

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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1.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Heads of departments	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I am not quite sure why we cannot have a copy of that. If you are telling me that, for three heads of departments, a report was produced by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, effectively, I assume, arguing that these people were unfit to be running departments—I do not know what the content is—why couldn't that be available to the committee?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: What we can do is, I think, take this on notice for you and outline the protocol and some of the reasoning and rationale behind what has been a longstanding practice. Without saying that this applied to any of those involved, for the privacy of the people concerned and their future job prospects et cetera, this would not necessarily want to be trawled through in a public arena such as this. So just be mindful of those sorts of sensitivities as well. Having said that, I did not see the reports and therefore I am unable to say whether those reports contained anything of that nature. I trust they did not. But just be careful of what you ask for. So, if we take this on notice, hopefully we will be able to deal with it in a sensitive manner.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 54	12/2/14	6/3/14
2.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Heads of departments	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes. But I am asking whether, in relation to Mr Parkinson's situation, there may have also been a report.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I think we have got to be careful because now we are traversing, potentially, advice to government—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No, Minister, to be clear: I understand the point that you and the officials have made. I am not going to the nature of the advice. I am just trying to get the process clear here.</p> <p>Ms Cross: Senator, I do not actually know the answer to your question, so could I take that on notice?</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 54	12/2/14	6/3/14
3.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Heads of departments	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Following on from that again, for my understanding of the procedure: did the Prime Minister request those reports, or were those reports offered?</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 55	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Ms Kelly: Senator, again, the statute was complied with. They were provided in accordance with the statute.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Sure. Nobody here is implying or suggestion in any way, shape or form that the statute was not complied with. I am not saying that there was a breach of the act here. That is not my suggestion. There are many ways you can comply with this act, and my question is: was this complied with because the Prime Minister asked the head of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for a report to be produced about three departmental secretaries who were later terminated?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: All right. We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay. So I might rephrase that; I will be even more specific if you are taking it on notice. Did the Prime Minister have a conversation with the head of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet requesting that reports be produced terminating these three departmental heads? If the Prime Minister did not, were the reports offered up by Mr Ian Watt, the head of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet? And if it was neither of those, who had the conversation with Mr Ian Watt requesting that these reports be produced?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: All right. That is in the <i>Hansard</i> now. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Just so that we are clear, neither Ms Cross or Ms Kelly, or you, Minister, can say where the initiative came from. Surely it was the Prime Minister's initiative. I don't think to say that is a particularly controversial thing, given—and I understand section 58 of the act has been mentioned, sure, but as a starting point—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And neither do the officers?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: That is why I need to take it on notice, and I am advised by both Ms Kelly and Ms Cross that they do not know either.</p>			

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4.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Heads of departments	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Hearing that, could you perhaps take on notice for us when the formal written communication from the Prime Minister was dated and when it was received in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I am not expecting you to know precisely what happened and I'm not going to ask what happened in the Prime Minister's Office.</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Perhaps, I could ask you, minister, if you would take on notice whether that communication or three communications could be tabled at the committee.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Alright, I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 56	12/2/14	6/3/14
5.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Heads of departments	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I can ask the Australian Public Service Commissioner later today. Let me ask the process question—not of the content of the consultation, but the nature—if either Ms Cross or Ms Kelly are not able to say—you are nodding, so I assume you are not able to say. What was the nature of the consultation as opposed to the content of the Australian Public Service Commissioner's consultation. In other words, how was the consultation conducted?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Would you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 57	12/2/14	6/3/14
6.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyara	Heads of departments	<p>Senator WONG: Does the report identify an officer other than the secretary?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think we would have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: The officials tell me they have not seen the report. As a result, it is difficult for them—</p> <p>Ms Cross: As a general statement, though, issues of this nature are held fairly tightly ahead of an announcement. So there may well have been no other name on the brief. We would have to check.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: We are not talking about a lengthy report here. We are talking about what, I imagine, at most would not be going over a couple of pages. The report could not be that far away. It is something that surely somebody here would have access to very quickly. I understand that you may not, for other reasons, want to have a discussion about the details of the report. But some of these questions about this report, I think, could very reasonably be answered if you were able to see the report. Are you telling</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 58	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>me that no-one here has actually seen the report?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We were not specifically involved at the time, so that is correct. But we have said we will take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: My question—and Senator Bernardi may be in a better position to ask about this than I am—is: is that something that somebody here could get a hold of now? I just do not understand. We are talking about a two- or maybe three-page report that goes to the effect of sacking three very senior public servants and terminating the head of the department. We can have a debate about whether or not you feel it is appropriate or not to release the report. I cannot see why it would not be released, but that is a separate matter. But you are telling us you cannot answer any questions about the report because you have not seen the report. So my question is: why can't we get a copy of the report here for you now?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will take that on notice for you.</p>			
7.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Heads of departments	<p>Senator WONG: Just on this, 59(4)(b) contemplates the possibility of disagreement and, if that occurs, that has to be explained under the statute, the substance of the disagreement. Was 59(4)(b) relevant to any of the reports?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Again, I have not seen the report so I cannot answer that question, but we can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is mandatory. So 59(4) is couched in the 'must', so I am asking whether or not, as a result of the application of that section, there was in the reports an explanation of the substance of the disagreement. Thank you.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, Page 58	12/2/14	6/3/14
8.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Daystyari	Heads of departments	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Going back to what we were talking about earlier, I assume calculations were done on what the costs of terminating department secretaries were. Is there a calculation on the cost of the three terminations?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I cannot answer that question but, again, we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is one we do not know the answer to, so we will check it for you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: So on notice you can get back to us on what were the total financial costs including salary payments, superannuation, leave entitlements et cetera associated with the termination of the three departmental secretaries. There would be some figure floating around to that</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 61	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>effect?</p> <p>Ms Cross: What we said was that we do not know if there is that figure, but we will take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But you would have to pay it out, so there would have to be a figure, wouldn't there?</p> <p>Ms Cross: You would imagine so.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: And that figure can be made available to us. How long will it take?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I am thinking out aloud as to whether that is something we would seek to disclose on the public record. Allow us to take that on notice. On the face of it, everybody knows what secretaries get paid, and some of us ministers get quite upset about what they get paid in comparison. That aside, I wonder whether there are potentially some privacy issues. But allow us to take it on notice. I would have thought that, overall, chances are that it should be allowed, but I stand to be corrected.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I guess the question, just to be specific, is: when you terminate a secretary, are they being paid out the remainder of their contract—once we see the figure, that will be clear—or are they just given a redundancy? How does it structurally work on that level? The supplementary question, if there is one, is: once a secretary has been terminated, is that deemed a redundancy? In the case of one of the departmental secretaries, it involved the merging of two departments, if I am correct, and that is to do with the secretary of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and I think there was a bit of a restructure as well. Once the secretary gets terminated, do they get paid out? How does it all work?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will check for you. I think there may be some information on the public record about what happens with secretaries' remuneration, and it relates to the length of time remaining under their contract. We will check that for you.</p>			
9.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Heads of departments	<p>Senator WONG: Just in case this was not covered in questions on notice before, can you come back with an answer to the question as to whether or not a report under section 59 was ever prepared in relation to Dr Parkinson? If so, was it ever provided to the Prime Minister? I am not asking about the content.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 61	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. There may be no—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice, but the specific wording talks about termination of appointment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Correct, and it may be that no report was prepared, but if there was—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I do not think we want to trawl through the public domain as to who had a report prepared on them, potentially, which was or was not followed through. We will take it on notice and consider our position.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, take it on notice, and if the issue is that you want to have it in camera or confidentially, you can always request that, Minister. I was going to move to a different topic, if that is all right, Chair.</p>			
10.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Split of international and domestic tourism policy in AAO of 18 September	<p>Senator WONG: As you said, tourism, which seemed to wander around a bit, is now all in Foreign Affairs and Trade, whereas previously between 18 September and the change you had a split between domestic and international.</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: At whose request was the original split?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to check that for you. I think it was part of the incoming government briefing process when the machinery of government was discussed.</p>	18 November 2013, Page 64	12/2/14	6/3/14
11.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governance Committee	<p>Senator WONG: Has the governance committee met?</p> <p>Ms Spence: We do not talk about the details of the number of meetings that have been held.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am not sure that is correct.</p> <p>Ms Spence: Other than the overarching numbers that are provided in the annual report.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I do not think that is right. I think Senate committees can request. We cannot ask what was discussed—sometimes we can—but it is perfectly appropriate to ask when a meeting occurred. I think you will find that has been asked and answered. Has the governance committee met to date?</p> <p>Ms Spence: I have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On what basis?</p> <p>Ms Spence: I do not have the information with me at the moment, I am sorry.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 64-65	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator WONG: Someone from PM&C attends the meetings, do they not? They take notes at the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Spence: They take notes—yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has the governance committee met?</p> <p>Ms Spence: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On what basis?</p> <p>Ms Spence: Because I do not have the information in front of me.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does someone have the information? If there is going to be a claim, there is a process to go through. It is a very simple question about whether the committee has met or not.</p> <p>Ms Spence: We will find that information and get back to you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Can I point out to you, Minister, that historically, regardless of the political nature of the government of the day, cabinet processes, including issues such as committee meeting times and the like, have been regularly canvassed at committees and answers have been provided. It is accepted that the content of discussions and the like of cabinet-in-confidence—I do not make a major point of that, but, given Ms Spence's earlier comment, I think it warrants that minor clarification.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We are happy to take that on notice. I think our recollection is that we give statistics in total for cabinet and its committees but that we do not normally break it down by committee. But we will check that for you.</p>			
12.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governance Committee	<p>Senator WONG: Does a member of the Prime Minister's staff attend the Governance Committee?</p> <p>Ms Spence: The Acting Cabinet Secretary would attend the Governance Committee, as with arrangements with the other committee meetings.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does any other member of the Prime Minister's staff attend the Governance Committee?</p> <p>Ms Spence: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 65	12/2/14	6/3/14
13.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Administrative Arrangements Orders	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Can I ask, on AAOs, please, whether it is true that, in legislation administered by the minister of the Department of Finance portfolio, supply acts have disappeared—which might be just because this is a modernisation. But can someone confirm that for me, please?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I was not aware of that, Senator. We will seek to confirm it.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 65	12/2/14	6/3/14
14.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Administrative Arrangements	<p>Senator FAULKNER: That is what I was going to ask, because there are a number of other acts, aren't there, in this situation? There may be more, but</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November	12/2/14	6/3/14

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			Orders	<p>I think I have identified the Maritime Powers Act, DisabilityCare Australia Fund Act—would that be right?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We are currently going through a process, as part of the consolidation, of identifying those. So that process is ongoing. I am not aware of whether those two acts have been identified in that process, but that process is occurring at the moment.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Perhaps you could take on notice, then, what the status is of these acts. They are all 2013 acts, which perhaps goes to assisting in explaining the situation. Could you take on notice the status of: the Maritime Powers Act, DisabilityCare Australia Fund Act, Foreign Affairs Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Act, Not-For-Profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Act, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Act, Australian Jobs Act, Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Act, Australia Council Act, the Court Security Act and the Public Interest Disclosure Act.</p> <p>It is obviously quite possible—and I did not have time to check this—that some of those acts have not been proclaimed. I assume that that would affect the possibility of them appearing in the Administrative Arrangements Order? I do not know. You can confirm that for me.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will confirm that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Do we know?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: My understanding is that not being included in the Administrative Arrangements Order does not affect their administration.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No, I am not asking that. As to the reason that they are not there—some of these acts may not have been proclaimed; I do not know if they have been proclaimed. I am being as open with you as I can.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think the reason they are not there is that we have not done the annual process of updating the AAOs to get rid of any legislation that has been repealed or add any new legislation. We do not normally do that at the same time as machinery of government. We normally do that through a separate process.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: That seems odd to me, I have to say, but fair enough. I do not know whether, as I say, they have been proclaimed, and obviously some of them may not have commenced either. The commencement dates may be relevant here. I am not aware of it. But I</p>	2013, page 67		

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				<p>would appreciate your feedback on that if you could provide it. I suppose I am a little surprised to hear that. With the machinery-of-government changes, there seemed to me to be a logicality that the AAOs would be updated at that point. It does not seem illogical that that would happen, does it—but it has not.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: So if you could just check the status—and you might check, on notice, if there are any other acts that have missed the boat. But I am very interested to come back, if I can, on the issue of supply acts having disappeared from legislation administered by the minister in the Department of Finance, because that possibly has some other implications, given the nature of parliamentary practice, chamber standing orders and the like. So I will treat that one as a separate issue—if you can, please. You can take that on notice for me and come back?</p>			
15.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins Faulkner	Acting Cabinet Secretary	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I would also ask Minister Abetz if he could take on notice what selection process is being envisaged to permanently fill this role, given that the Prime Minister chose to establish it as an acting role.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You mentioned that Mr Fox was particularly experienced. He had experience as an adviser to Prime Minister Howard in his previous bureaucrat roles, did he not?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I believe that is correct.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you tell me how Mr Fox was selected for this role?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice, but I think I have got a fair idea.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If you have got a fair idea, couldn't you share it?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: No. Ministers do not have hunches.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: We would not ask you to share it if you had an unfair idea, but given that you have got a fair idea or no idea—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice. I will surprise myself as to whether I am right or wrong.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you also outline for us the nature of Mr Fox's role as he is placed within the Prime Minister's office? Is it solely as cabinet secretary, or are there other functions that he performs?</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 69-70	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator Abetz: I would have thought that would keep him pretty busy. We can find out for you on notice. I do not think he makes the coffee.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We are not aware that he performs any other functions, but we can take it on notice and confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You have taken on notice the selection process. Is that right?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I did not catch whether Senator Collins asked whether there was an advertisement process.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I do not know whether that has occurred or not.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: In relation to the acting appointment?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am not aware of a process. Again, I can confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So there was no—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Usually for acting positions it is because there has been a change of circumstance and you need to appoint somebody pretty quickly. So you usually do not advertise for acting positions. I have already had that in my department where people have resigned or left and you appoint an acting person whilst you go through the selection process.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: What is not clear because of Mr Fox's current situation, which is that he is seconded from PM&C to MoP staff. He is a member of Mr Abbott's staff. Fair enough: that is clear and easily understood. What is not clear is whether the plan—and you might be able to assist in this—is to have a public servant act as cabinet secretary or be the cabinet secretary or a MoP staffer be the cabinet secretary. Can you assist us with that?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Or a member of the executive.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I assumed that a member of the executive is ruled out—or a member of the executive. Correct. I assume if it is a member of the executive that they would have been appointed.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes. Allow me to take that on notice. I understand differing governments have had differing arrangements in relation to cabinet secretary. I will take that on notice. As you know, nobody from the executive has been sworn in.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes. I had assumed that, but you can correct me. I</p>			

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				asked you whether it was likely to be a MoP staffer or a public servant, effectively. Are you able to confirm it will not be a member of the executive, or are you unable to confirm that either? Senator Abetz: A member of the executive, as in a senator or member? Senator FAULKNER: A member of the executive council. Senator Abetz: Look, you never know what might happen in the future. But as far as I know that is not the intention. Senator FAULKNER: Okay. My question on notice is, I think, clear. If you are able to provide an answer, I would appreciate it.			
16.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins	Cabinet meetings	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I believe you will need to take this on notice on the basis of the earlier discussion that you had with Senator Wong. Could you take on notice for the committee, please, to update the table on page 43 of the PM&C annual report, where you outlined the number of meetings held of cabinet, the National Security Committee and other cabinet committees. Now, I am assuming the 2012-13 figures are for that financial year, so that would essentially be to the end of the previous government. Could I ask you to update that up to this point in time, please.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 70	12/2/14	6/3/14
17.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM&C staff seconded to the PMO	Senator WONG: To assist the witnesses, if I could just give some notice of one thing, which is the total number of PM&C staff seconded to the Prime Minister's office and which of those are employed under the MOP(S) Act. Thank you. It might save some time.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 71	12/2/14	6/3/14
18.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Number of staff in the PMO	Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice you could give us—although we will probably get this from Finance—the full complement of staff for the Prime Minister's Office.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 72	12/2/14	6/3/14
19.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Government Staffing Committee	Senator FAULKNER: Who acts as its secretary, please? Senator Abetz: That I do not know. Senator FAULKNER: Could you take that on notice. Senator Abetz: Yes, of course. But the chair of it is the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, and the Special Minister of State sits on it. They are the two parliamentarians, and I will find out for you who the staff are.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 75	12/2/14	6/3/14
20.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Government Staffing Committee	Senator Abetz: They have a look at the applications and try to match applications with the specific jobs. But, at the end of the day, all they do is recommend; they do not decide. Senator WONG: To whom do they recommend? Senator Abetz: To the Prime Minister.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 75	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator WONG: But presumably the Prime Minister does not sign off on every appointment—or does the Prime Minister consider and sign off on every appointment across the 420?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: It is ultimately the Prime Minister's decision.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That was not my question.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice and see whether he does or does not.</p>			
21.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Senator WONG: If the process you are suggesting is the government's process, it would not be possible, would it, for the Prime Minister of the day to read the applications, CVs et cetera of candidates for 420 positions. Unless you stop doing—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Nobody has ever suggested that he has or does.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Let's work at it this way. You have been through this process.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: He acts on advice, and I have indicated that to you before—</p> <p>Senator WONG: The advice of the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is that advice provided in writing?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: To whom?</p> <p>Senator WONG: The Prime Minister. You said he is the decision-maker and he acts on advice. Is the advice provided to the Prime Minister in writing?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure on that detail.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 77-78	12/2/14	6/3/14
22.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Senator WONG: So all correspondence to you about staffing was signed off by the chief of staff?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: That is to the best of my recollection, but I am happy to come back to the committee if that is not correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I have a bit more on this. I will go to Senator Siewert in a second, but I have just one question. Are there people on the committee who are not members of parliament or staffers?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Not that I can think of, but I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 80	12/2/14	6/3/14
23.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Social Inclusion Board	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I realise some of the money that was allocated to the Social Inclusion Board has been spent. Did the remaining money get transferred to DSS, or has that just gone back to the budget?</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 81	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Ms Cross: Funding for the functions I mentioned earlier—not-for-profit volunteering and philanthropy and for the staff working on that—was transferred to the Department of Social Services.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So for those three sections it has gone over but the rest of it has gone back into—</p> <p>Ms Cross: The rest of it has been redirected within our portfolio for other priorities.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How much for those three areas was transferred?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: In terms of the resources transferred to the Department of Social Services, there were six staff and there was \$2.873 million of administered funding.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And the remaining resources were reallocated?</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How much is that?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice.</p>			
24.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Mental Health Commission	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Was the funding for the operation of the commission previously in PM&C's budget or was it in Health?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: It was previously part of the PM&C portfolio budget, but the budget was allocated to the commission itself, and it was up to the commission itself, pretty much, how they allocated their budget. So we did not have a day-to-day role in setting their budget.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And is it expected that that funding method will now move to Health?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes. As far as I am aware it will be the same arrangement.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And how much was that, under the last allocation?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We might have to take that on notice. We might be able to get it quickly, but I do not know that we have it at hand.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 83-84	12/2/14	6/3/14
25.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Portrait of The Queen in the Department	<p>Senator SMITH: I am a bit surprised by the article and why workers would be surprised, because I assume that in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet staff have a high level of understanding of how our government works and how the government is structured, so it would not have come as a surprise to them that the head of state of their country was in fact the Queen and that the Prime Minister's headquarters might desire to have a portrait of the head of state in the building. I am just wondering if you can share with us when it was taken down.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 89	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Ms Kelly: I am sorry; I do not have that information. I could take that on notice and see whether or not we can find that within the department.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Please.</p>			
26.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – moving costs	<p>Senator MOORE: One of the questions I have generally—and I will put this on notice—is about everything when we talk about moving: in your case, has that meant a physical move? Or are you still operating out of other buildings? When you say you have moved to PM&C, have 21 people picked up their computers and moved?</p> <p>Ms Steele: Yes, correct.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So where are you now, physically?</p> <p>Ms Steele: We are at 1 National Circuit.</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: The Office for Women was located in PM&C's main office, which is 1 National Circuit in Barton, just down the road—in fact, on the same floor as Social Policy Division.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can you give us any idea what the cost of that move was?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We can take that on notice, but because it is quite a small team it would have been pretty low-cost.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 91	12/2/14	6/3/14
27.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – grants	<p>McDevitt: The funds for that program, the women's leadership development strategy, for this financial year have been transferred, along with the Office for Women. Any funding agreements that had already been entered into will be honoured, and there are still some unallocated funds under those administered funds.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So in terms of the grants, anything that had been signed is now secure?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: And allocated. Regarding the unallocated amounts, were they in the situation of being discussed and not finalised, in terms of an agreement? What is the situation with any unallocated funds from that program?</p> <p>Ms Cross: It varies. For some parts there may have been discussions; others we might be looking at in the New Year.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we get a list of those? The website does not have it at the moment.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We can let you know how much of the funds is uncommitted. If</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 92	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				it is uncommitted, it is not actually committed to anything. Senator MOORE: Can we get a list of everything that is committed? I have a full list of all the different things that have currently been funded. For women's leadership and development, can I get a list from the department of everything that is currently allocated? Ms Steele: Yes, certainly.			
28.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – Male Champions of Change	Senator MOORE: Does the department have any publications or policies that we can see which support the championing of women into different positions? We had some data at the lunch about what various organisations were doing, but there was nothing specific in the document I received which said, 'This is what PM&C has done'. It would be useful if we could see—on notice—what the specific processes are in PM&C. That would be great. Ms Cross: I am happy to do that. Senator MOORE: I want to know about advisory groups. You know that there have been general questions about advisory groups and engagement with the community. Are there any advisory groups within the Office for Women—not the alliances? Are there any other advisory groups linking into community organisations that the Office for Women work with? I can put that on notice. Ms Steele: I will take it on notice.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 95	12/2/14	6/3/14
29.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Tillem	Women on boards	Senator TILLEM: Maybe on notice—just on the government appointments since the government has been sworn in and whether there have been any women appointed to government boards since the new government has taken office. Ms Cross: We would have to take that on notice.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 96	12/2/14	6/3/14
30.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Government Staffing Committee	Senator DASTYARI: Not a problem. What I was not clear about was the government staffing committee. The minister spoke about the role that they had, with particular reference to ministerial staff. But are they actually playing a role with electorate staff as well? Are they making recommendations in relation to electorate staff or just in relation to ministerial staff? Senator Cash: My understanding is that the government staff committee has been established to make recommendations to the Prime Minister about the appointment of government staff by ministers. Senator WONG: So minister's electorate staff as well?	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 99	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator Cash: My understanding is it is in relation to ministerial staff only; however, I am happy to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: If you can, Minister. It is just that there were a couple of media reports to the effect—and they could clearly be wrong—that the government staffing committee is also ticking off on all electorate office staff as well.</p> <p>Senator Cash: I apologise, Senator Dastyari: could you repeat the question?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: There was a media report—I can pull it up if you like—on 5 October stating that the government staffing committee was actually looking at not only ministerial staff but also approving all electorate office staff for new MPs.</p> <p>Senator Cash: I will have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay.</p> <p>CHAIR: If it helps, Senator: I can confirm that no-one has had any involvement in the appointment of my staff in my office.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That could be a good or a bad thing, Minister!</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I can add to that that I have had no external influence in relation to my staff either.</p> <p>CHAIR: So I presume the answer is no.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: We have had a few things to say about the <i>Australian</i> today—I guess we have a few things to say about the <i>Herald</i> as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is actually Fairfax.</p> <p>CHAIR: Would you like my opinion on Fairfax? I am happy to share that!</p> <p>Senator WONG: I think we can probably guess it, as a member of the coalition. Maybe, Minister, you could take on notice Senator Dastyari's question—unless you know. But is the staffing committee involved in any appoint of electorate staff, or decisions to appoint electorate staff? In particular, is there any involvement by the staffing committee in decisions to appoint the electorate staff of new members of parliament, which is what is reported publicly?</p> <p>Senator Cash: I will take those questions on notice.</p>			
31.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Senator WONG: That is fine. You see, it was easy, wasn't it? So Senator Dastyari is asking whether or not Mr Loughnane is involved in any of the staffing appointments—as a formal member of the committee or in any</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				capacity. Senator Cash: I would have to take that question on notice.	100		
32.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Senator WONG: Are you aware of other ministers who have had staffing requests knocked back by the committee?</p> <p>Senator Cash: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you are not aware of Mr Victor Perton, whom Mr Hockey allegedly sought to appoint within his office who was not permitted to by the staffing committee?</p> <p>Senator Cash: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You are not aware of Senator Abetz' chief of staff not being ticked off by—</p> <p>Senator Cash: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You are not aware of Senator Sinodinos' request for chief of staff not being—</p> <p>Senator Cash: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take on notice whether any of those appointments were in fact declined by the staffing committee? I do not need to know all the names. I put one of them on the record because it is already public.</p> <p>Senator Cash: I can take those questions on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 102	12/2/14	6/3/14
33.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>Senator WONG: Are you able to give me numbers for PM versus the rest of the ministry?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The number 27, I am informed, includes the Prime Minister's visits.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So it was 27, not 25?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: No, 27 including the PM—that obviously includes two trips for the Prime Minister. That is what one would deduce.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So two trips for the PM and 25 for everybody else. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The figure is apparently 27, and that figure does include the Prime Minister's visits. I do not have, but I can obtain for you shortly, the number of those visits that related to the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure, we can do it that way around. Do you want to do that over the break, Ms Kelly? Would that be easier?</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 103	12/2/14	6/3/14

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34.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Discretionary grants	<p>Senator WONG: How many discretionary grants does the department manage?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think we would have to take that on notice, because we now have the Indigenous functions within the department.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay, take that on notice. But, leaving aside Indigenous, how many others do you have?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We previously may have had some grants associated with volunteering, but that has moved out of the department, and we may now have some associated with the Office for Women, but again I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you provide on notice, then, a list of all discretionary grants administered by the department now.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We can take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 103	12/2/14	6/3/14
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36.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Election commitments	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. Can you take this on notice: I assume you go through the usual process of collating election commitments from the incoming government and holding a list centrally.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Forget about all the Nobel laureates who say it is real! Ms Kelly, are you the person responsible, or is someone who works to you responsible, for collating the list?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you take on notice the provision of that list? These</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 104	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				are public commitments. Ms Kelly: Yes, Senator. Senator WONG: I assume you only collate election commitments. Ms Kelly: That is correct. Senator WONG: So they are not secret commitments; they are ones that have been announced to voters—correct? Ms Kelly: Yes.			
37.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Discretionary grants	Senator WONG: How many grants have you put into the checking process? Mr Hazlehurst: I believe I would need to take that on notice, but let me just check. Senator WONG: Okay. Mr Hazlehurst: Sorry, Senator, we do not have that information with us this evening. Senator WONG: Okay. Have any not got through the checking process? Mr Hazlehurst: No. Senator WONG: Okay. So if you could just take on notice details of that. Mr Hazlehurst: Sure.	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 105	12/2/14	6/3/14
38.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Interim Ministerial Code of Conduct	Senator Abetz: I know that a code of ministerial conduct is being finalised in the Prime Minister's office. As to a timeline, I am not 100 per cent sure. As to what code applies in the interim, I will need to take on notice. Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that; it would be helpful if that could be provided	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 106	12/2/14	6/3/14
39.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Charter letters	Senator FAULKNER: You mentioned charter letters—I might come back to that—and you said you had received your charter letter. Fair enough; that is good. Is it the view of the government that charter letters can be made public? Senator Abetz: I will have to take that on notice. I am not sure whether they have been in the past or not. Ms Cross: It is not normal practice to make them public, Senator. Senator FAULKNER: To be fair, Ms Cross, I don't know if there is a 'normal practice' in relation to this. However, if you perhaps could take on notice my request for the provision of charter letters. I can probably only do so at this committee because they are signed by the Prime Minister for all relevant members of the Executive. I am certainly interested in those	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 106	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>relevant to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I appreciate that the Prime Minister does not write himself a charter letter. I am well aware of that. However, he does sign the charter letters, doesn't he?</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is the standard practice. I am not aware of them ever having been released in the past, but we will check.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If you could take that on notice I would appreciate it.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will.</p>			
40.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM&C advice on Ministerial Code of Conduct	<p>Ms Kelly: Yes, Senator: I do believe that PM&C has provided advice in that process.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When were you asked for advice?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have the details of that. I would have to take the details of that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, pages 107	12/2/14	6/3/14
41.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong Faulkner	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Senator WONG: I have just found—what did you call it: the statement of standards? There are a couple of things I want to ask about it. It actually refers to the Government Staffing Committee—with capital letters, so it is a proper noun—so I guess it really does exist. So are we able to take it any further as to who is on it now?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Sorry, on the?</p> <p>Senator WONG: The Government Staffing Committee. It is actually referenced in the Statement of Standards.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes, and from what I can recollect it is chaired by Minister Andrews and has the Special Minister of State, Senator Ronaldson, on it; and the chief of staff of the Prime Minister's office, the deputy chief of staff of the Prime Minister's office and the chief of staff of the Deputy Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the COS and DCOS of the PMO and the COS of the DPMO.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: A question that got taken on notice while you were here went to some media reports that the Federal Director of the Liberal Party, Brian Loughnane, was actually on the committee. But you are saying that is not the case?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: No, he is not a member of the committee.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Well, we have defamed both the <i>Australian</i> and Fairfax today!</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, pages 109 & 110	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator WONG: Has he attended any meetings of the committee?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: It would stand to reason that a number of people attend the meetings.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So we have a distinction between people who rock up and members—is that how it works?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Of course. And it often happens that you might get advice, or a minister might want to come along to prosecute his or her case, but the actual committee that formally advises the Prime Minister is that handful of people that I mentioned.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Does the committee have any regular attendees other than the members?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I don't know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And could you take on notice how many meetings has Mr Nutt attended and how many meetings has Mr Loughnane attended.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice but, unless there is some sort of materiality in dragging people's names through the <i>Hansard</i>, I am not sure that serves any useful purpose.</p> <p>Senator WONG: They are part of the group that is making recommendations to the Prime Minister—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: No, they are not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So they just rock up to hold hands?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: The five people that I mentioned are the decision-makers.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the Federal Director of the Liberal Party just turns up to have a cup of tea?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I have taken that on notice.</p>			
42.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Past practice for providing information on functions	<p>Senator FAULKNER: My question just goes to the process—whether it is planned to continue the previous practice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will find out what the previous practice actually was, because I do not think what you initially asserted about it reflects what actually occurred. So what we will do is take on notice (1) what the actual previous practice was—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes, but—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Then, once that is established, we will be able to answer on notice your question as to whether that previous practice will be continued.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 113	12/2/14	6/3/14

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43.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Prime Minister's private functions at official residences	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I think I have been pretty clear. I was not going to ask but, in relation to the dinner that we are speaking of that occurred some time before 26 October and received quite a considerable amount of publicity, perhaps in the Fairfax papers—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: From all the ones that were not invited.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes, I was going to make the point: perhaps in the Fairfax papers because a number of News Limited journalists were present. This was not a private function by Mr Abbott, then. Just be clear: this is not a private—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: What do you mean by 'private'? They were there at the invitation of the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: So the invitation list is determined by the Prime Minister or his office as opposed to CERHOS. That is correct, isn't it, just so we are clear?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Do guests pay for their own travel to those sorts of dinners?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If you would, I would appreciate it. Are there some CERHOS-organised dinners where guests get supported travel? I am not aware of that, but—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: One would imagine that, if the Prime Minister were hosting a particular group of people, they might have their travel supported. I do not know, but we can take that on notice. I would assume that there are occasions when travel is supported and other times when travel is not supported.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Anyway, I appreciate that. Thank you for taking that on notice. If it is possible, you might care to take on notice the purpose, cost, and menu. That may or may not be provided; I do not know, but I will just ask on notice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take it all on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 113-114	12/2/14	6/3/14
44.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Asian century white paper website	<p>Ms Cross: Senator Wong, you asked about the Asian century white paper website. That was archived by the department as part of the process of closing down the Asian century implementation task force, so, when the task force ended in PM&C, we archived the website in September 2013.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 114	12/2/14	

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				<p>The content is still available through the National Library archive website, but it was part of the process of closing down the task force.</p> <p>Senator WONG: After the election.</p> <p>Ms Cross: It was the timing for closing down the task force, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: After the election?</p> <p>Ms Cross: It was 20 September, so yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there any involvement or discussion about this with the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I could not tell you that, but I can check for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p>			
45.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernadi Seselja	Ministerial travel	<p>CHAIR: I just have a couple of questions about a report from July of 2013, in which it said that between July and December of 2012 former Senator Bob Carr hit taxpayers with \$721,577 in flights and hotels. Are you able to confirm how many overseas trips Senator Carr actually made in the six months from 1 July 2012 to 1 January 2013?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I have the total figures for each year but I do not have them separated according to minister. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: I would appreciate it if you could provide it, but provide me with the total figures for 2012, firstly.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The total figure for 2012 was 190. That was 180 trips by ministers and 10 trips by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>CHAIR: Please provide on notice how many of those trips were undertaken by Senator Bob Carr.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you. I am also interested in the total cost of (1) travel, (2) accommodation and (3) any other expenses that are detailed for each of these trips—specifically Senator Carr's trips.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We can provide that on notice, but I do not have that with me.</p> <p>CHAIR: I did not think you would. I am also interested in who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on these trips and, for each of these people, what the travel, accommodation and other costs were.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The cost of the caravan.</p> <p>CHAIR: That is a great way of putting it.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Or the Carr-avan.</p> <p>CHAIR: No, I think it is Tim Mathieson who has a caravan. This is the</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 115-116	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>entourage which went with Senator Carr.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: If that extends to departmental staff, that might have to be directed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <p>CHAIR: I will leave it with you to see what you can ascertain—you can provide me with information you think is relevant. Are you able to provide me with the number of overseas trips Senator Carr made from 1 January 2013 until 7 September of that year?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: At taxpayers' expense.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Again I can only provide you with the total figures for 2013 up to 17 September. I do not have them divided into specific ministers.</p> <p>CHAIR: Please provide me with the figure you have.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The total 2013 figure up to 17 September 2013 is 97, of which 91 trips were trips by ministers and six were trips by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: What was the total spending on those 97?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Again, I do not have the total spend approved, but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: I would also be interested in the total spend on travel, accommodation and other expenses for Senator Carr's trips in 2013. So I want you to break that down further.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes, I can do that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you able to tell me—and I presume you will take this on notice—who else accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on each of these trips and, for each of the people, what was the total cost of their travel, accommodation and other expenses. You will take that on notice too?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes. Those parts of it that relate to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, PM&C cannot answer. But we will answer it to the extent of our knowledge.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: What is the process for approving these trips? Were they approved by the Prime Minister's office? Did they come through the Prime Minister's department?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The process in place is that twice a year there is an approach by the Prime Minister to ministers seeking their requests for overseas travel. The Prime Minister receives those bids and provides in-principle approval of those bids on a six-monthly basis. In addition to that, there are ad hoc requests which occur on an unexpected basis.</p>			

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				<p>Senator SESELJA: What level of detail is provided to the department or the PMO when a minister requests that kind of travel?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: There are guidelines and material is provided which meets the requirements of the guidelines. That is certainly the case in relation to the current guidelines. I cannot speak about the previous government as I was not in PM&C at that time, but I can take that on notice and provide that information to you.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: While you are doing that, I am also interested—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If it was Senator Carr, it was approved, I think.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: With Senator Carr, I would be interested, if there is a record, in knowing what kinds of bids were put in, what the process of approving them were and how many of them were approved by the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I think I recall asking a question about that, and I think only one was ever rejected for Senator Carr, but we will see. That is Senator Bob Carr.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: The other thing you might take on notice is: if there was an approved program by ministers, and Minister Carr in particular, was there ever any significant divergence and what is the process when that occurs?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice.</p>			
46.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernadi Seselja	Former Prime Ministers travel to Rio summit	<p>CHAIR: May I ask another question in respect of travel. Details emerged earlier this year of the cost of the former Prime Minister's travel to the United Nations summit on climate change in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012, which she was reporting as conceding would not 'make some indelible mark on the world's history'. Are you able to confirm that the Australian delegation to the conference consisted of 52 people, including nine staff from the Prime Minister's office, three from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 23 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and a further 11 bureaucrats from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you able to confirm, Ms Cross, that the total cost to taxpayers of travel, accommodation and other expenses for the prime ministerial</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 116-117	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>attendance at the summit, which she conceded would not 'make some indelible mark on the world's history', was close to \$900,000?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: It might not have made an indelible mark on world history, but it clearly did make an indelible mark on our debt.</p> <p>CHAIR: Indeed, Senator Abetz. Ms Cross, is the figure of \$900,000 accurate?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We would have to check that for you. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: What sort of justification or process is examined and entered into that results in 52 people at a cost of the best part of \$1 million flying to a summit or conference which is not going to make any difference to anything? What sort of process does PM&C undergo to authorise that sort of expenditure?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will take that on notice, but there are separate approval processes for ministerial travel and departmental travel, as we have indicated previously, and we will take on notice what the process was at that point in time.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: Just a quick follow-up on that: when you do take that on notice, perhaps it might be worth breaking down the mode of travel of the various delegates—how many went on the VIP jet, how many went first class, business class or economy class.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will see what information we can get for you, Senator.</p>			
47.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Prime Minister's private functions at official residences	<p>Senator SMITH: To go backwards very briefly, we were discussing with Senator Faulkner issues around invitation lists for ceremonial events and private events. Can you take on notice a query I have—whether or not the invitation lists and attendee lists for the events hosted by the former Prime Minister, Ms Gillard, with what are called 'mummy bloggers' have been published. If they have not been published, why not and would we be able to see those attendee and invitation lists.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: May I just clarify the premise of your question? There was no distinction between events organised by the ceremonial and hospitality area of PM&C and private events. It was merely that events organised by the Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch of PM&C are those events for which details are available.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 121	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Senator SMITH: That distinction I might have just come to a conclusion on myself in listening to the evidence. Thank you very much for that, Ms Kelly.			
48.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Opposition briefings outside of caretaker period	<p>Senator WONG: I had questions for Ms Croke in relation to an FOI determination. While we wait for her, can you tell me—perhaps on notice—outside of the caretaker period, what interactions between shadow ministers and departments are permitted?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Outside of caretaker periods? I believe the normal process is to seek the agreement of the relevant minister if the shadow minister wishes to request a briefing. I think there is an arrangement where you can seek approval to do that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That was my understanding. Would it be the case, therefore, that a secretary, who had interactions with the then opposition or with the current opposition, would do so without informing his or her minister outside of the caretaker period?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will check for you what the arrangements are. My understanding was that there was a normal process.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I am still waiting for Ms Croke. I did give notice that I would be going to FOI. You will take the ex-caretaker provisions on notice?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 121-122	12/2/14	6/3/14
49.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI request – incoming government brief	<p>Senator WONG: Did either of you have a conversation with Dr Watt what about this matter?</p> <p>Ms Croke: I prepared a brief for Dr Watt. Again, that is a standard requirement within the department for any FOI matters where a decision maker is taking a decision that is other than utterly routine—for example, if it was about somebody's personal letter to the Prime Minister that I was going to release. I would not brief the secretary for matters that are something—</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you prepare that brief to the secretary?</p> <p>Ms Croke: I would have to check the exact date of that?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Please do. Thank you—you can take that on notice; that is fine. Ms Kelly, did you have a conversation with Dr Watt about this matter?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I believe I did only to inform him of the contents of my</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 123	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>conversation with Ms Croak.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you provide me with the dates of those conversations? You keep a diary, I assume.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will endeavour to but I do not know whether I would have that information.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have notes of that meeting?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I cannot answer that, Senator, but I can certainly take it on notice and make that inquiry.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you do, can you take on notice also whether you are able to provide them.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p>			
50.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	FOI request – incoming government brief	<p>Not at all. You will have to live with three more questions from me now. Ms Croke, you may be able to help with these. I suspect you will need to take them on notice, but if you can assist that is fine. Could someone provide the committee with the date on which the Prime Minister was informed about the incoming government brief decision?</p> <p>Ms Croke: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that. You would not necessarily have that at your fingertips. Thank you for that. What you might be able to tell us is the nature of that communication. I assume it was in writing or in a brief, but can you confirm that for the committee?</p> <p>Ms Croke: It was in an email to the office in the form of an advice of the intended decision.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you very much. Would you be willing to take on notice whether that email may be able to be provided to the committee? I do not expect the minister or you to respond to that directly tonight.</p> <p>Ms Croke: I can take that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Would the minister be willing to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you for that. Perhaps not to you, Ms Croke, because Ms Kelly may be able to assist me with my final question. I am checking whether that email was the only, or final, communication about the application and decision. In other words, was it the only communication that</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 127-128	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>existed?</p> <p>Ms Croke: Sorry, Senator, the only communication to the office?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: The only communication to the PMO on this issue.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: There was evidence given, was there not, that once such an application is received—</p> <p>Senator WONG: The evidence was that there is notification of an impending decision. So the question is, and Ms Croke has taken it on notice, when was that and whether she can provide the email. I think that Senator Faulkner is simply asking whether that is the only communication on this issue.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Correct.</p> <p>Ms Croke: I will have to check on that. I am not sure but I think there might be a mechanism to advise the office globally.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If you would not mind checking.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: That is why I did not want to say that it was the only communication.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that. Ms Croke, if you would not mind checking that and, if there is any other communication or communications, you might provide details to the committee. What you are able to provide in relation to that process is on notice. If possible, of course, I request content as well. I ask you take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Croke: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you very much.</p>			
51.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	FOI requests	<p>Senator SMITH: Chair, in relation to FOI issues. I am happy for you to take this on notice. I am curious to know how many times the former Prime Minister sought to have FOI requests not released and how many times she may have been overruled?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Are they decisions by the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am not quite sure that I understand the question. The decisions overruled on review by the Information Commissioner?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That is right, yes.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Thank you, Ms Kelly.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 128	12/2/14	6/3/14

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52.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	White paper on Agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I understand the Government has announced it will present a white paper for agriculture. Please provide an update on that progress. 2) How many departmental staff have been attached to that project? 3) What level are those staff at? 4) Have they been seconded from a previous capacity or division? 5) Are officers backfilling the seconded officers? 6) What level are those officers at? 7) What duties are they being removed from to backfill the officers on the white paper work? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
53.	Prime Minister & Cabinet S	Ludwig	Consultants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In a normal setting before a consultant or external person is engaged by the department to do some work, would the department do any investigation or background check? 2) Would they alert the Minister if an individual was under investigation for example? 3) Would they alert the Minister that a potential appointee was being investigated for criminal activities by the judicial system? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
54.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	White paper consultants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Are any external advisers or contractors being engaged for the white paper work? 5) How many? 6) How much are they being paid? 7) What resources are provided to those advisers? 8) What extra staff or secretariat work is devoted to those external advisers? 9) What was the process for engaging those advisers? 10) Did the department provide a shortlist? 11) How did the Minister or delegate select them? 12) Was a brief prepared? 13) Did the Minister discuss a preferred candidate before a brief was prepared? 14) What background checks were conducted on the individual before the minister approved the appointment? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
55.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	Mr Barry O'Sullivan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is Mr Barry O'Sullivan currently engaged by the Department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In what capacity? b. What was the process for engaging him? c. What is he being paid? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. What resources are attached to him? e. What travel entitlements does he have? f. What travel has he done to date? g. What has been the cost of that travel? h. Does he have access to cabinet documents? i. What reports or work has he completed? j. Please provide a copy of that work. 			
56.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – former FaHCSIA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many staff moved from the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to the Department of prime Minister and Cabinet under machinery of government changes? 2) How many of those staff identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait islanders? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
57.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – APS employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What legislative framework underpins the employment of the APS officers at Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet? 2) What framework applies to officers transferred to the department under machinery of government changes from 7 September 2013? 3) Does the same framework apply to officers working in the former department and now division of Indigenous Affairs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, what employment framework applies to those officers? 4) Are all employees of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet engaged under “DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2011-2014”, registered with the Fair Work Commission in June 2011? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What about employees recently transferred into the department by machinery of government changes? 5) Were the recently engaged employees covered by the “DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2012 – 2014”? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are they still covered by that agreement? 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
58.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – SES employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Minister Abetz signed a determination under subsection 24(3) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> on 18 September 2013. The explanatory statement of that determination makes clear that Senior Executive Service employees of the ‘losing agency’ will continue on their same pay and conditions when moved to their ‘gaining agency’. Does this mean that 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senior Executive Service employees engaged previously by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs have had no change to their pay and conditions despite moving to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>2) There is a \$20, 000 difference between the top of the SES band in PMC and the top SES band for the department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs employees – so to confirm these employees are getting paid less than their peers?</p>			
59.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – pay and conditions	<p>1) What code of conduct, policies, procedures or workplace practices are these employees bound by – the rules of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>2) Other than pay and conditions, are there any other ways that these employees are treated differently within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>3) Are they required to abide by IT policies of Department of PM&C? Are they required to abide by OH&S policies of Department of PM&C?</p> <p>4) The enterprise bargaining agreement for the Department of PM&C mandates the standard hours of work to be 38 hours a week. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs mandates a standard work week to be 37.5 hours a week. For the employees covered by Minister Abetz' determination, what hours are those employees required to work? What is the standard week for those employees?</p> <p>4) Under the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet enterprise bargaining agreement SES employees are required to take a 30 min break after every five hours of work. No such provision applies to the enterprise bargaining agreement for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Are these employees required to take this break, or do they miss out again because of Minister Abetz' ruling?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
60.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – SES employees	<p>1) Who do SES employees covered by Minister Abetz' determination have to discuss Time off in Lieu with? Their manager, their assistant secretary, or someone else?</p> <p>2) Under PMC rules employees have to discuss time off in lieu with their Assistant Secretary. Under Department of Families, Housing,</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Community Services and Indigenous Affairs rules it was with their manager. Is there a discrepancy here?			
61.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	MoG changes – pay and conditions	1) Is there a separate payroll process for these employees to monitor their different pay and conditions? 2) What cost was there in establishing separate payroll operations for the department of PM&C? How long have those operations been in place for?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
62.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	Formal functions	1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
63.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludwig	Alcoholic beverages	1) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
64.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Head of Domestic Policy	Is the PM&C position "Head of Domestic Policy" equivalent to a Deputy Secretary position? Do the responsibilities of the "Head of Domestic Policy" differ from the responsibilities of Deputy Secretaries in the department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
65.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Attendance of National Security Adviser	Why was the National Security Adviser absent from the Supplementary Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013? Did the Secretary approve the National Security Adviser's absence? Was the travel approved before or after the date of hearing was notified to the department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
66.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Role of National Security Adviser	Has the role of the National Security Adviser changed since 18 September 2013? If so, please provide details of the change/s.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
67.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PMO budget	What is the allocated budget for the operation of the Office of the Prime Minister for the remainder of 2013-14?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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68.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official Establishments budget	What is the allocated budget for the operation of the Official Establishments, including temporary accommodation arrangements, for the remainder of 2013-14?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
69.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Ministerial statements of interests	Are Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries required to submit a statement of interests to the Prime Minister? If so, have all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries submitted such a statement?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
70.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Ministerial staff training	Has the department provided or facilitated or funded any training for ministerial staff? If so, please provide details of training, including (a) date/s (b) purpose (c) number of staff (d) provider and (e) cost.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
71.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Provision of equipment to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	What electronic equipment has the department provided to Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries and their offices, including the Cabinet Office, since 18 September 2013? Please advise the type, unit cost and ongoing costs of this equipment per office.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
72.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Guest of government	Please provide details of all guest of government visits, including costs, since 18 September 2013.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
73.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Provision of equipment – PM&C Secretary	What electronic equipment does the department provide to the Secretary of PM&C? Please advise the type, unit cost and ongoing costs of this equipment since 18 September 2013.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
74.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Hospitality costs – PM&C Secretary	Since 18 September 2013 what hospitality costs has the department incurred in relation to hospitality provided to, or by, the Secretary of PM&C? For individual hospitality events please advise (a) date (b) location (c) nature of event and (d) cost.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
75.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Domestic travel and accommodation costs – PM&C Secretary	Since 18 September 2013 what travel and accommodation costs has the department incurred in relation to domestic travel by the Secretary of PM&C? Please provide details including (a) date/s of travel (b) origin and destination (c) whether the Secretary was accompanying a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary and (d) breakdown of costs.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
76.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	International travel and accommodation costs – PM&C Secretary	Since 18 September 2013 what travel and accommodation costs has the department incurred in relation to international travel by the Secretary of PM&C? Please provide details including (a) date/s of travel (b) origin and destination (c) whether the Secretary was accompanying a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary and (d) breakdown of costs.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
77.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Terms and conditions –	Are the terms and conditions of work for the Secretary of PM&C solely governed by Remuneration Tribunal <i>Determination 2013/14: Departmental</i>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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			PM&C Secretary	<i>Secretaries - Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions?</i> If not, what other terms and conditions are applicable?			
78.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI – advice to PM&C Secretary	Does the Secretary of PM&C receive a regular update on FOI applications directed to the department and/or the Office of the Prime Minister? If so, (a) on what date/s has the update been provided (b) who prepares the update and (c) what information is included in the update?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
79.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Security clearances	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? How many staff, per office, are yet to obtain these clearances? What steps have been taken to ensure staff without an appropriate security clearance do not have access to sensitive material? Have any waivers been granted to permit staff without clearances to access sensitive material? If so, how many, per office?	Written Part 1 and 2 transferred to Finance	12/2/14	6/3/14
80.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Senate Order on public interest immunity claims	At any time since 18 September 2013 has PM&C provided the Prime Minister or his office, or any other Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their offices, with any advice on the operation of the Senate order of 13 May 2009 concerning the making of public interest immunity claims? If so, (a) who received that advice (b) on what date/s was advice provided (c) can a copy of the advice be provided?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
81.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff	Did PM&C provide any written or verbal advice to (a) the Prime Minister (b) the Office of the Prime Minister and/or (c) any other minister or their office in connection with the draft Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff? If so, on what date/s was advice provided? When were the Standards published? When were the Standards communicated to staff in the Office of the Prime Minister and the offices of other portfolio ministers and parliamentary secretaries? Can a copy of the communication/s about the Standards be provided? Noting that sanctions imposed under the Standards will be determined by the Prime Minister's chief of staff, have any sanctions been imposed to date? If so, please provide details.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
82.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Art works in the PMO	What works of art are installed in (a) the Office of the Prime Minister and (b) the Cabinet Suite? For each work of art, please identify (a) title, (b) artist and (c) source/collection.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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83.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Portrait of Her Majesty The Queen in PMO	Is William Dargie's 'wattle painting' of Her Majesty The Queen, part of the collection of the National Museum of Australia (NMA), hanging in the Office of the Prime Minister? How was the painting sourced from the NMA? On what date was the painting first sought from the NMA? Who made the request? On what date was the painting hung in the Office of the Prime Minister?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
84.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Statement issued on 29 August 2013	Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted or informed before the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the then Department of Finance and Deregulation issued a joint media statement on 29 August 2013 during the caretaker period? If so, please provide details including the date/s. Did the Secretary communicate with any member of the then Opposition before the statement was issued? If so, please provide details including the date/s.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
85.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of secretaries	In relation to the termination of departmental secretaries in September 2013, and with reference to evidence by Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, to the Supplementary Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013: (a) on what date did drafting commence on the Secretary of PM&C's reports to the Prime Minister about the proposed terminations? (b) on what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the Secretary of PM&C about the proposed terminations? (c) what was the form of the request? (d) on what date/s did the Secretary of PM&C consult with the Australian Public Service Commissioner ahead of the preparation of his reports about the proposed terminations? (e) what was the form of the Secretary of PM&C's consultations with the Australian Public Service Commissioner? (f) on what date did the Secretary of PM&C provide his reports on the proposed terminations to the Prime Minister? (g) how many reports were provided? (h) on what date did PM&C commence drafting recommendations from the Prime Minister to Her Excellency the Governor-General on the proposed terminations? (i) on what date/s was a copy of draft recommendations to the Governor-	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(j) on what date was a final copy of recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(k) on what date were the Prime Minister's recommendations on the termination of secretaries transmitted to Government House?</p> <p>(l) how were the Prime Minister's recommendations transmitted to Government House?</p>			
86.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of secretaries	<p>In relation to the termination of departmental secretaries in September 2013, and with reference to evidence by Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, to the Supplementary Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013:</p> <p>(a) on what date did drafting commence on the Secretary of PM&C's reports to the Prime Minister about the proposed terminations?</p> <p>(b) on what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the Secretary of PM&C about the proposed terminations?</p> <p>(c) what was the form of the request?</p> <p>(d) on what date/s did the Secretary of PM&C consult with the Australian Public Service Commissioner ahead of the preparation of his reports about the proposed terminations?</p> <p>(e) what was the form of the Secretary of PM&C's consultations with the Australian Public Service Commissioner?</p> <p>(f) on what date did the Secretary of PM&C provide his reports on the proposed terminations to the Prime Minister?</p> <p>(g) how many reports were provided?</p> <p>(h) on what date did PM&C commence drafting recommendations from the Prime Minister to Her Excellency the Governor-General on the proposed terminations?</p> <p>(i) on what date/s was a copy of draft recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(j) on what date was a final copy of recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(k) on what date were the Prime Minister's recommendations on the termination of secretaries transmitted to Government House?</p> <p>(l) how were the Prime Minister's recommendations transmitted to Government House?</p>	Written	Duplicate QoN. See #85	

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87.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Appointment of secretaries	<p>In relation to the appointment of departmental secretaries in September 2013, and with reference to evidence by Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, to the Supplementary Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013:</p> <p>(a) on what date did drafting commence on the Secretary of PM&C's reports to the Prime Minister about the proposed appointments?</p> <p>(b) on what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the Secretary of PM&C about the proposed appointments?</p> <p>(c) what was the form of the request?</p> <p>(d) on what date/s did the Secretary of PM&C consult with the Australian Public Service Commissioner ahead of the preparation of his reports about the proposed appointments?</p> <p>(e) what was the form of the Secretary of PM&C's consultations with the Australian Public Service Commissioner?</p> <p>(f) on what date/s did the Secretary of PM&C consult with the persons expected to be agency ministers at the time the appointments were made?</p> <p>(g) what was the form of the Secretary of PM&C's consultations with those persons?</p> <p>(h) on what date did the Secretary of PM&C provide his reports on the proposed appointments to the Prime Minister?</p> <p>(i) how many reports were provided?</p> <p>(j) on what date did PM&C commence drafting recommendations from the Prime Minister to Her Excellency the Governor-General on the proposed appointments?</p> <p>(k) on what date/s was a copy of draft recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(l) on what date was a final copy of recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>(m) on what date were the Prime Minister's recommendations on the appointment of secretaries transmitted to Government House?</p> <p>(n) how were the Prime Minister's recommendations transmitted to Government House?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
88.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Lease for PM's accommodation	<p>Was the Secretary of PM&C advised or consulted on the department's decision to sign a 12 month lease on 31 August 2013 for accommodation for the incoming Prime Minister valued at \$13,035.71 per month? If so, (a) on what date/s and (b) what was the form of the advice or consultation?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>What details about the property did the department provide to Mr Abbott's 6/3/14 office in August 2013 when it extended an invitation for Mr and Mrs Abbott to inspect the property?</p> <p>On what date did the Prime Minister inform the department he did not wish to occupy the property?</p> <p>Has the department reviewed its internal procedures for entering into contractual arrangements during the caretaker period, especially where contractual arrangements concern incoming office holders and involve the expenditure of significant sums of public money?</p>			
89.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Administrative Arrangements Order	On what dates since 7 September 2013 have draft Administrative Arrangements Orders, or draft amendments to the Administrative Arrangements Order, been provided to Mr Abbott's office and the Office of the Prime Minister?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
90.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Administrative Arrangements Order – Native Title	<p>Why was responsibility for Native Title allocated to PM&C for the period 18 September to 3 October 2013 only?</p> <p>Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted on the Administrative Arrangements Order made on 18 September 2013?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
91.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Administrative Arrangements Order – Domestic tourism and research grants and fellowships	<p>Why was responsibility for domestic tourism and research grants and fellowships allocated to the Department of Industry for the period 18 September to 3 October 2013 only?</p> <p>Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted on the Administrative Arrangements Order made on 18 September 2013?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
92.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Administrative Arrangements Order – Migrant adult education	<p>Why was responsibility for migrant adult education allocated to the Department of Employment for the period 18 September to 3 October 2013 only?</p> <p>Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted on the Administrative Arrangements Order made on 18 September 2013?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
93.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Executive Council	<p>On what dates has the Executive Council met since 18 September 2013?</p> <p>Which Executive Councillors have been present at each meeting?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
94.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet – attendance of staff	Which members of the Prime Minister's staff have attended meetings of Cabinet since 18 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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95.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet – attendance of staff	Which members of the Prime Minister's staff have attended meetings of Cabinet since 18 September 2013?	Written	Duplicate	
96.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governance Committee of Cabinet	What are the functions of the Governance Committee of Cabinet?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
97.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governance Committee of Cabinet – attendance of staff	Which members of the Prime Minister's staff have attended meetings of the Governance Committee of Cabinet since 18 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
98.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Trust Fund	Have any changes been made to the operation of the Cabinet Trust Fund since 18 September 2013? If so, please provide details.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
99.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Secondment of employees	How many employees of the department have been seconded to the offices of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries since 18 September 2013? Please provide details per office. Do any guidelines govern the secondment of departmental employees to ministerial offices? If so, can a copy be provided?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
100.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Acting Cabinet Secretary	On what date was the First Assistant Secretary of the Ministerial Support Division, Mr Jamie Fox, asked to consider a secondment to the Office of the Prime Minister? Who asked Mr Fox to consider the secondment? Was the Secretary of PM&C consulted on the proposed secondment? If so, (a) on what date/s and (b) by whom? Who approved the secondment? On what date was the secondment approved? Was a period of secondment approved? If so, what was the approved period? On what date did Mr Fox's secondment commence? On what date did Mr Fox commence in the role of Acting Cabinet Secretary? What functions does the Acting Cabinet Secretary perform? During the period of the secondment who is Mr Fox's employer? During the period of secondment is Mr Fox required to observe the APS Code of Conduct or the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Does the department provide briefs for decision to Mr Fox?			
101.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Departmental liaison officers	What allocation of departmental liaison officers (DLOs) to ministerial offices has been approved? Please provide details of approved allocations per office. How many DLOs are working in each ministerial office at 29 November 2013? Please provide details per office, including the classification of the DLOs.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
102.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Allocation of ministerial staff	Did PM&C provide any advice in connection with the allocation of ministerial staff positions and their classifications per office? If so, (a) to whom and (b) on what date/s? On what date did PM&C receive advice of the allocation of ministerial staff positions and their classifications per office? In what form, and from whom, was that advice received?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
103.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Allocation of ministerial staff – Special Minister of State	Why has the Prime Minister approved an allocation of 13 ministerial staff to the Special Minister of State, Senator Ronaldson, noting the allocation to this junior minister exceeds the allocation to the following Cabinet Ministers: the Minister for Agriculture and Deputy Leader of the Nationals, Mr Joyce, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, Senator Scullion, the Minister for Industry, Mr Macfarlane, the Minister for Communications, Mr Turnbull, the Minister for Health and Minister for Sport, Mr Dutton, the Minister for Small Business, Mr Billson, the Minister for Trade and Investment, Mr Robb, the Minister for Defence, Senator Johnston, and the Minister for the Environment, Mr Hunt	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
104.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Approval of ministerial staff	Does PM&C receive copies of decisions or correspondence related to the approval of ministerial staff appointments by or on behalf of the Prime Minister?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
105.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Overseas ministerial travel – proposals approved	Please provide details of all overseas ministerial visits approved by the Prime Minister since 18 September 2013 including, for each proposed visit: (a) the date approval was sought (b) the date travel was approved (c) the name of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (c) the countries to be visited (d) the purpose of the visit (d) the number of accompanying staff (e) whether accompanying spouse travel was sought (f) whether accompanying spouse travel was approved and (g) the estimated cost outlined in the visit proposal.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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106.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Overseas ministerial travel – proposals declined	Please provide details of all overseas ministerial visit proposals declined by the Prime Minister since 18 September 2013 including, for each proposal: (a) the date approval was sought (b) the date approval was declined (c) the name of the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (c) the countries to be visited (d) the purpose of the visit (e) the number of accompanying staff (f) whether accompanying spouse travel was sought and (g) the estimated cost outlined in the visit proposal.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
107.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official functions	Which official functions hosted by the Prime Minister and organised by CERHOS have been held at Kirribilli House, Parliament House, or other locations, since 18 September 2013? For each function, please provide (a) location (b) guest list and (b) menu.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
108.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Australia in the Asian Century	On what date was the Australia in the Asian Century website, previously maintained by PM&C, archived? Who made that decision? On what date was the Australia in the Asian Century Taskforce disbanded? Who made that decision? How were taskforce staff members informed? On what date were staff informed? Can a copy of the communication to staff be provided? Has the Australia in the Asian Century Strategic Advisory Board been disbanded? If so, (a) on what date (b) who made that decision (c) how were board members informed and (d) can a copy of advice to board members be provided? Has the Australia in the Asian Century Deputy Secretaries Steering Committee been disbanded? If so, (a) on what date and (b) who made that decision? What is the status of the Australia in the Asian Century Indonesia Country Strategy? What is the status of the Australia in the Asian Century China Country Strategy? What is the status of the Australia in the Asian Century Japan Country Strategy? What is the status of the Australia in the Asian Century India Country Strategy? What is the status of the Australia in the Asian Century South Korea Country Strategy?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Was the Secretary of PM&C responsible for developing an Australian Public Service capability strategy to help departments and agencies embed regional and global dimensions into their domestic policy analysis? If so, what is the status of this strategy? What is the status of the COAG senior officials working group on Australia in the Asian Century?			
109.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI – Incoming Government Briefs	How many FOI requests seeking draft or final Incoming Government Briefs has (a) the department and (b) the Office of the Prime Minister received since 7 September 2013? What is the status of each request?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
110.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI – Incoming Government Brief – communications with the Office of the Prime Minister	With reference to evidence by Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, to the Supplementary Estimates hearing on 18 November 2013 that there has been no discussion with the Office of the Prime Minister about FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs: Can all communications with the Office of the Prime Minister since 18 September 2013, verbal and written, that reference FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs be outlined, including, for each communication (a) date (b) purpose of communication and (c) parties to the communication? Can copies of written communications be provided? Can all communications with the office of the Hon. Tony Abbott MP between 7 September and 18 September 2013, verbal and written, that reference FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs be outlined, including, for each communication (a) date (b) purpose of communication and (c) parties to the communication? Can copies of written communications be provided?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
111.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI – Incoming Government Briefs – communications with other agencies	At any time since 7 September 2013 has the department, including the Secretary, communicated with agency heads or agencies about the handling of FOI requests seeking Incoming Government Briefs? If so, for each communication please provide details including (a) date (b) purpose of communication and (c) parties to the communication?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
112.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	FOI – communications with the Office of the Prime	Does the department provide the Office of the Prime Minister with a regular update on FOI requests directed to the department and/or the Office of the Prime Minister? If so, (a) on what date/s has the update been provided (b) who prepares the update (c) who receives the update and (d) what	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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			Minister	information is included in the update?			
113.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Coalition Advisory Service	Has PM&C provided any equipment to the Coalition Advisory Service? If so, please provide details, including costs. Has PM&C been asked to provide any services to the Coalition Advisory Service? If so, (a) who made the request (b) who received the request and (c) how did the department respond to the request? Does PM&C provide any services to the Coalition Advisory Service? If so, please provide details including the cost of any services.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
114.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Order of precedence	What is the order of precedence of the Ministry?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
115.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Office	What are the functions of the Cabinet Office? Are staff allocated to the Cabinet Office engaged under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984? Are Cabinet Office staff engaged by or on behalf of the Prime Minister? Do Cabinet Office staff report to the Prime Minister?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
116.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governor- General – appointment	Can the process for appointing the next Governor-General be outlined? On what date/s has the department provided the Prime Minister, and/or the Office of the Prime Minister, with advice on the process for appointing the next Governor-General? Has a short-list of potential appointees been prepared by the department and/or the Prime Minister and/or the Office of the Prime Minister?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
117.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Graduate program	What has been the intake in the graduate program in (a) 2011 (b) 2012 and (c) 2013? What is the proposed intake in 2014?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
118.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Machinery of Government changes	What costs to PM&C are associated with the Machinery of Government changes outlined in the Administrative Arrangements Order of 18 September and the amended Administrative Arrangements Order of 3 October 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
119.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Deregulation function	What are the deregulation policy functions of the department? Has a new deregulation policy unit been created in PM&C? If so, (a) does this unit incorporate the Office of Best Practice Regulation (b) how many staff are employed in the unit (c) what are the classifications of the staff employed in the unit and (d) does the unit report directly to the Prime	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Minister? Since 18 September 2013 how many regulations have been (a) made and (b) repealed?			
120.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Deregulation policy	<p>With reference to the document “The Coalition’s Policy to Boost Productivity and Reduce Regulation”:</p> <p>(a) Is it Government policy to reduce the burden of regulation by at least \$1 billion per year? If not, what is the target?</p> <p>(b) Is it Government policy to hold itself accountable to a target by conducting regular audits to measure progress? If so, (a) how regularly will the regular audits be conducted (b) who will conduct the audits and (c) will the audit reports be published?</p> <p>(c) Is it Government policy to link the remuneration of Senior Executive Service officers to quantified and proven reductions in regulation? If so, (a) what changes have been made to the remuneration arrangements of SES officers employed by the department and (b) will the remuneration of the Secretary of PM&C be linked to the regulation reduction target for PM&C?</p> <p>(d) Is it Government policy that the cost impact for small business of all new regulations will be fully offset by equivalent cost savings or efficiency benefits for small business? Has this policy objective been realised so far?</p> <p>(e) Does the Government support the National Seamless Economy agenda?</p> <p>(f) What changes have been made to the process by which regulations are created, implemented and reviewed?</p> <p>(g) Have all Cabinet submissions since 18 September 2013 been accompanied by a Regulatory Impact Statement? If not, (a) have all submissions without a Regulatory Impact Statement been granted an exemption by the Prime Minister and (b) how many exemptions have been granted?</p> <p>(h) Have all Regulatory Impact Statements accompanying Cabinet submissions since 18 September 2013 incorporated a “uniform application of the business cost calculator or another standardised cost estimation technique”?</p> <p>(i) Have Ministerial Advisory Committees been established to advise the two Cabinet Ministers in the PM&C portfolio? If so, for each Minister, please advise (i) the role of the committee (ii) the date the committee was formed (iii) the members and (iv) the process for selecting the members.</p>	Written Part p,q,r, and s transferred to Finance 10/12/13	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>(j) Has a deregulation unit responsible to the Secretary of PM&C and tasked with achieving regulation reduction in the portfolio been formed? If so, (a) on what date (b) how many staff have been appointed to the unit (c) what are the classifications of the staff and (d) how many reports have been provided to the Secretary?</p> <p>(k) Has a specific regulatory performance target been set for the Secretary of PM&C?</p> <p>(l) Who is the “Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Deregulation”?</p> <p>(m) Have “Charter letters” been issued to the chairs and chief executive officers of regulatory agencies? If so, (a) to which regulatory agencies have these letters been issued and (b) on what date/s?</p> <p>(n) Has the Productivity Committee been asked to identify and describe the framework by which the performance of regulatory agencies will be audited? If so, when?</p> <p>(o) Has the policy to replace mandatory regulatory reporting requirements with random audits been implemented? If so, how?</p> <p>(p) Has a common form contract for all Commonwealth grants been adopted?</p> <p>(q) Have whole-of-government probity guidelines been established? If so, can a copy be provided?</p> <p>(r) Has the threshold for sole source contracts been increased?</p> <p>(s) What changes have been made to Commonwealth cost recovery methods?</p> <p>(t) Has a whole of government risk management framework for Commonwealth regulators been developed?</p> <p>(u) Has the department provided advice to (i) the Prime Minister, and/or (ii) the Office of the Prime Minister, and/ or (iii) another portfolio minister or their office about the commitment to a White Paper on Reform of the Federation? If so, on what date/s?</p>			
121.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Advisory bodies	<p>Have any portfolio advisory bodies, boards or committees been abolished since 7 September 2013? If so, please provide details including (a) name (b) function (c) date of abolition (d) membership at the time of abolition (e) reason for abolition and (f) the decision-maker?</p> <p>Have any portfolio advisory bodies, boards or committees been created since 7 September 2013? If so, please provide details including (a) name (b)</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				function (c) date of creation (d) membership (e) process for selecting members and (f) the decision-maker?			
122.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Kirribilli House function	Did taxpayers meet the cost of the function hosted by the Prime Minister at Kirribilli House on the evening of 26 October 2013? Were any departmental staff or staff engaged under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 present at the function? If so, (a) how many and (b) were they guests of the Prime Minister or were they providing hospitality services?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
123.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official establishments – ban on fundraising	Has the Prime Minister maintained the previous government's ban on political fundraising at the Official Establishments?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
124.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM's hospitality	What impact has the refurbishment of The Lodge had on the Prime Minister's private and official hospitality arrangements in Canberra? Please outline the interim hospitality arrangements, including staff support arrangements.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
125.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	National security – PM&C bureaucracy	Has the Prime Minister or the department adopted the advice of Mr Andrew Shearer to "halve the size of the bloated national security bureaucracy" in PM&C ["A foreign policy to-do list for PM Gillard" published on 24 June 2010, accessed on 28 November 2013 at http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2010/06/24/A-foreign-policy-to-do-list-for-PM-Gillard.aspx]	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
126.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Royal visits	What visits to Australia by members of the Royal family has PM&C supported since 18 September 2013? Per visit, can the department provide: (a) a description of support provided by PM&C (b) total costs incurred by PM&C and (c) a breakdown of costs, including, but not necessarily limited to (i) international transport (ii) domestic transport (iii) land transport (iv) accommodation (v) hospitality and (vi) gifts?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
127.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Gifts	What gifts has the Prime Minister presented to foreign dignitaries since 18 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
128.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Coalition election commitments	Did the department compile a comprehensive list of Coalition election commitments ahead of the 2013 federal election?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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129.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Lobbying code of conduct	Can changes to the operation of the lobbying code of conduct and associated register of lobbyists since 7 September 2013 be outlined?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
130.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Consultants	Has the Prime Minister engaged any consultants under Part II of the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984? If so, please provide details including terms and conditions. Has the Prime Minister approved the engagement of consultants by any Minister under Part II of the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984? If so, please provide details including the Minister/s and terms and conditions.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
131.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Redundancies	Since 18 September 2013 has the department, including the Secretary of PM&C, provided the Prime Minister or his office with any advice on redundancies in (a) the department and/or (b) other departments or agencies? If so, on what date/s.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
132.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM&C capability review	With reference to the capability review of the department published by the Australian Public Service Commission: Is the Secretary of PM&C concerned the review found the “overwhelming view of those outside and inside PM&C” is that PM&C’s approach to policy development “has eroded trust across government and does not lead to the best outcome for the Prime Minister or the government”? If so, has he taken any action to address concerns about the erosion of trust and poor outcomes for the Prime Minister and the government? Is the Secretary of PM&C concerned the review found “there is a consistent view that authority to make a decision has decreased significantly over the years and that too many layers of approval are required”? If so, has he taken any action to address concerns about the ability of departmental officers to make a decision and increasing layers of approval?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
133.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Turnover	With reference to the Secretary’s claim in the PM&C Annual Report 2012-13 that he seeks to retain the best staff: What has been (a) overall turnover of staff in PM&C and (b) turnover of SES staff in PM&C since the Secretary’s appointment, by year? Is the Secretary of PM&C concerned the capability review of the department published by the Australian Public Service Commission has found “the upwards movement of decision-making authority has translated into feelings among some staff that they are not trusted and valued by the senior leadership, which can be demotivating”? If so, how has he addressed the concerns of his staff?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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134.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Foreign investment	Since 7 September 2013 has PM&C provided Mr Abbott, or his office, with any information or advice concerning the proposed acquisition of GrainCorp Limited by Archer Daniels Midland Company? If so, on what date/s? Did the Prime Minister discuss the proposed acquisition with the Treasurer before the Treasurer made an order under the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 prohibiting the proposed acquisition? If so, on what date/s.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
135.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Savings	What savings is the department required to realise (a) in the remainder of the financial year and (b) over the forward estimates?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
136.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Wine	Can a current list of wines available for the use of the Prime Minister be provided by location, including (i) type (ii) number held and (iii) value? Can a current list of wines purchased by CERHOS for official functions hosted by the Prime Minister be provided by location, including (i) type (ii) number held and (iii) value?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
137.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Secretaries' Board	With reference to the Secretaries' Board: What is its role? Who are its members? On what date/s has it met since 7 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
138.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Secretaries committees	Does the Secretary of PM&C chair any secretaries committees? If so, please provide the details of each committee including (a) terms of reference/role (b) membership and (c) reporting arrangements?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
139.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Newspapers – portfolio ministers	Does the department pay for newspaper and magazine subscriptions for portfolio ministers and parliamentary secretaries? If so, please provide details per office including (a) titles (b) whether online or hardcopy or both and (c) costs since 18 September 2013.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
140.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Government advertising	Does PM&C play any role in government advertising?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
141.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	What is the budget of the office of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor for (a) 2013-14 (b) 2014-15 (c) 2015-16 and (d) 2016-17?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
142.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	External recruitment services	What amount has been expended on external recruitment services since 7 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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143.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Overseas delegations	What role, if any, does the Prime Minister and/or his office play in approving the size and composition of official overseas delegations?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
144.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “relocation services”	With reference to contract notice CN1848451 published on AusTender: What “relocation services” were purchased at a cost of \$42,240 for the period 21 October to 31 December 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
145.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “ultra-mobile laptops”	With reference to contract notice CN1848461 published on AusTender: How many “ultra-mobile” laptops have been purchased at the cost of \$156,383.92? Have any of these laptops been provided to portfolio ministers of their offices? If so, please provide details including the type, number and value of laptops provided to each minister or their office. How do the “ultra-mobile” laptops differ from the “laptops” purchased at a cost of \$42,152 in contract notice CN1823871?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
146.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “strategic planning consultation services”	With reference to contract notice CN1879611 published on AusTender: What “strategic planning consultation services” were purchased at a cost of \$58,346.40 for the period 4 November to 24 December 2013? Why could strategic planning services not be sourced from within the department or the Australian Public Service?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
147.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “writing paper and printing services”	With reference to contract notice CN1879661 published on AusTender: What “writing paper and printing services” have been purchased at a cost of \$21,400?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
148.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “education and training services”	With reference to contract notice CN1906251 published on AusTender: What “education and training services” have been purchased at a cost of \$10,000? Who is providing the services?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
149.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “organisational structure analysis”	With reference to contract notice CN1823831 published on AusTender: What is the nature of the “organisational structure analysis” purchased at a cost of \$10,000 for the period 14 October to 31 October 2013? What organisational structure was analysed? Why could this analysis not be sourced from within the department or the Australian Public Service?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
150.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Lease and rental of building or property	With reference to contract notice CN1886391 published on AusTender: Does this contract for the “lease and rental of a building or property” for the period 2 September 2013 to 1 September 2014 and valued at \$156,428.40	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				relate to the lease of accommodation for the Prime Minister? Was the lease for the property signed on 31 August 2013? Why was the contract notice not published until 18 November 2013?			
151.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of “file covers”	With reference to contract notice CN1886431 published on AusTender: How many “file covers” have been purchase at a cost of \$10,131? Have any “file covers” been provided to portfolio ministers or their offices? If so, how many? Can a description of the “file covers” be provided?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
152.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Purchase of furniture restoration services	With reference to contract notice CN1870151 published on AusTender: What furniture restoration services provided by a “french polisher” and valued at \$26,000 have been purchased for the period 27 September 2013 to 27 June 2014?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
153.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	State Coach Britannia	Since 7 September 2013: Has the department provided Mr Abbott or his office with any information and/or advice in connection with the State Coach Britannia? If so, please provide date/s of this information and/or advice. Has the department, the Prime Minister or the Office of the Prime Minister had any communication with Mr Jim Frecklington in connection with the State Coach Britannia? If so, please provide (a) date/s (b) parties to the communication and (c) nature of the communication. Has any request for the provision of additional public funds, or logistical or other support, been received in connection with the State Coach Britannia? If so, please provide (a) date/s (b) the source of the request (c) the nature of the request and (d) the response. Have any public funds or logistical or other support been provided in connection with the State Coach Britannia? If so, please provide details.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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154.	Australian Public Service Commission	Seselja	APS voluntary redundancies	<p>Senator SESELJA: Mr Sedgwick, I will just refer you to the number of reports in recent months—particularly here in the ACT—about voluntary redundancies within the Public Service. Are you able to talk us through your understanding of that, in terms of how many agencies and departments have initiated voluntary redundancy programs this year? Mr Sedgwick: I do not have a comprehensive list. I am quite happy to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: Is it your understanding that it is a widespread practice across agencies in the Public Service?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: There are a number of agencies that need to live within their budget. In order to live within their budget, there are times when they need to reduce staff. If, as has happened, the level of resignations has fallen—it has been falling for the last few years—then agencies will often find themselves in a position where they will offer voluntary redundancies. But I just do not have the number off the top of my head, so I am quite happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: In taking that on notice, could you also come back with not only a number of agencies but the number of VRs in the last financial year plus this financial year to date?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We cannot separately identify VRs from other retrenchments; but, subject to that caveat, yes.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: So to the extent that you can break it down or provide them.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: To the extent that we can do it, yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 131	17/1/14	13/2/14
155.	APSC 501	Seselja	Protocol for release of APS staffing data	<p>Mr Sedgwick: The data will be published when the data is published, but I can certainly say to you that—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: It is to be published on 2 December as I</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November	17/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>understand it. I am not sure what the protocol is regarding whether these figures are held until such time as the official statement.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: What I can tell you is that there has been a further decline.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: Minister Abetz, perhaps you could check on that protocol.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes, I will.</p>	2013, page 133		
156.	Australian Public Service Commission	Seselja	Heads of departments	<p>Senator DASTYARI: That is correct. In your opinion, in the instances relating to 18 September—I imagine it happened a couple of days earlier than that, but that is when they were publicly announced—were those requirements meant?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Yes.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Do you know when the part of that requirement that relates to you was met?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I would have to go back and search my memory for precise dates, if that is what you mean.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I assume it would have been at some point between the seventh and the 18th.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Yes, but if you want a precise date, I am going to have to go back and reconstruct my memory.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Is that possible? Could we possibly ask for that to be taken on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 134	17/1/14	13/2/14
157.	Australian Public Service Commission	Faulkner	Heads of departments	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I am not interested in the politics of this, Commissioner. I did want to ask a couple of questions. I suspect you may have to take them on notice because of time. I want to ask about the public service implications of the gazettal of the appointment of Mr Bracks on 18 July. You would be aware of section 38 of the Public Service Act, which says an agency head cannot terminate the employment of an SES employee unless the commissioner—in this case you—has issued a certificate under section 38 of the act stating that the termination has satisfied the requirements of the commissioner's direction and is in the public interest. You would be aware, of course, of those provisions. Can I</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 136	17/1/14	13/2/14

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				<p>just confirm that you did issue such a certificate?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Not in that case. I would need to take on notice and therefore get back to you regarding the circumstances.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I am surprised to hear that, but we do not have time tonight for me to explore it. I am not particularly interested in the politics of this.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Senator, I do not have the detail in my head. We will get back to you.</p>			
158.	Office of the Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Ludlam	Collection of third- party communications	<p>Dr ThomSenator LUDLAM: Your annual report indicates that human error is to blame for ASIO's inadvertent collection of third-party communications under a valid warrant. How many cases of inadvertent collection did you notice? And were the people directly concerned ever told?</p> <p>Dr Thom: There were a small number. I do not have the exact numbers there. I will say at the moment: I think it is fewer than 10 but I will get that for you.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 137	14/1/14	13/2/14
159.	OIGIS	Ludlam	ASIO reporting on warrantless surveillance requests	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I spoke to ASIO's DG earlier about data collection and about the fact that, because they do not have reporting obligations under the TIA Act, we have no idea how much metadata material they are scooping up, which nearly all other agencies report in the TIA Act annual report. Do you have visibility of the volume of warrantless surveillance requests that ASIO make?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I have visibility of all of the requests that ASIO make, including the numbers, if I wanted those numbers, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Do they report to you on an annual or a quarterly basis, or is it up to you to go and find that information?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I could find out the information. I think we do get an annual reporting on the numbers but I am not sure; I can get back to you on that.</p>	FPA, Monday 18 November 2013, page 138	14/1/14	13/2/14

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160.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol 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> <ol 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 involvement, broken down to each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was 	Written	oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur <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 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not? 			
161.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>a) 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>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what</p>	Written	oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				level? c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
162.	All Agencies	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> <p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? 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 Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or</p>	Written	ana 3/1/14 on 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>information?</p> <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> <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 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>			
163.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date.</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
164.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>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?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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165.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine 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?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department 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?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
166.	All Agencies	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? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				September 2013 to date? 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided 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 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?		agencies 12/2/14	
167.	All Agencies	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 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) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the	Written	ana0 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				department or agency's own premises, please provide: 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			
168.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events?</p> <p>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? b) What is the set up cost? c) What is the ongoing cost? d) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
169.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<p>a) 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?</p> <p>b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14	13/2/14

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				Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date? c) 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. d) 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.		oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	6/3/14
170.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Travel costs	a) 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). b) 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. c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? f) 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. g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes,	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 13/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?			
171.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Grants	a) 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. b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website c) 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?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
172.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	a) 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)? b) 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) c) 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? d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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173.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	ana0 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
174.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) 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.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	ana0 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
175.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) 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.</p> <p>c) 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.</p>	Written	ana0 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>d) 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.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>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>i) 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>			
176.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	<p>1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?</p> <p>5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how,</p>	Written	<p>anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14</p>	<p>13/2/14</p> <p>6/3/14</p>

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				or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
177.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	<p>1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
178.	All Agencies	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> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
179.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) 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.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
180.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing cessations	<p>a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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181.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c) From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
182.	All Agencies	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</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>usage?</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 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>			
183.	All Agencies	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	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
184.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>a) How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14	13/2/14

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				e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?		oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	6/3/14
185.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Taxi costs	a) 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. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
186.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Hire cars	a) 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. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
187.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Credit cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? 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	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				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?			
188.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
189.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial briefing	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 it that provided? 4) What title is this briefing given?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
190.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Departmental Senate Estimates briefing	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? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>the minister or their office?</p> <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>			
191.	All Agencies	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 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>	Written	<p>anao 3/1/14</p> <p>ona 9/1/14</p> <p>oigis 14/1/14</p> <p>oco 15/1/14</p> <p>oosgg 16/1/14</p> <p>apsc 17/1/14</p> <p>dpmc 12/2/14</p> <p>Indigenous agencies 12/2/14</p>	<p>13/2/14</p> <p>6/3/14</p>

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				<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 style="padding-left: 20px;">a. 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 style="padding-left: 20px;">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> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. 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 style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. What did the training involve?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e. How long was the training?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated</p>			

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				<p>decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? What did the training involve? How long was the training? By whom was the training conducted? 			
192.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The guest list of each function The party or individual who initiated the request for the function The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function A list of drinks consumed at the function Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office 	Written	ana 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
193.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> What is the progress of that red tape reduction target How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? How have they been recruited? What process was used for their appointment? 	Written	ana 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14

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				<p>5) What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>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.</p>			
194.	All Agencies	Wong	Staffing	<p>How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 29 November 2013?</p> <p>How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?</p> <p>How many redundancies have occurred since 18 September 2013?</p> <p>How many were (a) voluntary and (b) involuntary?</p>	Written	<p>anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14</p>	<p>13/2/14</p> <p>6/3/14</p>
195.	All Agencies	Wong	Consultants	<p>How many consultants have been engaged since 18 September 2013?</p>	Written	<p>anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14</p>	<p>13/2/14</p> <p>6/3/14</p>
196.	All Agencies	Wong	Recruitment	<p>What steps have been taken to implement the arrangements outlined in the Australian Public Service Commission document “interim arrangements for recruitment in the Australian Public Service – guidance for agencies”?</p>	Written	<p>anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14</p>	<p>13/2/14</p> <p>6/3/14</p>

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197.	All Agencies	Wong	Portraits of Her Majesty The Queen	Have any portraits (including photographs) of Her Majesty The Queen been hung or re-hung on department/agency premises since 18 September 2013? If so, (a) in what locations (b) who directed the action and (c) what costs, if any, have been incurred?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 oosgg 16/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
198.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Advertising	What is the total cost (GST inclusive) of campaign advertising since 18 September 2013? What additional campaign advertising is planned? What is the estimated cost (GST inclusive) of planned campaign advertising? What is the total cost (GST inclusive) of non-campaign advertising since 18 September 2013? What additional non-campaign advertising is planned? What is the estimated cost (GST inclusive) of planned non-campaign advertising?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
199.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Hospitality	What is the total cost of hospitality since 18 September 2013? For each hospitality event please advise (a) host (b) date (c) location (d) nature of event and (e) cost.	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
200.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	FOI handling	Since 18 September 2013 has any advice been received from the Attorney-General's Department on the handling of Freedom of Information requests? If so, please provide details of (a) the date	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14	13/2/14

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				(b) the source (c) the subject of the advice and (d) a copy of written advice.		apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	6/3/14
201.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Media monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services provided to the department/agency since 18 September 2013? Please provide details of (a) the service provider and (b) the cost. Are media monitoring services purchased by the department/agency provided to the office of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary? If so, please provide details of the service, including, if applicable, any additional costs incurred by the department/agency.	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
202.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Social media	Since 18 September 2013 has any guidance been provided to employees on the use of social media including, but not necessarily limited to, commentary on the Australian Government? Please provide a copy of any written guidance.	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
203.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Stationery	What is the total cost expended on stationery since 18 September 2013? Is stationery purchased by the department/agency provided to the office of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary? If so, please provide details of the stationery, including the total cost by Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
204.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Payment of small business accounts	Since 18 September 2013 what percentage of account payments to small business have been made (a) within 30 days (b) within 31-60 days and (c) beyond 60 days? Has any interest for late payment	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14	13/2/14

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				been paid to a small business in this period? If so, please provide details.		oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	6/3/14
205.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Subscription TV	Please provide details of all current departmental/agency subscription TV services including (a) provider (b) channels and (c) cost since 18 September 2013	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
206.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Newspaper and magazine subscriptions	Please provide details of current departmental/agency newspaper and magazine subscription services including (a) title of newspaper/magazine (b) whether the subscription is hardcopy/online/both and (c) cost since 18 September 2013	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
207.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Domestic travel and accommodation costs	What total domestic travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 18 September 2013?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
208.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	International travel and accommodation costs	What total international travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 18 September 2013?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14	13/2/14

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209.	All (except OOSGG, OIGIS, OCO)	Wong	Ministerial domestic travel and accommodation costs	Has the department/agency met any travel or accommodation incurred costs associated with domestic travel by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their staff since 18 September 2013? If so, please provide details including (a) Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (b) date/s of travel (c) origin and destination and (d) breakdown of costs	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
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211.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Legal costs	What total amount has been expended on legal services since 18 September 2013? What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?	Written	anao 3/1/14 ona 9/1/14 oigis 14/1/14 oco 15/1/14 apsc 17/1/14 dpmc 12/2/14 Indigenous agencies 12/2/14	13/2/14 6/3/14
212.	OOSGG	Wong	Recommendations on termination of departmental secretaries	On what date did the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General receive draft or final recommendations from the Office of the Prime Minister or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet concerning the termination of departmental	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14

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				secretaries which were announced on 18 September 2013?			
213.	OOSGG	Wong	Governor-General's Boyer lectures	Did the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General provide (a) PM&C or (b) the Office of the Prime Minister with the text of Her Excellency the Governor-General's 2013 Boyer lectures prior to delivery? If so, on what date/s?	Written	16/1/14	13/2/14
214.	Commonwealth Ombudsman	Siewert	Social Security Prosecutions	Please update Questions No. 59 and 60 on 14 February 2012 for the periods 2011-12 and 2012-13. Commonwealth Ombudsman 1. In the last three financial years, how many staff have been employed offices of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, at what grades? 2. Outline what engagement the Ombudsman's office has been engaged in in the Northern Territory for each of the last three financial years. 3. What funding is available for Indigenous outreach and remote outreach, for 2011-12 and 2012-13?	Written	15/1/14	13/2/14

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215.	Prime Minister &	McLucas	Machinery of Government –	Senator McLUCAS: I wonder if we could get a document that describes the actual number of staff who have moved from various places—staff	FPA, Friday 22 November	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet		staff movements	<p>exiting from other departments and going to Prime Minister and Cabinet—and their functions as well, what they do.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes. Ms Kelly might be able to give you some overarching numbers, but that breakdown we could certainly look at getting for you—</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Because of our time constraints, I wonder if Ms Kelly would provide it to the committee as a document.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Certainly. The transfer of staff has not actually occurred as yet. It does not occur until 5 December. So, whilst we know the number is approximately 1,800, that sort of information will not be available in final form until 5 December.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If we could have it then, that would be great. Thank you.</p>	2013, Page 4		
216.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Mental health	<p>Senator SIEWERT: There were a couple of other things I wanted to check. Issues around mental health—have they come to you or have they stayed with the department?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Most of the mental health has stayed with the Department of Social Services.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Including the committee that Pat Dudgeon chairs? Sorry, I never can remember the name of it.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I will have to check. We might need to take that on notice and find out during the day.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be great. Also find out whether they are continuing, because there are some committees and advisory processes that the government has got rid of and there are others that they have not got rid of. If you could find that out that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 5	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013 Page 15	6/3/14
217.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Senator Smith	Legal advice on recommendations of Expert Panel	<p>Senator SMITH: Has any independent or external legal advice been sought on any of the five recommendations of the expert panel?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Not that I am aware of but I will again check with the Department of the Attorney-General.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 6	12/2/14	6/3/14
218.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary grants	<p>Senator McLUCAS: In other estimates we have asked questions about discretionary grants that may be associated with the department. Given that we have movement of programs and personnel from other areas, have those discretionary grants moved to Prime Minister and Cabinet already?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes, they have.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 7	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator McLUCAS: What are the running discretionary grants being managed by the portfolio?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I am not sure that I have with me the list of programs that have discretionary grants, but, as I am sure you have been hearing throughout the week, there are processes around the discretionary grants that involve going through a process both with the Minister for Finance and the new Minister for Indigenous Affairs. I think there are about 770 proposals.....</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Can we have a list of those.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I will have to take that on notice and look at how we might do it. What we have done through the Senate order are the ones that have already been agreed and signed, so what has been tabled through the Senate order are the grants that are already signed.....</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: We had the discussion yesterday in DSS about some departments treating the Senate order in different ways.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So you are very clear that those in the Senate order No. 14 tabled document are grants where contracts have been signed and moneys have been transferred?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: They are where contracts have been signed, where the funding has been approved.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: That is where I am trying to get to. So those on that list are where the contracts have been signed and moneys have been transferred—that is what I am trying to ascertain.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: They were either already signed or have been through all the processes and approved through the new processes. So they are obviously going out to organisations but they have not necessarily all been signed.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So they are all approved?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: The Senate order asked for grants that have been approved—that is the language of the order.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes. They have all been approved. Some of them were approved prior to the change of government. Some of them are where the new lot of approvals have already gone through. So they have been approved, but it might be that the funding agreement is yet to be signed.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: The Senate order identifies a portion of 770</p>			

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				discretionary grants. Could we have on notice those grants that are not identified in your tabled document to the Senate? That would be terrific. Ms Carroll: We will take on notice what we can give around that. Senator McLUCAS: Thank you.			
219.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development	Senator SMITH: So am I correct in saying that the Commonwealth did its own research, its own due diligence and developed its own view about where the best locations would be and the states and territories developed their own understanding and then they came together and negotiated it? Ms Hosking: I do not think it was two such separate processes as you are describing. I think it was more that in combination. Obviously this going back beyond the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet but my understanding is that there would have been a more shared process that relied to a fairly significant degree on the advice coming from the state and territory governments about where the need was in their own jurisdictions. Senator SMITH: So who made the final decision? How did the final decision-making process work? Who had the final sign off on the sites? Ms Hosking: I think we will have to take that one on notice to go back to the detail. My understanding is there would have been an agreement between the relevant ministers, but I think we need to confirm that given the passage of time and the machinery-of-government changes. Ms Carroll: What normally happens in national partnership agreements is that a final proposal would be put from the states for the Commonwealth minister at the time for agreement, so effectively because it is a Commonwealth-state agreement there is agreement between the state government and the Commonwealth government at the time. Broadly, that would be the Commonwealth minister at the time with the relevant state or territory minister at the time. Senator SMITH: So the state sends to the Commonwealth its preferred locations, the Commonwealth looks at that and says, 'Yes, we agree,' or, 'No, we do not agree, and this is our final list for you to sign'; is that right? Ms Carroll: I think as Ms Hosking said, there would be a lot of negotiation going on both at the officials level before it got to ministers and then the final process would be that a final set of locations would be provided for agreement. Senator SMITH: I appreciate that. I would be interested in knowing—and	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 11,12 & 13	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>you can take this on notice—how the final list was different from the original list that was provided to the Commonwealth by each state and territory.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: We will see if that is possible to get. We will see what is possible.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: And in addition to that where the final decision was actually made—was it a ministerial decision, was it a department decision et cetera. This is a six-year program with 38 planned to be built and we still have eight that have not yet been completed. What is the reason for the delay? We are talking about family centres, child-care services et cetera. Why the delay over six years?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: My understanding is that there are a range of different.....</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If we look at the eight where there is a delay, can you identify which jurisdictions they fall into? I am particularly interested to know whether the eight are in one jurisdiction or if they are spread evenly?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: Five of the centres that have not yet been constructed are in the Northern Territory. Two of the other ones are in WA and one is in New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: What is the reason for the delay? Can you tell us what you know but also take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I can provide more details, but essentially it is a combination of a complex consultation process for the communities about the nature of the centres.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Do some communities think that a childcare service or a family service is not important?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I do not think that is the case.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: These negotiations on the rollout of a childcare centre and a family services centre in the Northern Territory have been taking six years.</p> <p>Ms Hosking: There is a complex combination of reasons. Some issues surrounded land tenure in the Northern Territory that have been quite complex and have taken some time to resolve. There have been interim services provided in communities in the meantime, but we have been concerned particularly in the Northern Territory about the delays and have been in regular contact with the Northern Territory government trying to</p>			

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				help them to get the centres resolved within the life of the partnership. Senator SMITH: On notice, Ms Hosking, could you provide some explanation for the delay around those eight sites? Could you also detail for me what community consultations have taken place across those areas?			
220.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap framework	Senator McLUCAS: I want to go to the broader framework around the Closing the Gap commitment. Minister, I understand the government is committed to the Closing the Gap framework. Senator Scullion: You are correct in that understanding, Senator. Senator McLUCAS: Is the government committed to all the Close the Gap targets, including the new early childhood target? Senator Scullion: Indeed, we are. Senator McLUCAS: Is the government committed to maintaining the funding under each of those targets? Senator Scullion: As I said, we are committed to those targets. The reason for my hesitation is that I do not wish to mislead you. The funding under Closing the Gap covers a considerable number of programs, and I would not want to mislead you. Generally, we support the targets and I am not aware at this stage of any particular changes in the funding, but I will check on that. I will only correct the record if it needs to be corrected. My understanding at the moment is that we will not be reducing or changing funding in that regard. Senator McLUCAS: When you do check that, can you also check the amount of money that will be allocated by your government to achieving those targets in the years ahead? Ms Carroll: We can take that on notice, Senator.	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 13	12/2/14	Highligh ted answere d on page 15.
221.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Alcohol Management Plans	Ms Edwards: Our understanding is that there are 23 currently being developed through the team in the Northern Territory under the Stronger Futures national partnership agreement. There are also other discussions going on in various communities, and none of those have been formally put to the minister as yet for endorsement, but they are at various stages of development and many are well advanced. Senator PERIS: Are you able to tell me where they are? Ms Edwards: I can take that on notice.	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 14	12/2/14	6/3/14
222.	Prime Minister &	Siewert	National Partnership	Ms Palmer: The objective of the National Partnership Agreement was for commitments from the states as to how much they would spend on	FPA, Friday 22 November	13/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet		Agreement – health	<p>Indigenous health over time. That commitment and agreement did not occur before the signing, so the signing by Queensland has not come into effect. No other states have formally responded at this time.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And what was the time line for them? Did you say, 'Could you please get back to us by August?'—I think you said? Was that the date?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: It was offered in early August and I do not believe that a time frame was put on a request for reply. No—no time frame was put on the request for reply.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Why not?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: The agreement is offered by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So, can I ask PM&C why? Surely, we need to agree this; we need to get this signed and have the next phase ready to be implemented as soon as possible?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Senator, I am not trying to be difficult but that is in the other part of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and we would need to take that on notice, because we do not have those officers here today. They were here on Monday. I am not trying to be difficult, but we—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I understand. I did not think you were! But I suppose it does not stop me from being frustrated. Could you take that on notice? Where are the negotiations with the states up to? Do we have any that are close to commitment?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: My understanding is that state officials have advised they were waiting for advice from the new government as to their intention with the NPA, and that it is under government consideration.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So therefore, can I go back to the minister and to PM&C and ask if it is the government's intention to proceed with the plan?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I will just need to take that on notice. We might be able to get you an answer shortly; but I would not want to say one way or the other because I do not have a briefing on it here.</p>	2013, Page 17		
223.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Scullion	Renal	<p>Senator MOORE: Regarding the renal stuff, perhaps I could just clarify: we would like a written brief, getting the amalgamated information that we have been receiving over at least five estimates...</p> <p>Senator Scullion: I can seek that briefing from the minister.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 20	12/2/14	6/3/14

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224.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Petrol sniffing strategy	<p>Senator MOORE: Well, that is the most positive hope we have had for a long time—next week or so! So, basically I will be generous, Ms Hosking, and say that before Christmas we should have that signed.</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I feel very confident saying that the contracts will be signed by then.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: As soon as that happens, Minister, can we be told about that one? We do not normally get advice about signed contracts when it happens, but perhaps with this one in particular we could get some advice that the ink meets the page. That would be great.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Yes.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 21	12/2/14	6/3/14
225.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Indigenous Land Corporation – Ayres Rock Resort	<p>Senator McLUCAS: I wonder if Mr Dillon could table those letters. I do not know the dates, and I agree with Senator Smith: I think the response from the chair would be valuable for the committee to have.</p> <p>Mr Dillon, you said that there were a number of letters from Minister Wong and Minister Macklin to the chair of the ILC board—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: There was at least one letter from each minister in October 2010 and then, as I recall, Minister Wong wrote the day before the transaction in fact, and asked under section 16 of the CAC Act for further information.</p> <p>The response that was provided was, essentially, 'this deal is too good for us to put it on hold', because in her correspondence, Minister Wong had asked the ILC to defer the consideration. What happened was that the ILC made the decision to acquire the very next day—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I am happy to take your word, but if you do have the letters then it would be wise to circulate them because of the time constraint. Do you have a schedule or a table of all the letters on this matter from the ILC to Minister Wong and to Minister Macklin in addition to the letters from Minister Wong and Minister Macklin back to the ILC on this matter?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: I do not have a table of that correspondence.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: You do not have a table but you would have a collection of them?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: I could take that on notice and provide you with a list of that correspondence.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: You do not have a table but you would have a collection of them?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: I could take that on notice and provide you with a list of that</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 27	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>correspondence.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: You have brought with you some letters, but you have not brought with you all the letters?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: As I said at the start, we would have thousands and thousands of documents on this issue going back over two years.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: No, I am asking for letters from the ILC to Minister Wong and to Minister Macklin. Senator McLucas, if I understand her question, is asking for letters from Minister Wong and Minister Macklin back to the ILC. I do not expect there will be thousands of those, because that would not be good practice, I would not have thought, at that sort of level in the government.</p> <p>Mr Dillon: The ILC would have responded to each of those letters from ministers and I would be happy to table those letters. I would be happy to let you know if there is other correspondence to those ministers that is relevant to this transaction.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Put it all in a table and then senators can make a judgement about which of those letters they would like to see.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Senator, if I can intervene, we are just getting some clarification. The table of actual letters is not a problem at all, identifying what the letters were. We just need to take on notice to give some advice to the minister on the release of those letters, because it was deliberations of the previous government. It is a statutory organisation but we just want to take it on notice before the letters themselves were actually released.....</p>			
226.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Indigenous Land Corporation – Ayres Rock Resort	<p>Senator SMITH: Did the letter from the ILC about the Audit Office inquiry go to Minister Wong and Minister Macklin?</p> <p>Mr Dillon: You have raised a range of issues there. I would have to check that, and I will put that on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 28 & 29	12/2/14	6/3/14
227.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Staffing	<p>Mr Bevan: My current staffing is 45.72 FTE—full-time equivalents.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Where are you located?</p> <p>Mr Bevan: The main body of my staff are here in Canberra, in Woden, but I also have offices in Alice Springs, Darwin, Broome, Perth, Cairns and Coffs Harbour.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I know there will be an annual report, but could we get a model of where they are and those kinds of things.</p> <p>Mr Bevan: Sure.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 30	12/2/14	6/3/14

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228.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations - complaints	<p>Senator MOORE: Can you tell me whether you have any outstanding complaints on your workload at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Bevan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: How many, Mr Bevan?</p> <p>Mr Bevan: On a yearly basis, last year we received 662 complaints. At any time we would have a number of complaints ongoing.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I was just wanted to get that on record, because I am aware of the workload that can come in. Mr Bevan, in terms of a process, is there an average turnaround for complaints? Do you keep data on that?</p> <p>Mr Bevan: Yes, we do, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I will just put that on notice. We will not ask you to go through—</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 31	12/2/14	6/3/14
229.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations - education	<p>Senator MOORE: On notice, can you advise how many of your 45.7 staff are involved in the education role?</p> <p>Mr Bevan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That would be lovely. Thank you, Mr Bevan.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 31	12/2/14	6/3/14
230.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Arnhem Land Lease agreement	<p>Senator PERIS: Thanks for that. My questions are around the consultation bit. To go back to Gunbalanya: when you went out there recently, on your website you put a press release about their historic Arnhem Land lease agreement. Are we able to obtain who the signatories to that MOU are?</p> <p>Mr Stacey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Certainly. Perhaps I can clarify that this is a two-stage process. The first stage is to have some community understanding and agreement, so there should be no confusion between the memorandum of understanding between the community members and some traditional owners and the final document, which would obviously only include traditional owners and would be, effectively, a part of the Northern Land Council process. But I am certainly happy to make that document available.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Okay</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 33	12/2/14	6/3/14
231.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Township leases - mapping	<p>Senator McLUCAS: I have a follow-up question for Mr Stacey on the mapping he was talking about with Senator Peris. There was some work done on Cape York of a similar nature. My understanding was that it was a joint piece of work between the federal government and the Queensland state government. Can you give me an update on how that mapping activity</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 34 & 35	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				has progressed? Mr Stacey: I am sorry, but I cannot now. I will have to take it on notice.			
232.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Chair	ABA Advisory Council	<p>CHAIR: So there was a subcommittee of the ABA Advisory Committee?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: It was not a formally—</p> <p>CHAIR: That is my terminology.</p> <p>Ms Gumley: There was a small group of members of the ABA. The ABA committee has delegates from the land councils, and, in the last one, there was a meeting of the land councils, who came together to see whether the department had picked up all of the matters at hand. That is partly because, in this instance, it was the executives of the land councils that met to take on the issue. That is important because the land councils were the ones that were thinking about becoming the equity partners in the organisation. The ABA committee usually has individual delegates representing the land council, but, because this was such a substantive proposal and had the commercial development aspects, the land council chairs, or their representatives, were at that meeting.</p> <p>CHAIR: It is through naivety that I am asking this question. There is a governance issue in my mind that you have prompted. Is the ABA providing the funds—the \$90 million—for this? Am I correct?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: Not quite. The ABA committee is an advisory group to the minister. The minister takes the decision on the expenditure of the ABA funds, so the minister approves projects. The committee can give advice to the minister, and the relevant minister will take that into account.</p> <p>CHAIR: And yet it was not the full committee that provided that advice or signed off in the end; it was a section of it. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Stacey: The situation was that the former minister, anxious to see the matter settled after a lot of work done to assess and work through, asked for a meeting of the committee, but not all members attended that meeting. It was not a subcommittee; the chair and senior members from NLC, CLC and Anindilyakwa Land Council on Groote Eylandt were there. A meeting was called, but not all members were able to attend.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you able to provide me with—and you may want to take this on notice—the members who did attend and those who were eligible to attend?</p> <p>Mr Stacey: Yes.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 36	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Ms Gumley: Yes.			
233.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	MOU with FaHCSIA	<p>Mr See Kee: There is a memorandum of understanding that we have with the department. That was done previously for the \$1 million that we do have, but there is no contract for the remainder.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Does the memorandum of understanding indicate that there will be future moneys? I will call them milestone payments; I do not know if that is the right word.</p> <p>Mr See Kee: I will have to take that on notice, but from my recollection it was specifically for the \$1 million that we received at the time.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 37	12/2/14	6/3/14
234.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Australian Employment Covenant - town hall sessions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You had a roundtable and a town hall session?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How strongly were the town hall sessions attended?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: Very. There was standing room only in Kununurra with people outside. We are happy to confirm on notice the details. In Alice Springs there were probably 300-plus people in the room. In Adelaide there would have been about 150 and in Sydney, yesterday, there were probably about 130 people.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: There were about 200 in Darwin and 250 in Perth.</p> <p>Ms Gumley: So, good engagement and participation.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Will there be notes or outcomes from those town hall meetings publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We had contemplated putting out the outcomes of the meetings. The role of the meetings was to inform Mr Forrest and Mr Tudge on the breadth of issues and that would influence the final report. We will take that one on notice. If that is what people are after it is something we could look at.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 40	12/2/14	6/3/14
235.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	All programs	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Of all Prime Minister and Cabinet's frozen programs, which ones have been reviewed and are continuing?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Are you after which programs have gone through the process?</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Yes, and proceeding like the Indigenous Cadetship program.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: I would need to take on notice which ones. All programs across all government that fit within the criteria were affected. You understand that, of course.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 43	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				Ms Carroll: We can take that on notice. As I indicated earlier, all our programs are in the process—some have popped out the other side and some are still in the midst of the process. I think we undertook on notice earlier to give you what we could on all of those. We will make sure that we capture all of this, but it is the iterative approval process as it comes through.			
236.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Chair	CDEP -assets	<p>CHAIR: Are you satisfied that all the assets from CDEP have been accounted for?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: I am. I think we have had a careful, considered process in looking at the asset transfer, and we also did quite a lot of preparation work with the CDEP organisations prior to RJCP starting. Part of that was about making sure that the asset registers et cetera were all up to date and that everything had been properly accounted for. If you have specific details where there might be a particular instance that we could look at again—</p> <p>CHAIR: I wish I did, Ms Gumley, I wish I did. But I do not.</p> <p>The original documentation said that six months would be given to allow for a smooth transition, I understand. And yet I am also advised that the successful tenderers were not announced until May and June of this year, with a start of early July 2013. Is that correct and, if so, why was the process delayed?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: It was not actually a tender process, it was an expression-of-interest process. That selection process took longer than expected. I think our first announcements were in April and the last announcements were in June. It is the case that they were progressively announced, so some providers had an earlier start to prepare and get ready. But there were also some transition support arrangements put in place with CDEP organisations extended in locations for a couple of months. That also enabled the RJCP providers some extra time to set up.</p> <p>CHAIR: How many of the bidders—and I do not want to get caught about semantics here, that is my terminology—organisations which put in expressions of interest, received less than one month's notice of the transfer?</p> <p>Ms Kemp: We will take that on notice</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 47	12/2/14	6/3/14
237.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Remote Jobs & Communities Program - outcomes	<p>Ms Gumley: I think there are 19 regions in the Territory and there might be a provider that is delivering in a couple of places. Were you after the number of regions in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Senator PERIS: This program was rolled out in May this year. Am I able</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, page 48	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>to obtain the funding that has already been rolled out to specific service providers?</p> <p>Ms Kemp: It is a demand driven program. They receive service fees for their servicing of the job seeker when the job seeker commences and then outcome fees and a series of other fees as time goes on. I can give you a breakdown of how much funding the provider receives per job seeker they service. We can times it by the number of job seekers. That information is easily available.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: That would be fantastic—for the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Can I also have it for the rest of Australia as well.</p> <p>CHAIR: If we could wrap up this line of questioning because we need to move on to education— Senator PERIS: The questions are not that long. To date, has there been any sort of review of the RJCP since the new government came to office?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: No. There is no specific review of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program. There is a review of all employment and training programs underway by Mr Andrew Forrest, and RJCP will be an important component of that.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Do you have statistics on the uptake of the RJCP in those specific regions—for example, how many jobs have been provided?</p> <p>Ms Gumley: Ms Kemp just provided the national data about job placements and outcomes. If you would like us to provide the information about outcomes by state or territory, we could do that on notice.</p>			
238.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Torres Strait Regional Authority – MIP 5	<p>Senator McLucas: Could you provide the committee with a list of the original proposals for MIP5 and the reprioritised list of works that you now only have the funds to do.</p> <p>Mr See Kee: Yes, that is fine.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, Page 49	12/2/14	6/3/14
239.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	SEAM - data	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I thought that was going to be one of the agreements that was reached with the NT government, that you were going to get better access to the attendance data.</p> <p>Ms Hosking: My advice from the relevant officials is that at this stage we do not get that data. I think that is something we do need to have a continuing conversation with the Northern Territory government about. On those particular cases we have been able to negotiate that data but it is not routinely provided.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, page 50	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Senator SIEWERT: So you negotiate on a school-by-school basis?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: But all you have got is Ntaria?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: That is the only one I have got here, yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Have you got the others?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: No, I have not been advised that we have any others.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So when you said 'that I have got here', you mean—</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I was suggesting that if you wanted me to check whether we had any others, I can take that on notice—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That is what I was getting to.</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I have not been advised that we have any other information, but I can take that on notice.</p>			
240.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	SEAM - data	<p>Senator MOORE: I want to follow up on the review processes, Ms Hosking. One of the things we have been trying to find out is where and at what timing we get data on the SEAM trial. Up until this hearing, SEAM has not been discussed on this day. It was held onto very strongly by another committee so, whilst we have always been interested in SEAM, we could not ask questions in this area. What we have been trying to find out is exactly what data is released when about SEAM. We were involved in the beginning with the original trial. Is the data you are reading out released publicly on a quarterly basis? How is it done? Is it on the website? Is it something that is tabled?</p> <p>Ms Hosking: I can take that on notice. I do not know myself, so I will find out.</p>	FPA, Friday 22 November 2013, page 50	12/2/14	6/3/14
241.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Preschool attendance	Do you have now have the systems in place to report on pre-school attendance, as well as enrolment? Can you please provide details of any attendance data you have collected.	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
242.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Financial Wellbeing Service Centre	<p>In 2011, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs engaged a consultant (Bain Business Management) to undertake a scoping study into the establishment of a Financial Wellbeing Service Centre on the APY Lands. The value of this contract was approximately \$50,000.</p> <p>Can you provide this Committee with a copy of the final report of the</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Scoping Study that the consultant Bain Business Management prepared in 2011 concerning a Financial Wellbeing Service Centre on the APY Lands?</p> <p>What were the key findings and recommendations of the Scoping Study?</p> <p>Can you provide this Committee with an outline of the actions taken by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in response to those findings and recommendations?</p>			
243.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	SEAM Program	<p>How many parents and children have been impacted by the SEAM program, and in which locations, in 2012-13?</p> <p>Provide details of the number of parents and the numbers of children who had their income support payment cancelled or suspended, in 2012-13.</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
244.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Voyagers Board sacking by Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did the Board sack Mr Geoff Dixon, the Chair of Tourism Australia and former CEO of Qantas? 2. Why did the Board sack Mr Richard Longes, former Deputy Chairperson Lend Lease International, once owners of Ayres Rock Resort, and now Chairperson of Investec? 3. Why did the Board sack Mr Peter Barge, former Chairman of Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels and CEO of Asia Pacific, Jones Lang LaSalle and one of Australia's most knowledgeable international hotel and tourism experts? 4. Why did the Board sack Mr Ron Morony PSM, former long serving CEO of Indigenous Business Australia, Director of NT Tourism Commission and Chair of The NT Indigenous Economic Advisory Council? What skills in Indigenous business development, including hotel, tourism and marketing, was he lacking? Who amongst the replacements on the Voyages Board can match his skills and experience? 5. In relation to Owen Cole's appointment to the Board, can the ILC confirm if this is the same Mr Cole who was found guilty of aggravated assault in 2009 following 	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>a brawl at a football match and in which the magistrate described Mr Cole's behaviour as, "thuggery of the highest order"?</p> <p>6. Why did the Board not continue with Mr David Baffsky AO, the former Chair of Accor Asia-Pacific and Asia Pacific Hotelier of the Year 2005-current Director Singapore Airports Corporation and recognised as one of the leading tourism experts in Australia, as Chair of Voyages?</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8. Has the ILC estimated the current value of Voyages post the negative talk about the resort's viability and negative headlines in the media? The initial write down was estimated at \$62 million. Has the additional write down for the company been calculated since the public disparagement of the resort?</p> <p>9. What will happen to the 300 or so Indigenous employees at the resort? Can their jobs be guaranteed? How can this be done? What of their skills and experience?</p> <p>10. Given that a decision was taken to sack the majority of the Board, without reference to any inquiry, what is the purpose of the "end to end review" given it is costing \$300,000 plus?</p> <p>11. The Managing Director of Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia, Mr Koos Klein, who has been running a suite of indigenous tourism assets on behalf of the owners, stated that he could not continue after the removal of half the Board. What will the effect of Mr Klein's resignation be?</p> <p>12. Did Mr Dillon have any prior involvement with ILC in any capacity? If so, can the ILC provide the details and dates of any previous positions in which Mr Dillon had dealings or involvement in issues with the ILC in some other capacity?</p>			
245.	Prime Minister &	McLucas	Charter Letter	Can the Minister detail the division of specific responsibility between the Prime Minister, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, assistant Ministers and	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet			Parliamentary Secretary(ies)? Where are these arrangements recorded – and where can we find them?			
246.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	<p>1. The Coalition’s policy document states the “Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will ensure greater priority is given to Indigenous affairs in terms of access to mainstream programmes across all agencies.”</p> <p>(a) What does this mean in practice?</p> <p>(b) What practical and structural changes have been effected within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to achieve this?</p> <p>(c) How will the indigenous affair portfolio operate differently within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet compared to its previous operation within the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
247.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	What are the costs of incorporating the indigenous affairs portfolio into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? Could you detail all costs associated with the transfer?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
248.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	What is happening with leases and property as a result of the transfer of the indigenous affairs portfolio into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
249.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	Have you retained all of the staff working in this portfolio from FaHCSIA? If not, how many staff were lost in the merge? What was the APS level of all staff lost in the merge, and what were their positions and areas of responsibility? Have any additional staff been added to the indigenous affairs portfolio within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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250.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	What oversight, if any, is there by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet of the implementation of programmes across other Departments as they relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
251.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Departmental changes	What is the current turnaround time for correspondence in the Department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
252.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	How many discretionary grants are managed by this portfolio? In each case, how are they administered? Who is the decision maker - is it the Minister, and is each decision based on advice from the department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
253.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	How many grants and/ programmes are not on the tabled list of 770 proposals that have been approved? Could you provide a list of all other discretionary grants and programmes not yet approved and therefore not on this list?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
254.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	In relation to each of these programmes, is there an industry advisory body – or some other form of advisory body – that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications? Could you provide a list of these bodies and the current members of each body? Have there been any changes to these bodies, including membership, since the election? If so, what are the changes?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
255.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	Has there been a pause in the release of funding for grants under these programmes? If so, could you detail all affected programs and grants?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
256.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	What advice has been provided to stakeholders about the nature and purpose of the pause?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
257.	Prime Minister &	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	If there has been a pause:	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet			<p>(a) Did this pause include grants that had been advertised but not yet finalised?</p> <p>(b) Did this pause include grants where decisions had been finalised but recipients had not yet been notified?</p> <p>(c) If so, is there an indicative timeline as to when successful recipients of grants can expect to hear from the Government?</p>			
258.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	Since the election, has there been any change to these assessment processes and decision making arrangements? If so, where did the initiative to make these changes come from – was it from the department to the Minister, from the Minister, or his staff, to the department? Or did it come from the Prime Minister or his office via the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
259.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Discretionary Grants Programs	<p>Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause, or have been the subject of a pause, at any time after the election? Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program? If so,</p> <p>(a) What has been the process around determining any exemptions?</p> <p>(b) How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted?</p> <p>(c) What are the details of these grants and programmes?</p> <p>(d) What was the process used to identify a grant or program that would be excluded from the pause?</p> <p>(e) Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause?</p> <p>(f) In relation to exemptions what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?</p> <p>(g) Where did the initiative for an exemption in the pause come</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				from in each case?			
260.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Constitutional recognition	I refer to statements made on Friday 22 November 2013 before the Committee in relation to constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Could you detail how, “at an official level and ministerial level this portfolio is working very closely with the A-G” on constitutional recognition? Which Minister is working very closely with the Attorney General – the Minister for Indigenous Affairs of the Prime Minister? What structures or processes have been put in place between these two portfolios to give effect to their “working very closely?”	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
261.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Constitutional recognition	When will the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples be recommenced? What actions have been taken towards re-establishing this committee?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
262.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Constitutional recognition	Has any independent or external legal advice been sought on any of the recommendations of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
263.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Graduate Program	How many graduate positions were affected by the incorporation of the indigenous affairs portfolio into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
264.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Graduate Program	Of the 45 graduates currently with the department, how many are working in the indigenous affairs portfolio? Were all of these graduates brought across from the former FaHCSIA graduate program?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
265.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Graduate Program	Could you provide the details of the assessment process that was undertaken to determine how many graduates were brought across from the former FaHCSIA to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? Who was responsible for making the final determination?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
266.	Prime	McLucas	Graduate Program	Will graduates have the same access and experience in this department as	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Minister & Cabinet			they had in their previous department?			
267.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Graduate Program	Will the graduate intake for the indigenous affairs portfolio be maintained at this level for future graduate rounds within the department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
268.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	<p>The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples received \$15 million in the 2013-14 Budget, allocated from 2014-15 to 2016-17 to enable Congress to continue operating as a national representative body, informing government on the views, issues and concerns of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and providing input into the development of policies and programs.</p> <p>(a) How will the Government ensure the future sustainability of Congress?</p> <p>(b) Is the government committed to the funding provided to Congress in the 2013-14 budget?</p> <p>(c) Can we expect to see the continuation of the funding over the full three years?</p> <p>(d) If not, what is the rationale behind ripping this funding away from Congress?</p> <p>(e) How does the Minister reconcile the Government's rhetoric of a new engagement with Indigenous people with a decision not to honour funding commitments to support Congress – a national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
269.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	How will the Government engage with the Congress as the national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? Who within the Government will determine how Congress is engaged and by what process?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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270.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	Could you detail the processes and agreements which serve as the interface for engagement between Congress and the Government?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
271.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	Have there been and will there be any changes to the Engagement Framework between the Congress and Australian Government Agencies?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
272.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	What, if any, is the relationship between the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council and Congress?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
273.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	How many members of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council were selected from among the 230 applications submitted to the department? How many members of the Council were appointed who did not go through the application process?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
274.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Could you detail the selection process for the Indigenous Advisory Council? Who made the decision on the selection of the members of the Council?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
275.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Has there been any consultation with indigenous groups and organisations about the role and membership of the Council? Were any discussions had with indigenous groups and organisations about the role and membership of the Council prior to its announcement on 25 September 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
276.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Are the members of the Council going to be paid? If so, how much?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
277.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	What is the budget of the Council? Could you detail all costs associated with the establishment of the Council as well as its ongoing activities, including staff remuneration and travel budget? Who and where within government is responsible for the travel expenses of Department Secretaries and officials who travel with the Council?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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278.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Who will attend the meetings with the Indigenous Advisory Council? Which specific Ministers?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
279.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	From a departmental point of view, who will attend the meetings with the Indigenous Advisory Council? What is the APS level of the department staff?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
280.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Has the Indigenous Advisory Council met? If not, why?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
281.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Have terms of reference been developed for the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council and when will the terms of reference be made available? What type of advice will the Indigenous Advisory Council provide and how will the advice be used by the Prime Minister, Minister for Indigenous Affairs and the department?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
282.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Which Minister is the Indigenous Advisory Council responsible to?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
283.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	How often will the Council report? Who will receive the reports – the Prime Minister or the Minister for Indigenous Affairs?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
284.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	What involvement and/ or interactions does or will the department have with the Indigenous Advisory Council? What is the process if or when you are provided with advice or instructions from the Council? I.e. does the department then do its own research into the proposal or do you take it as approved?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
285.	Prime Minister &	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous	How will policy advice from the Indigenous Advisory Council that is at	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet		Advisory Council	odds with Coalition policy be treated by the Prime Minister?			
286.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	What, if any, is the relationship between the Indigenous Advisory Council and the Indigenous Employment and Training Review being undertaken by Mr Andrew Forrest	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
287.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Is the abolition of statutory authorities within the scope of review of the Indigenous Advisory Council? Does this include: (a) Land Councils; (b) Aboriginal Corporations (c) Associations incorporated under Associations Acts in the States and Territories; (d) Prescribed bodies incorporated under the Native Title Act?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
288.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	Will the Indigenous Advisory Council review indigenous spending with a view to make savings in the portfolio area?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
289.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	With regard to the review being undertaken by the Indigenous Advisory Council: (a) When will the Council's review be complete? (b) When will the Council's final report be handed down? (c) Which Minister will receive the final report? (d) What is the role of the Council after completion of the review?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
290.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council	When will appointments to the Indigenous Advisory Council be reviewed and what is the process of review?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
291.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	I refer to Minister Scullion's statements in his media release of 9 August 2013: <i>"The Coalition will provide bipartisan support for Labor's</i>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p><i>proposed new Closing the Gap targets on incarceration rates, higher education and disability services... ”</i></p> <p>(a) Why has the Coalition Government back flipped on its support of the three new Close the Gap targets – namely, justice, disability and education targets?</p> <p>(b) Why was the Coalition publicly committed to the targets before the election, and is now only committed to “considering” and “examining” these targets?</p>			
292.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Is the Government committed to maintaining the funding under each of the six existing Close the Gap targets?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
293.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Given that there is a very significant overrepresentation of indigenous people in the criminal justice system, could you explain why there is currently no process in place to develop the new justice target that the Coalition publicly supported prior to the election?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
294.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	I understand that the development of the justice target had been approved by the previous Government and a chair appointed to lead a working group to develop the target. What is the current status of the working group and the chair?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
295.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Noting that the disability target has already been developed, what negotiations have taken place since the election with States and Territories to progress the target? How much funding has been allocated to this target?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
296.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Will the government stand by its support of the early education target announced by the previous government on 4 June 2013?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
297.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Regarding Closing the Gap, the Coalition’s policy document states that it “will examine...programmes to make sure that they are directly working to meet Closing the Gap targets” and “will take steps to ensure that the people	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>who the programmes and services are intended to assist take advantage of those programmes and services” and “make sure that programmes are targeted on the basis of need.”</p> <p>How will the government do this? How will you “make sure”?</p>			
298.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Will the Prime Minister report to the Parliament in February each year, as the previous government has for the past 5 years, on the progress made against Closing the Gap targets?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
299.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	<p>I refer to Prime Minister Abbott’s Closing the Gap statement to Parliament in February 2013, where he called for school and work attendance figures to be published regularly to check progress.</p> <p>(a) How regularly will these figures be published?</p> <p>(b) How will this data be collected and who will be responsible for collecting it?</p> <p>(c) What figures do the States and Territories currently provide and what additional data will they be required to provide?</p> <p>(d) What mechanisms are or will be put in place to obtain these figures from States and Territories?</p> <p>(e) What interim measures does the Government have in place to meet its own commitment to report school attendance data more regularly?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
300.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	<p>I refer to Minister Scullion’s statements in a media release on 31 July 2013, that “under a Coalition Government, our Close the Gap report will also break down data geographically to help better target our efforts.”</p> <p>(a) How will this data be broken down?</p> <p>(b) What additional mechanisms are required to achieve this?</p> <p>(c) What will this cost?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				(d) Has any advice been sought to implement this new data reporting?			
301.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	Does the Government require states to report attendance rates to receive federal funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education (NPAECE)? (a) If not, will the Government require minimum reporting standards by states in negotiating a new NPAECE beyond 31 December 2013? (b) What accountability measures does/ will the government have in place to ensure attendance rates are reported on a regular basis by State and Territory governments?	Written	Transferred to Education 19/12/13	
302.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap	I understand there is an RSD evaluation currently underway. (a) When will the evaluation be finalised? (b) Will the evaluation's findings and recommendations be made available?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
303.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Alcohol Management Plans	Which alcohol management plans are ready to be considered and/ or signed off by the Minister? When will they be signed off?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
304.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Alcohol Management Plans	Are there any Alcohol Management Plans not within the Stronger Futures package that are being developed? If so, for which communities? Where are they up to?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
305.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Alcohol Management Plans	I refer to Minister Scullion's statements in a media release on 9 August 2013: <i>"The Coalition supports the proposed new alcohol management plans announced by Ms Macklin but we will ensure it is not done in the typical</i>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p><i>Labor bureaucratic way... ”</i></p> <p>(a) What does this mean?</p> <p>(b) What changes will be made to implementation of Alcohol Management Plans?</p> <p>(c) What advice has been sought to give effect to this commitment?</p>			
306.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Alcohol Management Plans	Will the Government commit to take action in response to any policy changes by State and Territory Governments which attempt to roll back alcohol restrictions?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
307.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Alcohol Management Plans	Has the government and/ or department received any requests or been approached about change of any current alcohol restrictions?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
308.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Department changes: Department of Health	What will the process be under these new administrative arrangements for the implementation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policies	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
309.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Department changes: Department of Health	Where and who within the Government is responsible for negotiating the arrangements for the implementation of the Stronger Futures package with Aboriginal community-based health organisations in the NT and the Northern Territory Government?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
310.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	Is it the Government's intention to seek a new NPA and has advice been sought to this effect?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
311.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on	Where and who within the government has the responsibility for negotiating a new Partnership Agreement with State and Territory Governments around	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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			Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health?			
312.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	What commitment period is being sought for the new NPA?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
313.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	Will States and Territories be required to maintain at least their levels of funding under the previous NPA?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
314.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	How will state contributions be determined?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
315.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation	Will the government pursue negotiations for a new National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
316.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation	What steps has the Government taken since the election to negotiate a new National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic participation?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
317.	Prime Minister &	McLucas	National Partnership	What effect does Employment and Training review currently being	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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	Cabinet		Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation	undertaken by Mr Andrew Forrest have on the development of a new NPA?			
318.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Petrol sniffing	How many sites are currently supplying low aromatic fuel?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
319.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Petrol sniffing	At least 100 sites were identified to supply low aromatic fuel as part of the expanded rollout to northern Australia. What is the current status of the rollout?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
320.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Petrol sniffing	Will the Minister apply legislative provisions for refusing sites? What threshold will the Minister require before legislative provisions are applied?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
321.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Petrol sniffing	How is the Government progressing the Petrol Sniffing Strategy to 2015-16? Is the \$115.86 million over 5 years (2011-12 to 2015-16) still being used to support the strategy and the rollout of low aromatic fuel?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
322.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Petrol sniffing	What changes, if any, have been made or are being considered to the Petrol Sniffing Strategy or the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill and the attached funding? Has any advice been sought or provided on changes to the Petrol Sniffing Strategy or Low Aromatic Fuel Bill?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
323.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Business Australia	It has been reported in the Sydney Morning Herald that the Government intends to overhaul Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) "to more aggressively harness indigenous land for economic development." What does this mean? What changes will be made to IBA? What advice has been sought and/ provided regarding the future of IBA?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
324.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Office of Township Leasing	Could you provide a list of signatories for all Memorandums of Understanding to negotiate a lease with the Government since the election?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
325.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Office of Township Leasing	How many requests for information have been received by traditional owners and communities interested in 19A lease?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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326.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Are the 17,700 job placements under GenerationOne from people who were previously unemployed, or were some of these people moving across to these jobs from other kinds of employment? Are you able to disaggregate that figure?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
327.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	What data will be required from GenerationOne to monitor the progress and value for money of the \$45 million investment of taxpayers' money?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
328.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	How many people attended each of the round tables and town hall meetings held as part of Mr Forrest's Employment and Training Review?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
329.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Could you provide the details and outcomes from those town meetings?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
330.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Are any members of the review employed? What is their remuneration?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
331.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	What is the total cost of establishment and running costs of the Forrest Review to date, including staff from secretariat, remuneration for review members and travel costs?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
332.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	What is the budget for the Forrest Review?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
333.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	How many staff are in the secretariat supporting the Forrest Review? What is their APS level?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
334.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Who will be travelling with the Committee as part of the Forrest Review and what budget has been allocated for travel for the committee	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
335.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	What is the exact amount of funding that the Coalition Government has given to Mr Forrest's GenerationOne employment model? Can the government confirm whether it is the \$45 million as committed in their election policy document?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
336.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Is this \$45 million included in the current National Commission of Audit or subject to review by the Indigenous Advisory Council? If it has been quarantined, on what basis and who made that decision?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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337.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Employment	Could you provide the latest job placement data on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
338.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	<i>Truancy</i>	The Coalition's policy document states that " <i>all remote communities with unacceptable low attendance should be able to access SEAM. The Coalition will strengthen SEAM and implement it as an ongoing policy across remote and very remote regions that have attendance problems.</i> " (a) How will this be implemented? (b) Which communities SEAM being rolled out in? In what order? How will priority be determined? (c) How much will this cost?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
339.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Truancy	I refer to Minister Scullion's comments in an ABC radio interview with ABC Darwin Mornings on 18 September 2013: I'll be meeting with all those Ministers at a state and territory level that are responsible for attendance. I'll certainly be speaking with the Chief Minister in the Northern Territory about this matter and others who can play a role in that and I want as a Federal Minister to have a greater focus on what is absolutely fundamental to Closing the Gap and that's getting kids to school. The Coalition's policy document states that the "Coalition will also work with States and Territories to ensure their truancy laws are enforced." (a) How is this being implemented? (b) Has the Minister met with States and territories to discuss	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>implementation?</p> <p>(c) What has been discussed and/ or agreed to?</p> <p>(d) Will the government contribute Commonwealth funding and resources to this policy commitment? How much money will be given to States and Territories?</p> <p>(e) Will the government require States and Territories to collect and provide data on school attendance and enrolment?</p>			
340.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Truancy	The Coalition's policy document states that it supports an expanded rollout of Seam to combat truancy. The Prime Minister has publicly advocated for on-the-spot fines for parents of truants and a scrapping of income quarantining to tackle truancy. Minister Scullion has admitted that the 'truancy army' which was reported in The Australian does not exist and has subsequently stated that punitive measures should be a last resort. Which one of these options is the Coalition's actual policy on truancy?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
341.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Housing	Could you please provide the latest data for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
342.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Income Management	What is the status of the Deloitte Access Economics Evaluation scheduled to run into the 2014-15 financial year? Have any additional funds been allocated to the review since the election, and has the Minister or department received a request for additional funding? When will the evaluation be complete? Will the findings of the evaluation be made available?	Written	Transferred to DSS 12/12/13	6/3/14
343.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Tiwi Island	<p>Is the Minister aware of the \$50 Million investment on the Tiwi Islands by the infrastructure building company Teras Australia?</p> <p>Is the minister aware of any matters that may be affecting this investment?</p> <p>Is the Minister aware that Teras Australia has trained more than 30 Tiwi Islanders to operate in the marine based industries?</p> <p>Is the Minister aware of a timber harvesting project on the Tiwi Islands?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>Is the Minister aware that Indigenous Tiwi Islanders are paid less than imported backpacker labor?</p> <p>What is the justification for paying Aboriginal people who are working on their own land being paid less than backpackers?</p> <p>Is the Minister aware that many members of the Tiwi Land Council are unhappy with the management of the Tiwi Land Council?</p> <p>Has the Minister personally heard of any criticism of Tiwi Land Council?</p> <p>Does the Minister know whether or not The CEO of the Tiwi Land Council formally holds the correct forms of delegated authority, including financial authority, from the Tiwi Land Council?</p>			
344.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Muckaty Station	<p>Can the Minister explain why the Northern Land Council, as a Commonwealth Statutory Authority, is exempt from Freedom Of Information laws?</p> <p>Does the Minister agree that this exemption makes the NLC is less publicly accountable than other commonwealth Statutory Authorities</p> <p>Would the Minister consider removing this exemption, provided adequate protections remained for confidential traditional knowledge that was held by the Northern Land Council.</p>	<p>Written</p> <p>Part 1 of QoN transferred to Industry – 9/12/13</p>	12/2/14	6/3/14
345.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Carr	Universities	<p>For the Indigenous Support Program please provide:</p> <p>a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program</p> <p>b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18</p> <p>c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?</p> <p>d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Indigenous Support Program?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
346.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Carr	Universities	<p>For the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Commonwealth Scholarships please provide:</p> <p>a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program</p> <p>b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18</p> <p>c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Commonwealth Scholarships?			

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347.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Carr	Mr Metcalfe	Can you explain the circumstances around the dismissal of the former secretary of this department Mr Metcalfe? What was the justification of his (Metcalfe's) removal? Can you confirm that Mr Metcalfe was a former chief of staff to the Immigration Minister, Mr Ruddock? Was that assessed in the reasons for his dismissal?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
348.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	White Paper – Northern Australia	1. The Coalition announced it would complete a White Paper on developing Northern Australia. Has the Government formed the “high-level Northern Australia Strategic Partnership”? 2. What is the consultation process? 3. What is the timeline for the development of the White Paper? 4. And what stakeholder has the government met with or is planning to meet with? 5. Have you organised any regional talks? And if so which regional neighbours have you invited? 6. What policy options are currently under consideration?	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
349.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Last annual meeting National Women's Alliance	Senator MOORE: And the previous convention was an annual meeting? Ms Steele: Previously that was correct, but there were other meetings in between. Senator MOORE: Of course. But having that format of having them together,	FPA, Friday 18 November 2013, Page 93 & 94	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				and again with the access to parliament—that they would be able to meet with people in parliament. When was the last annual meeting? Tell me on notice. Fitting into the schedule for next year, it would seem sensible that it was sometime after the March meeting in the UN, so that we could link in to report back, probably, in terms of funding for this financial year. That would hopefully be how it would work.			
350.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Secretary of Govt Staffing Committee	<p>Senator FAULKNER: That would be a matter for Finance. I asked this before, and I think you took it on notice, but given you have been able to provide additional information: who is the secretary?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I do not know which out of the five is the secretary. Suffice to say I assume it is not Mr Andrews, who is the chair.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I assume that too. So we are down to four.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me—</p> <p>Senator Abetz: And, look, there might be a note-taker—I will find out.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: There might be someone to take notes—who knows. But I will take it on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 18 November 2013, Page 110	12/2/14	6/3/14
351.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Northern Australia	<p>Is the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet planning to develop a Green Paper on Northern Australia?</p> <p>When will it be published?</p> <p>What is the proposed consultation timetable following the publication of the Green Paper?</p> <p>Is the Coalition's 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia the Green Paper?</p> <p>What is the proposed timetable for the development and publication of the White Paper?</p> <p>What work is occurring in the department to relocate public servants to Northern</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14
352.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dean Smith	Enhancing Communities Programme	<p>1. How much funding was allocated to Aboriginal corporations under the Enhancing Communities Program for "organisational development and capacity building"?</p>	Written	12/2/14	6/3/14

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				<p>2. How was the funding allocated to these organisations? Was there an opportunity for Aboriginal corporations to apply for funding, or did the Department nominate projects?</p> <p>3. Over what period was funding allocated?</p> <p>4. Can you provide the details about the delivery of this funding? For example, provide the break down of the administrative costs against actual services delivered for individual corporations that received funding for "organisational development and capacity building"?</p> <p>5. How much funding was provided to the Thamarrurr Regional Authority Aboriginal Corporation (TRACe) for organisational development and capacity building? What were the circumstances under which this figure was arrived at? What are the outcomes from this funding? What outcomes have been delivered to date?</p> <p>6. How much funding was provided to the Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation for organisational development and capacity building? What were the circumstances under which this figure was arrived at? What are the outcomes from this funding? What outcomes have been delivered to date?</p> <p>7. Can you break down administrative costs against actual services delivered? What proportion of funds are providing wages or other staff costs? What proportion are providing actual services?</p> <p>8. Were there any cases where the organisation received more funding than what they applied for? If so, who made this decision?</p> <p>9. When was the decision made to grant this funding to these projects? How long did the Department have to negotiate funding agreements with organisations?</p> <p>10. Are there any projects funded by this program where the person who is running the project an Indigenous person who is locally engaged?</p>			