

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 19 OCTOBER 2016**  
**Department of Defence**

Q No.	Senator	Broad topic	Question Date tabled	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Group	Date rec'd	9/2/17
1.	Gallacher	Ministerial Charter Letters – Date of Receipt	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You received your charter letter in September?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I believe so, yes. I said I would check that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Here is a screenshot of your website of 17 October.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> It is lovely that you carry that around with you, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> It says 'duties to be advised' for the three ministers. When are you going to update your website?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I will talk to the department about that.</p>	P13	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
2.	Reynolds	Public access - Artillery Barracks, WA	<p><b>Senator REYNOLDS:</b> That is very reassuring. I would like to go quickly to Artillery Barracks, which is also down in Fremantle. At the February estimates, I raised the 'safe base Charlie' status of the barracks, particularly in relation to the Army Museum. I do not know whether you have had the opportunity to visit the Army Museum, but I think, after the national War Memorial, it is probably the best museum that we now have. Unfortunately, given the 'safe base Charlie' status of Artillery Barracks and the fact that it is manned by army reservists on ARTS—they do their best to open it and make it accessible to the public—access is very limited. I did get an answer back to my questions on this last time, but they were very perfunctory and not particularly informative. I was wondering—and I am happy for you to take this on notice—whether you could have another look at it. I have heard some people say there is speculation that the rest of Artillery Barracks will now be sold. Can you confirm that is not the case?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> There are no plans at the moment to sell Artillery Barracks. I would need to take your question on notice around the</p>	P14	Defence	23/02/17	

			opening.				
3.	Lambie	Release of evidence to Senate Committee	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Under the terms of this inquiry, will a Senate committee have the ability, as in the secret DLA Piper report, volume 2, into defence abuse, to examine the evidence brought before this inquiry?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I would not have thought so, but I will take that on notice and seek advice.</p>	PP15-16	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
4.	Farrell	Defence Ministerial responsibilities Date of Receipt List of Responsibilities	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Minister, going back your answer regarding when the ministerial charter letters were sent out, I think you said that yours came out on 17 September.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I said September. I did not say what date in September. I said I would go away and check but I have not done that yet because I am here with you.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Do you have any staff who might be able to check that information?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I have not asked them to, but I will.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Were the other ministers given their charter on the same day as you?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> On or about, I would imagine, but I did not personally deliver the mail so I cannot guarantee that.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Senator Gallacher referred to your website, where we are still to the advised about what your portfolio responsibilities were. You have indicated that you are not prepared to release the letter of charter, but are you able to tell us what your responsibilities are?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I can provide a list if you like for myself and the Minister for Defence Industry and the Minister for Defence Personnel. I do not have it here with me but I will provide that to the committee in due course.</p>	P16	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
5.	Gallacher	Defence credit cards Case from ANAO	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You are satisfied that the withdrawal of \$99,900 in cash and the cash advances, which I will read out: cash withdrawals on a travel card in 2014-15 totalled \$50 million. With a 1.75 per cent value to the withdrawal, \$888,328 was charged to the taxpayer. Are you happy with that?</p>	P23	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I am not aware of any of that constituting improper conduct or fraud.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Let me put one specific to you. How was it that a cardholder withdrew \$1,147,000 to pay suppliers over a total of 10 days, at a cost of \$18,278?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I would need to know the precise details of that. Where we have checked, it has been for proper purposes; for instance—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you explain the case where a succession of cash withdrawals totalling \$879,000, including three withdrawals of \$99,000? They are in the audit report.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You haven't seen those?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I do not carry in my head the details of every single item in the audit report. I am very happy to take that on notice, but I will give you an example. We have credit card limits of up to \$800,000 now. It was up to \$2 million. Why do we have that? It is because when ships go abroad and they need to be replenished it is a bit different to staying in a hotel overnight. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to replenish ships when they go abroad. It is for particular reasons like that that there are individuals in Defence with very high limits on their credit card. They are audited, and in all cases we have ascertained they have been used correctly for proper purposes</p>				
6.	Gallacher	FASTCARD	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps you could take on notice why the previous minister needed an additional FASTCARD—and his parl sec and his assistant. It just seems incongruous. You have already got COMCAR and a FASTCARD.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We can take that on notice. It will have been for a proper purpose.</p>	P24	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
7.	Carr	Mr Roy's Iraq travel  MDIND	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I will begin by following some matters that I raised in another estimates committee regarding Mr Wyatt Roy's visit to Iraq. I take it, Minister, that neither you nor Minister Pyne were aware of his plans to travel to Iraq?</p>	P27	Defence	25/11/16	9/2/17

		Awareness	<p><b>Senator Payne:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Was the department aware?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Senator, can I just clarify? I am speaking for myself. I will take that on notice in relation to Minister Pyne, but I do not believe he knew either.</p>				
8.	Carr	Senior Minister in Defence	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I will put it to you that there are designated ministers responsible. It is the first minister within each of the portfolios of this government. Is that correct or incorrect?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> That is above my pay grade. I just know what I have to do and who I work for.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> It is not above your pay grade. I find it a remarkable proposition that anyone would be above your pay grade—since you have raised the matter. I am interested to know what the normal administrative practice is within this government and whether it has followed every other government that I am aware of about who the senior minister is?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I can help you no more than I have already done.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Will you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> What is the question that I should take?</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The question is: who is the senior minister, as far as the department of Defence is concerned, within the portfolio?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Do you want that in terms of what PM&amp;C says, because the department knows who is who in the zoo and—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I have asked a specific question. You have been here long enough to know exactly what I am asking you.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We will take it on notice.</p>	P30	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
9.	Carr	Uniforms made in China: Advice to Minister – When and Form	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When was the minister informed that the uniforms would be made in China?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Since 2003, under successive governments, uniforms have been made offshore, as a result of the decline in the textile clothing industry in Australia. Government has been informed, since 2003, on a number of occasions. The service dress uniform has been made offshore by supply chains in China, Fiji and</p>	PP30-31	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p>Vietnam under a range of contracts.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The particular uniform that you are wearing, when was the minister advised that that contract had been awarded to a Chinese company?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I think the previous minister was advised in the first or second quarter of 2015, from recollection.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Before I became the minister.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I appreciate that. I have asked you a question in the chamber on this so I am familiar with the date on which the decision was made. I am interested to know what was the form of advice to the Minister? Was it a brief? Was it a brief for noting or was it a brief for decision?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will have to take that on notice. That was before my time.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I believe it was a brief for noting. I stand to be corrected, but I think you will find that all five companies that put in a tender had offshore production.</p>				
10.	Carr	Uniforms - Additional cost of made in Australia – When advice sought	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Minister, how is it, then, that you could claim in the chamber that the Australian made option was 18 per cent more expensive?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I understand that was advice received. I thought I possibly said it was more than that—I thought I said it was three times more expensive.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> You used two figures. I have given you the benefit of the doubt on the 18 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I do not have my Hansard with me.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> The contract represented an 18 per cent saving on the previous arrangement.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> Sorry, that was the 18 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That is not what you actually told the chamber, though. You said 18 per cent, and you also used a figure of three times. How would you know?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> It was advice from Australian Defence Apparel.</p>	P31	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I take it you acted on advice from the department on that matter?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> When I provided my response to you in the chamber, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Major General, what was the advice provided to the minister based on?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Written advice from ADA.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But they did not tender for the Australian made options.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> No, we asked them to go back and have a look at how much it would cost.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When did you ask them to do that?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>				
11.	Carr	Uniforms – Basis for Exemption	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> In terms of the exemption, what was the basis for the exemption of the combat uniform?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will have to take that on notice. However, my understanding is that combat uniforms and the technology associated with our combat uniforms we want to maintain in Australia.</p>	P33	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
12.	Carr	Uniforms - Security of Supply: Workwear Buyout	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Are there arrangements under the standing order deed—or contract, as I might more readily call it—to cover security of supply?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> There are. If we require additional uniforms we have in the standing deed the ability to surge or decrease, depending on the operational need.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And is there a provision on the contract to ensure that there is more than one provider?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> We currently have two providers, but we are not using one at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Which one is that?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Workwear Group.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Why aren't you using Workwear?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Because they have exited the market after a buyout by another company.</p>	P33	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> By which company?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That was the company that was in Footscray, wasn't it?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> That is correct, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Was it part of the Pacific Brands Group?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>				
13.	Carr	Uniforms – Contract – Potential Breach of Contract	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> It wasn't Pacific Brands at all, was it? It was the other major manufacturer conglomerate. I am just interested to know if there is a breach, therefore, of the compliance arrangements under the standing offer deed.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> In what sense?</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> In the sense that Workwear is now out of business, so there is no second supplier.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I do not understand your question.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Well, the provisions of the normal contract for defence procurement in textiles is that there is more than one supplier, to ensure competitive tensions in the market and also to ensure security of supply.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> That is not necessarily so.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Why is that?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I am not aware of any guidance in that respect to clothing.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Could you have a look at that for me? Is it not conceivable that the company's being put out of business in Footscray meant that there was in fact a breach of the contract?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	P34	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
14.	Carr	Uniforms - Audit Arrangements – Under the Contract	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How do you manage the audit arrangements? ADA at the moment—and, I understand, the textile firm that made the material itself—was always subject to audit. Is that still the case?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> If by 'audit' you mean exposure to the standard Commonwealth procedures and checks and balances to ensure that they comply with the requirements, then yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But also DMO used to actually audit the</p>	P34	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p>number of metres of material produced, for instance.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Well, we certainly audit the number of uniforms we receive.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But it is also control of that fabric. Is that not a security consideration?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> It is a factor.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Is it actually a provision of the contract?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>				
15.	Carr	Procurement Guidelines - Exemptions for textiles/garments	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can I get a full list of exemptions for textiles—garments of various descriptions—from the procurement guidelines?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Yes, you can.</p>	P35	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
16.	Carr	Uniforms - Capacity of Logistik Unicorp raised with Minister at NIIA event	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Who owns Australian Defence Apparel?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Australian Defence Apparel is an Australian organisation which is owned by a Canadian company.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> A Canadian firm—Logistik Unicorp; is that right?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Yes, that is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> They have a website where there is a comment by the founder, Louis Bibeau. I understand he met with the minister at the 2016 National Industrial Innovation Award. Did he explain at that time what the capabilities of that company were regarding the provision of uniforms across a number of jurisdictions, a number of countries?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I was not at that meeting, so I cannot comment.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can you take on notice whether or not the issue of the company's capacities were raised with the minister at the 2016 National Industrial Innovation Award event in Melbourne?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	P35	Defence	14/02/17	
17.	Carr	Uniforms – Audit of Capacity if Subcontractor to Employ RFID	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> You have said that you have done the normal security audits on this firm. Are you familiar with the radio frequency identification technology?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I am.</p>	PP35-36	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17



		<p>Technology</p> <p>Subcontractor use of RFID technology</p> <p>Purposes other than Tracking</p>	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can you describe that to me, as you understand it?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> It is a technology that allows companies to track where items are and is used extensively in the clothing industry before point of sale.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How does it work?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I would have to take some advice from an erudite colleague. It requires connection to the internet, is my understanding, or a reader to allow the RFID to be—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So that a garment can be tracked wherever it is. Is that the purpose of the technology?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> From a commercial perspective, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Was any audit undertaken of the capacity of this subcontractor to provide that capacity in your uniforms? <b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> As I understand it, this technology not only allows firms to track a garment but presumably can be used for other purposes to track a garment. Did the audit go to that question?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I have already said that I will take it on notice, but I will say that of the 22,000 items of uniform in the ADF that we have, I have not heard of RFID being used in that way.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But you can give us an assurance that it is not used?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Given the remarks that the founder of this company made—citing his position, for instance, in various trade publications—about the capacity of the company to undertake this work, I am wondering whether it occurs with this particular subcontractor.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice. I have been to the ADA several times and I have seen no evidence of that.</p>				
18.	Carr	Uniforms – ADA Manufacturing in Australia	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The guidelines, though, are producing a circumstance where we are actually providing plenty of jobs in China from these contracts, but not in Australia. You say the reason</p>	P36	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

		Date advice provided	<p>we could not provide these contracts, ADA has told you, was that we did not have the manufacturing capacity; is that right?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> This has been an ongoing issue under successive governments since 2003.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I have no question about it being an ongoing issue; I am interested to know what we are doing about it now. You are saying that part of the problem, why we cannot have Australian Army personnel fitted out with Australian uniforms, is that we do not have the capacity?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I have not said that.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The three reasons you gave for ADA saying that they were not able to provide an Australian option were (1) the cost. They did not actually tender on the basis of cost, so we can take that away. Can you give me the date on which that advice was provided?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So the first item was the question of cost; the second really went to the issue of capacity, because they could not deal with the surge in numbers required; and the third, you say, was straight out manufacturing capacity.</p>				
19.	MacDonald	Development of site for Singapore military - Timeline	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I wonder if, without giving away any top military secrets, on notice you could give me a more defined time line so that, as the next 10 years unfold, I will be able to follow through and tick off where you are. As a civilian with no military experience at all, I just find it incredible it is going to take this long to develop an existing training site. I accept it has to increase its facilities and I accept the ADF uses it fairly regularly, though not constantly—that is my understanding. I am just interested as to what the time line might be, if you could do that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Dewar:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	P38	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
20.	Lambie	IGADF Scoping Study in to Special Forces Culture	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> This secret investigation into war crimes is having an adverse impact on troops' morale. Have you been told that the troops feel as if the top Army brass is out to get them and make an example of them?</p>	P40	Defence	1302/17	

		Complaints that top of Armed Forces is intimidating the troops	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator, I cannot accept a question of that nature. Can you reframe it?</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> I want to know if you have had any complaints about the investigation into war crimes, in that people are feeling that the top of the armed forces is coming down on them or intimidating them?</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> None that I am aware. But, of course, I will check the record.</p>				
21.	Lambie	List of Approved Medications for Combat Troops	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Can you provide me with a list of medications that have been approved for use by Australian combat troops, including all special forces troops? I will put that on notice, if you want.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> Yes, we will take it on notice, but just to clarify: is that just antidepressant medication or every single medication that people might be on? Obviously that is a much longer list.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> All of them please.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We will assess that, but that could be a considerable body of work.</p>	P42	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
22.	Lambie	List of Combat Health Studies since 2000	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Okay. What studies have been carried out by the ADF that examine the decrease of performance and effectiveness of combat personnel as they spend more time in war or warlike zones?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> We have done a number of studies over the years. One was called our MilHOP study. That was a series of studies done to look at mental health prevalence and wellbeing in our troops. We also did some studies as part of that, called the combat health studies. That looked at people both before and after deploying to see if there were any differences, and those results were published some time ago on a website. That was just a snapshot in time; however, for the past 12 months or so we have been working very closely with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and a consortium of universities across the country to do some followup studies. We are looking again at what the prevalence of mental health problems are over time both for people who continue</p>	P42	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

			<p>to serve and for people who transition over into the veterans' space. All of the data has been collected for those studies and we should see the reports for those coming out over the next 12 months or so. There will be eight reports in total.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Would you be able to list and table all of the studies that have been done since 2000 please?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> Yes; we can do that on notice.</p>				
23.	Lambie	Studies on personnel with multiple deployments	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> And have you done an actual study that really focuses on the amount of—some of these guys have done eight, 10—I have met someone who has done 11—rotations. What sorts of studies are being done along that line—that is, the more you go back in? Do you have an actual study that is directed at that?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> Not specifically, but one of the questions we asked in our study that I was talking about was 'how many times have you deployed?' We are able to stratify the data on the numbers of deployments, so that information would be available as part of those studies. I am not sure, off the top of my head, but can find out on notice whether that is one of the specific parts of one of the specific reports I was referring to before.</p>	P42	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
24.	Carr	Uniforms – Ownership of Chinese Subcontractor	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Who owns the company?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> It is privately owned.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> You do not know who the shareholders are?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> No, I do not. I will take that on notice. You asked when the minister was advised of the result of the tender. That advice was provided on 25 February 2015 to Minister Andrews. You asked about how the fabric was audited. It is done through technical assessment by batch to ensure technical compliance with Defence standards. They audit it to international standard 17025 through an independent laboratory and it is subsequently reviewed by the Land Engineering Agency of the Land Systems Division.</p>	P44	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
25.	Carr	Uniforms – Cost Differentials – Date advice sought	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> You indicated to us before that you sought advice from ADA about cost differentials. Why did you do that? What was your thinking?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> As I said earlier, I am new to this role. I</p>	P45	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			<p>arrived after that contract, so I wanted to understand what the value-for-money implications were and why—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> It was for personal enlightenment?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Yes. I am responsible, so I needed to understand more.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What was the date you sought that advice?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>				
26.	Carr	Shipbuilding Contracts – Williamstown Shipyard	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I want to turn to the question of Williamstown shipyard. Who is responsible for that matter? What is the status of Williamstown at the moment as a shipbuilding facility?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Williamstown shipyard is owned by BAE.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> BAE is still to make a determination on what they consider to be the future of the Williamstown shipyard.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What contracts do they have at the moment?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> They have finished off the LHDs. I do not think they have any current Defence contracts.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> None at all?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Not that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What are the prospects of them securing contracts?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> We now have a strategy which has shipbuilding in Osborne in South Australia and in Henderson, Western Australia. That is now a matter of what other contracts they may wish to seek, either commercially or within Defence, on a number of other programs.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So they have no work at the moment at all?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Not that I am aware of. Not from Defence.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Presumably, you would be aware of Defence work.</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Yes. They may have other contracts there, but I could take that on notice. But, from a Defence perspective, I do not see any contracts.</p>	P45	Defence	9/2/17	
27.	Carr	Shipbuilding –	<b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Do you have any other Defence	P45-46	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

		<p>Infrastructure at Williamstown Shipyard</p> <p>Representative from Victorian Government</p>	<p>infrastructure in Williamstown?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I know of what is called the 'large green shed', which is near there. I do not know whether Defence hires it, but we were using it for the LHD program. I am not aware of any in Williamstown, but I could ask my infrastructure colleagues.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> If you could, please. Are there any other Defence facilities in Williamstown that are associated with the shipyard in any way?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Not that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Have you had any representations from the Victorian government about the future role for Williamstown?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> Personally, I have not.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Has the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I am not aware of any.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Will you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Sure.</p>				
28.	Carr	<p>Date of Shipbuilding Ministerial Meetings with the Victorian Government</p>	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Minister, have you met with the Victorian government?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I have. I have met with the Minister Lily D'Ambrosio.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When was that?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I know Minister Pyne has met with Victorian counterparts and I have also spoken briefly, in passing only, with the Premier, Mr Andrews. I think Mr Pyne also met with Mr Andrews.</p>	P47	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
29.	Carr	<p>Shipyards – Newcastle</p> <p>Defence work provided</p>	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> this statement you have made previously—there would be only two shipyards. Has there been any work provided for Newcastle?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> For the construction of naval ships.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Has any been provided to Newcastle?</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> The Newcastle shipyard has been I am not sure when Forgacs left the shipyard, but I can check that.</p>	PP47-48	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
30.	Carr	<p>Submarines – Construction in</p>	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I am conscious this is a complex project, going over many decades. But I am interested to know how it is that</p>	PP48-49	Defence	9/2/17	

		<p>Australia – Ministerial statement of 23 May 2016</p>	<p>the prime contractor can make an assertion, according to the minister—as I said it is clearly a statement that the minister has made—that 90 per cent of the work be done in Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> And if the minister has been advised that by DCNS, then that is the advice DCNS has provided—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Have I quoted the minister accurately?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I do not have the quote in front of me, so I do not know. I can only—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can someone here confirm that the minister has made that statement?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> If you can give us the date on which you are quoting, we might be able to do that. But, regardless of that, we cannot at this point as a department put a firm percentile on it.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> This is 23 May 2016. I am relying on an AAP report of the minister's statement. It is in quotation marks. I can only presume—and that is the reason I am asking. Do you keep track of—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, but, regardless of that, we cannot at this point put a percentile on it.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I understand that.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> It may be 95 per cent; it may be 85 per cent; it may be less. I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I understand that you cannot. I just want to know, if the company says that it can produce the vessels at that level of local content, why you have not put a percentage figure on it?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We have not yet had that level of detailed discussion with DCNS. Our discussions with DCNS and discussions with the French are (1) putting in place the agreements we need to put in place at this point. And, secondly, focusing in on the early design work.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So you have taken on notice to check the minister's statement is an accurate reflection of what he said?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, we will do that.</p>				
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31.	Xenophon	Uniforms – Priority Industry Capability	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Going to the combat uniforms, I know that Senator Carr has traversed that, but there are some specific questions that are distinct from the questions that Senator Carr has asked. Further to the line of questioning from Senator Carr and others, it is my understanding that combat uniforms are a priority industry capability, a PIC. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I will have to take that on notice, or refer you to my industry division colleague.</p>	P52	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
32.	Xenophon	Uniforms – Priority Industry Capability ‘Health Check’	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> It is my understanding that the department does health checks on PICs—that is the term of art used. Is that right, Ms Louis?</p> <p><b>Ms Louis:</b> Yes, that is correct. We do, but we are moving out of that policy into the new sovereign capability assessment, so we are in a transition—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> But the health checks are still a valid benchmark?</p> <p><b>Ms Louis:</b> We have conducted them in the past. I think the last ones were around 2012-13.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Can you advise the committee whether a combat uniform health check was carried out?</p> <p><b>Ms Louis:</b> I would have to take that one on notice. I know they were conducted over a period of about 2011 to 2013. I think they did make it through every PIC, but I would have to take that specific one on notice, and the results of it.</p>	P53	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
33.	Xenophon	Uniforms – Contain Azo Dyes – Spot checks conducted	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Have you have heard of azo dyes? They are dyes that breach Australian standards in terms of—</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> It was not raised.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Good; I did not want to double up. To what extent can we be sure that these uniforms do not contain any traces of azo dyes, which are banned in Australia?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> As I answered a question earlier, the uniforms are certified to an international standard by a third-party accredited testing facility, and that standard is then inspected by the Land Engineering Agency which is part of the Land Systems</p>	P53	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17



			<p>Division. With regard to that specific chemical, I would have to take that on notice, but the intent of the—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> It is a group of chemicals that can be quite toxic and cause all sorts of health effects.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> We comply with the overseas standard. Do you wish me to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> If you could, please, and whether there are spot checks. You may have heard, in terms of compliance with Australian standards, there is something that is known as the golden sample, where you give a sample that is clearly perfect in every way, but the actual batch manufacture is not—I am not saying that will happen here.</p>				
34.	Xenophon	Uniforms – Australian Standards and International Standards	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Is there an Australian standard? You have constantly referred to the international standard. Is there an Australian standard?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I would have to check. Usually, we would go to the higher standard, and there is an international standard for textiles, and that is the one we comply with.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> The international standards are usually lower.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> I would have to check on that.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Further to Senator Carr's question, you are saying you do not know whether the Australian standard is higher than the international standard?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. Coghlan:</b> Often there may not be an Australian standard. I will have to check and take that on notice.</p>	PP53-54	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
35.	Carr	Submarines – DCNS Data Leak – Date Defence notified	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> However, the information regarding the Scorpene was provided to the Australian government—was it not? DCNS knew for some time that it had lost control of a significant part of its data regarding the Scorpene.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I do not know whether they did.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That is what The Australian says.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I just do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> It goes to the question I have asked the: were</p>	P60	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17

			<p>you advised of the fact that significant data had—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Not prior to the article in The Australian. I am not aware of any—</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> That is the first time the department and the ADF discovered—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I will take that on notice, but as far as I am aware I think that is right</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I am making this point to you, and I presume you will take that on notice: when did DCNS become aware of the loss of the data?</p>				
36.	Lambie	Middle East – Number of Soldiers in combat and support roles and average length of deployment	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Okay. I was just wondering, during the Australian Army's 15 years of service in the Middle East, how many soldiers have served in combat compared to the number of combat support groups. I understand you probably need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Thank you. What is the average length of time a combat soldier has spent in a war/warlike zone? I know that I got this a couple of years ago, but if I can get an update on that.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We have data on length of deployments in operational areas and multiple deployments. If you want it broken down between combat and combat support, then we can attempt to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> I would like that, thank you.</p>	P64	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
37.	Carr	KC-30 – Diagram of Interior	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Would you be able to provide us with any diagrams of the new—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I think we can do that, but I will take it on notice.</p>	P66	Defence	23/02/17	
38.	Carr	King Air Aircraft – Public release of Air Quality Investigation	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Are you now able to release the findings of your investigation?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Davies:</b> I do not that all of the reports and findings have been put in the public domain, but we have certainly advised</p>	P67	Defence	25/11/16	9/2/17

			those folk— <b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Is there any reason that they should not be? <b>Air Marshal Davies:</b> I can take a look at that.				
39.	Fawcett	First Principles Review – Provision of Summary of Implementation of Recommendations at Future Estimates	<b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> What consideration has been given to providing the committee with a summary of each of the recommendations, the extent to which it has been implemented, any delays and any points of difference between the oversight board and the department? <b>Mr Richardson:</b> I think the business between us and the board is the business between us and the board. If the board wish to share that with you, that would be their business. In terms of the 75 recommendations and our progress there, I see no reason why we could not provide information to you. If you allow us to take that on notice, we can. There were 75 recommendations and 40 of them have been implemented, but some very major recommendations are still being implemented. Do not forget that the First Principles Review did recommend a two-year implementation program, so it was never intended that the implementation be completed before 1 July 2017. We are still in process in respect of delivering on the full program. <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> My concern is that whilst—As a member of the government, I think we can rightly look back and claim credit for both the First Principles Review and the desire to implement it, but the team who did the review was bipartisan in nature, and industry players and people with experience of defence were there as well, which suggests to me that it was a very balanced and holistic group. It looked at what long-term changes would be of benefit to our national security, to the capital productivity of the money taxpayers invests in defence, and to the department itself, to make sure that we have bipartisan ownership of the process of implementation. I think that increasing the transparency to this committee of a reporting mechanism such as that is important for all sides, for all people who are involved in the parliament, to have confidence that what is being implemented is not something that	PP68-69	Defence	20/02/17	

			<p>should be arbitrarily changed in four or five years' time but is something that can be supported as it is implemented and developed in subsequent years.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Ultimately that is a matter between the legislative and executive arms of government. Ultimately it is a matter between you and the minister, in terms of that relationship, but, from where I sit, I do not have an issue with sharing with the committee the progress we are making or not making.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I accept that. Ultimately we sit here as members of the parliament holding both the department and the executive to account, so my request to you is that you take on notice to provide the committee with that summary of recommendations for future estimates hearings.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes.</p>				
40.	Fawcett	Industry as FIC – Status of Implementation – Regular Report for Future Estimates	<p><b>Ms Louis:</b> I will just add that we are on track to deliver the new Sovereign Industrial Capability Assessment Framework and the new industry capability plan by mid next year. It is a big, complex piece of work, as you can imagine, getting out of those priority industry capabilities into the sovereign capabilities. I am working very closely with not only CASG but also the capability managers to roll out the industry FIC right through the department in terms of all the doctrine, the culture and the education processes so that industry is considered right up front in the capability life cycle. We are in the early stages, but by mid-2017, as per the industry policy statement, we will have the industry capability plan and those sovereign capabilities bedded down.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Like my request to the secretary on the <i>First Principles Review</i>, could you take on notice to provide your list of those tasks, right down to your junior officer staff course where you are starting to inculcate that change in attitude, to the committee ahead of each estimates so that the committee will know that it is not just an aspiration? We will know that in February 2017, say, the syllabus for that staff course has been changed and people are actually starting to be taught this, as opposed to it being a policy that</p>	P70	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

			<p>is a nice idea.</p> <p><b>Ms Louis:</b> Yes, I can certainly take that on notice. I am really seeing a massive shift in the way that we are working with the projects. You can see it in LAND 400 in the Australian industry capability review. You can see it in the big shipbuilding projects. There is a very, very distinct difference in the way that we are engaging with industry and the CASG projects. I am very happy to share that implementation and those milestones before the next committee.</p>				
41.	Fawcett	Procurement – Contestability – Milestones for Thresholds for Decision Making	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I had feedback from industry in South Australia just recently that when they compare the cost basis of putting a bid together for a civilian company—and this is in infrastructure works—it is an order of magnitude less than what they have to spend, and therefore what they charge to the taxpayer, for putting together an infrastructure bid or program for Defence. I would appreciate it, again, if you would take on notice, as part of your planning towards achieving that state of being the smart buyer, the kind of milestones you are looking at in thresholds of decision making. If you are trying to reduce that amount of work and process ahead of the brief to government, what are the parameters you are using, how close are you to achieving those and, importantly, are there any other changes from a legislative perspective that you need from government to enable you to achieve those? That would be great</p>	P71	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
42.	Fawcett	Contestability – Skillsets Required	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Just to follow up on that, on notice could you provide the committee with a breakdown of the key personnel within that contestability—</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> I am not sure that that is particularly helpful—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We are not going to provide a breakdown of individuals—</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Not names—I am interested to understand the competence matrix that you are applying behind those roles.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> That is okay.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I do not care about individual names—what I am concerned about is that we have the right skillsets and how you</p>	P71	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

			<p>are looking to bring people to the point of having the competence to provide those roles. No names.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> We should always want a very varied skillset in the Contestability Division. You will want some people with some expertise in some areas; you will want people with strong analytical skills who ask very good questions and do not need to be experts. We can certainly bring a view of the sorts of skills we have there and how we are developing in particular those analytical skills that are probably the most important when you are taking on a broader, arms-length, throughout-a-process type of contestability rather than contestability which was much more a point in time in the previous process. We can certainly do that.</p>				
43.	Carr	VIP Aircraft – Disclosure of Manifests – From last report in 2015 to 19 October 2016	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I will go back to the VIP. I understand that the VIP travel manifests have not been tabled since 2015. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I would not know. I would need to pass that to the Chief of Air Force.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> It is normally tabled twice a year.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So that is wrong?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> It is normally tabled twice a year.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Davies:</b> That is correct. It is tabled twice a year, normally at the end of each sitting period for the six months. Gathering the information was delayed this year due to the caretaker period.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can I have them from the last tabled one, which I understand was in 2015, through to now?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Davies:</b> Yes, we can get that.</p>	PP71-72	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
44.	Carr	Shipbuilding – Steel Manufacturing – Expected decision on Australian Steel in Future Frigates	<p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> The contractual obligation is the \$120 million, moving to \$133 million. The steel is not a component of that \$120 million.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I would welcome you being able to report to the committee you have secured that. I am just somewhat surprised at this stage in the proceedings that it has come up.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> It has been discussed previously.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Has it? What has Navantia said about it?</p>	P77	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

			<p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> They are in negotiations with Australian steel manufacturers. They will come back to us and say, 'Is this a value-for-money proposition?'</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When do we expect a decision on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Gillis:</b> I would have to take that on notice and get back to you.</p>				
45.	Xenophon	<p>Submarines – Confidentiality of Contracts – Senate Orders – IP and Industry Capability as Confidential in DCNS Contract; if not, then table IP and Industry Contract Terms</p>	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> So there is no minimum percentage of Australian content?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> There is not a fixed target percentage. The aim is to maximise it following the process that Rear Admiral Sammut has outlined.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Well, Mr Richardson, are you aware that there is a Senate order. It is a procedural order and Senate resolution of continuing effect No. 13 headed 'Entity contracts'. Under subclause (2)(c) it effectively states that it requires Defence to identify within the contract those terms of the contract which should not be released to the Senate on public interest immunity grounds. There is also Department of Finance Resource management guide No. 403: meeting the Senate order on entity contracts that describes how to comply with the Senate order. Are the IP terms and Australian industry capability section of the contract that you have signed with DCNS listed as confidential in this contract that has been signed?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> In response to that question: I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I thought you knew Senate orders like the back of your hand?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Unfortunately, I do not.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Well, if you could.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I think it is an important question, because we have the procedural order of the Senate and the Department of Finance resource guide. If it is not a clause of the contract, I ask for you to table both the IP terms and the Australian industry capability terms of the contract.</p>	PP80-81	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

			<b>Mr Richardson:</b> We will take it on notice.				
46.	Xenophon	Health Service – Factors Considered in Out-sourcing Decisions	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Thank you for that answer, Vice Admiral, but isn't there account of actual here if it was done efficiently in-house rather than being outsourced to a full-profit entity—and there is nothing wrong with a full-profit entity? Has anyone done an analysis as to whether it would have been cheaper to have it done inhouse rather than it being an outsourced exercise?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I will let Air Vice Marshal Smart answer that, because there are a range of factors in this that led to the change from the way we used to do health care to the way we do it now.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> I think using the term 'outsourced' is not quite specific. We still actually run our own health service. We still actually have control over our on-base services and also who we refer out to. We have always used external specialists outside. The difference between the previous model and this model is that we have managed both the labour hire type model of the on-base services in the extra contractors we need to run the health services and then buying the external services outside under one contract. So prior to that we had a number of contracts providing the labour hire aspect of it and then just one-on-one relationships with specialists and hospitals. That really was very difficult to track in terms of the volume and the overall sort of situation. Also, we did not have much leverage in terms of price. In terms of your question on have we done any work to look at the difference, we have actually had some external health economists come in to look at what the difference is. They have actually confirmed that our costs would have been considerably higher if we had not gone into these contract arrangements. So there are a number of factors.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Could you provide those in broad terms as to the efficiencies—</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> I do not have the details here but I can take that on notice—yes. So there are a number of factors that have come into play. One is the volume-type factor. The other factor is—and it is a lot of detail—we found, in fact, in the early days of the</p>	PP81-82	Defence	9/2/17	



			contracts probably access was better to specialist care, so we had to put some levers in in terms of times of getting into specialist care and things like that. As we have gone along we have been able to drill down into that data for each individual doctor to see their prescribing habits, their referring habits, and start to put some more levers in to control our health services better. We have also had the increase in musculoskeletal-type injuries and injuries from Afghanistan. We are now seeing that go to not only increased orthopaedic procedures but also rehabilitation costs. In fact, in this last financial year our rehabilitation costs—				
47.	Moore	Garrison Health – Evaluation of Internal Audit – Public Disclosure	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> 2017. When does the contract end?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> The current contract has actually been extended for two years, and it now is finishing on 31 October 2018, so we are already underway doing a 'lessons learned' process.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So it has already been extended, and it was extended without a full internal audit. If it was extended by two years, it is going to finish in 2018 instead of 2016.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> That is right. It was extended earlier this year after a long process of evaluation and also the other internal audit that I mentioned.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> In your department, are internal audits public?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Smart:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So, with some of the questions that Senator Xenophon was asking about the whole process, we have no indication of what the internal audit said.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We can provide some advice on that. We need to take it on notice and just see what we can provide.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That would be very good, just to get some indication of what the evaluation was.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Sure.</p>	P84	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
48.	Kakoschke-Moore	Alleged Abusers – Update of figures for	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> As at June 2015, there were 151 alleged abusers still serving in Defence. That number has been updated to 157?</p>	PP84-85	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17

		Members still Serving – Administrative and Disciplinary	<p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> No, what I said is that 157 cases had been referred to Defence. It is not a one-to-one relationship between cases and alleged abusers. It is quite a complex matter because in a number of cases it has been difficult to identify abusers. We will have to take it on notice to refine those numbers. It is just not a level of detail I have brought with me today.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Can you also take on notice the stats that I read out before about the 11 permanent Navy members, the nine in the regular Army and so on—how many of those are still currently serving?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> Yes, we can refresh that—absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> If those numbers have decreased—in that some of those members have left—would it be possible for us to know whether their departure from Defence was as a result of the allegations that had been made?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> I will include that in the response, absolutely.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We can tell you if there has been administrative or disciplinary action taken. If someone just resigned, we would not be able to make that assessment.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Would I be able to get a breakdown of the reasons for departure— whether it was a resignation or the result of administrative or disciplinary action?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> We will do the best we can to get that level of detail. I just have to check on the time periods.</p>				
49.	Lambie	DART/SEMPRO – New Cases	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> And that is over what time line?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> This is not over any particular period, because there are historical cases which are also—</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> No, no. Since the DART closed. These are new victims coming forward.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> No, that is not right. These cases are all of the cases that have been brought to SeMPRO during the period that SeMPRO has been operating.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Yes, but since the DART has finished. They could not go to the DART, so is that the number of people you have</p>	P86	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17

			<p>had come to SeMPRO?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> No, that is—</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> I think that was even when DART was still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> Even when DART was open and able to take reports, SeMPRO was also open. And in fact there is some crossover, no doubt.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Can you provide a breakdown of how recent some of these cases are? I understand there will be a number of historical cases that could date back years or even decades. Is it possible to get a breakdown of that—obviously again without identifying anybody?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Wolski:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>				
50.	Kakoschke-Moore	Conclusion of Assessment of an Alleged Abuse Incident – Member still serving	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> That is very welcome news. In question on notice No. 39 from budget estimates in June 2015 we asked about the ranks of still-serving alleged abusers and the answer that came back said: The highest rank of a permanent ADF member is ... (Colonel equivalent). The alleged incident occurred more than 20 years ago and was only referred by the Taskforce to Defence in May 2015. This alleged incident is currently under assessment. Are you aware of whether that assessment has been concluded?</p> <p><b>Air Cdre Ehlers:</b> Not that specific case, with the information I have here. We will have to take that specifically on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be good, and include whether that particular member is still serving.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> Given that you have been so specific there, we might have to look at the privacy aspect of that.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Sure. The reason I brought it up was that it was provided in response to a question on notice.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I understand.</p>	PP86-87	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
51.	Farrell	Efficiency Dividend – Practical effects	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Is the government still applying the efficiency dividend to the Department of Defence?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, in the way it always has.</p>	P88	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

		in current Financial Year	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> What has been the practical effect of that in the current financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> It does not relate to the totality of the department's operations. Angela, do you want—</p> <p><b>Ms Diamond:</b> In terms of the specific figures, I will actually have to take that on notice, if I could.</p>				
52.	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals – Role of Defence	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I just have one question. Mr Richardson, I want to know about the role of the department in the Sustainable Development Goals response, which is a whole-of-government response. I just want to check whether your department is part of that whole-of-government response and, if so, in what way.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, we are, but I cannot—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You can whack that on notice if you like.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, okay. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I just want to get a sense of that process.</p>	P91	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
53.	Lambie	Wreck of HMAS Tobruk – Letters between Tasmanian and Commonwealth Ministers	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> I am just wondering whether you—or wherever they come from—would be able to supply me with the letters that came from the Premier or any ministers from the state government in Tasmania in support of HMAS Tobruk.</p> <p><b>Senator Payne:</b> I am not sure off the top of my head on what proviso or status they were supplied to the Commonwealth. I do not recall whether they were supplied on a confidential basis or otherwise. Let me seek some clarification on that, and I will come back to you.</p>	P91	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
54.	Lambie	SEMPRO – Organisational Structure	<p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> There are about 12 to 15 people in the SeMPRO team, comprised of a range of different skill sets, including the team leaders, social workers, educators and people who provide support for case management.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Are they all civilians or are they in uniform?</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> There is a combination of military personnel and civilians, and then there are some contracts to provide additional support.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> On notice, could you send me the structure of how that is made up.</p>	P92	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17

			<p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> It is probably more useful to outline the sorts of functions, because structures change from time to time.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> I do not need to know the functions; I know what the functions are. All I need to know is from the top to the bottom rank—can I please have that structure on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Skinner:</b> We will provide you with something that does fit that need.</p>				
55	Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>• Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	9/2/17	
56	Bilyk	Executive Offices Upgrades	<p>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?</p>	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17
57	Bilyk	Facilities Upgrades	<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17
58	Bilyk	Statutory, Board,	<p>Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office</p>	Written	Defence	9/2/17	

		Legislated Office, Other Significant Vacancies	vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.				
59	Bilyk	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	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
60	Bilyk	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	Defence	9/2/17	
61	Bilyk	Wikipedia Edits	<p>With reference to an article entitled ‘Investigation launched after public servants, staffers caught making offensive Wikipedia edits’ published by James Massola of Fairfax on 26 October 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was the change made to the Nazi SS Wikipedia page performed by a person working in the Defence Department or a Minister’s office? If a Minister’s office, which Minister?  (“One of the most concerning changes appears to have been made by someone on the Defence Department network in May this year – the Shutzstaffel (Nazi SS) Wikipedia page was edited to state the organisation was “justified” in killing Jews. The edit removed the word ‘genocide’ and also reduced the number of Jews killed from 6 million to as few as 30”).</li> <li>Was the change made to the Zambar, Afghanistan, Wikipedia page performed by a person working in the Defence Department or a Minister’s office? If a Minister’s office, which Minister?  (“A 2015 change made on the Defence network to the Zambar, Afghanistan page that stated ‘In May 2002 the Australian SAS kicked some serious butt. Over 100 Taliban were killed in the action which was well supported by an AC 130”).</li> <li>What process did the Department follow to investigate these changes?</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17

			• What was the outcome of that investigation?				
62	McAllister	Staffing Levels	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.	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
63	McAllister	Staff Engagements	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.	Written	Defence	29/11/16	9/2/17
64	McAllister	Staff Separations	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.	Written	Defence	9/2/17	
65	McAllister	Total Expenditure – Contractors and Consultants	What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year?	Written	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
66	McAllister	Contracts and Consultancies FY 2015/16	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.	Written	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
67	McAllister	Contractors and Consultants – Firm Names and	For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and	Written	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17

		Total Payments	b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.				
68	McAllister	Labour Hire Staff	<p>For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:</p> <p>a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements;</p> <p>b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff;</p> <p>c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff;</p> <p>d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and</p> <p>e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.</p>	Written	Defence	6/12/16	9/2/17
69	Lambie	<p>Navy Work Force - Certificate IV - Training Contracts - MT2010 - Mental Health - Financial Wastage - Specialist Engineers - Recruitment Drive</p>	<p>Given the failure of the Navy Work Force Plan 2007 - 2017 in fulfilling its objectives to recruit and retain personnel with special skills:</p> <p>1. Please advise what steps are being taken to ensure that the practical components of technical courses offered to military personnel reach the standard of equivalent nationally recognised qualifications, attainable by civilian members of the general public?</p> <p>2. As the Minister would be aware, there are currently legal proceedings pending brought by serving or former Naval personnel in the New South Wales Supreme Court, claiming that they were induced to enlist in the Navy based on a false promise that they would receive Certificate IV Engineering training and they were not given that training as promised in their initial listing period of forty-eight (48) months:</p> <p>(a) What measures is the Minister implementing to compensate recruits who signed up to the Navy and did not receive their Certificate IV Engineering training, in breach of promise?</p> <p>(b) How does the Minister justify the Commonwealth's lawyers (noting the responsibility of the Commonwealth to act as a model</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17



		<p>litigant), filing a Defence that denies that it is bound to honour training contracts with enlisted men?</p> <p>(c) Is the Minister aware that the sailors in the Class Action are now alleging that the Commonwealth is guilty of deceit, in that it did not have any honest intention of making adequate arrangements to, or actually to provide, Certificate IV Engineering Certificate courses to the enlisted men?</p> <p>Having admitted that the MT2010 Training Continuum failed in which Navy recruits were supposed to be offered and in a position to complete a Certificate IV in Engineering within their initial enlistment term of four (4) years, why is the Commonwealth persisting in defending court proceedings which ought to be settled as quickly as possible on fair terms which recognise the damage caused to former and serving Naval personnel who enlisted on false presence's?</p> <p>Does the Minister know if that Naval recruits who were not offered the course which they enlisted to undertake, were warehoused and grossly under-utilised, to the point that many suffered depression and developed mental health issues as a consequence of their treatment in the service?</p> <p>Has the Minister assessed how much money was wasted on over-recruiting and under-utilising naval personnel, pursuant to the M2010 Programme?</p> <p>Why did the Navy continue to outsource specialist engineering skills which it had particularly enticed new recruits to be trained to perform, thereby denying trainees access to practical experience and training?</p> <p>Given the current recruitment drive by the Navy, for Navy trade</p>				
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			technicians, what confidence can prospective recruits have that they will not be treated similarly to the Naval personnel who fell for the M2010 rort and who enlisted between September 2010 and October 2012?				
70	Lambie	Retention of Military Personnel – Technical Training	Can the Minister advise of the retention rate of military personnel who sign up to receive technical training in the services after four (4) years, and how many actually receive the training that they are promised?	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
71	Lambie	Outsourcing Commercial Lawyers - Defence against Class Action - Searle v Commonwealth	Is the Minister concerned that large sums of money are being spent on outsourcing commercial lawyers to defend the Class Action proceedings brought by sailors in the matter of Searle v The Commonwealth, to mount a totally unmeritorious Defence, given the disclosures at pages 102 to 105 of the Australian National Auditor's Report No. 17, 2014- 2015, presented to the Australian Parliament on 18 December 2014, "Recruitment and Retention of Specialist Skills in the Navy- Performance Audit", Department of Defence.	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
72	Lambie	\$9M Contract to ADA - Non-Combat Clothing	<p>1. The contract from 30-Apr-2015 to 30-Apr-2018 for the provision Non-combat Clothing was reported as being worth \$9.6 million, is that accurate?</p> <p>2. Apparently the manufacture in China represented the "best value for money" is that the position of the Department?</p> <p>3. If so, can you on notice provide the documentation completed by department as part of the tender process which documents all of the financial and non-financial costs considered in making this determination?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
73	Lambie	Non-Combat Uniform - Risk Assessment - Sub-Contractor	<p>The Minister stated in parliament the supplier used:</p> <p>"established sub-contractor arrangements" in China- can you table on notice any risk assessment that was conducted regarding these arrangements including those establishing the credentials of the</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

			economic, social and environmental sustainability of the sub-contractors respective' production standards and that of their supply chains?				
74	Lambie	ADA Quote - Triple the Cost to Manufacture in Australia - Availability of Evidence	<p>According to Minister Payne Australia Defence Apparel who is the supplier- stated the manufacture in Australia would be triple the cost of the contract as it stands- can you make available the information provided to the Minister's office (by either the department of the supplier)?</p> <p>Has any assessment been done by the Department of the basis and bona fides of his "estimation" made by the supplier and repeated by Minister Payne in Parliament?</p> <p>If so can you please provide it?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
75	Lambie	Procurement - Policy on Best Value for Money	<p>As part of that statement Minister Payne to Parliament Minister Payne argued:</p> <p>"Commonwealth procurement rules do indeed require Defence to seek value for money and do not allow discrimination based on the country of manufacture. The exception to that is the standard dress uniform, which was granted a government exemption in 2011. That garment is manufactured in Australia by Australian Defence Apparel, using Australian material."</p> <p>Earlier this year, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull stated on National Television:</p> <p>"It's absolutely critical that, as far as possible, every dollar that we spend on defence procurement is spent here in Australia because that drives Australian economic growth and Australian jobs. It drives Australian technology, it drives advanced manufacturing and all of the spin-offs that comes from that... "</p> <p>Given this commitment by the Prime Minister has the policy to</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

			procure non-combat uniforms from Australia been changed? If not, why not?				
76	Lambie	Australia - US Free Trade Agreement - Non-Combat Uniforms	Australia's International obligations regarding procurement include the procurement chapter in the Australia US Free Trade Agreement – but are you aware if whether or not service non-combat uniforms in the US are manufactured there with consistency to the US Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, the Defence Procurement Acquisition Policy and the Buy America Act?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
77	Rhiannon	Ministerial responsibility for PFOS/PFOA contamination	Which Defence Minister has ministerial powers and responsibilities for the PFOS and PFOA contamination issue?	Written	Defence	14/02/17	9/2/17
78	Rhiannon	PFAS - Exposure testing and support to personnel	The Offsite Human Health Risk Assessment for the RAAF Base Williamtown Stage 2B Environmental Investigation, published July 2016, examined risks for residents, non-resident council workers and visitors as potential PFAS receptors / 'exposed communities' . a. What testing has been done to examine the potential exposure levels for all workers, including Defence staff and contractors, who were on-site at any RAAF base around the country, including current and past workers? b. What support has been offered to Defence staffers, contractors, and any other workers at PFAS investigation sites?	Written	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
79	Rhiannon	PFOA - Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Committee decision	Is the department aware that the POPs Committee recently made a decision at a meeting in Rome that "PFOA, its salts and PFOA related compounds are likely... to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted"? a. If the department is not aware please explain why considering Australia is a signatory to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to the Stockholm Convention and Australia has a delegate on the POPs review committee? b. In light of the POPs Committee decision has the department considered updating its health advice on contamination at Defence	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17

			bases and related land?				
80	Rhiannon	PFOS/PFOA - Investigations at Northern Territory bases	<p>On 6 April the Defence Department said it would begin 'proactively investigating' the extent of chemicals on and around RAAF bases in the NT at Darwin and Tindal, as well as Robertson Barracks. Please provide an update on those investigations?</p> <p>a. Is it correct that part of a preliminary sampling program covered 12 sites under across the country?</p> <p>b. When were those tests done?</p> <p>c. Is it correct that Defence received a draft report on the testing program?</p> <p>d. Considering the Defence Department has said it received a draft report on the testing program, and was reviewing the results of testing done at the RAAF Base Tindal why has the report not been released publicly?</p> <p>e. Has the Defence Department released the report to the local council or the Northern Territory Government? If not why not? If not will the report be publicly released at a later and if so when?</p> <p>f. Who are the stakeholders who are being consulted about this report?</p> <p>g. What is the department consulting about?</p>	Written	Defence	14/02/17	
81	Rhiannon	PFOS/PFOA contamination - Government package	<p>On 14 June 2016 the Turnbull government announced a \$55 million package, to be paid for from the existing Defence budget for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> containment and remediation of perfluorinated compound (PFC) contamination around the country</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> an epidemiological study to examine the effects of PFC contamination in communities around the country;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a voluntary blood testing program;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> specialised mental health and counselling services;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the appointment of a dedicated Community Liaison Office</p> <p>a. Please update on the progress of each item.</p> <p>b. How was the figure of \$55 million arrived at?</p> <p>c. How many dedicated Community Liaison officers are there and when were they appointed. (Are they full time? What do they do?)</p>	Written	Defence	1/03/17	

82	Rhiannon	PFOS/PFOA - Community liaison staff	The NSW Government said on 23 December 2015 that it will 'employ additional community liaison staff to help address concerns of the local community' . Has the department been informed if this is in addition to the staff appointed by the federal government using the Defence budget? If not is the understanding that the NSW government in making this statement was referred to the staff appointed by the federal government?	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17
83	Rhiannon	PFOS/PFOA - NSW Government offer to connect town water and invest in testing equipment	Is the department aware that the NSW government has stated it will connect affected properties to town water and invest in new contamination testing equipment including a new Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer and in related to this the NSW government stated that they are 'filling a void that Defence has so far left' ? a. Is 'filling a void that Defence has so far left' an accurate description of the situation at Williamtown? b. Has the Department of Defence offered the NSW government any financial or other assistance with their efforts to connect affected properties to town water and invest in new contamination testing equipment?	Written	Defence	24/01/17	9/2/17
84	Xenophon	Future Submarines Design and Mobilisation Contract	With respect to the recently signed SEA 1000 design and mobilisation contract: In broad terms, what is the scope of work for the future submarine?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
85	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Design and Mobilisation - Major Deliverables Timeframe	With respect to the recently signed SEA 1000 design and mobilisation contract: What are the delivery time frames for the major deliverables?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
86	Xenophon	Future Submarine Program -	With respect to the recently signed SEA 1000 design and mobilisation contract: What are the intellectual property rights afforded the	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

		Intellectual Property Under Mobilisation Contract	Commonwealth under the design and mobilisation contract? Does Australia own/share the design rights? And to what extent?				
87	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Australian Industry Capability Component	With respect to the recently signed SEA 1000 design and mobilisation contract: What is the Australian Industry Capability component of the current contract? What will be done in Australia?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
88	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Naval Architects on Submarine Project	With respect to the recently signed SEA 1000 design and mobilisation contract: How many government or uniformed naval architects reside within the submarine project?	Written	Defence	9/2/17	
89	Xenophon	Cost for Shortfin Barracuda for Australia	It is noted from French Senate paper <a href="http://www.senat.fr/rap/a13-158-8/a13-158-814.html">http://www.senat.fr/rap/a13-158-8/a13-158-814.html</a> that the cost of procuring 6 Barracuda class nuclear attack submarines is €9.9 billion in 2013 and that the average unit cost of submarines in the series (excluding development) is 1.3 billion €2013 (€1.0 billion 2006).  1. What is the projected cost of procuring 12 Shortfin Barracuda class conventional submarines for Australia? 2. What is the projected average unit cost of each submarine (excluding development)	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
90	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Project Risks	What are the identified project risks at this stage in the program?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
91	Xenophon	Future Submarines - First Submarine Build in Australia	Will the first submarine be built in Australia?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

92	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Discussions with DCNS Since Contract Announcement	Has there been any discussion with DCNS since contract announcement as to a French build of the first submarines? (Irrespective of the answer to question 100: Will the first submarine be built in Australia).	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
93	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Air Independent Propulsion System	Will the future submarine be fitted with an air independent propulsion system?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
94	Xenophon	Future Submarines - Battery Technology	Will the future submarine use lead acid battery technology?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
95	Xenophon	Future Submarines - DCNS Propulsor Design	The Shortfin Barracuda is fitted with a propulsor. Propulsors are normally less efficient at conventional submarine patrol speeds than a propeller is. Has this inefficiency been addressed in the DCNS propulsor design?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
96	Xenophon	Future Submarines - DCNS Leak	With respect to security:  1. Has any Defence Security or Australian Signals Directorate personnel visited France since the security leak was revealed? 2. Has the point of leak been identified yet?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
97	Carr	Contamination - Compensation and Land Acquisitions	It is understood that the Defence Minister held a meeting in June at the Oakey Army Defence Base with a number of residents effected by local contamination caused by chemicals used by the Department of Defence. At this meeting, Senator Payne committed to negotiate compensation and land acquisitions. When does Defence expect to commence and conclude negotiations?	Written	Defence	1/03/17	
98	Carr	Combat Uniforms - Priority	Combat Uniforms is a Priority Industry Capability.  1. Noting its importance to Defence, can you advise as to whether a)	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17



		Industry Capability	combat trousers and b) shirts are ordered regularly enough and with enough volume to sustain the company that makes our combat uniforms. In other words, can a company supplying high tech textiles survive on the contract to supply Combat uniforms alone? 2. If not, what is Defence's approach to supporting the suppliers that makes combat uniform textiles (i.e. preferential treatment for other uniform components)? 3. When was the last time Defence met/spoke with the supplier of the ADF's Combat Uniform textiles to assess the companies health?				
99	Carr	Correspondence - MAJGEN Coghlan - ADA - Dress Uniform	In relation to the correspondence between Major Gen. Coghlan and Australian Defence Apparel (ADA) on the cost of having the dress uniform made in Australia, as referred to during the estimates hearing on 19 October 2016: o What was the date of the correspondence from Major Gen. Coghlan? o What was the date of the response from ADA?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
100	Carr	Potential Subcontractors – Dress Uniform Tender	Please list any sub-contractors that Australian Defence Power Pty Ltd, the Workwear Group, Bizwear Pty Ltd, Stewart & Heaton Clothing Company Pty Ltd, and Look Try Buy intended to use if they won the most recent dress uniform tender.	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
101	Carr	Method of advice to Minister – Dress Uniform Tender	1. How was the Minister advised of the result of the most recent dress uniform tender? 2. Was it a brief for noting or a brief for decision? 3. What date was the Minister informed? 4. Can Defence provide a copy of the brief?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
102	Carr	Previous Supplier of Dress Uniforms prior to ADA	What is the name of the company or companies that previously supplied the dress uniforms for the Australia Defence Force, prior to the current contract with Australian Defence Apparel? Please include the following information: o Where was the manufacturer located? o Where was the material used for production of the dress uniforms manufactured? o The name and locations of any subcontractors involved in the tender.	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

103	Carr	DCNS - Sensor Performance	<p>In a statement from the Prime minister and Defence Minister on 26 April 2016, it states that DCNS was chosen as the preferred partner for the Future Submarines project on the basis of the company's ability to provide "superior sensor performance and stealth characteristics."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How did the Government come to the conclusion that the French proposal, given it has not yet been designed, has a stealth advantage over potential German or Japanese submarine designs?</li> <li>o How was the stealth of the French concept design compared with the Japanese and German concept designs?</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
104	Carr	Organisational Chart of Land Systems Division	<p>1. Please provide an organisational chart of the Land Systems Division as well as a breakdown of information about staffing in the Division, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How many staff are based in the Land Systems Division?</li> <li>o What level are they?</li> <li>o Where are they based?</li> <li>o How many staff in the Division are responsible for tenders?</li> <li>o How many are responsible for direct engagement with suppliers?</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
105	Carr	Ministers - 2016 National Industrial Innovation Awards	<p>Please provide the details of any meetings that Ministers Payne, Pyne or Tehan took during 2016 National Industrial Innovation awards, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o When the meeting occurred</li> <li>o Attendees in the meeting</li> <li>o The nature and purpose of the meeting.</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	28/02/17	
106	Carr	All Defence Procurement Projects	<p>Please provide an itemised breakdown detailing all the procurement projects in the Defence portfolios, including the name of the project, the value of the contract, a brief summary of the key deliverables and timeframes for delivery.</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
107	Carr	DCNS - Contractual Obligations - Design Mobilisation	<p>On Friday 30 September Ministers Payne and Pyne announced that the Government had signed a 'Design and Mobilisation Contract' with DCNS to commence the design phase of the Future Submarines program. In relation to this announcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are the Australian Defence Force's contractual</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

		Contract	<p>obligations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are DCNS’s contractual obligations?</li> <li>o Is such a hybrid build option being considered as part of the current Design Mobilisation Contract?</li> <li>o Are there any specific elements in the contract on local content and/or Australian industry participation? If so, please provide details.</li> </ul>				
108	Carr	Australian Content in Future Submarine Project	How will Defence measure Australian content in the Future Submarines project?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
109	Carr	Australian Steel - Industry Ministers - Dept of Industry	<p>Has Defence provided any advice or recommendations to the Department of Industry, or Industry Ministers, regarding the use of Australian steel on naval shipbuilding and submarine projects? If so, what was the nature of Defence’s advice and when was this provided?</p> <p>Has the Department of Industry, at any stage, requested information from Defence about Australian content on the Future Submarines project? If so, what was the nature of that request, when was it received, and what advice was provided?</p>	Written	Defence	9/2/17	
110	Carr	ASPI - DCNS Leak - Scorpene Class	<p>In relation to an article published by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute on 8 April 2016 “Designing the Shortfin Barracuda Block 1A”, subsequently reported in The Australian on 25 October 2016 (“Leaked sub secrets key to Aussie fleet, says builder”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Are there any implications for Australia’s Future Submarine project arising from the compromised Scorpene data? If so, how is this being addressed?</li> <li>o How does Defence respond to the claim that Australia’s Future Submarines will have key systems in common with the French designed Scorpene-class submarines that suffered a major leak of confidential data?</li> <li>o Is the assessment that some key systems in the Shortfin</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

			Barracuda will be based on Scorpene-class submarines correct?				
111	Carr	List of Exemptions - ADF Uniforms	Please provide a list of all items of Australian Defence Force uniforms that currently have an exemption to be made in Australia.	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
112	Carr	Minister Visit ADA - Bendigo or Thomastown	Please provide a list detailing when Defence Ministers and/or officials have visited Australian Defence Apparel (ADA) in Bendigo or Thomastown over the last 12 months, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The date of the meeting or visit.</li> <li>o The name of the Minister and/or Defence official attending.</li> <li>o The purpose and nature of the visit.</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
113	Carr	Shandong Yeliya - ADA - Dress Uniforms	In relation to the manufacturer Shandong Yeliya, subcontracted by Australian Defence Apparel (ADA) to make the new Australian Defence Force dress uniforms, please provide a list of the site or sites where the dress uniforms are being manufactured. <p>Where is the fabric for the new Australian Defence Force dress uniform being sourced from? What is the name of the company or companies supplying the fabric?</p> <p>Have any Australian Defence Force officials or representatives visited the Shandong Yeliya site where the new dress uniforms are being manufactured? If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o When was the visit or visits? (on what date)?</li> <li>o Who from Defence or the Australian Government attended?</li> <li>o What was the purpose of the visit(s)?</li> </ul> </p> <p>Other than the dress uniforms, does Shandong Yeliya manufacturer any other products for the Australian Defence Force, either as a direct contractor or as a subcontractor? If so, please provide an itemised breakdown detailing the name and nature of the project, including the value of the project.</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
114	Carr	Audit - Contactors and Subcontractors	What audits does Defence undertake on its contractors and subcontractors? Please provide a detailed summary including information on:	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Who undertakes the audits</li> <li>o What an audit entails (i.e. desktop audits, site visits, questionnaires etc.)</li> <li>o Whether there are there official site inspections</li> <li>o How Defence approves contractors</li> <li>o How Defence approves subcontractors.</li> </ul>				
115	Carr	Audit - ADA and Shandong Yeliya	Was the subcontractor manufacturing the new Australian Defence Force dress uniforms, Shandong Yeliya, subject to an audit before the tender was awarded to the primary contractor, Australian Defence Apparel (ADA)?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
116	Farrell	Contamination - Progress of Water Treatment Plants	<p>In a response to a media inquiry published on the 3 September 2016, Defence advised it is funding the operation of a \$9 million water treatment plant to treat the outflow of Lake Cochran into Dawsons Drain at RAAF Base Williamstown, and that "...it is expected the plant will be operational in September 2016 subject to weather and commissioning requirements."</p> <p>a. Can you provide an update on the progress of this water treatment plant's establishment and operation?</p> <p>If it's not operational:</p> <p>a. What is the cause of the delay?</p> <p>b. What is the updated estimated point by which it will be operational?</p> <p>If it is operational:</p> <p>a. To what extent is the plant filtering PFOS and PFOA from runoff in its current state of operation?</p>	Written	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
117	Farrell	Contamination - Property Acquisition of Contaminated Sites	<p>If the outcome of such a review recommends property acquisition for Williamstown and Oakey, does Defence expect that the same treatment would apply at the remaining sites around Australia?</p> <p>Can the Defence budget manage the cost of property acquisition at all contaminated sites?</p>	Written	Defence	1/03/17	
118	Farrell	Contamination - Cost Breakdown of Remediation	<p>In June 2016, the Government announced a \$55-million remediation package to deal with the contamination issue, to be funded out of the existing Defence budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you provide a cost breakdown of measures contained within</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17

		Package	the package?				
119	Farrell	Contamination - Property Valuations in Williamstown and Oakey Areas	<p>The recent motion in the Senate in relation to the contamination issues at Williamstown and Oakey was based on information provided in a letter from the Minister for Defence. According to the information in this letter, it stated that Defence had met with lending institutions to discuss property lending policies and valuations in the Williamstown area and that Defence was committed to review the issue of property acquisition once detailed environmental investigations had concluded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has Defence met with lending institutions and received advice on property valuations in the Williamstown area?</li> <li>• Has Defence committed to a review of property acquisition at Williamstown and Oakey at the conclusion of its environmental investigation?</li> <li>• If YES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What information will the review consider?</li> <li>b. Who will undertake the review?</li> <li>c. When will it occur?</li> <li>d. How will the review be undertaken?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written	Defence		
120	Farrell	Defence Enterprise Bargaining - Retention Rates for Engineering and Technical Professions	What attraction and retention rates have been considered for engineering and/or technical professions?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
121	Farrell	Defence Enterprise Bargaining - Costs of Bargaining for Defence	<p>What has/is the overall cost of bargaining in Defence over the last 3 years broken down by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Number of employees working on agreement and processes?</li> <li>b. Cost of meetings around the country in terms of material and employee time?</li> <li>c. Conducting the ballot for the agreement votes?</li> </ul>	Written	Defence	9/2/17	
122	Farrell	Reduction of Workforce	On Monday 17 October, Fairfax reported that "...the Defence Department's full time workforce has been cut from 22,284 in 2012	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17

			to 17,568 in May 2016 - a 21% reduction and cut of 4716 people”. a. Are those figures accurate? b. Where have the reductions occurred? c. How was this determined?				
123	Farrell	APS Freeze and the Impact on the Defence Communities Organisation	Is the Department aware that the position of family liaison officer, in the Northern Territory within Defence Community Organisation (DCO) was vacant for nine months? • If YES: a. Why? b. Is there a reason this position was left open during this time? c. Why for so long? d. How many Defence families were in the NT during this time? e. What support was offered to families during this time? f. What is being done to prevent this from happening again? • If NO: a. Why have NT Defence families been left without support from the Family Liaison Officer b. Is the Department aware of reports this is due to the APS pay freeze?	Written	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
124	Farrell	Family Liaison Officer Positions in Australia	How many Family Liaison Officers positions are there across Australia? a. How many of these positions are currently filled? b. What is the average length of time taken to fill vacancies in these positions?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
125	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards Purpose	Can the Department advise the purpose of the Individual Welfare Boards (IWBs)?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
126	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards Meeting that have been held	How many IWBs were held in the last 12 months? How many IWBs were held in the last 24 months?	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
127	Farrell	Individual Welfare Board Make-up	Can the Department advise the make-up of the IWBs?	Written	Defence	2/02/17	9/2/17

128	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards - Military Lawyers Attendance	<p>Is it common for military lawyers to attend the IWBs?</p> <p>a. How many IWBs have had military lawyers in attendance in the last 12 months, 24 and 36 months?</p> <p>b. What is their role?</p> <p>c. Is this Defence policy?</p> <p>d. Is the individual attending the board allowed to have a lawyer/advocate act on their behalf? If not, why not?</p>	Written	Defence	1302/17	
129	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards - Attendance of LTCOL Lawyer at Nowra July 2016	<p>Can the Department confirm whether a Lieutenant Colonel Lawyer was in attendance at the IWB in Nowra on 22 July 2016?</p> <p>- If so, why did he attend?</p> <p>- What was his role?</p> <p>- Who invited him to participate and what was their rationale for having him attend?</p> <p>- Was the client advised that a lawyer would be present or afforded the opportunity to bring his own lawyer/advocate?</p> <p>- Is this the first time this LTCOL has attended an IWB?</p>	Written	Defence	2/02/17	9/2/17
130	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards Contributing to Adverse Mental Health	<p>Is the ADF aware of the IWB meetings resulting in or contributing to adverse mental health outcomes?</p> <p>- If yes, how many in the last 12, 24 and 36 months?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
131	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards - Mental Health Assessments	<p>Do IWBs take into account the input of the treating mental health professionals or do they only consider in-service psychology assessments in their determinations?</p> <p>- Is there the capacity to include a treating mental health professional (if applicable) in the IWB itself?</p>	Written	Defence	1302/17	
132	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards - Consultation of Members Treating Health Professionals	<p>Are the members' treating health professionals of all categories being consulted in the course of IWB?</p>	Written	Defence	2/02/17	9/2/17
133	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards	<p>Does the Department consider the IWB to be successful</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17



		Considered Successful by Department					
134	Farrell	Physical Science and Engineering Workforce - Projects	<p>1. What are the projects this workforce has responsibility for?</p> <p>2. Can we have the breakdown of figures? i.e. what and how many skilled forced are required on each project?</p> <p>3. Have these numbers decreased or increased over the past; 12 months?; 3 years?; 6 years?</p> <p>4. What is the reason for these to increase or decrease?</p> <p>5. Are there enough skilled workers on these projects to ensure they are finished on time and on budget?</p> <p>(a) If Yes; can you explain how?</p> <p>(b) If No; why not?</p> <p>(c) What changes should be made?</p> <p>6. Are these skilled workforce Australian citizens?</p> <p>(a) If No; why not?</p> <p>7. What is the total amount spent on procuring skilled workforce from overseas</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
135	Farrell	Physical Science and Engineering Workforce - Skills Shortfall	<p>Is the Department facing any specific skills shortfalls? a. If Yes; i. What type of shortfalls are these? Specifically, engineers, architects, technicians or any others? ii. What is the Department doing to address these? iii. What is the male to female ratio of the workforce?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
136	Farrell	Physical Science and Engineering Workforce - Government Response to Committee Report	<p>Is the Department aware the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade tabled its report into the capability of Defence's physical science and engineering (PSE)?</p> <p>a. If Yes;</p> <p>i. Has the Department provided the Government with its response to this inquiry, or had any discussions about this? Why has the Government's response to this inquiry been delayed by over 6 months?</p>	Written	Defence	25/11/16	9/2/17
137	Farrell	Melfloquine - Measures to Address	<p>What has the Department done to implement its measures to address the concerns of mefloquine?</p>	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17

		Concerns					
138	Lambie	Scoping Study into Special Forces - Media Reporting	<p>Minister you are your department are no doubt aware of ABC media reports which says: (and I quote) “Supreme Court judge has begun hearing a broad range of allegations, including possible war crimes committed by Australian soldiers during the war in Afghanistan. New South Wales Justice Paul Brereton is helping the Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) as he conducts a secretive and sweeping inquiry into Australia's elite troops, including possible breaches of the Geneva Convention. In April, the Chief of Army Lieutenant-General Angus Campbell confirmed a "range of unsubstantiated, third-person, hearsay stories" warranted "deeper", "independent" consideration, and he had referred them to the IGADF. Little is known about the review, which is run independently to the army chain of command.” Minister are these media reports accurate?</p> <p>Minister the Media also says that: “Defence would not comment on the scope of its inquiry, or how many incidents it was examining, but Sergeant Frost said he believed there would be similar stories and that they should now finally come to light.” Can you please give details on the scope of this secretive and sweeping inquiry into Australia's elite troops, – and inform the committee about how many incidents this inquiry is examining?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
139	Lambie	Scoping Study into Special Forces - Senate Committee Oversight	<p>Under the terms of this inquiry – will a Senate Committee have the ability – as in the Secret DLA Piper Volume 2 into Defence abuse - to examine the evidence brought before this inquiry?</p> <p>Would the Minister support independent oversight of this inquiry by a Senate committee – as in the case of the top secret DLA Piper Volume 2 report into defence abuse?</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
140	Lambie	Middle East operations - Geneva Convention	(1) Does the minister agree with my call for her Government to draft, support and place a law before this parliament ... which preemptively pardons and absolves any serving or former ADF member who may be accused of war crimes or breaches of the Geneva	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17

			<p>convention during their service and fight against the Taliban and other Islamic extremists in the Middle East?</p> <p>(2) Does the minister agree that Australian citizens and politicians owe an extraordinary debt of gratitude to ADF members who risked their lives killing enemy who do not follow Geneva conventions or any rules of war ... and that extraordinary debt of gratitude could be best expressed by this government supporting a pre-emptive pardon for any ADF member accused of war crimes during their service in the Middle East?</p> <p>(3) Does the minister agree that because the parliament was never consulted – before ADF personnel were sent to War in the Middle East ... that the people who are ultimately responsible for any so called “War Crimes” which occurred while killing Taliban and Islamic state fighters – would firstly be the politicians who authorised the deployments to the Middle East?</p> <p>(4) Does the minister agree that because of the Taliban and Islamic state fighters subhuman behaviour and vile, disgusting culture and ideology – that they should be exempted from any rules of war or international human rights?</p> <p>(5) If a serving or former ADF member is accused of war crimes or breaches of the Geneva convention – will the government immediately provide them free of charge the services of Australia’s most skilled independent legal professionals?</p>				
141	Lambie	Deployment - Medication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it still ADF official medical policy to allow ADF combat personnel to go armed into a war zone while officially receiving anti-psychotic medication?</li> <li>2. Has the minister and her government taken advise from medical professionals on what sort of effect this medication may have on combat troops performance while the kill Taliban and Islamic state fighters?</li> <li>3. Would this official ADF policy of allowing combat personnel to receive anti-psychotic medication – adversely affect their performance in battle – and would the anti-psychotic medic interfere with the way they interact with the</li> </ol>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17

			<p>enemy with regard to war crimes and human rights?</p> <p>4. Can you provide a list of the medication which has been approved for use of Australian combat troops – including all special forces troops?</p>				
142	Lambie	Scoping Study into Special Forces – Psychological Effects	<p>(1) Has the Minister considered the extra Veteran suicides – which may occur if the ADF’s secretive and sweeping inquiry into Australia’s elite troops regarding potential war crimes – continues without the guarantee of a pre-emptive pardon which absolves any serving or former ADF member who may be accused of war crimes?</p> <p>(2) What strategies have the minister and the ADF considered in order to lessen any psychological pressure on serving or former members while this secretive war crime inquiry occurs?</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
143	Lambie	Special Service Troops	<p>1. I refer to the 80 Special services soldiers currently in harm’s way while they train and assist Iraqi troops and others in their attack on the Islamic state strong hold of Mosul – when did this parliament agree that they should be Iraq in that role?</p> <p>2. Are any of those special service troops in Iraq the subject of the war crimes allegations?</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
144	Lambie	Deployments – Performance Study	<p>What studies have been carried out by the ADF – which examines the decrease of performance and effectiveness of combat personnel – as they spend more time in war or war like zones?</p>	Written	Defence	7/12/16	9/2/17
145	Lambie	Combat Personnel	<p>1. During Australia’s Army’s 15 years of service in the Middle East how many soldiers served in combat compared with the number of combat support groups?</p> <p>2. What is the average length of time a combat soldier has spent in a war or war like zone?</p> <p>3. How does that average time spent in a war zone – compare with soldiers of previous conflicts?</p> <p>4. Are ADF combat personnel still allowed to go armed into a war zone while officially receiving anti-psychotic medication?</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
146	Lambie	Independent Welfare Boards – Senior Officer	<p>Independent Welfare Boards - I know the minister is aware of a number of disturbing allegations about the management of the Army’s Individual Welfare Boards or IWB. And once again I thank</p>	Written	Defence	2/02/17	9/2/17

		concern	the Minister for meeting with me and a member of the ADF to hear personally about their complaints about their IWB. I won't talk about this particular matter regarding that IWB – I'd prefer to learn more generally about the IWB process. However, before I get to those lines of inquiry – without naming names I'd just like to know from the Minister if she has acted on my follow up letter - where I've asked her to stand aside a senior Army officer on full pay – until an investigation can determine whether crimes or misconduct happen during that particular IWB? Has the senior officer who led that particular IWB I was concerned about and took to the minister – been stood aside – from their command and any further IWB duties?				
147	Lambie	Independent Welfare Boards – Purpose, Powers and Findings	<p>(1) Can the Chief of Army describe to the committee what IWB are –, what their purpose is – how many people participate – and their roles in that board process?</p> <p>(2) Under what head of power – are IWB's authorised?</p> <p>(3) How many IWB's are held each year (Take on notice) and for what purposes ?</p> <p>(4) Do IWB's have the power to take make rulings which effectively decrease income and take away benefits and entitlements for soldiers who are invited to participate?</p> <p>(5) What right of appeal do soldiers have – if IWB rulings adversely affect their careers, pay and entitlements?</p> <p>(6) When appearing before IWB – do soldiers have a right to take an advocate with them – or must they appear without any advocates?</p> <p>(7) If a soldier is adversely affected by an IWB ruling or decision – could that soldier use civilian law or civil law to seek re-dress?</p> <p>(8) Does the Army record and note the findings of IWB?</p> <p>(9) Could I have a list of all the IWB conducted by the Army in the last 2 years – the names of all the officers who lead those IWB's – and if the IWB made a decision to reduce pay and entitlements</p>	Written	Defence		
148	Farrell	Individual Welfare Boards - Effectiveness	1. Have there been any issues identified with the chairing or running of these IWBs in the last 12, 24 or 36 months? If yes, what action has been taken to rectify the issues, reprimand any	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17

			<p>perpetrators (if applicable) and provide support to individuals impacted?</p> <p>2. Is the IWB the best way to address the needs of ADF's injured, ill or wounded members particularly noting the weighted rank disparity in the IWB hearings?</p>				
149	Farrell	Defence Enterprise Collective Agreement	<p>(1) Who was responsible for distributing material on the Defence Enterprise Collective Agreement (DECA) during the May vote?</p> <p>a. What was the approval process for the distribution of this content?</p> <p>b. Who approved it?</p> <p>c. Was the Government aware of this content?</p> <p>d. How long was the material available for?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department advise if staff have raised concerns they are being pressured to vote yes for the Government's DECA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If YES; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How were these concerns raised?</li> <li>b. What course of action was taken?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(3) Can the Department update the Committee on the Defence Enterprise Collective Agreement DECA?</p>	Written	Defence	23/02/17	
150	Farrell	Defence Abuse Response Taskforce	<p>(1) Can the Department advise what DART recommendations they are implementing and a timeline for when this is expected to be finalised?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department advise any recommendations they are not planning on implementing (if any) and the rationale behind the decision, who made the determination and how they will address the concerns raised which were to be addressed by this recommendation?</p> <p>(3) Over the course of the DART investigation, a considerable amount of information was obtained in relation to individual cases. While the matrix used by the DART is unable to be used within DVA, what efforts are being made to share this information from the DART process to assist individual's with current claims and future</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17

			claimants within the DVA?				
151	Farrell	Physical Science and Engineering – Current Size	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current size of the skilled workers? (physical sciences, engineers and skilled technicians) does Defence employ?</li> <li>2. How many of these are civilian/ADF personnel?</li> <li>3. Can the Department advise of the gender breakdown of this?</li> <li>4. How many are Australian citizens?</li> <li>5. How much does it cost to have overseas contractors to do this job?</li> <li>6. Does the Department pay for overseas contractors visas?</li> </ol>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
152	Farrell	Mefloquine – DVA-Defence Link Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Department begun discussions in the DVA-Defence Link Committee on Mefloquine?</li> <li>2. When did this begin?</li> <li>3. How many people are on this committee?</li> <li>4. Who is on this committee?</li> <li>5. What is the committee’s process when it is asked to examine issues?</li> <li>6. What does the Department hope to achieve or understand with the inter-departmental DVA-Defence Links Committee?</li> <li>7. When does the Department plan on reporting this outcome?</li> <li>8. Will this report be made public?</li> <li>9. Are there any foreseeable conflicts of interest with this report?</li> <li>10. Will the report look at the overall use of mefloquine in the ADF?</li> </ol>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
153	Farrell	Mefloquine – Current ADF Members Prescribed Mefloquine	<p>Can the Department advise on current ADF members who have been prescribed mefloquine and how many are impacted or have shown adverse effects from the past:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 12 months;</li> <li>b. 24 months; and</li> <li>c. 36 months.</li> </ol> <p>Can they advise the timelines on these?</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17

154	Farrell	Mefloquine - Health Checks	<p>Are ongoing health checks made on those personnel who have been prescribed mefloquine?</p> <p>a. Yes;</p> <p>i. How does the Department facilitate these health checks?</p> <p>ii. How often do these health checks happen?</p> <p>iii. When did these health checks begin?</p> <p>iv. Are these health checks mandatory?</p> <p>v. Are they required after personnel are no longer serving?</p> <p>b. No;</p> <p>i. Why not?</p> <p>ii. Have there been any reports to suggest this should happen?</p> <p>iii. Have ex-service or serving personnel raised concerns about this?</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
155	Farrell	Mental Health - Analysis	<p>What is the Department doing to analyse those who are affected by mental illness?</p> <p>a. How does it do this?</p> <p>b. How are records kept?</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
156	Farrell	Mental Health - Information and Services	<p>What information do they have to understand the scale of mental illness?</p> <p>a. Where was this information collected from?</p> <p>b. How is the Department using this information?</p> <p>How is the Department using this information to target services to those who are suffering from mental illness?</p>	Written	Defence	20/01/17	9/2/17
157	Farrell	Mental Health - Departmental Performance and Effectiveness	<p>How does the Department determine its success in dealing with mental illness?</p> <p>How can the Department be sure they are effectively tackling mental illness if they have no statistical information to measure?</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
158	Farrell	Exemption of Combat	<p>What was the basis for the exemption of the Combat Uniform from the dress uniform contract (taken on notice during estimates page 33</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17



		Uniform from Dress Uniform Contract	of Hansard)				
159	Farrell	Buyout of Workwear	Which company brought Workwear? (taken on notice during estimates page 33 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
160	Farrell	Capacity of ADA - Minister - 2016 National Industrial Innovation Award	Was the issue of Australian Defence Apparel (owned by Logistick Unicorp) capacities raised with the Minister at the 2016 National Industrial Innovation Award event in Melbourne? (taken on notice during estimates page 35 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	14/02/17	
161	Farrell	Audit - Capacity of Subcontractor to provide RFID in Uniforms	Was any audit undertaken on the capacity of the subcontractor to provide RFID in the uniforms? (taken on notice during estimates page 35 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
162	Farrell	Shareholders of Chinese Company Manufacturing Standard Dress Uniforms	Who are the shareholders of the Chinese company manufacturing the SDU's? (taken on notice during estimates page 44 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
163	Farrell	MAJGEN Coghlan - Date advice sought from ADA - Cost Differentials	When did Major Gen Coghlan seek advice from ADA about cost differentials (taken on notice during estimates page 45 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	24/11/16	9/2/17
164	Farrell	Sustainable Development Goals	What is the role of the Department in the Sustainable Development Goals response, does it form a part of the whole of government response? (taken on notice during estimates page 91 of Hansard)	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
165	Farrell	Category of Payment	May I have a breakdown by decade of; a. Category of Payment by Other Rank or Commissioned	Written	Defence	19/01/17	9/2/17

			<p>Officer / Midshipmen / Officer Cadet. Or Training Cadet e.g. Air Force Cadet or Civilian</p> <p>b. Category of Payment by Gender</p> <p>Total Breakdown of;</p> <p>a. Category of Payment by Other Rank or Commissioned Officer / Midshipmen / Officer Cadet. Or Training Cadet e.g. Air Force Cadet or Civilian</p> <p>b. Category of Payment by Gender by Other Rank or Commissioned Officer / Midshipmen / Officer Cadet. Or Training Cadet e.g. Air Force Cadet or Civilian</p>				
166	Farrell	Total Annual Payroll for ADF - Total Annual Pensions for Former ADF Members	<p>What is the current total annual payroll for Uniformed Members of the Australian Defence Force?</p> <p>What is the current total annual payout of pensions to former uniformed members of the Australian Defence Force?</p>	Written	Defence	8/12/16	9/2/17
167	Farrell	Publication of Rapke Report	Can the Government advise if it will be publishing the Rapke Report?	Written	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17
168	Farrell	Government Release of 2nd Volume of Piper Inquiry	Can the Government advise if it will be releasing the second volume of the Piper Inquiry?	Written	Defence	23/01/17	9/2/17