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1.	Medibank	Dastyari	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) Negotiations	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I have a very quick question. Can you quickly run us through where we are at the moment in terms of the upcoming EBA negotiation? Is that next year?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: There are several EBAs for the group.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Can you quickly run us through them?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: I do not have that detail on me. I know that we just signed off on several of them two or three months ago. They came through the middle of the year. They were all positively signed off and endorsed. There is nothing on my radar at the moment. But I can take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: If you can, that would be good. The other assurance that I am looking for—and you have broadly provided this, as has the minister—is that you do not see the EBA negotiations being remotely affected by the sale process.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: I do not believe so. I have just gone round—</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: If I can get that on notice and in writing, that would be fantastic.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Okay.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 9, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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2.	1/1.1	Seselja	APS Jobs	<p>Senator SESELJA: I would like to come back to this if I could, Chair, after the break. Thank you, Chair. I would like to ask in relation to where programs terminate. As I say, where I was getting to in my questions was this. You had identified three different elements in relation to that 14½ thousand jobs figure. Are you able to provide a breakdown of programs scheduled to terminate over the forward estimates as a result of decisions prior to the change of government?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Chair, I just have one very quick question. Mr Tune, can you provide to the committee a departmental breakdown of the 14,500 job losses that have been referred to in the evidence this morning?</p> <p>Mr Tune: At this stage, no, I cannot, because we have not allocated them out.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator SMITH: You do not have an indicative schedule?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We could give an indicative schedule, but the only one that has been fully allocated out to agencies is the efficient management structures, the efficiency dividend—or the other one is implicit, as I said, but it is a lot of work to go from an aggregate number down to about 40, 50 or 100 agencies.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: So you are able to provide a definitive number in regard to one element—</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: and an indicative number in regard to other elements?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes. It is going to have to be pretty high-level, I am afraid, because we are talking 100 agencies here.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 22-23, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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3.	1/1.1	Seselja	APS Redundancies	<p>Senator SESELJA: It seems odd that you would get to the same number a few months apart and just effectively doubles the saving that was made. So that redundancy was part of the 14½ thousand. I asked the Public Service Commissioner how many redundancies there had been over the past financial year and this year to date. Do you have the figures on that across the Public Service?</p> <p>Mr Tune: No, I do not. I am surprised the Public Service Commissioner could not give it to you, because it is his domain. I can take that on notice and get it for you.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: I would appreciate that. It is for last financial year plus this year to date, whatever updated figures who have. Do you separate those out as to whether they are voluntary redundancies or whether they are forced redundancies?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We would be able to get that information.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: Going back to that question—and you might want to take this on notice as well—in terms of how many redundancies and the breakdown of those redundancies, could you also come back and let us know how many agencies have had redundancies and who those agencies are?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would need to go to the Public Service Commission to get that, but I will liaise with them and see what we can provide.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 24-25, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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4.	1/1.1	Wong	Budget impact of reversals of previous government policies	<p>Senator WONG: Mr Tune, you might have to take this on notice: of the measures that were hypothecated—and I appreciate that that is a policy decision by the former government so it is not a technical hypothecation—to schools and disability care, are you able to provide the estimates committee an indication of which of those have been reversed or altered by the new government to date?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And perhaps you would be able to provide an updated impact of the cost of those reversals.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, we will look at that. Those will get reported in MYEFO, of course.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When is MYEFO? Some time before Christmas—that's right.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: And, again, in the interests of completeness of the advice to Senate estimates: as you would be aware, Senator Wong, the Charter of Budget Honesty Act provides that MYEFO can be released as late as the end of January, but of course we have already publicly announced that we would be releasing it before Christmas.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Senator, do you still want me to take it on notice? Or would you like to wait until MYEFO?</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am interested in the 10-year figure. I am essentially interested in updating the charts that were provided publicly, including what the policy change impact is.</p> <p>Just on the PEFO, any changes to the budget bottom line, the debt position et cetera that are reflected currently or in the MYEFO are changes that occurred after the PEFO was issued, self-evidently.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, by definition—including estimates variations.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 27, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14

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5.	1/1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit – Appointment Recommendations	<p>Senator WONG: Was Finance asked to provide any advice about the possible members for the Commission of Audit?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I think we might have been asked if we had any ideas, which possibly fed into the government's consideration. But we were not asked to come up with a definitive list. That was a decision by the government.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was anyone who was recommended by Finance appointed?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Gee, I do not know—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The people who were appointed to the Commission of Audit were appointed by the government and were selected by the government for that purpose. They are highly distinguished Australians, who are going to do a great job for Australia in what they are currently doing. And the government takes full responsibility for the appointments we have made.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Mr Tune?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I cannot recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes,</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 29, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
6.	1/1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit – Requests for Information	<p>Senator WONG: Are you able to tell me which parts of the department have been asked by the secretariat to provide information.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not know and I am not sure if the people here do, but I assume quite a few of the people sitting behind me have been asked at various stages.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can we be clear about that.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not even know if I will be able to top it up for you. I am not controlling this process. The secretariat asks for assistance—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will consider it on notice and see if there is anything else we can add to help you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 29-30, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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7.	1/1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit – Signed Protocols	<p>Senator WONG: There is a direct correlation between how defensive you are and how many words you have to use! Going back to the questions. You said that the commission members have signed protocols in relation to confidentiality?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can they be tabled? You can take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I think they can, but I had better check.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have they had to sign any other documentation?</p> <p>Mr Tune: There is stuff around conflict of interest and so forth, and a declaration of interests. The normal stuff that is done.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could we have a copy of all of those.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will take that on notice, as well.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 31, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14
8.	1/1.1	Wong	Savings Advice	<p>Senator WONG: On how many occasions have you provided savings advice?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I don't know, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 35-36, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
9.	1/1.1	Wong	Operating Losses	<p>Senator SMITH: Fair point. Staying with the broad theme then, can you provide some information as to how many other agencies ran at operating losses in 2012-13.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would need to take that on notice, but we can do that.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Could you provide that also for 2011-12 and 2010-11.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Okay</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 38, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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10.	1/1.1	Smith	Consultation on Costings	<p>Senator SMITH: Again, over the last three years can you identify where Finance has done costings but has been unable to consult the relevant line agency when coming to those decisions?</p> <p>Mr Tune: As I said earlier, I do not think I could. I cannot just go back in the history and spend the time.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Perhaps over coming weeks you might reflect on the question and if anything comes to mind, or in consultation with other officers if any evidence appears, you can provide that to me.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 39, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
11.	1/1.1	Smith	Measures in forward estimates that were 2010 election commitments	<p>Senator SMITH: I am keen to understand what measures in the forward estimates began as 2010 election commitments, where Finance had previously undertaken the costing as part of the Charter of Budget Honesty. Are you able to identify which of those measures had proven to be significantly misaligned with the costings that now appear in the estimates? I am keen to understand which initiatives had greater variance between the costing that was established at the Charter of Budget Honesty stage and when they came to be representative of forward estimates.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will have to take that on notice. We will need to go back and check all of that.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: You will be able to provide me details of the initiatives and the scale of the variation?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will try.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If you can, against each of those could you provide the reason for the discrepancy. That would be much appreciated.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 39, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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12.	1/1.1	Wong	Advice relating to PNFC	<p>Senator WONG: Have you provided any advice to the minister since the election regarding the parameters around the definition of a PNFC?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice. It is possible, but I cannot recall one. I will check.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: On how many occasions since the election has advice relating to the definition or requirements for PNFC status been provided to the government?</p> <p>Ms Mason: I would need to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 43-44, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
13.	1/1.1	Bernardi	Rate of growth for unfunded liability	<p>CHAIR: Just to make this crystal clear for me, is that unfunded liability continuing to grow?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes, it is.</p> <p>CHAIR: At what rate?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I cannot give you an exact rate.</p> <p>CHAIR: But is it to the tune of \$2 billion, \$10 billion, \$20 billion— maybe not \$20 billion, but how much per year? Even if you can round it to the nearest billion.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I do not think I could give you a clear answer without taking it on notice. The number moves quite a bit. It is driven partly by claims experience, partly by longevity, partly by the earnings of members in the fund. Periodically it is reassessed by the actuaries in what we call the long-term cost report. There are about four or five things that drive the number. It is also driven by the fact that, while we have a number of closed schemes, we also have one open defined benefit scheme, which is the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme, the MSBS. I could not give you a pen picture of how much it is growing by but I will take the question on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 51, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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14.	1/1.1	Wong	Previous public estimate of unfunded liability	<p>Senator WONG: As I was saying, Ms Ong, I think it was published in a budget paper; I just cannot find it online. What was the previous public estimate of the increase in the unfunded liability arising from the coalition's policy?</p> <p>Ms Ong: You are talking about the coalition policy for increased indexation?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, correct.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, Ms Ong. I am simply asking. Prior to the PBO costing—correct?—there was a publicly released figure. My recollection is \$6.1 billion or \$6.2 billion. Do you recall that?</p> <p>Ms Ong: No, I am sorry. I do not recall that. I will have to check it and take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 52, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14
15.	1/1.1	Wong	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – growth rate	<p>Senator WONG: You might want to take this on notice. First, can you tell me the growth rate in the PBS which is assumed in the forward estimates?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I can give you the figures. It is not the growth rate. The pharmaceutical benefits and services line is a separate expense under health, and that grows from \$11.1 billion to \$12.5 billion in these estimates.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take on notice the growth rate if that is okay.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 56, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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16.	1/1.1	Wong	Unspent and uncommitted funds	<p>Senator WONG:the then government funded a contribution to Beef Australia 2015 Rockhampton. Is that in this process as an uncommitted fund up for savings or not?</p> <p>Mr Tune: What was that, sorry?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Beef Australia 2015 Rockhampton contribution.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Was it an election commitment?</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, it was in the economic statements. Is that in or out?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps you can take all of this. Foreign ownership register for agricultural land was in the economic statement, Is that in this process? Is that on the table?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Community broadcasting additional funding?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: The Casino District Memorial Hospital Health Communities grant announced on 20 July 2013? Is that in or out?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: We will just go through them: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention strategy..... Female genital mutilation education and awareness.....,new and amended listings of the PBS</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG:: Darrel Baldock memorial?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Hanging Rock Sports Precinct?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: The assistance for Tasmanian forestry workers?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Building Stronger Communities, the before and after</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 57-58, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>school— Senator WONG: Epworth HealthCare Geelong Hospital..... Senator WONG: Thank you. Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital—is that under reconsideration? Mr Tune: We will take it on notice.</p>			
17.	1/1.1	Wong	Discretionary Grants Process Letter	<p>Senator WONG: Did I hear somewhere in that very lengthy monologue that the process in relation to discretionary grants was outlined by the Prime Minister? Senator Cormann: Indeed it was. Senator WONG: Was that by letter? Senator Cormann: Indeed it was. Senator WONG: Can we have a copy of that letter? Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 59, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
18.	1/1.1	Wong	Discretionary Grants Cases of approval for spending	<p>..... Senator WONG: On notice, I am asking for the list of the 175 and the same for what I have described as category 2. Were there any discretionary grant programs which were excluded from this process?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 61, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14
19.	1/1.1	Bernardi	Expenditure on abandoned or suspended initiatives of previous government	<p>CHAIR: Was there ever the intention to audit the expenditure of those funds and will it be accountable, whatever they return or whatever they have spent? Do they have to provide justification for the amount that they are returning? Mr Weiss: You are probably into territory where you are better off asking the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. They are the</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>ones who had the grant agreement in place with ALGA, so they would know what the terms and conditions of that agreement were.</p> <p>CHAIR: But surely you would know the terms and conditions of that agreement as well.</p> <p>Mr Weiss: I do not off the top of my head. I could take it on notice, but I would suggest that the better people to ask would be the department.</p> <p>CHAIR: Take it on notice. I will see what I can do. Are you able to advise me of any other expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We would have to take that on notice. I would have to think about that one a bit.</p>			
20.	1/1.1	Wong	Superannuation Indexation Unfunded Liability	<p>Senator WONG: I appreciate that. Have you actually gone through to make the PBO costing add up? I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Ong: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why don't we just do that, rather than try to do it this way? If you can go through and explain to us how you understand the reconciliation between the PBO costings and what Finance has put on the public record in the context of the Senate inquiry—with actual numbers. This change meant this much. Shall we do it that way?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 72, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
21.	1/1.1	Dastyari	Incoming Government Brief – FOI	<p>Senator DASTYARI: And there were 16, so what happened to those 13?</p> <p>Ms Connell: I would have to get back to you with the detail, but I believe some lapsed. When people make an initial application we give them a certain amount of time to confirm and to make any payments and, if they fail to do that, they are deemed to be lapsed. I will check those numbers for you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Could you take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14

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22.	1/1.1	Dastyari	Charter Letter	<p>Senator Cormann: The charter letter came to me as the minister in the Finance portfolio, essentially listing and reminding me of the commitments we took to the election in my portfolio. A copy of that letter went to the secretary of my department as well. At various times over the next little while, we have to provide updates on progress and how we are performing against the objectives outlined in the charter letter.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I assume, Minister, you would be happy to take on notice the decision about whether or not you would release that letter.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will take it on notice, but I suspect not. I think it is part of the cabinet processes, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to check that.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice. If we can assist you, we will assist you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I am sure that is your intention. That is all I wanted to do. I just wanted to put on notice the request to get a copy of the letter. Obviously it is something I am asking other people as well.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 76, 19 November 2013	10/1/14	13/2/14
23.	AEC	Faulkner	Letter regarding Keelty Inquiry	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Would it be possible on this matter, Commissioner, for you to provide the committee with—I presume it is standard correspondence, is it, to people?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Well, it is not particularly standard, because it is not used very often!</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No; I am sorry. The communication that you have sent is the same to different officers?</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes. That is what I meant. Sorry.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: I am happy to provide it.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Consistent with, standard, in that sense. Would you be able to provide the committee with a copy of that correspondence,</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 86, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				with names redacted and so forth? The sample correspondence, I think, is what is required. I am not interested, and I do not think other committee members are necessarily interested, in the names. But if you could redact the names and provide that. Would that be possible? Mr Killesteyn: Yes. That is fine. I will do that.			
24.	AEC	Faulkner	Cost of Inquiry	Senator FAULKNER: What has been the cost of the exercise surrounding Mr Keelty's investigation and, of course, separately, the petition with the High Court? Are you able to share that? Mr Killesteyn: I do not have the costs at this stage. I can take it on notice Senator FAULKNER: I assume he is being paid some sort of daily rates and the like. Mr Killesteyn: I will take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 88, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
25.	AEC	Rhiannon	Registered Officers	Senator RHIANNON: There were reports during the election campaign about a number of political parties having the same person as their registered officer. Is this something that you have examined? Mr Pirani: I was aware that there was talk about a person being with two parties, but I will need to take that on notice. There was one individual who was alleged to have been the registered officer for two political parties, but that is the only one that I am aware of.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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26.	AEC	Faulkner	Status of Inquiry – media release	<p>Mr Killesteyn: It was agreed between Mr Keelty and myself that there would be value in having one media opportunity for Mr Keelty at the beginning of the process, and the advice was quite explicit to say that he would not be conducting any further media interviews.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Did he make that clear in—</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: It was clear in the written advice that we issued to the media.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Can you provide a copy of—</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: Yes, that is a public document. Yes, I can provide a copy.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 96, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
27.		Faulkner	Media Subscriptions Response	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I have one question; it will not take long. It is probably to you, Minister, and relates to the committee processes here. I am perplexed by this. We got a note from the committee secretariat saying: 'Please find attached a further answer to an estimates question on notice regarding media subscription for the Finance and Deregulation portfolio'—as it was then called—from Senator Ryan. Please note the secretariat was advised that the AEC's response to the question was intentionally left blank at the request of Minister Ronaldson's Special Minister of State office. I was just glancing through them, and this is one of Senator Ryan's questions on notice relating to pay TV, newspaper and magazine subscriptions in the relevant agency, which is the AEC in this case. You are probably aware of it I just wondered if someone could explain why that is intentionally left blank.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I have no idea and I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 103, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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28.	3/3.1	Bernardi	MOP(S) Act Staff Redundancies	<p>CHAIR: Mr Tune, following the failed leadership challenge—aborted leadership challenge, I should say—against Ms Gillard on 21 March 2013, how many staff were made redundant following the sacking of Simon Crean and the resignations of Chris Bowen, Joel Fitzgibbon, Kim Carr, Richard Marles and Martin Ferguson?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I will throw that question to Cheryl-anne Moy.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I do not have the exact details of staffing changes with me, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>CHAIR: You may want to take this on notice—what was the total amount of redundancy payments to these staff in March 2013? Additionally, please break down this figure by individual and/or employing member. I have another question which I predict you are going to take on notice, although I should not be so presumptuous. Following the resignation of Prime Minister Gillard on 26 June 2013, how many staff in her office were made redundant and what was the total amount of redundancy payments to these staff?</p> <p>Ms Moy: You are correct. I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: You may want to take this on notice as well. How many staff were made redundant across all portfolios following Kevin Rudd's successful challenge to Julia Gillard's leadership and in particular the resignations of Wayne Swan, Peter Garrett, Craig Emerson, Greg Combet, Stephen Conroy and Joe Ludwig? What was the total amount paid in redundancy payments to these staff? I would again ask if you could divide these payments by individual amounts, and what was the highest individual redundancy paid and in which office was that made payable. Can you divide the number of redundant staff by relevant minister.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I assume you are not asking for individual amounts to be</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 105, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>associated with individual names? CHAIR: No, that would not be appropriate. But individual amounts, so we can ascertain what was the largest amount paid, and in which office that person was made redundant. I think that is reasonable.</p>			
29.	3/3.1	Bernardi	MOP(S) Act Staff – ComCare Claims	<p>CHAIR: How many staff employed under the MOP(S) Act have lodged a claim under the Comcare scheme this financial year? Ms Moy: We do not have that information for this calendar year. We will have to take it on notice. CHAIR: You might also advise me how many of these claims were accepted by Comcare, and what was the total amount paid out for these claims. I ask that you break these figures down by individual amounts, and that way I will be able to identify the highest amount paid out. Ms Moy: But, again, not against an individual person. CHAIR: Not against an individual. I am also interested in the figures being broken down by claim type—for example, if there was mental stress or psychological injury, trips, falls, broken bones, people crashing in kitchens—you may have tuned into that yesterday. CHAIR: It is overcrowded kitchens—if I am concerned about MOP(S) employees you should be supporting me, Senator Wong. Ms Moy, can these figures be broken down by who the employing member or senator was at the time these claims were made. Senator WONG: This is all being taken on notice. I ask that we do consider privacy issues. I assumed we were not going to be wanting, from any side of parliament, to identify persons' personal injury details. I</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 105-106, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>assume the department will judge how they want to extract the information, but there is a risk if you do it by employer—that arguably makes it reasonably easy to ascertain. I put that on record and you can make a decision about that.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes, Senator.</p> <p>CHAIR: The questions are on notice and I am sure the department will make an appropriate determination, given the Privacy Act.</p>			
30.	3/3.1	Bernardi	Travel Allowance and Flight Costs	<p>CHAIR: Can the department reveal whether anyone employed under the MOP(S) Act working in the office of the Hon. Anthony Albanese claimed travel allowance and flight costs during the period 13 September to 13 October during which time the Labor Party's leadership ballot was under way?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Again I do not have the details about the staff of individual senators or members or themselves with me tonight, so I will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you do find that MOP(S) Act staff employed in the office of the Hon. Anthony Albanese did travel during that period, can you detail how many nights were claimed and at what location, and at what rate. I am also interested in the department providing the overall cost for each staff member from Mr Albanese's office who claimed the above entitlements during period. There were two contestants in that race, and so I would ask the department to reveal whether anyone employed under the MOP(S) Act working in the office of the Hon. Bill Shorten claimed travel allowance and flight costs for the period 13 September to 13 October, during which time the Labor Party's leadership ballot was under way. In continuation, can the department detail how many nights were claimed, at what location and at what rate, in the event that any were. Can the</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 106, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				department provide the overall cost for each staff member who claimed the above during this period.			
31.	3/3.1	Bernardi	Settling-out period air travel	CHAIR: Can you please provide me via the committee a list of air travel by personal staff of the second Rudd government during their settling-out period. I have a final couple of questions and I reckon you have an answer to this one.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 106, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
32.	2/2.2	Bernardi	Lodge refurbishment	CHAIR: Can you inform me on the progress of works at the Lodge? Mr Tune: We can, but the correct people are not here at the moment. We will call them in for you. They have it on notice. CHAIR: If they have got it on notice I will have it documented.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 106, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
33.	3/3.1	Faulkner Bernardi McKenzie	Coalition Advisory Service	Senator FAULKNER: Could someone confirm that the latest incarnation of the CCSTU and CCT under the new government is the Coalition Advisory Service? Senator FAULKNER: Okay. So, can you please provide, on notice, a list of the consumables provided and the amounts of those consumables provided to the coalition advisory service? Is there is a finance budget in relation to the services that Finance provides to the coalition advisory	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 107- 113 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>service? Or, how much are you expecting to fork out? Mr Tune: We are not sure about that, Senator. We will have to take that one on notice I am afraid.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Okay. Well, if it could be provided, please, as soon as you are able, I would appreciate it. Is this group producing newsletters and the like, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Given that the coalition advisory service is the responsibility of Mr Ruddock, the Chief Government Whip, what, if any—and you might want to take this on notice; I am happy with that—were the travel protocols? Were they identical to electorate staff or whip staff? In fact, I would just like to know what they are.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: They are obviously not the same as ministerial staff, are they?</p> <p>Ms Moy: No, I would think not, but I will have to take that on notice just to make sure we give you the correct—</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I would expect so too, and I will be checking. Also, as you check home bases—I stress again that I do not want names—again we have an issue in relation to Mr Ruddock being the employing parliamentarian. I am not sure what this means for security clearances, but please indicate the relevant staff, but unnamed. I do not want them named, just an indication of the security clearances for those who have them.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>CHAIR: On that, I am actually interested in the answer to that, so, for my</p>			

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				benefit, would you provide a comparison between the home-base details of the former government and the current government			
			 Senator McKENZIE: Could we also include in that a comparison of the amount of money spent on consumables for the former government's group and what is budgeted for this group, please. Senator FAULKNER: I am just interested in what is happening now. Is there any protocol, Minister, in relation to the conduct of research by the coalition advisory service? Senator Ronaldson: I will take that on notice..			
34.	3/3.1	Wong	Electorate Office Bookcase	Senator WONG: So your understanding is that Minister Brandis did request that a new bookshelf be built, and Finance advised that they would not pay for it, that it would be a matter for his home department or for the Department of Parliamentary Services? Ms Moy: Finance advised DPS that it is not something that we would be paying for. Senator WONG: Thank you. In relation to Senator Brandis's electorate office, has the department built another bookcase in his electorate office? Ms Moy: Not to my knowledge. I could take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 118, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
35.	3/3.1	Smith	Staffing Levels - comparative data	Senator SMITH: Just to assist the discussion, I am just wondering whether or not it might be possible to get this table with some comparative data. So, using the template that you currently have, make it available, providing information from the first Rudd government, then information for the Gillard government and then information for the next Rudd government, and include that in this so it might provide for a comprehensive comparison of staffing levels in ministerial offices since 2007.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 118-119, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator FAULKNER: On a point of order, Chair, it is a perfectly reasonable thing that Senator Smith has asked, but I can assume—and the minister will acknowledge this—that it has been tabled consistently at every budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates round— Senator SMITH: Fantastic. Senator FAULKNER: since Senator Ray and I were able to extract it from the then Howard government. It has been consistently done. CHAIR: You are quite right, Senator Faulkner. Senator FAULKNER: So there is no need. It is said. CHAIR: I am sure the minister was just about to advise that, and that would facilitate this. Senator FAULKNER: In other words, it is there. Senator SMITH: I know what you are saying. Therefore, if the information is available, can we have it put comprehensively into one document so we then do not get a debate about its accuracy. CHAIR: That is very reasonable. Anyway, I am sure the minister will take that on notice. Senator Ronaldson: It seems quite a reasonable request to me.</p>			
36.	3/3.1	Smith	M&Ps Min Wing modifications	<p>Senator SMITH: I believe I understanding the process of a request being made to DPS and that DPS request being advised to you and you making a judgment about whether or not you can carry out any office modifications. Do you keep a record of those DPS requests to you about office modifications in the ministerial wing? Ms Moy: I would have to check what records we have in that regard. Senator SMITH: Perhaps you could provide on notice to the committee details of any requests for modifications to the ministerial suites that you might have received between 2007 and the present.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 120, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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37.	2/2.2	Ludlam	Property - Point Perron	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I refer to matters that I have put on notice and had some responses. I put a set of questions to the Department of the Environment relating to a 170-hectare parcel of land at Point Peron, south of Perth in Western Australia. The environment department, as is proper, referred me to Finance. The 170-hectare parcel of land at Point Peron was transferred from the Commonwealth to the state of Western Australia on the condition that it was preserved as a reserve and used only for recreation and parklands. Are you aware of that precinct?</p> <p>....</p> <p>Mr Smith: Legal advice was obtained in 2000.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: By whom?</p> <p>Mr Smith: By the Department of Finance and Administration.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Has that ever been put into the public domain?</p> <p>Mr Smith: I could not say whether it has or not.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am not asking you to do it tonight; would you take on notice whether that legal advice has been made public.</p> <p>Mr Smith: I will take it on notice and search, but I am not sure I will be able to find out for sure.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am not asking you to table it tonight, but you should at least know whether it is a public document or not. Anyway, you have undertaken to take that on notice. What was the trigger for that advice being sought?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Has the Western Australian government approached the Commonwealth to alter its original agreement, or is it your contention that they would not need to?</p> <p>Mr Smith: In 2000 they approached the government and the government responded in a letter that said we had no legal rights.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 120-122, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you table a copy of that letter for us? Mr Smith: I do not have copy with me, but I will take that on notice.</p>			
38.	2/2.2	Smith	Nishi building lease	<p>Mr Teschendorf: Finance's involvement with the Nishi lease has not occurred until the recent MOG—machinery of government—changes. Senator SMITH: Were the consequences of the lease evident to finance before advice was given about entering into the agreement? Clearly, there are some risks: there is no climate change department. Clearly, this is an expensive lease.... I am curious to know at what point finance became aware of the risks? Were they well known to you at the point that you became aware of the project? Ms Mason: I do not think we would have had at the time detailed knowledge of the proposal. We probably need to take that on notice and check whether there were any officers in the department who did have greater knowledge. Senator SMITH: So , Ms Mason, the change that you referred to in your immediate evidence: at what month and in what year did that change take place? Ms Mason: Unless one of my colleagues has that detail with them I think I would need to take that on notice. It is relatively recent. Senator SMITH: Okay. Ms Mason: The last couple of years. Senator SMITH: The day and the month and the year would be great. Ms Mason: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 126, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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39.	ASC	Fawcett	ASC contingent liability	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Welcome, Mr Ludlam. I would like to go back to September of last year, when the then minister rebaselined the AWD project. Senator Johnston subsequently asked a question on notice about the cost of extending the workforce. The answer that came back from Senator Wong was:</p> <p>The costs of the workforce that is required to be retained for longer will be offset by a reduction in risk and liquidated damages provisions already included in the AWD Project profit</p> <p>Given that it is in the order of an \$8 billion project, what was the provision for contingent liability that was set aside initially?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: In the overall contract?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: If there are several, I am happy to get details on several.</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: I do know the figure but I think that is probably a commercial figure.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am not too concerned about the figure. What I am interested in is what percentage of that contingent liability provision has been absorbed by this cost the then government imposed on AWD by the rebaselining.</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: The remaining contingency is around 30 per cent of the contingency that was available at the outset. That contingency available at the outset was set by some contingency established in the contract and by internally driven contingency. The part set by the contract we called tier 1 and the part set internally we called tier 2. So it is 30 per cent of tier 1 and tier 2 and represents about 60 per cent. But I would have to check these numbers, because I am trying to calculate them in my head. But I think it is about 60 per cent of the original contract contingency which we would regard as tier 1. That is the remaining contingency.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 128, 19 November 2013	17/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>Senator FAWCETT: To come back to this question, what percentage of that original contingency was absorbed by the rebaselining activity?</p> <p>Mr Ludlam: About 40 per cent of the original contingency has been taken. I would have to take the exact percentage absorbed by this particular action on notice.</p>			
40.	ASC	Dastyari	AWD Project	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I might just quickly put a couple of questions on notice. There have been some media reports that the federal government is planning to announce 'an urgent independent expert review of the AWD project'.</p> <p>....</p> <p>is there a review, has it begun yet and, if so, what are the terms of reference et cetera? And, if not, what would you anticipate that the process would entail? Finally, I have a couple of questions about whether the government has, or has foreshadowed or is planning to foreshadow, any plans when it comes to privatisation and whether there has been any kind of discussion with the ASC to that effect. My understanding is that there has not, but I might ask if that can get taken on notice as well.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 130, 19 November 2013	17/1/14	13/2/14
41.	ASC	Dstyari	ASC Privatisation	<p>Senator DASTYARI:</p> <p>Finally, I have a couple of questions about whether the government has, or has foreshadowed or is planning to foreshadow, any plans when it comes to privatisation and whether there has been any kind of discussion with the ASC to that effect. My understanding is that there has not, but I might ask if that can get taken on notice as well.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 130, 19 November 2013	17/1/14	13/2/14

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42.		Ludwig	Commission of Audit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Commission of Audit examining expenditure made by the Commonwealth made under its obligations to the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, what contact has the Commission of Audit had with the department? b) What is the nature of that contact? c) Have documents been transferred to the Commission of Audit? d) Please detail those documents 2. Is the Commission of Audit examining expenditure made by the Commonwealth made under its obligations to the Betterment Fund? 3. Is the Commission of Audit examining expenditure made by the Commonwealth made under its obligations to the National Partnership Agreement for Natural Disaster Reconstruction and Recovery? 	written	10/1/14	13/2/14
43.	AEC	Rhiannon	Divisional Returning Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you please outline the budget implications involved in removing the positions of Divisional Returning Officers? 2. If these positions were removed where would the resources freed up be reallocated? 3. Who would do the work currently being done by Divisional Returning Officers if the positions were wound up? 4. Has the AEC found any problems with inconsistent applications of rules and differing processes due to decentralised offices? 	written	20/2/14	6/3/14
44.	AEC	Collins	Direct Enrolment Numbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise the Committee on the results of the direct enrolment process? 2. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers? 3. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in 	written	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>New South Wales?</p> <p>4. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in South Australia?</p> <p>5. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in Queensland?</p> <p>6. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in Victoria?</p> <p>7. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in Tasmania?</p> <p>8. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>9. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>10. What gains in reach did we make in enrolment in total numbers in Western Australia?</p> <p>11. Can you specify gains in respect to new enrolments, re-enrolments and those updating details of enrolments.?</p> <p>12. What was the impact on the electoral roll of extending the time for enrolment compared with previous elections where the roll had closed on the day that the writs were issued?</p> <p>13. What were the implications for total enrolment?</p> <p>14. Has the AEC concluded any views on the effectiveness on the enrolment processes?</p>			

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45.	(2/2.2)	Collins	Land	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please advise the Committee on the status of the Kembi Land claim and the status of the relevant commonwealth property interests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please advise the Committee on the status of the Malabar Headland? When will the remaining commonwealth land be transferred to NSW? 2. Does the government remain committed to returning access to recreational horse-riders and others to the Malabar Headland? 3. Is the Malabar Headland sufficiently rehabilitated that the public can safely access the land? 	written	20/2/14	6/3/14
46.	(2/2.2)	Collins	Property	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please update the Committee on the status of the ASIO building? 	written	20/2/14	6/3/14
47.	(1/1.2)	Lundy	Superannuation Costings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were any costings prepared by the Department for the Rudd Government's commitment to index Defence Forces Retirement Benefits scheme (DFRB) and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme pensions by the higher of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Pensioner Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI) by July 2014? If so, could these be provided to the Committee? 2. Have any costings been prepared by the Department for the Coalition's Policy for the indexation of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits scheme (DFRB) and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme? If so, could these be provided to the Committee? 3. Can the Department provide the Committee the estimated additional 	written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>cost if the proposed changes to the indexation provisions of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits scheme (DFRB) and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme were applied to all Commonwealth military and civilian pensions?</p> <p>4. Research from the Australian Institute, reported in the <i>Public Sector Informant</i> of June 2011, claims that the costs of public sector superannuation has been effectively double-counted in Budget papers since the introduction of accrual accounting. The paper states: <i>...cash accounting, which the Treasury used to use, and accrual accounting are usually alternatives – you would use one or the other – but effectively the Commonwealth is now using both, with the result that it double-counts the superannuation expenses in the budget papers. On top of that is the notional interest on the “unfunded superannuation liability”.</i></p> <p>5. Has the Department of Finance responded to this claim? If so, can the Department provide the Committee an explanation of the apparent exaggeration of the costs of public sector superannuation?</p> <p>6. In relation to the notional interest payments on unfunded superannuation liabilities, who receives those payments? Are they retained and how are they accounted for? Please identify where.</p>			

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48.		Marshall	Investments	<p>1. What advice has the government obtained in relation to the Future Fund's investment in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons?</p> <p>a) On which dates and by whom has advice been sought and received?</p> <p>b) In the event that multiple pieces of advice have been provided or sought, what were the reasons for this?</p> <p>c) In the event that multiple pieces of advice have been provided or sought, did these pieces of advice conflict with each other? If so, in what ways did the advice differ?</p> <p>d) Can you provide copies of all advice received on the issue of the Future Fund's investment in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons including but not limited to, advice provided by the Attorney-General's Department and Office of International Law, DFAT, the Solicitor-General, and the Australian Government Solicitor.</p>	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
49.	(3/3.1)	Ludwig	Ministerial Wing Fit Out	<p>1. Are you responsible for fit outs of Ministerial offices in parliament house?</p> <p>a) If not, who is?</p> <p>2. What does a standard Ministerial office fit out include?</p> <p>a) Please detail, divided by office holder and item</p> <p>3. Can Ministers request additional items or fit outs to their parliamentary office?</p> <p>a) If so, since 7 September, how many Ministers have requested additional fit outs? Please list those offices</p> <p>4. How does a Minister of senator request additional fit outs? Please detail that process</p> <p>5. What guidelines, rules or regulations determine the assessment of</p>	Written	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>requests for additional fit outs by members or senators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please detail them and provide a copy b) Please detail what officers are included in the decision making process, please list their classification level c) If no guidelines, rules or regulations exist, why not? <p>6. What officers or office holders are consulted in the determination of requests for additional fit outs by members and senators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) please list their classification levels <p>7. Who makes the final decision on requests for additional fit outs requested by members and senators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please list their classification level <p>8. In the event that a Minister requested an additional fit out than was provided, how would cost break downs be determined?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Materials and construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Who would decide what materials would be used and how they would be acquired? (ii) Are there any guidelines to determine what materials can be used, including, but not limited to: types of wood used, types of varnish used; any fastening materials used (nails, screws, glue etc)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 2. If Not, why not? (iii) Are there guidelines that determine how much can be spent on these materials? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 2. If Not, why not? 			

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				<p>(iv) Are there any guidelines to determine where the materials can be purchased?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 2. If Not, why not? <p>(v) Are there any guidelines to determine how much it can cost to transport these materials to Parliament House?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 2. If Not, why not? <p>(vi) Should further expenditures be required to use the fixtures to their full potential, after the initial approval has been granted, what is the process for applying for this additional expenditure?</p> <p>(vii) Are there any guidelines to determine how additional fixtures can be attached or installed onto the wall or into the floor of an office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 2. If Not, why not? <p>(viii) Are there any guidelines to determine any considerations that should be given to costs that would be associated with restoring the office to its prior state, once the Senator no longer required use of the office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy. 			

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				<p align="center">2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>b) Labour</p> <p>(i) Are there any guidelines to determine who should be commissioned to construct additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(ii) Are there any guidelines to determine the tender process of additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iii) Are there any guidelines to determine how much money can be spent on Labour to construct additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iv) Are there any guidelines to determine how much can be spent to transport contractors to and from the work site?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(v) Are there any guidelines to determine how many people can work on the construction of additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a</p>			

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				<p>copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(vi) Are there any guidelines to determine how many hours can be spent by labourers to construct additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>c) Consultation</p> <p>(i) Are there any guidelines to determine the selection of people who will be involved in the consultation process?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(ii) Are there any guidelines to determine what was the consultation process will be?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iii) Are there any guidelines to determine how much can be spent on consultation?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iv) Are there any guidelines to determine how long this consultation process should last?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a</p>			

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				<p align="center">copy.</p> <p align="center">2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>d) Administration</p> <p>(i) Are there any guidelines to determine which people should be involved in organising additional fixtures and who they work for (and hence who would be paying their wages)?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(ii) Are there any guidelines to determine how much can be spent on the administration for constructing additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iii) Are there any guidelines to determine how many hours can be spent on the administration required to request additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>e) Maintenance</p> <p>(i) Are there any guidelines to determine who is responsible for the maintenance of additional fixtures?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p>			

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				<p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(ii) Are there any guidelines to determine how much maintenance additional fixtures can receive?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iii) Are there any guidelines to determine how much maintenance can cost?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>(iv) Are there any guidelines to determine how long additional fixtures are expected to last?</p> <p>1. If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>2. If Not, why not?</p> <p>9. Alternative Solutions</p> <p>a) Are there any guidelines to determine how many alternative solutions need to be considered before approval for an additional fixture will be approved?</p> <p>(i) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(ii) If Not, why not?</p> <p>b) Are there any guidelines to determine the types of justification that need to be used to approve one option vs alternative, cheaper options?</p> <p>(i) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(ii) If Not, why not?</p> <p>c) Are there any guidelines to determine who should be involved</p>			

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				<p>in making this final decision?</p> <p>(i) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(ii) If Not, why not?</p> <p>10. Are there any guidelines to determine how a decision to request additional fixtures should be made?</p> <p>(i) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(ii) If Not, why not?</p> <p>a) Are there any guidelines to determine who can be involved in making the decision to request additional fixtures?</p> <p>(iii) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(iv) If Not, why not?</p> <p>b) Are there any guidelines to determine what factors they should consider when making the decision to request additional fixtures?</p> <p>(v) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(vi) If Not, why not?</p> <p>c) Are there any guidelines to determine who should formally request additional fixtures be constructed?</p> <p>(vii) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(viii) If Not, why not?</p> <p>11. Are there any guidelines to determine the process used to have the funds for additional fixtures approved?</p> <p>a) How was it determined that this was the appropriate process?</p> <p>b) Are there any guidelines to determine who approves the construction of additional fixtures?</p> <p>(i) If so, what are they? Please provide a copy.</p> <p>(ii) If Not, why not?</p>			

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				c) If so, has this process been used to construct any fixtures in any offices? (i) If so, Please provide a list of these fixtures. 12.How are additional fixtures funded? a) Are there any other ways Senators can fund additional fixtures? b) If so, what other sources can be considered? c) Can a Senator request an additional fixture be placed in their office and fund it themselves?			
50.	3/3.1	Faulkner	Coalition Advisory Service	1. With reference to the newly established Coalition Advisory Service: 2. When was the service established? 3. What is its role? 4. Does the service undertake media monitoring or research activities? 5. What is its budget in 2013-14? 6. Which departments or agencies provide funding or support services? 7. Where is the service located in Parliament House? 8. How many of the 10 staff positions allocated to the Coalition Advisory Service have been filled? 9. Have all staff positions been advertised? 10.Is Canberra the work base for all staff of the service? If not, please provide details of non-Canberra work bases. 11.What electronic equipment has been provided to the Coalition Advisory Service? For each type of equipment please provide a) description b) unit value c) number and d) providing department or agency.		20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>12. Is any electronic equipment provided to the Coalition Advisory Service located in a place other than the service's Parliament House location? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>13. What monies, if any, have been expended on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) furnishings b) fittings (c) maintenance and d) building works at the service's Parliament House location since 7 September 2013? Which departments or agencies provided funding? <p>14. Who provides stationery to the service? What is the cost of stationery supplies, per month, since its establishment?</p> <p>15. What has been the cost of travel by staff of the service, by month, since its establishment?</p> <p>16. Who asked the Department of Finance to provide "somewhat of a home department service" to the Coalition Advisory Service? When and in what form was that request provided? Were any Ministers consulted on the request?</p> <p>17. Are media monitoring services provided to the service? If so,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) which department or agency provides these services and b) what is the cost? <p>18. Are newspaper or magazine subscription services provided to the service? If so, please provide details including (a) titles (b) whether online or hardcopy or both (c) providing department/agency and (d) costs.</p> <p>19. What "home department services" does the Department provide to the Coalition Advisory Service?</p> <p>20. Does the Department of Finance provide "home department services"</p>			

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				to any other offices except the offices of portfolio ministers?			
51.	1/1.1	Bushby	Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme – Waiver or Debts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In respect of how many dentists has the Department of Finance waived debts that arose due to non-compliance with the requirements of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme? 2. In respect of how many dentists has the Department of Finance refused to waiver debts that arose due to non-compliance with the requirements of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme? 3. On what date/s did the Department of Finance notify the Department of Human Services that these dentists were either successful in having their debts waived, or unsuccessful? 4. How many cases remain unassessed in part or full by the Department of Finance? 5. How long is that expected to be before all cases are fully assessed? 6. Has the Department considered advising the Department of Human Services to abandon the audit process? 7. How many Department of Finance staff are still working on the audit waiver process? 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				8. How many dedicated hours/days have staff spent on the audit and re-assessment process? 9. What does the Department of Finance estimate the audit process has cost to date? 10. Has there been any legal costs associated with the audit/re-assessment process? Please detail.			
52.	1/1.1	Wong	Fiscal Strategy	1. What is the Government's fiscal strategy? 2. How is this different to the one that was in place under the previous Government?	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
53.	1/1.1	Wong	Budget modelling	1. Have you reviewed, been asked to review, or commenced work on reviewing any of the major payments models since the election? a) If so, which ones? 2. Are you able to given an indication of the financial implications of the reviews into the models?	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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54.	1/1.1	Wong	Redirection of unspent funds	There was a report in <i>The Australian</i> on 17 October 2013 (“Ministers told to rein in spending as Mathias Cormann cracks down on grants”) that the Government is taking \$975 million over four years from a “series of redirections of unspent money”. Can you provide a list of all the programs from which these unspent funds were coming from?		16/1/14	13/2/14
55.	1/1.1	Wong	Direct Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you costed the Government’s Direct Action Plan? 2. If so, what is the impact on the budget over the forward estimates, in fiscal balance and underlying cash terms? 3. If not, why not? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
56.	1/1.1	Wong	Long-term Budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department done any work or provided any advice on the long-term effects on the budget (that is, beyond the forward estimates) of the government’s policies, in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Paid Parental Leave; b) Indexation for military superannuation; and c) Growth in Defence spending to 2% of GDP by the end of the decade. 2. If so, has the department done any work on or provided advice on whether these policies are compatible with the government’s aim of a budget surplus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Faster than what was previously forecast (that is, earlier than 2016-17); and 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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				b) Of a size 1% of GDP prior to 2023-24? 3. If not, why not?			
57.	1/1.1	Wong	PBO Costings	1. Have you costed any of the Government's proposals that were detailed in the PBO's post-election report? 2. If so, have you found any differences between what you get and what the PBO costed? 3. If there are differences, can you provide a list of all the proposals where there are differences with an explanation for each of them as to why there are differences? 4. If you have not costed any of the Government's proposals that were in the PBO's post-election report, why not?	Written	17/1/14	13/2/14
58.	1/1.1	Wong	Coordinated procurement arrangement savings	Can you provide an update on the level of savings achieved to date from the coordinated procurement arrangements?	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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59.	1/1.1	Wong	Register of contract and grant recipients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has work commenced on the centralised register of Commonwealth contract and grant recipients, which is to be administered by Finance as per the Government's <i>Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation</i> policy? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this register? b) Are any additional financial resources required to set up the register? 2. If work has not commenced on the register, why not? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
60.	1/1.1	Wong	Commonwealth procurement panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has work commenced on the single, rationalised Commonwealth procurement panel to administer a centralised register of service providers who wish to contract with the Commonwealth, which is to be centrally administered by Finance as per the Government's <i>Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation</i> policy? 2. If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this procurement panel? 3. Are any additional financial resources required to set up the procurement panel? 4. How many Commonwealth procurement panels were in existence at the time of the 2013 Federal Election? 5. How many panellists are envisaged to be on the single procurement panel? 6. What is the duration of the single procurement panel arrangements? 7. If work has not commenced on the single, rationalised 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				Commonwealth procurement panel, why not?			
61.	1/1.1	Wong	Cost Recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has work commenced on the development of efficiency performance standards against which government cost recovery agencies would be assessed? 2. If so, which branch is responsible for developing the standards? 3. Is it proposed that these new standards would be made public? If not, why not? 4. If work has not commenced on the development of the standards, why not? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
62.	1/1.1	Wong	Savings from advisory bodies	The Prime Minister on 8 November 2013 announced the abolition and rationalisation of a number of advisory bodies. What is the level of savings that has been achieved from this?	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
63.	1/1.1	Wong	Terminating measures	Can you provide a list of all the terminating measures that will terminate in 2016-17?	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
64.	1/1.1	Wong	Efficiency Dividend	Can you provide a table showing the percentage level of the efficiency dividend each financial year from its introduction through to 2016-17?	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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65.	1/1.1	Wong	Efficiency Dividend exemptions	For how long have the full and partial exemptions to the efficiency dividend been in place?	Written		13/2/14
66.	1/1.1	Wong	Government measures in first consolidation	Can you provide a list of the measures that were included in the first consolidation completed in the week prior to 19 November 2013?	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
67.	1/1.1	Wong	2013 Economic Statement and 2013 PEFO Measures	<p>It was stated during the estimates session on 18 November 2013 with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet that "...anything that the former government funded in the economic statement..." was "...subject to a budget process..."</p> <p>5. Can you confirm that measures in the 2013 Economic Statement are subject to reconsideration in the budget process?</p> <p>6. If so, can you provide a list of the measures in the 2013 Economic Statement that are being reconsidered?</p> <p>7. Can you also confirm that measures in the 2013 PEFO are subject to reconsideration in the budget process?</p> <p>8. If so, can you provide a list of the measures in the 2013 PEFO that are being reconsidered?</p>	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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68.	1/1.1	Wong	Growth in programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide a list of the top 20 fastest growing programs over the forward estimates? 2. Can you provide this list detailed by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Portfolio; b) Name of program; c) Real and nominal growth over the forward estimates; 3. Funding for these programs for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. 	written	10/1/14	13/2/14
69.	1/1.1	Wong	Strategic Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the number of strategic reviews currently being undertaken by Finance? 2. When are they expected to be completed? 3. Can you describe what policy areas these reviews are looking at? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
70.	1/1.1	Wong	CrosbyTextor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide a list of all contracts that the Australian Government has with CrosbyTextor? 2. Can you provide with this list the dates on which contracts with CrosbyTextor were entered into? 	written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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71.	1/1.1	Wong	14,500 jobs at work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did you commence work on the advice to the Minister relating to the reduction of the public service by 14,500? 2. Which branch or division was responsible for drafting this advice? 3. What other branches or divisions were involved in the drafting of this advice? 4. When did you provide the advice to the Minister's office? 5. For how long have you used the assumption of the ratio of 55/45 for staffing/non-staffing costs in relation to the application of the efficiency dividend? 6. Can you provide a list of the measures that were assumed to end over the forward estimates for the purposes of the costing of the 8,800 jobs element, which previous governments have continued in the past when they got to their end dates? 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14
72.	1/1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you describe the process for the Commission of Audit requesting information from Finance? Is there a coordinator in Finance who looks after this process? 2. How many requests for information have the Commission of Audit made to Finance? 3. What branches in Finance have been requested for information by the Commission of Audit? 	written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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73.	1/1.1	Wong	Discretionary Grants Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the Prime Minister's letter outlining the process in relation to discretionary grants sent to all ministers? 2. When did Finance commence work on reviewing discretionary grants spending? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
74.	1/1.1	Wong	Securitisation of HECS debts	Has the department done any work or provided advice to the Minister or Government on the securitisation of HECS debts since the 2013 Federal Election?	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
75.	2/2.1	Wong	Boardlinks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Have you briefed the Minister on the Boardlinks initiative? 4. If not, why not? 5. Does the Minister support this program to promote women into leadership positions, in particular on government boards? 6. If not, why not? 7. Has the Minister written to his ministerial colleagues encouraging the use of Boardlinks in putting forward candidates for government board appointments? 8. If not, why not? Will he do so? 9. How many candidates are now under the Boardlinks program, since the database was established in February 2013? 10. When will the next Boardlinks event be held? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14

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76.	2/2.1	Wong	Medibank scoping study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Finance staff are working on the Medibank scoping study? 2. What are the APS levels for each of these staff? 3. Is this task their full time job, or are they undertaking other tasks? 	Written	10/1/14	13/2/14
77.	2/2.1	Wong	Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did the business case for the project recommend in terms of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. location; b. business model; and c. Commonwealth government involvement? 2. Were any different business models recommended in the business case? If so, why were these not proceeded with? 3. Is the business model that has been selected for the project the better option for the Commonwealth in the long-term? If so, why is this the case? 4. The adjacent block to the Commonwealth government's selected location of the project belongs to the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance. What was the advice provided in the business case in relation to this location? 5. Has any work been requested of, or advice prepared by Finance in relation to selling the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal in its current state? 6. If so, what would the cost of this be to the Commonwealth, compared 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				to the current proposed timeline?			
78.	2/2.1	Wong	Data sets on data.gov.au	Can you describe the work done so far on consultations with the private sector and the community on identifying value-adding public data sets not currently on data.gov.au ?	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
79.	2/2.1	Wong	Agency audit of spending, capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you commenced the audit across all agencies of spending, capex and outcomes generated by investment in ICT over the past three years? 2. If so, who else apart from AGIMO is involved in this work? 3. Who is in charge of leading this audit? Is it a branch or division within AGIMO or Finance? 4. If you haven't commenced the audit, why not? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
80.	2/2.1	Wong	Relocation of critical data to a secure government cloud	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you commenced work on trialling the relocation of critical data to a secure government cloud? 2. If so, can you describe the new tools and techniques that are being developed to implement this? 3. If not, why not? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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81.	1/1.1	Wong	Regulatory Performance Target	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has a specific regulatory performance target been set for the Secretary? 2. If so, what is the quantified reduction in i) “red” and ii) “green” tape? 3. If not, why not? 		16/1/14	13/2/14
82.	1/1.1	Wong	Ministerial Advisory Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Ministerial Advisory Council in relation to deregulation been set up? 2. If so, who is on the council? 3. Where is the council located? 4. If the council has not been set up, why not? 		16/1/14	13/2/14
83.	1/1.1	Wong	Deregulation function	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department’s budget changed since the Deregulation function was transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? 2. If so, what was the financial impact of the transfer? Provide details by financial year over the forward estimates. 3. What impact will the reduced funding have on the department’s remaining functions? 4. In the transfer, how were staff members re-assigned? Did any staff members lose their positions? Were any offered voluntary redundancies? 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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84.	1/1.1	Wong	Name Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been undertaken to change the department's name from "Finance and Deregulation" to "Finance"? Can you describe each element of work done (for example signage, web site, letterheads, publications etc.)? 2. What are the costs associated with the name change? Can you assign costs to each of the elements described in a) above. 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
85.	1/1.1	Wong	White Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What "White Papers" has the department been tasked with preparing? 2. What are the timeframes for these? 		16/1/14	13/2/14
86.	1/1.1	Wong	Terminating Programs	Can a list of terminating programs be provided, by year, over the forward estimates.		16/1/14	13/2/14

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87.	All	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the date they were ordered b) the date they commenced c) the minister responsible d) the department responsible e) the nature of the review f) their terms of reference g) the scope of the review h) Whom is conducting the review i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j) the expected report date k) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c) If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>involvement, broken down to each cost item</p> <p>d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iv) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(v) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3. Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.</p> <p>4. Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided</p>			

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				<p>to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p>(i) If so, when?</p> <p>(ii) If not, why not?</p>			
88.	All	Ludwig	Commissioned Reports	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the</p>	written	17/1/14	13/2/14

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				Government intending to respond to these reports?			
89.	All	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? <p>3. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. 			

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				<p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
90.	All	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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91.		Ludwig	Stationery requirements	1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?	written	7/1/14	13/2/14
92.		Ludwig	Media Subscriptions	1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>			
93.	All –	Ludwig	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided</p>	written	7/1/14	13/2/14

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				to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?			
94.	All –	Ludwig	Media Training	1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			

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95.	All –	Ludwig	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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96.	All	Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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97.	All	Ludwig	Travel costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 5. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? 6. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 7. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>8. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
98.	All	Ludwig	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>3. Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>		16/1/14	13/2/14

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99.	All	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? 2. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) 3. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? 4. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 		7/1/14	13/2/14
100.	All	Ludwig	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 6. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
101.	All	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 		7/1/14	13/2/14

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102.	All	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>			
103.	All	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? 5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
104.	All	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances? 2. How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) At what level? b) If not, why not? 3. How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) At what level? b) If not, why not? 		16/1/14	13/2/14
105.	All	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the 			

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106.	All	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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107.	All	Ludwig	Staffing cessations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 		16/1/14	13/2/14
108.	All	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 		16/1/14	13/2/14

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109.	All	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee</p>		16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			

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110.	All	Ludwig	Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	written	7/1/14	13/2/14
111.	All	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How cars are owned by each department/agency? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date? 	written	7/1/14	13/2/14
112.	All	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	written	7/1/14	13/2/14

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113.	All	Ludwig	Hire cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	written	7/1/14	13/2/14
114.	All	Ludwig	Credit cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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115.	All	Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date? 	written	7/1/14	13/2/14
116.	All	Ludwig	Ministerial briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister? 2. In what form does that occur? 3. On what basis is that provided? 4. What title is this briefing given? 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14
117.	All	Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, when did this occur? b) How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c) When were the changes made?</p>			
118.	All	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1. Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a) If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b) If so, when?</p> <p>c) If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or</p>	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a) If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b) If so, when?</p> <p>c) If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>d) If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p>			

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				<p>b) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d) What did the training involve?</p> <p>e) How long was the training?</p> <p>f) By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many</p>			

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				<p>have received formal training?</p> <p>b) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d) What did the training involve?</p> <p>e) How long was the training?</p> <p>f) By whom was the training conducted?</p>			
119.	All	Ludwig	Functions	<p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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120.	All	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7. Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14
121.	All	Wong	Deregulation Unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff are in the deregulation unit? 2. What are the APS levels of each of these staff? 3. How many of these staff used to work in the Deregulation Policy Division or the Office of Best Practice Regulation prior to their transfer to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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122.	All	Wong	Cost of complying with regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has work begun on auditing and quantifying the cost to business and individuals of complying with the regulations administered by the department/agency? 2. If so, what are the costs to date? 3. If not, why not? 	Written	7/1/14	13/2/14
123.	All	Wong	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were assumed in the 2013-14 Budget for the department/agency? 2. How many FTE staff are currently employed in the department/agency? 3. Can you break down the numbers of FTE staff in the department/agency by division? 4. What is the breakdown of the full time, part time and casual staff in the department/agency? 5. What is the breakdown of ongoing versus non-ongoing staff in the department/agency? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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124.	All	Wong	Non-ongoing staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the breakdown of ongoing versus non-ongoing staff in the department/agency? 2. Of the non-ongoing staff, how many of their contracts will end by 31 December 2013? 3. What divisions in the department/agency are the non-ongoing staff whose contracts will end by 31 December 2013? 4. As per the Government's directive of 8 November 2013, what impact will the termination of their contracts at the end of their current term have on the department's/agency's ability to conduct its operations? 5. What is the combined total salary of the non-ongoing positions with contracts ending by 31 December 2013? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
125.	All	Wong	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an update of all the boards within this portfolio, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members? 2. What is the gender ratio of each of the boards? 3. Please provide details of any board appointments that have been made since the 2013 Federal Election. 	written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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126.	All	Wong	Jobs Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What directions has the department/agency been given to contribute to the Government's policy to reduce the size of the public service? 2. Has the department/agency been directed to reduce the number of public servants by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FTE staff number; or b) Percentage of budget; or c) Dollar value? 3. How will the reductions be achieved (for example recruitment freeze, increased efficiency dividends, voluntary or compulsory redundancies)? 4. What information has been provided to department/agency staff about these plans? 	Written	17/1/14	13/2/14
127.	All	Wong	Voluntary redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the department/agency currently offering any voluntary redundancies? 2. If so, how many, and when were they offered? 	Written	17/1/14	13/2/14
128.	All response	Wong	Contractors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many contractors are currently working in the department/agency? 2. If there are contractors, what branches are they assigned to within the department/agency? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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129.	All –	Wong	Consultants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultants are currently working in the department/agency? 2. If there are consultants, what branches are they assigned to within the department/agency? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
130.	All –	Wong	Graduate Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the intake of graduates into the graduate program for the department/agency over the last three calendar years (including 2013)? 2. What are the benefits of running the graduate program in the department/agency? 3. Have there been any changes to the graduate program in the department/agency since the 2013 Federal Election? 4. If so, can you describe what these changes are? 5. If the graduate program has been ceased, what are the consequences of this, in the short and medium term, for the department/agency? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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131.	All	Wong	Discretionary Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many discretionary grants programs are managed by the department/agency? 2. Can you provide details of these programs by name, date commenced, and total funding? 3. Which of these grant programs were considered in the “urgent” round of grants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were any of these grant programs exempt from the grants pause? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
132.	All	Wong	Advisory Bodies or Panels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many advisory bodies or panels are there in the portfolio? 2. Can you provide details of these bodies or panels by name, date commenced, and brief description of their role? 3. Has Finance undertaken a review of these bodies or panels? 4. If so, who initiated the review? 5. Have any of these bodies or panels been made redundant or closed since the 2013 Federal Election? 6. If so, who made the decision? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
133		Madigan	Whole of Government stationery and office supplies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that the Whole of Government Stationery and Office Supplies panel arrangement makes mandatory all procurement (for all Agencies under the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997) of copy paper to be exclusively purchased from any of three panellists established in March 2012 following a June 2011 Request 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>for Tender. The panellists being: Complete Office Supplies (COS) Pty Ltd, Corporate Express, OfficeMax Australia Limited?</p> <p>2. Has the Panel Arrangement been established for an initial period of three (3) years with two (2) extension options of one (1) year each, which may be exercised at the discretion of the Department of Finance?</p> <p>3. In the Request for Tender used to establish the panel, did the tender evaluation include an ability to meet the Commonwealth's requirements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Price and Pricing structure offered on all products will be constructed in a way which, while providing value for money, supports the viability of Australian manufacturers? b) An ability and willingness of the panellist to demonstrate for the life of the arrangement that it can manage any conflict of interest issues in terms of any potential advantage that it might gain by selling imported product instead of Australian made product, including product it sells in the form of a private label? <p>4. If not already specified, will any of the above requirements be specified prior to the Department of Finance agreeing to extensions?</p>			

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134		Madigan	Departmental contracts for MPs office requisites	<p>Contract entered into by the Department of Finance for the provision of office requisites and stationery for Members and Senators.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that individual Agencies may choose to enter into deeds with any of the three suppliers in the Whole of Government Stationary and Office Supplies panel, based on their business needs? 2. Is it correct that procurement of general use copy paper must also be in line with the mandatory environmental standards in the ICT Sustainability Plan 2010-2015 (ES4) which requires it to have a minimum post-consumer recycled content of 50 % by July 2011 with progression to 100 % recycled content by July 2015? 3. Was the successful panellist in the most recent contract entered into by the Department of Finance for the provision of office requisites and stationery for Members and Senators OfficeMax? 4. In the previous contract for this service, which was also held by Office Max from 01/07/07 at a value of \$15,000,000 over 5 years, there were no confidentiality provisions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is this the same case with the current contract? b) If not, where does it differentiate from the previous contract? 5. Is it correct that all purchases must comply with the ICT sustainability Act, as per the requirements of Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997? 6. Is the paper offered by Office Max currently which is eligible for purchase limited to the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OfficeMax® 50% Recycled Copy Paper, • REFLEX Pure White A4, 80gsm 50% Recycled paper, 	Written	20/2/14	6/3/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OfficeMax 100% Recycled White A4 80gsm Copy Paper, • Canon 100% Recycled Copy Paper A4, • Australian 80% Recycled White A4 80gsm paper (Box 5 only) <p>7. Is the Department aware of any other Agencies' views that there is a potential risk in entering a deed with OfficeMax exclusively due to the limited range of products in some of its catalogue?</p> <p>8. Is the department aware of any Australian made paper which fits the requirements of the ICT Sustainability plan on the market but is not offered to Members and Senators through this panellist?</p> <p>9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is it correct that under the ICT sustainability plan 100% recycled content is a requirement by July 2015 but currently no Australian Made 100% recycled content is available through OfficeMax? b) Is there a clause in the Complete Office Supplies arrangement or the deed for the provision of office requisites and stationery contract for an Australian made paper that meets the upcoming 100% requirement, being required to made available when 100% becomes mandatory? c) Will this provision be included in the requirements for an extension of the provision of the office requisites and stationary contract and/or the COS arrangement <p>10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the department aware of any financial advantage to be 			

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				<p>gained by any panellists by it selling imported paper in comparison to Australian made, and particularly paper containing the panellist's private label to this market?</p> <p>b) Does it stand to reason that they would want to promote their private label even if they do not gain a higher margin on its sales compared to alternatives- for instance by using it as a 'price leader' to assist in negotiations with alternative imported and local suppliers?</p> <p>11. In the contract, is there a disclosure of how OfficeMax deals with this issue in terms of its price and pricing structure?</p> <p>12. Regarding OfficeMax® 50% Recycled Copy Paper, can you advise what is the source; what is the country of origin and what is the non-recycled content?</p>			

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135	1/1.1	Wong	APS Jobs – Advice to government	<p>Senator Cormann: The government, obviously, has had discussions with Mr Tune and others across government about the implementation of a policy to reduce the size of the Public Service by 12,000 through natural attrition. In that context, the advice provided to us was that there were in fact already to be about 14,500 Public Service cuts, not through natural attrition but through redundancies which were to take place as a result of decisions made by the previous government—which were never disclosed before the election, incidentally. So the government made a judgement that it was in the public interest for people to understand why we have to reassess the way we implement our policy to reduce the size of the Public Service through natural attrition, given the implications of the decisions that you made in government, not disclosed before the last election.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Given you reference the public interest, don't you think it would be in the public interest, given you have chosen to put some of the advice into the public arena, for the full advice to be tabled?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I do not have the full advice in front of me. We will take that request on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have the advice here, Mr Tune?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I can run you through the advice.</p> <p>....</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 11, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14

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136	1/1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit – organisational structure	<p>Senator WONG: Can you table an organisational chart—on notice if you do not have one—for the Commission of Audit secretariat.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I can do that. I do not have it with me but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Including the levels at which people are engaged. I do not need names, just levels.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry. I would like names in the organisational chart—then if you want to preserve people's privacy I would just like to know what level people are engaged at.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 19 November 2013	17/1/14	13/2/14
137	1/1.1)	Wong	Commission of Audit – type of information requested	<p>Senator WONG: Can you give me some sense of what sort of information has been requested?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think it is information that is in line with the terms of reference.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That is not really an answer.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I do not really have any more detail on that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You have a lot of your budget group here. Why can't you provide me with a bit more information about the subject matters of information that has been requested?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Because I do not have any information on that. I can seek that information and get back to you later in the day.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would appreciate that</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 30, 19 November 2013	16/1/14	13/2/14

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138	1/1.1	Wong	Savings advice – health and education	Senator WONG: Have you provided advice in relation to savings proposals in the areas of health and education? Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice Answered on the day. Refer to Hansard for the response, p.55 – agreed by committee 09/12/13	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 36, 19 November 2013	Answered on the day p55 of hansard	
139	1/1.1	Smith	Military superannuation indexation	Senator SMITH: I am happy to make it available to you or read it out. It is titled 'Changes to indexation of military superannuation payments'. If you cannot give me an answer now, I am happy for you to consult with officials and come back to me in the next few moments or the next 30 minutes, if that is possible. My question refers to the media statement of 30 July 2013, titled 'Changes to indexation of military superannuation payments'. Was Finance asked for any advice or input about this policy? Secondly, what was the impact of this announcement on the unfunded liability for Commonwealth superannuation? Mr Tune: I will chase it up .	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 73, 19 November 2013		13/2/14
140	AEC	Faulkner	Keelty correspondence – terms of reference	Mr Killesteyn: The terms of reference are relatively simple, but there are three limbs to the terms of reference, as I have outlined. Senator FAULKNER: How did you communicate them? Mr Killesteyn: By letter—in writing. My apologies. Senator FAULKNER: Could that letter be tabled for the benefit of the committee. Mr Killesteyn: Yes.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 83, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14

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141	AEC	Faulkner	Cost of Keelty investigation	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Given that I suspect that we are going to find that these costs matters will be finalised after the due date for the return of answers to questions on notice to the committee—that is quite likely, I think—to be sensible about that and to take account of it, could the AEC please take on notice the total cost of Mr Keelty's investigation. That includes his own costs and other associated costs. Secondly, could the AEC also take on notice any Court of Disputed Returns/petition costs when they are finalised. I will have to ask the AEC to accept this in the spirit that I am asking this question on notice. If it is not possible before the scheduled time has elapsed, I accept that. But I ask the AEC to provide that information as soon as it is able to do so. I think that that is a reasonable way of doing this.</p> <p>Mr Killesteyn: You have my undertaking to provide that information.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 101, 19 November 2013	20/2/14	6/3/14
142	3/3.1	Wong	PMO staffing	<p>Senator WONG: Mr Abbott has 58 staff. Therefore, comparing apples with apples, Mr Abbott has 58 staff compared with 53 for the Prime Minister as at May 2013.</p> <p>Ms Moy: If those five are included, that's correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. That would mean this is the largest Prime Minister's office ever, correct?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I would have to actually go back through the previous records to check that, Senator. In terms of comparison between the two, it would be.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I might be wrong. My recollection is Mr Howard had 49 or 50 staff, something like that.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I would actually have to check what Prime Minister Howard had.</p>	114	20/2/14	6/3/14
143	3/3.1	Wong	MOU with DPS –	<p>Ms Moy: Things were not necessarily, within the memorandum of</p>	Hansard,	20/2/14	6/3/14

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			Min Wing fit-out	understanding, itemised. So I suppose things have been somewhat organic over the period of time. Senator WONG: Could you table a copy of that? I have never seen it. Ms Moy: Yes, we can.	F&PA Committee, Page 117, 19 November 2013		
144	ASC	Dastyari	AWD project schedule	Senator DASTYARI: I will be fairly brief; I am quite conscious of the time. There are a couple of questions that I might just raise with you now but ask you to have a bit of an opportunity to consider them and take them on notice. There are one or two that I would not mind getting answered now, but with others I think probably it would be more beneficial for everybody to give you the opportunity to come back and be able to answer them in detail. In October you launched your strategic policy paper on a sustainable Australian naval industry. I would not mind hearing from you, if you are able, an outline of the recommendations of the paper to sustain a robust and self-reliant Australian naval industry. Also, in doing so, perhaps you would be able to table on notice, with the AWD project, the project schedule—where things are at, how it is all travelling. Mr Ludlam: Perhaps I could take the second part first. We will be able, through the alliance, to table that progress schedule, and we would be pleased to do that.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 129, 19 November 2013	17/1/14	13/2/14
145	3/3.1	Wong	Security Classifications	1. Are staff in the offices of portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries required to obtain and maintain a minimum Negative Vetting Level 2 (formerly TOP SECRET) security clearance? 2. How many staff, per office, are yet to obtain these clearances?	Written	20/2/14	6/3/14

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146		Wong	Deregulation Policy	<p>With reference to the document “The Coalition’s Policy to Boost Productivity and Reduce Regulation”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has a common form contract for all Commonwealth grants been adopted? 2. Have whole-of-government probity guidelines been established? If so, can a copy been provided? 3. Has the threshold for sole source contracts been increased? 4. What changes have been made to Commonwealth cost recovery methods? 	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14