XENOPHON: You were born just. Senator Canavan: I remember it well. Senator XENOPHON: They were introduced by petroleum minister Gareth Evans. Is it the case that we are the only OECD country that has these forms of leases? Mr B Wilson: I would have to take that one on notice. I am not familiar enough with all the other overseas regimes to be able to answer that definitively. Senator XENOPHON: Not all of them, not every 188 or whatever countries, just the OECD. Mr B Wilson: No, all the other OECD regimes. Senator XENOPHON: Is it fair to say that we are a bit of an outlier? I think it is unusual to have retention leases of this type. Mr B Wilson: Our system was, as I understand it—and again I was not around when it was brought in—designed to make Australia an attractive investment location. I understand all the regimes use slightly different concepts and titles. Some use production licences in the way we use retention leases. We can give you a fuller answer on notice.</p>	Spoken	135	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-43	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Criteria for Retention Leases	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure. Just so I can wrap this up, because I think there may be some other issues I can put on notice in respect to this, my questions go to whether the criteria for retention leases—as to whether they are retained or not; no pun intended—are robust. When were they last reviewed? Are they somewhat outdated? Do you consider any varying other proposals for the use of a particular resource? Senator Canavan: I believe there has been a review of the offshore petroleum regime over the last year or so. I am also aware and can inform you that there will be some updates to the guidelines about retention leases. If it has not already gone public it will very shortly. My understanding is that there have not been major amendments to the guidelines, but they are informed by some of these discussions. Mr Wilson, are there any other details of that process you would like to share? Mr B Wilson: We are currently finalising the final report on the resource management framework review, which looks at the offshore regime. It does consider the retention lease framework. Our view is that it is robust and credible. It does deliver an incentive to invest, which is critically important, and rewards titleholders for investments. It does provide opportunities for third parties to, at the point of a retention lease, renew or provide submissions on alternative development concepts. Senator XENOPHON: On notice, because I am just rushing through this, can you give details of how robust the review process was? Did it call for public submissions? Were various stakeholders, including competing stakeholders, given an opportunity to make a submission in respect of the process? Mr B Wilson: Yes. I think there was a two-month—it might have been a three-month—public submission process where we invited comments. We got very few comments. We can answer this on notice, but I cannot remember any comments off the top of my head that said the retention lease framework was out of date, except perhaps for the domestic gas alliance, who did not put in a submission but who subsequently, in a consultation we had privately, indicated they did not support the retention lease framework or any potential changes to it. We had received no</p>	Spoken	136	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-44	Ketter, Chris	DLO - Canavan	West Australian Nationals Leader Mr Grylls	<p>Senator KETTER: I have questions about the proposal by the West Australian Nationals leader, Mr Grylls, to introduce a \$5 per tonne iron ore mining tax. My question is: what analysis has the department done on the impact of that proposed mining tax? Mr B Wilson: We have only done a very preliminary analysis of the tax. It is very preliminary. We certainly have not done any analysis of the potential impact or detail of the tax. It is really looking at what the tax would represent as an increase to the costs of the companies concerned. But it certainly is not any more elaborate than that. Senator KETTER: So you are not able to tell me what impact it might have on future investment? Mr B Wilson: No. Senator KETTER: What about on mining jobs in Western Australia? Mr B Wilson: No, we did not do any analysis on that. Senator KETTER: What about the impact that it might have on Western Australian communities? Mr B Wilson: No, we have not done any particular analysis on that. Senator KETTER: My next question is to the minister. Talking about Mr Grylls's proposed mining tax, could you tell me of any details of any conversations, emails, SMSes, WhatsApp messages, phone calls, correspondence or meetings between you or your staff and the Leader of the Western Australian Nationals or his staff regarding the proposed change to WA royalties in the next two months. Senator Canavan: I have met with Mr Grylls on the issue. I am not going to go into detail of conversations that I have had with him, but suffice it to say that, whatever I have commented on in public about the tax, we also discussed that in private. But clearly I am not going to publicly start detailing meetings I have with members of other parliaments. Senator KETTER: Have you expressed any concerns to him? Senator Canavan: As I believe I have said in public, yes, I have grave concerns about the impact of the proposal and I do not think it is an efficient or effective way of generating revenue for the state of Western Australia. I certainly relayed that to Mr Grylls, but apart from that I will not go into any further details of the conversations or WhatsApp messages. I do not believe I have sent him a WhatsApp message, but that is about all I will say. Senator KETTER: Given the significance of this matter, surely you could take on notice information about any emails, SMSes, phone calls, correspondence or meetings. Senator Canavan: I will take it on notice. Senator KETTER: Thank you—and the dates on which those conversations occurred. Senator Canavan: Sure.</p>	Spoken	136-137	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-45	Ketter, Chris	Resources	Exploration Development Incentive	<p>Senator KETTER: I next want to look at the Exploration Development Incentive, and I am referring to the former resource minister's media release dated 12 February 2016, which says: The EDI permits small mineral exploration companies with no taxable income to provide exploration credits to their Australian resident shareholders for greenfields mineral exploration. My question is: how does the department define a small mineral company? Is it by dollar value, revenue or number of employees? Mr B Wilson: The actual administration of the Exploration Development Incentive is delivered by the Department of the Treasury, so detailed questions on that really should go to them. But my understanding is that it is defined as a company that has no taxable income. Senator KETTER: No taxable income? Mr B Wilson: That is right. Mr Sheldrick: In that year. Mr B Wilson: In that year. Senator KETTER: The media release says 'small mineral exploration companies with no taxable income'. Mr B Wilson: That is what the press release says. I cannot interpret the press release any other way. Senator KETTER: Can you take that on notice, then. Mr B Wilson: Certainly.</p>	Spoken	137	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-46	Waters, Larissa	Resources	Regional Consultative Committee	<p>Senator WATERS: Moving to the Regional Consultative Committee, I understand applications for membership have closed. How many applications were received? Mr B Wilson: Twenty-six. Senator WATERS: What was the spread of those applications—geographically, demographics, gender et cetera? Mr B Wilson: I can take that on notice. I do not have the answers with me right now but we did get a range of candidates from Hawker, Quorn, male, female and across the stakeholder interest groups, so we were very happy with the range that we received.</p>	Spoken	139	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-47	Waters, Larissa	AUSI - Business Services	Community benefit program	<p>Senator WATERS: I understand that the applications for the community benefit program closed about mid- August. How many applications were received? Ms Facey: We received 17 applications for the fund, and they were seeking funding of \$2.8 million. Senator WATERS: How many of those have been assessed so far? Ms Facey: We have assessed all of them as being eligible, and AusIndustry has done a preliminary assessment. However, those assessments cannot be finalised until we have the view of the consultative committee. Senator WATERS: Once the consultative committee is appointed and then able to provide advice on those applications, is that when a decision can be made? Ms Facey: Then the assessments will be finalised and they will go to the program delegate for the fund, who is the general manager in AusIndustry with responsibility for the fund. Senator WATERS: Does the minister tick off on those or will it stop at that person in the fund? Ms Facey: No—that person, the general manager. Senator WATERS: Are the criteria for making those decisions recorded somewhere? Ms Facey: There are program guidelines which are on the business.gov.au site. I can go through them if you like. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could just send me the link, on notice, so I can have a look at those. Ms Facey: Yes, I can send you the link, but just quickly: capacity and capability to carry out the project; the benefit to the community the project will achieve; and the value for money. So they are fairly straightforward, but I can certainly send you the link. Senator WATERS: That is it? Ms Facey: Yes.</p>	Spoken	140	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-48	Waters, Larissa	Resources	Waste facility correspondence	<p>Senator WATERS: Great. What is the capacity of the fund? You said \$2.8 million had been applied for. What is the total amount in the fund? Senator Canavan: Two million dollars. Senator WATERS: So not everyone will get a prize. Again, roughly what time frame do you think the successful applicants will be notified by if it is a matter of weeks till the committee is appointed? Senator Canavan: We have to establish the consultative committee first, obviously. Senator WATERS: A matter of months, by the sounds. Ms Facey: We are thinking that the committee will probably meet by the middle of next month, so I am thinking it would be early in the New Year that we would be able to announce the grant applications. Senator WATERS: Has the minister met with or received correspondence from any other individuals, organisations or stakeholder groups local to the site? Who were they and were they either in favour of or opposed to continuing discussion? Senator Canavan: You say 'met with and received correspondence from'. I certainly have received correspondence from a variety of people on the matter and have responded to much of that correspondence. On that visit I had planned, I was to meet a range of landowner groups, business groups and the local GP, a variety of whom are for or against the project. As I say, I am returning there in a couple of weeks. I have not seen the agenda, but I presume it will be very similar to what I was intending to do a couple of weeks ago. Senator WATERS: Could you please take on notice to provide a list of the people who have sent correspondence to you and likewise that you have responded to? Senator Canavan: I can take that on notice. I might just narrow that for us, if it is possible. We might try and take on notice those local communities affected. Obviously I get correspondence on this from primary school students and others, and some of it also goes to the South Australian government royal commission process, not necessarily the low-level and intermediate waste facility we are seeking to establish. So I might, if it is okay with you, just narrow that for my department staff. Senator WATERS: Yes. Let us start with that, and I will come back if I need some more there.</p>	Spoken	140-141	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-49	Ketter, Chris	Industry Growth	Update on BlueScope	<p>recently delivered financial results that were very positive. As you know, the business has turned around in the last period. The recent financial results were very heartening. I think that is probably the main thing I could say at this point. Senator KETTER: On 27 April, it is reported that Minister Pyne said that the government received a recommendation from Defence which was very clear, and that was that the French bid was superior—I am talking about Future Submarines here—and that an all-Australian build with Australian steel, Australian jobs and Australian subs was a recommendation from the Department of Defence. Were you aware of this recommendation from the Department of Defence? Mr Power: This portfolio, to the extent there was a government process, would have been involved in that process. Personally, I was not involved—I was not in the portfolio at the time—but I expect the department would have been involved and consulted, as we have combined with Defence on a number of committees in relation to defence procurement. Senator KETTER: Specifically in relation to the use of Australian steel in the Future Submarines project? Mr Power: I will have to take it on notice, unless others are able to answer. No, I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	145	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-50	Ketter, Chris	Industry Growth	Australian industry participation plans	<p>Senator KETTER: I am going to move on to Australian industry participation plans. How many plans have been completed in the past 12 months? Mr Power: I do not have the number of plans in the last 12 months. We have, though, in total had 22 plans formally submitted for approval under the program or under the legislation. Senator KETTER: So you cannot tell me how many in the last 12 months? Mr Power: Sorry, Senator. I can tell you that the number of plans approved in the 2015-16 financial year was seven. Senator KETTER: According to the department's website, the total number of plans approved is 17, and this is for major projects worth more than \$500 million. Mr Power: I will have to confirm that number. Mr Lawson: We have a number of 22 in front of us. It may be that that website has not been updated, but we will check that for you. Mr Power: It may be a date issue. The number I have is as of 10 October this year. Senator KETTER: Okay, so the website might be a bit out of date. How many other plans are under development at the moment? Mr Power: I do not think I have the number which are under development. I am sorry. We will have to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Okay. When do you expect these to be published? You can take that on notice as well. Mr Power: Those that are under development? Senator KETTER: Yes. Mr Power: If there are any under development then we can provide you with that.</p>	Spoken	146	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-51	Ketter, Chris	Industry Growth	Australian industry plans for Commonwealth projects by year	<p>Senator KETTER: Could you please provide on notice a breakdown of all the Australian industry plans for Commonwealth projects by year, in the same format as the information that is provided for private projects on the website. Mr Power: We can take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	146	20/10/2016 0:00

SI-52	Ketter, Chris	Industry Growth	IBM projects	<p>Senator KETTER: Thank you. My final questions relate to IBM projects. There was a report in The Australian on 15 August saying that IBM had '136 federal government department contracts worth almost \$700 million' last year, and the report states that these contracts include a number of government departments and agencies, including Defence, Immigration and Border Protection, Centrelink and IP Australia. What is your knowledge of these projects? Mr Power: I am not sure I have any knowledge of the projects you are referring to, Senator. Senator KETTER: Okay. Presumably none of these projects are worth \$20 million or more, given the total amount involved. If they were, surely IBM would have been required to complete an Australian industry plan. Mr Power: They may do. I will have to take that on notice. I am not aware of them specifically off the top of my head. Mr Lawson: We will take it on notice. Projects are allowed to apply for an exemption if the activities are happening in Australia in any way and any other Australian industry participation plan would not add value to the process. But we will take that on notice. Senator KETTER: What you have taken on notice is: has IBM submitted Australian industry plans for any of these projects? Thank you very much.</p>	Spoken	147	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-53	Waters, Larissa	Resources	Transparency review	<p>Senator WATERS: Okay. And what is the time frame for the conclusion of that transparency review? Mr Smith: The department's process? Senator WATERS: The department's—if you know. Sorry to inconvenience someone else! It is just a quick question. Senator Canavan: I think we are going to have to take that on notice, because people might not be here. Senator WATERS: Just a rough indication will do. Mr Lawson: I have no idea! Senator WATERS: No idea—all right, thank you. Can you take that on notice? Mr Smith: I understand that submissions have closed, so the department would be in the policy deliberations at this point. Senator WATERS: Okay, thank you.</p>	Spoken	150	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-54	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Percentage of steel measures that apply to China	<p>Senator KIM CARR: This is the question that arises about balance, reason and how long it takes to get things done. Where are we at with steel? Mr Seymour: We have a significant workload in steel. At a very high level, the commission is currently managing 63 measures of which 43 are directly related to steel products. An additional four are related to aluminium products. Of those 43 steel measures, that relates to 13 steel products over 12 countries. The split between Arrium and BlueScope, in terms of the effectiveness of those measures, is 19 measures relating to Arrium products and 16 measures relating to BlueScope products. Senator KIM CARR: You said 12 countries. What is the major country involved with that? Mr Seymour: China. Senator KIM CARR: By what number? Mr Seymour: It is overwhelmingly the highest percentage. Senator KIM CARR: Half? Mr Seymour: I will come back with the percentage. Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the percentage on those countries. Mr Sexton: We do not have a figure here with us in relation to steel but, when you look at the measures as a whole, some 37 per cent of all measures relate to China. Mr Seymour: With steel it would be a lot higher than that. Senator KIM CARR: If you could get that just for steel— Mr Seymour: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much.</p>	Spoken	133	20/10/2016 0:00
SI-55	Carr, Kim	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Book industry	<p>1. Regarding the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Australia's intellectual property arrangements: a. What contribution did the Department make to this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input. b. What book industry input did the Department seek regarding this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input sought and provided. 2. Regarding the Productivity Commission's proposal for a significant transformation of Australia's copyright framework in its draft report, released on 29 April 2016: a. What modelling or consultation has the Department undertaken on the potential effects of this proposal on the book industry's viability and on our national cultural production? b. What specific measures does the Department employ to take into account the value to the nation of intangible benefits such as national identity, local literary and artistic capacity, and cultural enrichment? 3. Regarding the Government's response on 24 November 2015 to the Competition Policy Review (the Harper Review), that it would remove restrictions on the parallel importation of books: a. Did the Department make any contribution to this response? Please provide a detailed account of any input. b. What modelling or consultation has the Department undertaken on the potential effects of this proposal on the book industry's viability and on our national cultural production? c. Has the Department conducted any analysis of the effect of this proposal on innovation and on investment attraction in the book industry? 4. Regarding the Australian Law Reform Commission's report Copyright and Digital Economy: a. What contribution did the Department make to this inquiry? Please provide a detailed account of any input. b. What contribution did the Department make to the subsequent Ernst & Young cost benefit analysis? Please provide a detailed account of any input.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-56	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Anti-Dumping Commission	<p>1. Please provide a copy of the Anti-Dumping Commission's original report, the Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, which was provided to the Government on 4 April 2016. Please include a copy of the letter from the Commissioner to the Minister, which was attached to the report. 2. Has the Anti-Dumping Commission provided Government with any recommendations on improvements to the anti-dumping system within the last 12 months? If so, please outline the nature of these recommendations. 3. Please provide a breakdown outlining any differences between the Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, which was handed to Government on 4 April 2016 and the updated report dated August 2016, which is published on the Commission's website. 4. How would anti-dumping investigations differ if a country being investigated was not considered a 'market economy' for anti-dumping purposes? 5. Please provide an update on the last meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum (ITFR), including the outcomes of the meeting, what actions have been taken since the previous meeting, the formation and workplans of any subcommittees, and the date of the next meeting. 6. Has the International Trade Remedies Forum (ITFR) and/or any of its subcommittees been asked to provide advice on China's market economy status? If so, please provide an update on the nature of the advice being sought and the timeframes for advice being provided. If not, will this issue be on the agenda for the next meeting of the ITRF? 7. Consideration report number 341 (dated 29 March 2016) on the Anti-Dumping Commission's website includes a table (page 23) summarising the estimated dumping margins in relation to A4 copy paper exported to Australia. Please outline whether the Anti-Dumping Commission's estimated dumping margins are noted in column 3 of the table and at what stage of the investigation these margins were assessed. 8. In relation to the application from Australian Paper regarding dumped A4 copy paper from China, Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil is there a difference between the dumping margins found at the start of the investigation, compared to your most recent assessment? If so, please provide a detailed breakdown of the factors by country and mill that have resulted in changes from your original estimates.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-57	Carr, Kim	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Review of the R&D Tax Incentive	<p>1. In relation to the review of the R&D Tax Incentive: on 26 October 2016 there was a report in the Australian Financial Review "Dulux seeing red at R&D tax rule 'intensity' push". As one of the panel members responsible for reviewing the R&D Tax Incentive, how do you respond to claims that the recommendation for an 'intensity threshold' would wipe out the company's tax credit? In addition, did you or the panel consider the impact of such a measure on manufacturers, in particular, given the high overheads and business expenditure associated with manufacturing activity?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-58	Carr, Kim	Corporate	National Innovation and Science Agenda Campaign	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of all the services (including AusTender references and a summary of the work conducted) provided by Whybin\TBWA Group as part of the National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) campaign. Please include an itemised account of how many hours Whybin\TBWA Group spent on each element of the campaign. 2. Was there an expectation that Whybin\TBWA Group would do work on the website www.innovation.gov.au as part of the original contract, or was this work added to the contract later? If so when and by who? 3. How much of Whybin\TBWA Group's contract is for work on the www.innovation.gov.au website? What is the value of this element of the contract and how many hours of work did Whybin\TBWA Group staff spend on the www.innovation.gov.au website? 4. What other services does Whybin\TBWA Group provide to the Department? 5. How many APS staff are assigned to the National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) campaign in the Department and what is their classification? 6. Why was the contract value for CN3322349 increased from \$16.9m to \$19.5m in April 2016? 7. Why was contract CN3312065 amended in April 2016 and then again in July 2016? 8. Did the Department ever ask Whybin\TBWA Group to change the content of the website www.innovation.gov.au? If so, please provide a list outlining when the request was made, why the request was made, and who initiated the request. 9. Was the Minister's office involved in the clearance of content for www.innovation.gov.au? 10. On page 128 of Budget Paper 2 it states that the Government will achieve savings of \$20.2 million through efficiencies from the communications campaign for the National Innovation and Science Agenda, the Entrepreneurs Program and the Cooperative Research Centres program. Please provide a breakdown detailing how much underspend has been drawn from each of these program areas. 11. In relation to websites managed by the Department: o How many websites does the Department manage? o Who manages each website? o Please list any external contactors that are engaged for the management and or the production of content for a Departmental website, including the contact number and value each contract. 12. How long has the Department owned the URL www.innovation.gov.au and what else has it been used for?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-59	Carr, Kim	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	R&D Tax Incentive review	<p>1. In relation to the R&D Tax Incentive review: o What support did the Department provide the review panel undertaking the review? Please outline the nature of the Department's role. o Did the Department provide the panel with any recommendations for consideration as part of the review? If so, what were the Department's recommendations? o Have any stakeholders raised any concerns with the Department about the conduct of the review and/or the recommendations in the review report? If so, what is the nature of these concerns, and has the Department briefed the Minister's office on these concerns?</p> <p>2. In relation to the R&D Tax Incentive review report: o What's the Department's assessment of recommendation 4, which bases the availability of the incentive on the proportion of business expenditure spent on R&D, rather than the type of R&D activity? o If recommendation 4 were implemented, does the Department have any idea how many companies would be disqualified from the program? If so, please provide a detailed summary of this information.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-60	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Innovation Programmes	Entrepreneurs' Program	<p>1. When were the program guidelines for the Entrepreneurs' Program last updated? What were the changes to the guidelines and why were these required?</p> <p>2. How does the Department select industry partners to participate in the Entrepreneurs' Program?</p> <p>3. In relation to the Entrepreneurs' Program, please provide a detailed breakdown outlining how many industry partners currently participate in the program and, against each industry partner, the corresponding number of business advisers currently delivering services as part of the program.</p> <p>4. Is the NSW Business Chamber of Commerce an industry partner in the Entrepreneurs' Program? If so, what is the value of the contract with the NSW Business Chamber of Commerce and how many business advisers do they employ to deliver program services?</p> <p>5. How does the Department manage potential conflicts of interest that arise when third parties deliver services on behalf of the Commonwealth? Is the Department aware of any actual or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to services delivered by industry partners as part of the Entrepreneurs' Program?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-61	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program	<p>6. In relation to the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program, please provide a detailed breakdown, outlining: o How much funding is currently uncommitted in the program? o How many applications for funding were received in the last round of the program? o Of these, how many applications were successful and received funding? o If relevant, how much funding is available in the next round? o If relevant, when will the next round open?</p> <p>8. In relation to the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program: o On what date were the program guidelines changed so that registered Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) recipients could apply for funding? o How many ATS registered companies applied for funding in round 2? Of these, how many were successful in round 2? o If any ATS registered companies were successful in round 2, please provide a breakdown of the successful projects and the level of funding received. o When will the business.gov.au website be updated to reflect changes to the program guidelines, noting that as at 27 October 2016, the website states that businesses cannot apply for funding if they are registered for the ATS?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-62	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	Automotive Diversification Program	<p>1. In relation to the Automotive Diversification Program, please provide a detailed breakdown, outlining: o How much funding is currently uncommitted in the program? o How many applications for funding were received in the last round of the program? o Of these, how many applications were successful and received funding? o If relevant, how much funding is available in the next round? o If relevant, when will the next round open?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-63	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Naval Shipbuilding	<p>1. Is the Department aware of any recommendation from the Department of Defence to the then Industry Minister Christopher Pyne, regarding the use of Australian steel on naval shipbuilding and submarine projects? If so, what was the nature of Defence's recommendation to the Minister and when was this provided?</p> <p>2. Did the Department make any recommendation to the then Industry Minister Christopher Pyne, regarding the use of Australian steel on naval shipbuilding and submarine projects? If so, what was the nature of the Department's recommendation to the Minister and when was this provided?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-64	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Design and Mobilisation' contract	<p>1. Is the Department working with the Department of Defence and DCNS as part of the phase 1 'Design and Mobilisation' contract to ensure Australian industry involvement in the design and construction of the Future Submarines? If so, please outline the nature of the Department's involvement.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-65	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Australian Industry Participation (AIP)	<p>1. In relation to Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plans for both private and public projects: please provide a detailed breakdown of the number of exemptions that have been requested over the life of the program to date, including the number of exemptions that have been approved, the nature of the project, the value of the project, and the reason for the exemption.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-66	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SKA Project Update	<p>1. At what stage is the SKA project at? When is construction scheduled to start?</p> <p>2. Is the total funding envelope across all the member nations still EURO 650 million?</p> <p>3. Has the Australian Government made any funding decisions at yet? If not when will the Australian Government be asked to make a funding decision?</p> <p>4. Who is Australia's representative on the Board?</p> <p>5. Who is our science representative?</p> <p>6. Has the final SKA treaty been finalised?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-67	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SKA Project and Brexit	1. Do you anticipate that the impending exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union will have any impact on the project? 2. Has the UK government reaffirmed its commitment to the project – especially given the location of the headquarters in Manchester? 3. The UK government has flagged some fairly stringent rules on immigration and labour. Could this have any impact on the SKA in Manchester given the international nature of the project? Will there be any impact on recruitment or retention of staff in Manchester? 4. Your July update – published on the SKA Australia website – says that the SKA has been declared a Landmark Project by the European Commission. What does this mean for the project?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-68	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SKA and Big Data	1. Is one of the major challenges facing the SKA project the storage and processing of data? 2. Astronomers have estimated that the project will generate 35,000-DVDs-worth of data every second. This is equivalent to “the whole world wide web every day”. Is that an accurate summary of the data challenge? 3. How much of the required processing capacity will the Pawsey centre provide? Where do you plan on doing the rest? 4. Are there possibilities in the UNSW led quantum computing project that could inform the SKA project’s data challenges? 5. How will the data be moved? Will it involve the National Broadband Network or AARNET?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-69	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SKA and energy	1. What are the power requirements for the SKA project in Western Australia - particularly the Pawsey Centre and the Murchinson Observatory? are estimates of 11MW together for ASKAP, at around \$3m per annum accurate? 2. Will the power requirements for the project once completed be up to 100 times higher? 4. Is there an update on the power consumption requirements? 5. What sources of energy are being planned for ASKAP and the SKA? 6. Is there sufficient power generation capacity on the WA power grid sufficient to meet the needs of this project, plus the normal domestic and commercial power needs of Western Australia?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-70	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SKA and renewable energy	1. Is it still planned that Murchinson and Pawsey will be powered by renewable energy? 2. What forms of energy was that? 3. Was an Education Investment Fund grant received for this purpose? 4. When was that grant received? Was it acquitted and what is the aquittal date? 5. Has this eventuated? If not, why not? 6. What plans currently exist for power management?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-71	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST)	1. I note that the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) has achieved first light in September, a project that CSIRO was instrumental in bringing to fruition through the collaboration between the Australian and Chinese Science Academies. What is the anticipated scientific collaboration between the two projects? How will that collaboration be governed? 2. I also note that the FAST’s “Next Generation Archive System (NGAS), developed by the International Center for Radio Astronomy (ICRAR) in Perth, Australia and the European Southern Observatory will store and maintain the large amount of data that it collects.” What are the implications for SKA’s own storage and processing requirements?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-72	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	The Coalitions Policy to Support Innovative New Businesses and Jobs	The government’s election policy, Support Innovative New Bsuinesses and Jobs, promises “an additional \$15 million to expand the Incubator Support programme”. (a) What progress has been made progressing this commitment? (b) What is the current allocation and funding profile over the forward estimates to the Incubator Support Programme? (c) Has this funding allocation and funding profile changed since the announcement of the government’s National Innovation & Science Agenda (NISA)? (d) When will applications open? (e) Who is eligible to apply? (f) How will applicants be assessed? (g) Who will assess applications? (h) Will the Minister be required to approve all funding, or will authority be delegated?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-73	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Engagement with schools	Has the Chief scientist undertaken any speaking engagements at Australian Schools (Primary and Secondary) since his appointment? • How many? • Which schools? • When were the speeches made and what was the nature of the event?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-74	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	National Energy Review	In regards to the role of the Chief Scientist in chairing the National Energy Review: 1) When was the Chief Scientist appointed to chair the review? When was the Chief Scientist approached to consider chairing the review? 2) Why was the Chief Scientist appointed to chair the review? 3) What skills does the Chief Scientist possess to enable him to effectively chair the review? 4) What progress has been made to date? Have the other members of the review been appointed? 5) Will there be a consultative process? Who will be consulted? 6) Will there be a submission process? 7) Who will provide secretariat support for the review? 8) Will the Chief Scientist be remunerated for his participation in this review?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-75	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Staffing levels	1. What changes have occurred to your staffing in the last financial year? 2. What is your expectation of staffing levels in the next financial year? 3. On notice, can you break up your staff levels by site, and by organisational division within ANSTO?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-76	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	External Revenue	In the last financial year how much external revenue did you make? a. How much of that is from other Commonwealth government entities? b. State government entities? c. Other governments? d. And how much of that is from the private sector? e. How much of the total does the sale of medical radioisotopes account for?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-77	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Research program at Lucas Heights	What is the science impact of ANSTO's research program at Lucas Heights? a. How many research projects rely on the facility, in total? b. How many of these are PhD projects? c. How many countries' researchers utilise the facility?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-78	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Capital works	a. Has ANSTO recently completed any capital works? b. Are further capital works underway? c. What facility construction or upgrades are currently being planned? d. How is this program of work being funded? e. What is happening with the Synroc manufacturing plans?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-79	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Lucas Heights	1. What is the situation with respect to storage of radioactive waste at Lucas Heights? 2. What new scientific and industrial capabilities have been or will soon be established at Lucas Heights?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-80	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Sales of radioisotopes	1. In the 2014/15 financial year ANSTO reported sales of \$44.3 million in radioisotopes. Is that correct? What is the amount for 2015/16? 2. How much of those sales was in the domestic market and how much was exported? a. What is ANSTO's market position as a provider of medical radioisotopes? What is your market share domestically and globally?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-81	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Mo-99/Tc-99m supply	1. There is a looming global Mo-99/Tc-99m supply crisis due to the closure of aging infrastructure across the globe is there not? a. What impact on the global supply will the impending closure of Chalk River, Ontario production facility have? b. This facility was initially planned for closure at the end of 2016 wasn't it? c. What other facilities are closing or are due to close right now? d. How long until – globally – new facilities come on line? e. What level of dependence will we have on the OPAL facility? 2. What risks can you identify to the supply of medical radioisotopes in Australia? a. Have we had to import medical radioisotopes in the past? b. What is the consequence of having to import medical radioisotopes?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-82	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Funding of Australian Synchrotron	What's the current funding situation for the Synchrotron? a. The new funding envelope for funding the synchrotron announced in the budget was \$11.4 million in 2016-17, \$40.9m in 2017-18, 43.9m in 2018-19 and \$48.9m in 2019-20. Is that correct? b. How much of that funding envelope will cover the ongoing running costs of the synchrotron? c. Is that just to maintain current capacity or does it include some expansion of capacity, such as by the addition of new beamlines or any other facilities? d. How many people currently work at the Synchrotron?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-83	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Synchrotron users	1. How many users accessed the synchrotron in the last financial year? a. Does ANSTO expect that number to change in the coming financial year? b. Does this usage level meet reasonable researcher need, or would there be unmet researcher demand? c. By how much is the facility oversubscribed? 2. What is the science impact of the synchrotron's research program? a. How many research projects rely on the facility, in total? b. How many of these are PhD projects? c. How many countries' researchers utilise the synchrotron? 3. What is the access model used by the synchrotron for users to gain beamtime? a. Is this method comparable to access models at other synchrotrons and large research infrastructure globally? b. Who makes these access decisions? c. Is distribution of access by field of research a function of this model? d. What areas of research are the greatest users of the facility?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-84	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Beamline expansion	1. What is the potential capacity of the facility, if fully developed? How many more beamlines can be conceivably installed? 2. Does ANSTO have any current expansion plans? 3. Is the shortage in synchrotron capacity a global issue? 4. Is ANSTO engaged currently in discussions to secure funding for additional capability? a. What is the status of these discussions with the Commonwealth Government? b. Is ANSTO in discussions with other governments? c. What about universities or other institutions? d. And private corporations?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-85	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO commercial deals	In reference to the press release dated 1 March 2016 "CSIRO signs commercial deal with Australian education start-up focused on STEM education" :1) How many commercial contracts has CSIRO got in operation for similar partnership agreements?2) What is the nature of this commercial contract with Stile Education?3) What services is Stile Eductaion providing CSIRO?4) What are the obligations of CSIRO?5) How much or what value is the contract?6) Who signed the contract?7) Is that contract project based or for services over a period what is the timeline?8) Why is this contract not reported on the Ausstender website?9) to date, what outcomes have been achieved from this relationship?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-86	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Biosecurity Breach at Black Mountain	In refrence to the press release dated 5 September 2016, "Investigation into Black Mountain lab protocols": 1) Has the CSIRO investigation concluded? If so, what conclusions have been reached? 2) The press release says you "have notified Biosecurity Australia of the incident and sought advice on what reporting might be required". Given this, what reporting is required? 3) How many staff were potentially affected? 4) What support has been provided to staff? 5) What steps have been taken to minimise risk to the public? 6) What steps have been taken to minimise similar events at Black Mountain and other possible CSIRO sites?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-87	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Education activities	1) What education activities does CSIRO engage in? Please list all programs CSIRO delivers. 2) How many Education centres does CSIRO operate? How many students are exposed to Education centre activities per year? 3) What year levels are the main target of CSIRO education activities? 4) Have any reviews, evaluations or consultancies been commissioned and/or engaged in the past five years? If so, please list and provide copies of reports 5) What is the business model for CSIRO Education centre activities?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-88	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Scientist and Mathematicians in Schools programme	In reference to the extension of the Scientist and Mathematicians in Schools programme: 1) How many teachers and students will be engaged with per year over the four year programme extension? 2) What is the funding profile of the programme extension? 3) Is this the only funding source for the programme? If not, what are the other funding sources?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-89	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	ATNF and NCRIS	1. What is the role and importance of CSIRO's Australia Telescope National Facility assets? 2. What is the source of funding for the various components of the ATNF? 3. How important is funding from Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL) – funding that flows from NCRIS? 4. What are your current costs for a. ASKAP b. Parkes c. ATCA (Narrabi) d. Other factors like shared costs 5. Have you received a budget or a draft budget for the 16/17 financial year from AAL? i. How much funding will you be receiving for 2016/17? ii. How does that funding compare to previous years? iii. What explanations have you been given for the funding changes?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-90	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	ATNF fiscal pressures	According to a report of the Australia Telescope Users Committee deliberations of the 2nd and 3rd of June 2016 on the CSIRO website "ATNF is facing a challenge to keep the current suite of observatories operational in the face of delays in the construction of ASKAP, and the recent AAL budgetary proposal that no future astronomy NCRIS funding should be distributed to ATNF after the 2016/17 financial year. This would put the observatory under serious financial strain." 1. What are your plans to manage this fiscal issue? 2. Why is AAL essentially defunding Parkes and other ATNF facilities? 3. Are there any plans to alter or wind back operations at Narrabi? 4. Are there any plans to seek philanthropic donations or other forms of external funding? 5. Are there any plans or suggestions to sell telescope time or any other form of user charges?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-91	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Job losses	1. How many redundancies are planned as a result of the restructure? 2. And how many have been finalised? 3. Can you break down the number planned, and the number finalised by (a) division and (b) location? 4. Can you also break that down by functional area – that is how many scientists by division, research project positions, technical services, admin services etc? 5. When do you expect the redundancies to be finalised? 6. What will your ASL be in 2016-17? What will the ASL be in research business units as distinct from enterprise services and other support services? a. Is that fall a reflection of the restructure? b. Where do you expect ASL to increase from 2018-19? c. Have you decided what areas of research will attract additional staff?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-92	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Focus on climate science	1. How often has the CEO met with the Minister? On what dates? 2. When did Minister Hunt order the CSIRO Board and Executives to "put the focus back on climate science"? 3. In an answer to a Senate Chamber QON 18, the Minister says that he has "had discussions" with the CSIRO. How would you characterise these discussions? 4. What form did these discussions take place? Face to face? Over the telephone? Tele conference? Email? Other format? a. On what topics? b. On what date? With whom – the CEO, senior management, members of the board?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-93	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Climate Science Centre	1. What is the difference and/or relationship between the Climate Science Centre, and the decadal forecasting project?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-94	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process Review	In reference to the Ernst & Young Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process Review: 1. On what date was this review commissioned? 2. Can you explain your reasoning behind ordering this review? 3. What were the terms of reference for the review? 4. What was the process to award the tender to perform this review? 5. How many firms tendered to undertake the review? 6. On what grounds did you decide on Ernst & Young to undertake the work? 7. How much did this review cost? What was the contract value? And what is the amount acquitted? 8. Where did this funding come from?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-95	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Communications activities for announcements of 9 September 2016	Please provide talking points, Q&As, communications strategies, communication plans, social media strategies relating to the announcements of 9 September 2016 relating to the: - release of the Ernst and Young review - reappointment of the CEO - release of the results of the staff survey - enterprise bargaining vote	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-96	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	External Public Affairs Consultancy	According to page 25 of the Ernst & Young , "CSIRO increased its engagement with these relevant external stakeholders in March and April 2016, with the support of an external public affairs consultancy. The external consultancy was asked to provide CSIRO with advice on how to improve the management of its communications due to CSIRO's limited public affairs and issues based communication capability." 1) Who was this external consultancy? Who are the principals? 2) Was this consultancy hired via a contract? If so, why is it not on Austender?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-97	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	MOU with DSTO	1) Has an MOU been signed between the DST Group and CSIRO? 2) How does this differ with the 2013 Strategic Relationship Agreement signed between the DSTO and CSIRO? 3) CSIRO is listed as the supplier in contract CN3357956 on Austender in relation to a "MOU arrangement between DSTO and CSIRO". What was CSIRO's involvement in this contract? What services were provided?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-98	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO working paper on the future of education in Australia.	1) What work is the CSIRO engaged in with the Department of Education and Training regarding "CSIRO working paper on the future of education in Australia.", Contract notice ID CN3369566? 2) What is the project? 3) What expertise does the CSIRO bring in relation to this project? 4) What are the expected outcomes likely to be? 5) Will the working paper be published?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-99	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Governance - E&Y Review	In reference to the Ernst & Young Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process Review which makes the following observations, "many of the issues and challenges that flowed from the 2015 16 experience were a consequence of governance and risk management oversights" (p. 19). Also, that a "perceived breakdown in trust in the processes and management" occurred (p. 18). 1. Do you agree with these observations around governance oversights? 2. What improvements to governance will be implemented to avoid such oversights in the future? 3. What measures will be put in place to avoid such breakdowns in process in the future?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-100	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Risk management - E&Y Review	1. The Ernst & Young Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process review report also states that "Risks were identified but not formally assessed and documented during the Science Prioritisation phase,.....were not considered during the Implication Assessment phase; and consequently risk management was mostly unplanned and reactive during the Delivery phase. There was insufficient discipline in applying CSIRO's existing Risk Management Framework throughout the SPI process" (p. 4). Do you agree with this observation? 2. What measures will be put in place to more adequately identify, manage and treat risk during times of change?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-101	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Transparency - E&Y review	The Ernst & Young Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process review report also state that "Some staff,.....indicated the Executive Team and CSIRO Leadership Team could have been more transparent early on in relation to the decision-making deliberations and drivers of change" (p. 37). 1. Do you agree with this observation? 2. What actions have been taken to ensure that senior leadership is sufficiently transparent with CSIRO workforce about its priorities, processes and intentions? 3. Taking these failures collectively, what overarching actions have been taken to address the clear problems with current CSIRO culture?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-102	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO Code of conduct training	1. Does CSIRO ask staff to address their commitment to the CSIRO code of conduct in their yearly performance agreements? 2. Does this appear in the CEO's and members of the executive team's yearly performance agreement? If so, how is it expressed in the yearly performance agreements? 3. Has the CEO and Executive Team undertaken the compulsory code of conduct training? 4. On what dates did they complete this training?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-103	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Cultural Alignment Program	1. In reference to the CSIRO's Initial Response to the Review of CSIRO's Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process. CSIRO commits to reviewing and updating CSIRO's Cultural Alignment Program (item 6). Please elaborate on what this Cultural Alignment Program entails? 2. Who will be consulted with to guide the review of the Cultural Alignment Program? 3. Will CSIRO staff have a chance to contribute to this review? 4. When will CSIRO complete the update on the Cultural Alignment Program? 5. Could you please supply a copy of the Cultural Alignment Program as it currently stands?	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-104	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	All Staff Survey	1. What date was the all-staff survey requested? 2. What was the process to award the tender to perform this survey? 3. How many firms tendered to undertake the? 4. On what grounds did you decide on WillisTowersWatson to undertake the work? 5. How much did this survey cost? 6. Where did this funding come from? 7. When did you receive these results?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-105	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	All Staff Survey and management questions	I note that there were a number of questions in this survey to ascertain feelings towards "senior leaders", defined to include the Executive Team, the Business Unit Directors and General Management. What was the reasoning behind aggregating these three levels of management, rather than allowing staff to separately rate their feelings for each different layer of management?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-106	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Communications and Government Affairs	1) How many staff (by headcount and EFTSL) are in the communications group? 2) How many staff (by headcount and EFTSL) are in the government affairs group? 3) Where are the staff for these groups located? 4) How many of these staff are contractors? 5) How many are casual employees? 6) How do these numbers differ from 1 July 2015, 1 February 2016 and 1 October 2016?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-107	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Solar investment	1. What involvement does CSIRO have in Solar PV research and innovation? 2. What is the CSIRO's level of investment in Solar PV and research 3. What is the level and source of external funding supporting CSIRO research in solar and other renewable technologies?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-108	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Engagement with SME Manufacturing	1. How would you characterise the CSIRO's engagement with SME manufacturing companies in Australia? 2. How many companies would you deal with annually? a. What are the types of engagements you have with companies? How would you characterise them? 3. Where would an SME company go if they wanted CSIRO's help to solve a problem?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-109	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Workforce development	Your corporate plan says " The custodianship of landmark infrastructure and the need for a science-knowledgeable workforce has created an opportunity for ANSTO to play a stronger role in the development of postgraduate research and early career stage research." What sort of role to you envisage ANSTO playing? What consultations have been held? What gaps in the training and research ecosystem would an ANSTO role propose to fill? Where would an ANSTO Graduate Institute be based? Would it have a role in the training of HDR students? Would you seek to partner with an existing university or consortium of universities?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-110	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Integrated Strategy for Health	What progress has been made in developing an ANSTO integrated strategy for health?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-111	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Business Unit Reviews	According to page 14 of the 2016-17 Corporate Plan, "CSIRO will undertake Business Unit Reviews in the 2016-17 and forward periods following a pause in reviews in the past few years..."1. What are Business Unit Reviews?2. Why were the reviews paused and why have they been restarted?3. Who will conduct the reviews?4. What is the evaluation criteria?5. What will be the outcomes of these reviews? And how will these outcomes be used?6. Which business units will be subject to review in 2016-17?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-112	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	National Science, Technology and Research Committee	1. What is the membership of the National Science, Technology and Research Committee? 2. How often as the National Science, Technology and Research Committee met in 2015 and 2016? On what dates? 3. What topics were discussed at these meetings? 4. Who does this body report to? 5. Is this body involved in the development of an international science engagement strategy? If so who has been consulted and what is the timeline for this work?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-113	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	Global Innovation Linkages Program	1. What is the funding profile of the Global Innovation Linkages Program? 2. When will applications open? 3. How many grant rounds will be conducted or have been funded? 4. According to the program guidelines, "The Minister may also determine that funding from this programme will be provided to support a project which is of a larger scale and larger value, to support international business linkages in accordance with government to government agreements. " Has any determination been made? 5. Has an independent advisory committee been applied? If so, please outline the membership.	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-114	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Commercial partnerships	1. Can the CSIRO confirm that it has entered into what has been described as an strategic alliance with Swisse (as reported by Fairfax media on 26 October 2016)? 2. What is the nature of this arrangement? 3. What activities will CSIRO be performing in this arrangement? 4. What is the financial value of this arrangement for the CSIRO? 5. What expertise does the CSIRO have to offer in research around complementary medicine that is of value to this arrangement? 6. What activities does CSIRO engage in around clinical trials? 7. How will research projects be chosen? a. Will the CSIRO retain complete independence in the conduct of any research, experiment design and decisions around publication? b. What arrangements will be made to ensure all research is appropriately peer reviewed? 8. Does the CSIRO have guidelines for the use of its brand and logo by commercial partners? If so, how will CSIRO ensure that use of its brand and logo are within the parameters of these guidelines? 9. How will the CSIRO ensure its research findings from this project are transparent? 10. Has the CSIRO entered into other arrangements of this nature? If so, can you list those instances?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-115	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Discovery centre	Why have the number of visits to the CSIRO Discovery centre declined from 120,000 in 2013-14 to 18,447 in 2015-16?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-116	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	ASL	Please provide a table outlining ASL and headcount by financial year from 2010-11 onwards. Please provide this for the total organisation, by functional area and by site	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-117	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Gender diversity	What was the proportion of female employees by functional area in the last financial year? How does that compare compared to the previous four financial years? Please provide these proportions as compared to ASL and headcount.	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-118	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	External funding	In the last financial year how much external revenue did you make? a. How much of that is from other Commonwealth government entities? b. State government entities? c. Other governments? d. And how much of that is from the private sector? e. Please provide this information for the past five financial years. f. Also, please provide external revenue as a proportion of total revenue for the past five financial years	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-119	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Postdoctoral Fellows	Why have the number of postdoctoral fellows declined from 325 in 2013-14 to 229 in 2015-16?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-120	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	National Biological Collections	Are there any plans to continue or complete the digitalisation of the various National Biological Collections?	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-121	Carr, Kim	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	External Revenue	In the last financial year how much external revenue did you make? a. How much of that is from other Commonwealth government entities? b. State government entities? c. Other governments? d. And how much of that is from the private sector? e. Please provide this information for the past five financial years. f. Also, please provide external revenue as a proportion of total revenue for the past five financial years	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-122	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	CEO Contract	<p>1. When does the CEO's contract expire? 2. Have negotiations or discussions commenced on the reappointment or otherwise of the CEO?</p> <p>NFF president David Crombie and former Elders managing director Mike Guerin attached bid? b. Was the Department involved at all in the selection of the bid leaders for this proposed CRC? c. Was this development within the formal CRC round process? d. Did the Department have any involvement in helping advance an invitational bid? i. If so, what was the nature of this involvement? ii. What was the extent of involvement of the Minister and his office? e. Was an application made to Round 17? i. If no bid was brought forward, why not? ii. If a bid was submitted, why did it not proceed?</p> <p>2. Regarding the Government's announcement on 18 June 2015 about the CRC for Northern Australia, to be established in Townsville: a. Who was now leading the bid? Who else was in the bid team? b. What happened to Mr Crombie and Mr Guerin? c. Did the Department have any communication with Mr Crombie and Mr Guerin about the new arrangements? If so, when? What was the nature of these communications? d. Did the Minister or his office have any communication with Mr Crombie and Mr Guerin about the new arrangements? If so, when? What was the nature of these communications? e. Who appointed Mr Wharton? i. Under what process was Mr Wharton appointed? ii. Was there any public consultation? iii. Did other candidates have the opportunity to nominate? If so, who else nominated? iv. If a selection was made from an internal short-list, who else was on the short-list? f. Who selected Townsville as the preferred site? i. Under what process was Townsville selected? ii. Was there any public consultation? iii. Did other cities have the opportunity to nominate? If so, which other cities nominated? iv. If a selection was made from an internal short-list, which other cities were on the short-list? g. Was this development within the formal CRC round process? 3. Please specify all work undertaken by Mr Wharton relating to the CRC, including timelines, the nature of work and the parties consulted. a. Please specify all supporting work undertaken by the Department relating to the CRC. b. Please advise the cost of these activities to date. c. What reporting has Mr Wharton provided to the Department or the Minister on this work? Please provide a copy of interim and final reports. 4. Please provide specific details of decisions made and advice provided by the CRC Advisory Committee to the Department or the Minister regarding the CRC for Northern Australia since September 2013. 5. What reporting has the Department provided to the Minister on progress since September 2013? Please provide copies. 6. Has the Department made any assessment of the effect on research and business confidence in the CRC program of the delay in proceeding with</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-123	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	CRC for Northern Australia	<p>regarding the administration of the Cooperative Research Centres program. Have any appointments been made to the CRC Advisory Committee since July 2015? b. If so, what process was followed in making these appointments? c. Are there any vacancies? d. If so, how long have they existed, and when will they be filled? What process will be followed in making these appointments? e. What is the cost of operating the program? Please advise administered costs and departmental costs separately. f. Please provide the results of the latest analysis of the economic and social impact of the CRC program. g. How many PhD students are currently attached to CRCs? h. How many PhD graduates have come through the CRC program since its establishment? i. Please provide a list of all Australian universities formally participating in current CRCs. j. Please provide a list of all Australian companies formally participating in current CRCs. k. Please provide a list of all international partners formally participating in current CRCs. 2. Please advise the committee of progress in Round 18 for CRCs. a. Did all seven CRCs invited to make a bid in Stage 2 do so? b. Please advise the nature and cause of the difficulties in lodgement of Stage 2 applications. i. What measures have been taken to rectify these problems and ensure they will not be repeated? ii. Were any penalties applied to bids in relation to these problems? c. When will the bid teams be called to interview? d. When will the CRC Advisory Committee make its final recommendation? e. When can these bids expect to hear the final outcome of the round? f. How much funding is allocated to the round? i. How does this allocation compare to recent rounds? ii. How does this allocation compare to the projections for future rounds? g. With regard to the names of proposed CRCs, has the Department been involved in advising bid teams on naming strategy? 3. Please advise the progress of the Round 2 of CRC-Ps. a. How many applications were made? b. When will the successful projects be announced? c. How much funding is allocated to the round? i. How does this allocation compare to Round 1? ii. How does this allocation compare to the projections for future rounds? d. Approximately how many projects do you expect to fund? i. How does this expectation compare to Round 1? ii. How does this expectation compare to the projections for future rounds? 4. Regarding the close timing of the deadlines for CRCs Round 18 Stage 2 (20 October) and the CRC-Ps Round 2 (26 October): a. Was the decision to conduct these two labour intensive programs of work at the same time imposed by government, or did the Department plan the timetable this way? b. What effect will this close timing have on the timeliness of results for applicants in each program? 5. Which current CRCs have been reviewed by the Committee or the</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-124	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	Cooperative Research Centres program & rounds		Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-125	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	A4 copy paper	<p>9. During the estimates hearing on Thursday 20 October 2016 the Commissioner was asked a series of questions about estimated dumping margins in the Consideration report compared to the Preliminary Affirmative Determination, in relation to the application from Australian Paper regarding dumped A4 copy paper: Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you can just explain this to me. I was at a bit of a loss, in terms of the information I have been provided with, to understand what has happened. I am told that you estimated the dumping margin at the outset on A4 copy paper, compared to the margins found in the PAD for each of the markets. In the case of Brazil, it was put to me that there was a margin of 46.9 per cent at the outset, but in the PAD it was identified as only 5.7 per cent. In the case of China, it was 51 at the outset, and then in the PAD it was reduced to four to 17.8 per cent. With regard to Indonesia, it was 72 per cent at the outset and down to the minus 20 to 18 range in the PAD. With regard to Thailand, at the outset it was 15 per cent, reduced to the 18 to 23 per cent range in the original PAD. Can you explain to me how that variation occurs? Mr Seymour: The first set of numbers that you are quoting are the applicant's estimate and the second set of numbers are the numbers that my team have calculated based on the preliminary information available to us in terms of where the investigation has got to. It is not unusual for those numbers to be different. It is quite normal that they would be different, because it is just the applicant's view, and I am testing that view. Senator KIM CARR: You say the applicants estimated a much higher rate, overestimated it, and you have come back at this other rate. Is that the proposition? Mr Seymour: That is correct. Does the Anti-Dumping Commissioner wish to make any corrections to this evidence, including the claim that the initial dumping margins are the applicant's estimate, and that the applicant overestimated the dumping margins in the Consideration report?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-126	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Discretionary grant programs	<p>1. Please update the discretionary grants spreadsheet provided in response to AI-119, to provide budget, committed and non committed funding from 2016-17 to 2019-20 for all identified programs and any other discretionary grant programs that may have been established in 2015-16 and 2016 17. Please provide this information in an excel format if possible.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-127	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Funding of programs administered by the department and portfolio agencies	<p>1. Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information. For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it: o The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15; o The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding o The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15; o The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; o The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; o The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors. o The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location; o The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-128	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Evaluation reports	<p>Please provide the following information. For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it: o Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years; o Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00

SI-129	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Innovation and Science Australia	<p>1. In relation to Innovation and Science Australia (ISA), the Department's Incoming Government Brief prepared for Minister Hunt and obtained under FOI provisions states that "A global search process to identify a suitably qualified candidate for the CEO position is underway" (page 35). In relation to this issue: o When did this process commence? o Is this process being run by the Department? Or has it been outsourced in whole or in part to an external consultant? o If it has been outsourced, what is the cost to date of this "global search"? o If it has been outsourced, who approved the outsourcing of this work? Was the Minister's office consulted? o What are the selection criteria for the candidates? o Was the Minister's office consulted on the criteria and if so, did the Minister sign off on them? o Have any candidates been shortlisted? If so, when and how many? o Has a short list been provided to the Minister's office? If so, when and what has been the response? o When is a decision expected on the appointment of a CEO? 2. According to the Department's website, the previous Minister issued ministerial directions to Innovation Australia on 2 June 2015. Have any ministerial directions been issued to Innovation and Science Australia? If so, please provide a copy of the directions. 3. What is the average staffing level (ASL) allocated to Innovation and Science Australia (ISA) and the indicative budget to support the work of the board in 2016-17? Please include a breakdown of the APS levels for ISA staff, and a summary of their roles and functions. 4. In relation to contract notice PRI-00003629 issued on 12 August 2016: o Was the Minister's office consulted regarding the offer of this tender? o Did the Minister approve the offering of the tender? If so, on what date? o How many submissions were received? o Has a recommendation been provided to the board of Innovation and Science Australia? o Has a tenderer been selected? o What is the value of this contract? o Can you please outline in detail what services are being proposed to be delivered as part of this contract? o Why was a decision taken to outsource this work?</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-130	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Department staff	<p>1. What is the Department's current total number of staff? Please provide a breakdown by Division, Portfolio Agencies and APS level. 2. Please provide a breakdown of the Department's average staffing levels each year, from 2011 to the present, and a corresponding breakdown of the number of programs being administered by the Department, from 2011 to the present.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-131	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Advertising campaign for the National Innovation and Science Agenda	<p>1. Please provide a detailed update on the advertising campaign for the National Innovation and Science Agenda, including: o A summary of the campaign, including the type of advertising being utilised, the total budget allocation and the funding profile. o Any relevant Austender reference number(s). o Whether the campaign is still ongoing. o Whether there have been any changes to the content, materials or objectives of the campaign since the 2016 Federal Election, and if so, the nature of those changes.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-132	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Advertising campaign for Country of Origin Labelling reforms	<p>1. Please provide a detailed update on the advertising campaign for Country of Origin Labelling reforms, including: o A summary of the campaign, including the type of advertising being utilised, the total budget allocation and the funding profile. o Any relevant Austender reference number(s). o Whether the campaign is still ongoing. o Whether there have been any changes to the content, materials or objectives of the campaign since the 2016 Federal Election, and if so, the nature of those changes.</p>	Written		27/10/2016 0:00
SI-133	Ketter, Chris	Resources	WA royalties by the Leader of the WA Nationals	<p>1. During the supplementary estimates hearing for Program 2.4 – Resources, on 20 October 2016, when asked what analysis the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the Department) had done on the impact of the proposed change to WA royalties by the Leader of the WA Nationals, the Head of the Resources Division, Mr Bruce Wilson, said that the Department had undertaken a preliminary analysis of the proposed change. Please provide a copy of this analysis and any further analysis that has been completed since. 2. Will the Minister please provide details of any conversations, emails, SMS, Whatsapp messages, phone calls, correspondence or meetings between himself or his staff and the Leader of the WA Nationals or his staff regarding the proposed change to WA royalties in the past two months? a) On what dates did those conversations occur? b) What was the content and conclusion of those conversations?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-134	Ketter, Chris	Resources	Exploration Development Incentive	<p>1. What minerals are eligible under the Exploration Development Incentive (EDI) program? 2. How exploration for Coal Seam Gas in NSW, Queensland and Victoria included under the scheme? 3. How many exploration companies have participated in the EDI scheme? 4. Refer to the Former Resource Minister's Media Release dated 12 February 2016, that states that the "EDI permits small mineral companies with no taxable income to provide exploration credits to their Australian resident shareholders for greenfields mineral exploration." How does the Department define a small mineral company? a) Dollar value? b) Revenue? c) Number of employees? 5. How will the requirements around Australian resident shareholders be implemented given foreign shareholdings of exploration companies? 6. What probity measures are in place to ensure the measure has integrity?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-135	Ketter, Chris	Geoscience Australia	Exploring for the Future programme:	<p>1. How much funding was cut from Geoscience Australia in the 2014-15 Budget? 2. What effect has this had on the delivery of Geoscience Australia's programs? 3. What has that reduction meant to the workload of the agency? 4. How much will Geoscience Australia receive under the Exploring for the Future program? 5. Is that \$100 million over four years from 2016-17? 6. Please provide a breakdown of much Geoscience Australia will receive each year over the forward estimates? 7. What can this allocated funding be used for? 8. The \$100 million allocated to the Exploring for the Future program over the next four years doesn't make up for the 2014 budget cut, does it?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-136	Ketter, Chris	Resources	National Radioactive Waste Management Facility	<p>1. Why was the Barndioota nomination selected to proceed to the next phase? 2. Why were the five other nominated sites not progressed? 3. What consultation with the Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners has occurred to date? / What consultation is planned? 4. What issues/objections to the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility have been raised? 5. How are these objections being addressed? 6. What is involved in this next stage of assessment and how long will it take? 7. How many additional nominations have come forward to be considered and assessed? 8. If the Barndioota site is not progressed, what alternatives are there? 9. When will the Government finalise its decision to establish the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-137	Ketter, Chris	Resources	NOPTA	<p>1. Would you describe NOPTA's stakeholder satisfaction as negative? 2. Has NOPTA received a worrying number of complaints from stakeholders engaged with NOPTA? 3. On what grounds was KPMG approached to conduct a survey of NOPTA stakeholders in 2015? 4. What were the key findings of the 2015 survey conducted by KPMG? 5. What impact did these findings have on NOPTA? 6. How much did the overall process survey/report cost? 7. Does the department consider this value for money? 8. Given the findings were overwhelmingly positive, why was KPMG engaged to conduct a second survey in 2016? 9. The 2016 Stakeholder Survey Report which was released in May states that the survey was distributed to 107 stakeholders. How many of these 107 stakeholders participated in the survey? 10. What were the key findings of the 2016 survey conducted by KPMG? 11. How much did it cost NOPTA to conduct a survey of 48 stakeholders in 2016? 12. What overall impact have these two surveys conducted by KPMG had on NOPTA? 13. How does NOPTA justify this exercise?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-138	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Board and staffing arrangements:	<p>1. How does the NAIF Board make investment decisions? 2. It has been widely reported that the independent board of the NAIF will make the investment decisions. However, it is also my understanding that the Minister will have the final sign-off before a project is granted a loan. Who is making the decisions? 3. Could the Minister decide to approve a project rejected by the NAIF? 4. What capacity is there to alter Board appointments? 5. Schedule 2 of the NAIF Investment Mandate Direction sets out the non-mandatory eligibility criteria for financial assistance. I note that it specifies preference will be given to projects seeking financing for an amount of \$50 million or more. a) What is the basis for this funding threshold? b) What analysis and/or modelling was done to justify this decision? c) What consideration will be given to projects seeking financing for less than \$50 million. What would be the consideration of projects worth \$10 million/\$2 million? 6. Are any of the Government's election commitments being paid for by the NAIF? 7. Have any Northern Australia electoral commitments progressed? 8. How many staff are employed by the NAIF? 9. How many of these appointments are based in Cairns? 10. How many of these appointments are based in Canberra?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-139	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Tourism infrastructure	<p>1. How many of the enquiries received by the NAIF have been in relation to tourism infrastructure? 2. How important is the development of and investment in tourism infrastructure to the NAIF? 3. What consideration has/will the Minister give to the proposal to allocate \$1 billion from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to a Northern Australia Tourism Infrastructure Fund, to boost partnerships with the tourism sector and provide incentives for investment in new and upgraded tourism infrastructure across the north?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-140	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Adani Carmichael coal mine	<p>1. Has the Adani Group expressed an interest in or submitted a formal investment proposal through the NAIF? 2. Has the NAIF been in discussions with the Adani Group? 3. Will the NAIF provide a public loan to the Adani Carmichael coal mine? 4. Will the NAIF rule out a public loan to the Adani Carmichael coal mine? 5. Will the NAIF consider providing a public loan to any infrastructure related to the Adani Carmichael coal mine? The railway to service it?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-141	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Staffing arrangements	<p>1. How many people does the ONA employ? 2. How many / grade based in Darwin? 3. How many / grade based in Canberra? 4. How many / grade in Townsville? 5. Is 30 percent of Northern Australia's population is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, what percentage of staff employed by the NAIF is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? 6. What are they doing to boost this?</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-142	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Research infrastructure	1.Regarding the National Research Infrastructure Roadmap, a. When is the panel expected to provide its final report to Government? b. When does the panel expect the Government to make a response to the roadmap report? c. When does the panel expect the report to be released? d. Has there been an interim report? e. Please provide a copy of any interim report.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-143	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	STEM education	2016, the Chief Scientist said, Dr Finkel: In the area of STEM education, we have a couple of programs that we are looking at—one very actively involved in—to do with schools education. One is to take to the next stage a project that I inherited. My predecessor Ian Chubb, working with Roslyn Prinsley in my office, developed a compilation of all the extracurricular activities that we could find in Australia that are really stimulating for students' interests. But a compilation like that is permanently out of date on the day you publish it. So we are converting that into a digital online portal that can be maintained by the providers and be easily accessed by parents, students and teachers. Without going into too much detail, we are looking at a program that will help principals in schools to develop a science and mathematics plan for progress that is individualised to their school. 1. What intersection does this or any other work conducted within the Office of Chief Scientist have with the business activities of Stile Education? 2. Does the Chief Scientist have a financial interest in Stile Education? 3. What safeguards have been put in place regarding conflict of interest?	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-144	McAllister, Jenny	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	Drilling in the Great Australian Bight	1. What are the main issues that need to be considered in relation to drilling in the Great Australian Bight? a. Which of these does NOPSEMA see as being problematic? b. How are they managed? 2. Does NOPSEMA see any specific issues that arise when drilling is beyond a certain depth? Are there risk differences? Ranges for certain depths? What about the depths in the GAB? 3. What is the process undertaken by NOPSEMA for strategic assessment, including explanations of and copies or links to relevant policies or other documentation that shape the assessment process? 4. What is the process for delegation of approval authority to NOPSEMA? Please include all details of the terms on which that delegation takes place.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-145	Rhiannon, Lee	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Flora and fauna species at Ginninderra site	1. With reference to the CSIRO's development of the Ginninderra agricultural and horticultural testing station into an urban area, I was informed in the recent Senate Estimates hearings that ecological assessments are being done, with a full EIS yet to be written: a. What are the threatened flora or fauna species known to exist at the site? b. What is the most up to date species list CSIRO has of the site? c. Are there kangaroos at the site? If there are any: i. How many? ii. Is it intended to shoot those kangaroos so that the urban development can occur at the site, or is the CSIRO committed to finding non-lethal solutions to removing wildlife so that development can occur at the site? iii. How many kangaroos have been shot at the site previously, and when?	Written		31/10/2016 0:00
SI-146	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Retention leases in the Bass Strait	With respect to retention leases in the Bass Strait: 1. Has NOPTA conducted analysis as to the effect on the Australian gas market of tapping into potential gas resources in the Bass Strait. a. If so, please provide this analysis to the Committee? b. If not, why not? 2. When will VIC/RL4 Sunfish-Remora gas field retention lease expire? 3. What analysis will NOPTA conduct to assess the commercial viability of this gas field? 4. What analysis will NOPTA perform to establish the effect that this particular commercial extraction will have on the Australian gas market? 5. What is the process for giving Esso/BHP the opportunity to exploit the gas field? 6. What is the process for giving other companies the opportunity to exploit the gas field in the event that Esso/BHP declines to do so?	Written		31/10/2016 0:00
SI-147	McAllister, Jenny	Corporate	Department Staffing	1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-148	McAllister, Jenny	IP Australia	IP Australia Staffing	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-149	McAllister, Jenny	Geoscience Australia	Geoscience Australia Staffing	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-150	McAllister, Jenny	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO Staffing	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.</p>	Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-151	McAllister, Jenny	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	AIMS Staffing	1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-152	McAllister, Jenny	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO Staffing	1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-153	McAllister, Jenny	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	NOPSEMA Staffing	1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories: a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) Non-ongoing; and f) Classification level. 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-154	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 January 2016, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs; • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		28/10/2016 0:00
SI-155	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 January 2016? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written		28/10/2016 0:00

SI-156	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Facilities upgrades	Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written	28/10/2016 0:00
SI-157	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	28/10/2016 0:00
SI-158	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Media monitoring	How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?	Written	28/10/2016 0:00
SI-159	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Advertising and information campaigns	How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?	Written	28/10/2016 0:00
SI-160	Marshall, Gavin	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Sharing economy	1. Have you developed a policy rationale that looks at the challenges of the sharing economy? 2. Which industry stakeholders have been consulted about potential effects of the sharing economy? 3. In May 2015, Mr Turnbull, when he was Communications Minister, praised the sharing economy and its services as being part of the "agile" economy he wants for Australia. What are you contributing to an agile economy?	Written (Transferred from Employment)	3/11/2016 0:00
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