

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 18 NOVEMBER 2013

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1	1.1: BCD	Milne	Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement	<p>Senator MILNE: Given the minister's remarks earlier, are you telling me that no money has been disbursed in 2013-14 to any of the programs in the Tasmanian forests intergovernmental agreement? Or have some been paid and, if so, what has been paid in this financial year?</p> <p>Ms Howlett: No funding under the national partnership agreement has been made in this financial year. The IGA did include some funding that is the responsibility of other agencies. I am unable to comment on whether or not those payments have been made. We could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: If you can take that on notice, please</p>	65		
2	1.1: BCD	Ruston	Caring for our Country grants	<p>Senator RUSTON: I will give you the whole lot. Answer as much as you can and the rest can go on notice. Between 1 July and when the 43rd Parliament was prorogued how many Caring for Our Country grants were approved? Can you give me an idea of what was approved in August, and for which programs.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I will have to take that question on notice to give you that level of detail in terms of the split. As I understand it you want to know how many Caring for Our Country programs in total were approved from the start of the financial year.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes; up to the proroguing of parliament. Can you give me which programs and the dates for them.</p>	68		
3	1.2: BCD	Urquhart	Biodiversity Fund Projects	What environmental benefits will be delivered by the Biodiversity Fund projects which are currently being funded?	Written		
4	1.2: BCD	Milne	Biodiversity Fund Forward Estimates	<p>Senator MILNE: I just wanted to ask about the biodiversity fund. Given that there was supposed to be, as of August 2013, \$946 million over the next four years, can you tell me, over the forward estimates, whether that \$946 million is still in place?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: There was a series of decisions taken by the previous government in terms of adjusting the amount of money that was to be made available under the biodiversity fund over the forward estimates. I can take that figure on notice. In terms of what that figure is moving forward, that will be a matter for the government's consideration of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook and the budget process in terms of announcing what the total funding is under the biodiversity fund.</p>	70		
5	1.2: BCD	Milne	Biodiversity Fund Round 2 projects	<p>Senator MILNE: For 2013-14 there was meant to be round 2 of the biodiversity fund, and applications had been called. How many applications did you have for round 2? And what was that worth at the time of the election?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I do not have that detail with me, and part of the question that preceded this from your colleague was in relation to projects that went through that biodiversity fund round 2 process. A number of projects were contracted under that round. So, again, I will have to take on notice how many applications were received and then how many of those projects then</p>	70		

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				<p>moved to contracting over the forward estimates.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: What I am trying to understand here is what is the fate of round 2 of the biodiversity fund. So perhaps you can just be specific here. Obviously applications were called. I would like to know the number of applicants. And then some were successful. What I am asking now is, as of today, are the projects that had been contracted going to be able to continue for the life of those projects? Or have you any that had not been actually signed up? Are they now not proceeding? What is the status of round 2 of the biodiversity fund?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: As I said, I will take on notice how many applications there were, and the assessment process, and then how many were recommended for funding.</p>			
6	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Container Deposit Legislation	<p>How many staff within Department of Environment, NEPC and SCEW have been involved in the development of the Consultation RIS for Packaging Impacts?</p> <p>What has been the total cost for undertaking the Packaging Impacts Consultation RIS, the Packaging Impacts Decision Regulation Impact Statement, and the Options Paper (including staff costs, consultancies fees, the cost of organising and running public consultations)? Please provide an itemised account.</p>	Written		
7	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Tyre Stewardship Scheme	<p>How will the government monitor the establishment, effectiveness and sufficiency of the new voluntary Tyre Stewardship scheme? By what criteria will the scheme be determined a success?</p> <p>Is the government considering a establishing a compulsory Tyre Stewardship Scheme?</p> <p>Has the government begun the process for a RIS for end-of-life tyres?</p>	Written		
8	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Sustainable Australia's - Suburban Jobs Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: The government's economic growth plan for Tasmania lists the number one priority as the creation of a Tasmanian major projects approval agency by 1 July 2014. Both output 5.1 and 5.2 did not answer the following question so I will go through it again. They referred the matter to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Subsequently that department referred it back to environment department. Given that this major projects approval agency was the No.1 priority of the incoming government, and you are the output responsible for Sustainable Australia's Suburban Jobs program, can you outline any discussions with agencies, departments or stakeholders on the creation of the Tasmanian major projects approval agency?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: In terms of the particular outcome we are in at the moment, there have been no discussions by our officers in relation to that commitment. I can take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I have had discussions about that particular election commitment with the ministers in the regional development portfolio. It is certainly their understanding that it is the responsibility of their department. We have taken it on notice. We will obviously be able to furnish an answer which may be able to clarify exactly where it lies.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: It was not dealt with there. As Senator Williams said, 'Third time lucky.' If I can get a response on notice, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We will consult with other departments and get you a whole-of-government answer if we can.</p>	112/113		

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9	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Sustainable Jobs Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: What is the number of staff supporting the program?</p> <p>Ms Lynch: At present, there are a total of 4.9 full-time equivalent staff.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Have there been any changes to that number, or has that been number all the way through?</p> <p>Ms Lynch: It has changed since the commencement of the program.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: From?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: From start-up through to what is effectively a contract management function.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What was the initial number?</p> <p>Ms Lynch: I will have to take that question on notice.</p>	113/114		
10	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Sustainable Australia - Suburban Jobs Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you take this on notice because it might need a little bit of further information. Can you provide us with information on the remaining funding agreement milestones, the value of those associated funds and the expected time frame for the completion?</p> <p>Ms Lynch: Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	114		
11	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Regulatory Reform	Regarding the Government's regulatory reform policy announced before the election: What methodology will this department use to calculate the cost of regulation within the portfolio? The policy suggests there will be a standard approach based on a model used in Victoria. The policy requires this department to establish a dedicated unit led by an officer of at least SES1 level. Has the unit been established, how many staff have been assigned to this new unit and from where have the staff be redeployed? Is this a full time job for these officers?	Written		
12	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Regulatory Reform	According to the policy, the Secretary will be set a specific regulatory performance target both in terms of the number of regulations to be cut and the extent of the impact of those regulations. Has that target been set for this department yet? If so, what is the target. If no, when do you expect to finalise this target.	Written		
13	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Regulatory Reform	The performance in this area is to be linked to SES pay and also the reappointment of departmental secretaries. How will this work?	Written		
14	2.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Regulatory Reform	The policy also requires this Department to establish a Ministerial Advisory Council – this council will meet quarterly and provide the Minister with advice on opportunities to cut red and green tape. What is the process for establishing this new council? How will the members be selected and who will be the final decision maker? When do you expect the council to be up and running? How does the department define red tape? How does the department define green tape?	Written		
15	2.2: SPAD	Ludwig	Red Tape Reduction	<p>Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>How have they been recruited?</p> <p>What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>What is the total cost of this unit?</p>	Written		

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				Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? Please 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.			
16	3.1: AAD	Fawcett	Aviation Services Contract	Senator FAWCETT: I am happy to put this on notice, but could you get me a list of who that RFT went to and whether you have received any unsolicited proposals from companies providing innovative solutions to the Antarctic solution. Dr Wooding: I will take that on notice and see what we can provide	34		
17	3.1: AAD	Urquhart	AAD Staffing	Senator URQUHART: I am going to have another crack at this one. This is to do with the economic growth plan for Tasmania again. It seeks to ensure that Hobart is a world centre for Antarctic research and capabilities. Could you outline if scientific staff at the Antarctic Division in Tasmania have been affected by the direction to not re-engage temporary staff. Could you outline the levels of these positions. And what effect will that decision have on ensuring that Hobart is a world centre for Antarctic research and capabilities? Dr Fleming: The detail of that question I can take on notice, but, as I have said, we are part of the whole-of-government Public Service and, as the secretary has said, we are part of the department. So the things that you speak about will affect the AAD, but the government has committed to re-fund the cooperative research centre based in Hobart, with \$25 million over five years. The government has also committed to fund a new centre for Antarctic and Southern Ocean research, with \$24 million over three years. That is a significant injection of funds into the science program based in Hobart. We are in discussions with the university, the CSIRO and the CRC about that. The AAD is on the CRC board and the board will have discussions in the next month or two about the science program that will be continuing when the CRC is re-funded next 1 July. It is a very exciting program. So there is no prospect of Hobart being diminished as a scientific centre for Antarctic and Southern Ocean research. In fact, it is likely to grow.	37		
18	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Sea Dumping - Proponent	Senator WATERS: I have asked you previously whether or not you seek detailed information from the proponent about whether or not they have looked at those alternatives to offshore dumping and the extent of the evidence base that you seek from proponents before approving offshore dumping. Has there been any change in approach since the last time I asked you about this? Dr Reichelt: I do not believe so. The sea dumping act applies in the park and we have delegation on that. The act of drudging that we are referring to generally occurs outside of GBRMPA's jurisdiction but involves transport into the marine park and in that space our policies remain the same. Senator WATERS: Okay. So you continue to have the approach of not seeking a detailed evidence base from the proponent about what the alternatives and whether they have considered those alternatives and done a cost-benefit analysis. Dr Reichelt: No. Our approach has been the opposite of that. There have only been a couple. I am speaking about my term, which is six years. I can only recall a couple. The approach taken was to suggest at the first pass of the PER document that more effort should be put in to	53/54		

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				describing the alternatives. We did that two years ago. I could give you the fine detail on that. Senator WATERS: If you can give me as much— Dr Reichelt: But I believe that we have spoken about that before. Senator WATERS: We have. I was under a different impression. If you can give me as much information about the evidence base that you require from proponents before you determine that offshore dumping is indeed the last resort that you will approve, that would be very helpful.			
19	4.1: OWS	Rhiannon	NSW Longwall Mining Key Threatening Process	In 2005 the NSW Scientific Committee listed longwall mining as a Key Threatening Process (<i>Alteration of habitat following subsidence due to longwall mining</i>) causing cracking beneath water bodies that result in the loss of water flows. Despite this, privately contracted EIS' by the mines continue to rule out longwall mining as the cause of drained swamps and waterways – including the very EEC swamps on the NSW Newnes Plateau that the KTP is based on. a) Is the NSW KTP on longwall mining considered anywhere in the processes established by the National Partnership Agreement, especially given that this KTP recognises coal longwall mining as draining waterways and altering habitat? b) Does this issue fall under the purview of the Agreement and the independent expert scientific committee? c) If not, why not?	Written		
20	4.1: OWS	Waters	Update on the Bioregional Planning process	Senator WATERS: Thank you for staying back late tonight, and hello to the minister. I have a few questions, and I will start off with the independent expert scientific committee. I will not try to pronounce your name—last time I think I tripped up. It is a bit of a mouthful there; a double-barrel. Could you please update me on the bioregional planning process that is being undertaken under the national partnerships agreement? Ms Nethercott-Watson: As we talked about last time, the bioregional assessment methodology has a number of components, and that bioregional assessment methodology, which has been developed by scientific agencies, has now been publicly released. The input data that needed to come from the catchment management authorities—that is, local data identifying water-related assets that would be used as the basis of the assessment for the bioregional assessments—have been received from 29 natural resource management organisations. Some of those need final clarification, and we are doing some reconciliation on that to make sure that things like Ramsar wetlands and a number of Commonwealth assets are identified as well. There are 10 more that are still to come from there. We have done a lot of work on data licensing arrangements. You can understand, given that this particular scientific program has a heavy reliance on gathering data, that we need to ensure what the data licensing arrangements are. We have finalised our negotiations with the New South Wales state agencies as to how that would occur, and we are well advanced with negotiations with the Queensland government. In terms of the technical products, you will probably remember from what I said last time that there are approximately 20 technical products that are	97/98		

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				<p>possible through each of the five components for bioregional assessments. The actual delineation on what those products can say, and whether they are possible and equivalent across subregions, will depend on the data available. We are starting to progress on some of those products. There are approximately four technical products that can be delivered. The first of those is called a context statement. For each subregion, things like the geography, geology and hydrogeology et cetera are being documented based on known information into one document. The context statement for the Namoi subregion is almost finalised—it is currently in quality assurance. The Gloucester region and Clarence-Moreton region have been substantially progressed.</p> <p>The scientific teams have also done a number of workshops and are progressing their thinking in terms of how to start the impact analysis and conceptual modelling components. There was a recent workshop, for example, for the Gloucester region. In the next few weeks we are going up to the Gloucester region to talk with stakeholders about the start of that process. The kick-off, in terms of where we would go from here, moves from the water-related asset register—which comes from those NRM data—to what the receptors are. The distinction between assets and receptors is that an asset is a water-related asset in a particular subregion that can be anthropogenic or ecological, and a receptor is an attribute of that water-related asset that is affected by a change in water. For example, an asset could be a wetland—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Or a water-dependent species.</p> <p>Ms Nethercott-Watson: That is right, but you can also have other things that would need to be looked at as part of what an asset and receptor are.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could I just butt in. I have my eye on the clock and my limited time. That was wonderful context—thank you. Could you give me that particular tranche of your answer on notice if there is more to go, because I do appreciate that context.</p>			
21	4.1: WED	Ruston	Desalination Plant SA	<p>Senator RUSTON: What were the water return requirements of the South Australian government for the Commonwealth funding that was provided to them for both the first and second stages of the desalination plant?</p> <p>Ms Harwood: I cannot give you the figures off the top of my head. There was one which was a straight yield of permanent entitlement and then there was an arrangement which provides for an environmental yield average through time, the actual format and reporting structure of which was negotiated with the authority. Just to be certain, can I take on notice the precise water yield figures which were contracted with that?</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Yes, that is fine. The first one was the six GL. That was on the public record—quite widely reported. It is more the proposed 120 GL ten-year rolling average that I am concerned about. If you could provide some information about how that works—what are the triggers, under what conditions it occurs, how the rolling average works et cetera—that would be appreciated. Also, please take on notice whether that particular water is required to go back as part of Adelaide's reduction in water usage or whether the South Australian government, through its state water allocation plan, is able to access water from irrigators or</p>	93		

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				other water use to provide that water back to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. Ms Harwood: I will take that on notice			
22	4.1: WED	Ruston	Desalination Plant SA	Senator RUSTON: That is not quite what I was asking. What I was saying is that there is no requirement for South Australia to find the water by reducing the amount of water that they take out of their rolling average otherwise, because I believe they have a large rolling average over the 10 or five years; it is 150 or 130 gegalitres or whatever. You are not requesting them to take this amount of water out of that rolling average; they can get it wherever they like. That is basically what you are saying. Ms Harwood: I think it comes from the South Australian Murray diversions, but other than that—again I will take it on notice—I do not believe it prescribes where that water comes from inside that.	94		
23	4.1: WED	Ruston	Desalination Plant SA	Senator RUSTON: Okay. Finally on this one, in terms of your expectation of the South Australian government's reducing its reliance on the River Murray for its water supply, in all the negotiations that have taken place in relation to this desalination plant, at no time has anything been put into any agreement to the extent that this kind of rubbish can be spoken by the minister and that would require them to reduce the amount of water that they take out of the River Murray? Ms Harwood: As I said, there is the requirement to provide the water for the environment as specified in the agreement with the South Australian government. That is the main place where that requirement to provide savings in terms of the extractions from the Murray is stated. Other than that, I am not aware of any specific requirements of South Australia, but I will take it on notice and give you a detailed account of the conditions.	94		
24	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Remaining State Priority Project Funding for South Australia	Ms Harwood: We do not have formal business cases for alternate projects. We have had some discussions with South Australia and they have put some draft propositions to us for the use of their remaining state priority project funding. Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide those for me? Ms Harwood: I would ask the South Australian government if they were comfortable. I think they were still working on them. They were very much in draft and I think they would probably prefer that they have the chance to develop them to a more formal point before sharing them.	102/103		
25	4.1: WED	Xenophon	PIPSA Programme	Senator XENOPHON: And the date when you found out that the South Australian government was taking a different direction in relation to the PIPSA program? Ms Harwood: I do not know that there is a precise date. It has been an evolving landscape in the sense of— Senator XENOPHON: It is Darwinian! It is evolutionary. There must be some dates. I would ask the department to provide me with at least the dates that this new change of policy evolved.	103		
26	4.1: WRD	Urquhart	Adaptation to Climate Change – Water	Has the department experienced any change in its capacity to address the issue of climate change adaptation in relation to water? What water impacts would you expect from planting 20 million trees in Australia, as outlined in the Government's policy?	Written		

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27	5.1: WHMD	Thorp	Tasmania Wilderness World Heritage Area	<p>Senator THORP: Have you been given any idea when you may get further direction from the government about this?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I cannot speculate on that.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Speculation? Have you or haven't you?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I do not have any information about when a decision might be made.</p> <p>Senator THORP: You have gone back and said this is the information, but you have not been asked to get more information?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: No. as I said, the government, having received that information, is considering what process it wants to take forward in considering how it wants to approach its election.</p> <p>Senator THORP: Was that information given in writing?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I would have to check on that.</p> <p>Senator THORP: If so, is that available?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: Again, I would have to check whether we did provide it in writing, what form that was in, and whether we could make it available.</p> <p>Senator THORP: It would be of great interest, of course, to anyone interested in wilderness areas but also interested specifically in Tasmania to know what process there is, going forward, to potentially reduce the size of that World Heritage area. When did those conversations with UNESCO occur?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I think we had some preliminary conversations with them immediately following the election, as part of preparing for briefing our new minister.</p> <p>Senator THORP: And you are undertaking to give us a copy of any advice that you gave to the current government about the process of changing?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I will take that on notice and check whether we can.</p>	28/29		
28	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – Responsible Agency	Which federal agencies carry any responsibility for ensuring that the federal <i>Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos</i> is adhered to?	Written		
29	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – Commercial kangaroo trade	<p>There are significant animal welfare concerns with the methods employed shooters in the commercial kangaroo trade. For example, while the industry code of practice requires an instantaneous shot to the brain, mishits occur regularly; joeys suffer as collateral damage, and unlicensed shooting is commonplace. Given the federal government approves the shooting of kangaroos for the commercial industry via state kangaroo management plans, what is the government's oversight in this regard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the process for investigating concerns or complaints about animal welfare with regard to the commercial shooting of kangaroos? What are the guarantees that investigation is carried out completely separately to interests in the commercial kangaroo industry? May I have copies of reports or outcomes of such concerns, and if not why not? What reports of breaches have occurred and what are the details of any investigations or compliance actions undertaken with regard to the commercial kangaroo industry in the last five years? 	Written		

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				d) What are the measures is the government taking or will take to improve animal welfare in the commercial kangaroo meat and skin industry?			
30	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – Independent studies/research	<p>Recent independent studies reviewing government data have shown that kangaroo populations have been grossly overstated, with a Nomination to the NSW Scientific Committee, with 2 supplementary submissions, showing the four large macropods are Threatened as a result of the commercial trade.</p> <p>a) In light of this research, how will the government address the issue of population miscalculation and kangaroo overkill that has been accepted unquestioningly by the states?</p> <p>b) The previous Minister stated that the precautionary principle in granting export licenses for macropod products is applied. Please give details of how the precautionary principle has been applied in relation to approving Kangaroo Management Plans and with references to the science and data in the NSW Nomination?</p>	Written		
31	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – surveys and reports	<p>The mapping of kangaroo survey transects in NSW, Queensland and South Australia shows that surveyors fly over non-shooting areas such as national parks and state forests. These counts are then used to calculate kangaroo densities which are applied to surrounding farmland where actual transect data generally show very low to zero presence of kangaroos. The non-shooting area is then subtracted from the state total of shooting areas to return higher densities in the commercial zones.</p> <p>a) Is the Minister aware that surveys and survey reports are carried out by contracted consultants and do not undergo the formal peer review process?</p> <p>b) Is the Minister aware that the (recently) former head of NSW DEC's Kangaroo Management Program admitted, earlier this year, that the department has never checked the scientific validity of either the survey methodology or the data from kangaroo surveys in NSW, and has never requested or held that information?</p> <p>For example, the author of the 2009 and 2012 NSW Central Tablelands survey reports states in his reports he did not fly over any National Parks or State Forests, however release of the survey transects grid coordinates in the last 12 months, clearly shows nearly half of the transects overfly National Parks and State Forests:</p> <p>a) This is just one example, will the Minister will investigate this gross misrepresentation of kangaroo populations, given the Minister signs off state Kangaroo Management Plans?</p>	Written		
32	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – management plans	<p>Will the Minister continue to approve state Kangaroo Management Plans (KMPs) if it is demonstrated there is no scientifically valid populations estimates for individual Kangaroo Management Zones?</p> <p>a) If not: Why not?</p>	Written		

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				<p>b) Please advise of the specific processes that ensure that kangaroo populations estimates and resulting commercial shooting quota are informed by valid science?</p> <p>What is the process to ensure that where scientific <u>invalidity</u> in survey methodology and data is shown, that the Minister guarantees independent , accountable and rigorous investigation?</p> <p>a) If not, why not given it is the Minister's responsibility to ensure KMPs accurately reflect population trends and sustainability of kangaroo populations before approving state KMPs for the commercial export trade?</p>			
33	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos - population	<p>Survey data shows fluctuations in populations including biologically impossible increases from one year to the next of up to 249% pa – when kangaroo populations can only increase at up to 10% pa – with up to -60% population crashes during drought.</p> <p>a) What oversight of data acquisition and analysis does the Minister undertake to ensure the state's kangaroo monitoring programs provide data that has scientific rigor – given that the issuing of export licenses is dependent on 'careful examination' of trends and sustainability.</p> <p>b) How does the department reconcile such biologically impossible increases in estimated kangaroo populations?</p>	Written		
34	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – red and eastern grey	<p>In Oct 2012 the Department advised that since 2007 there have been increases in red kangaroo and eastern grey kangaroo populations. Notwithstanding the previous question, how that that statement reconcile with the fact that in individual Kangaroo Management Zones in NSW show declining trend-lines since 2007, despite arbitrary and unscientific changes to survey methodology artificially inflating numbers?</p>	Written		
35	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – management zones	<p>Please provide details of every Kangaroo Management Zone in which commercial shooting of kangaroos has been halted due to drought in the last 30 years?</p> <p>a) Given the growing severe drought in Queensland and other states in Australia, in which drought-affected areas will the government halt the commercial shooting of kangaroos to account for this and a known 100% juvenile mortality and up to 60% crash in kangaroo populations during drought?</p> <p>b) Has the department or Minister ever considered this science regarding mortality during drought when allowing the continuing export of kangaroo products during drought?</p> <p>c) If not, why not?</p> <p>The kangaroo industry has been trying very hard to increase the quota of kangaroos to be shot; decrease the size limits; and extend the commercial shooting zone areas. We have seen this in the numerous media stories coming out of Queensland.</p> <p>a) What are the current discussions or applications to widen any export licences for kangaroo products coming out of Queensland?</p> <p>b) b) May I have a copy of the data, surveys and science provided to the Minister to support any such widening of export licences for kangaroo products coming out of</p>	Written		

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				Queensland. If not, why not?			
36	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – export licences	How many export licences are currently granted to kangaroo exporters? a) Please include details: which products, what quantities and to which country – by each exporter? b) Have any export licences been granted to China; for which products and how much; and to which exporter? c) If not, what discussions are there or applications in process for export licences to China? d) To any other country?	Written		
37	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Koalas – Victoria's koala populations	Victoria's koala populations were not considered by the federal Scientific Committee as vulnerable and therefore not listed as threatened under national environment law. May I have copies of the evidence the scientific committee relied on to make that decision? If not, why not? May I have a copy of the information provided by the Victorian government? If not, why not? May I have the details of the populations surveys carried out to inform this decision. Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full survey methodology • Transect or quadrats way points and GPS points • Data from those surveys that is in a form that can be mapped. 	Written		
38	5.1: WHMD	Siewert	Dieback Threat Abatement Plan	Where is this process up to? When can we expect a new plan to be tabled?	Written		
39	5.1: WHMD	Sterle	Update of the Super Trawler	Can you provide the committee with an update on the Super trawler review.	Written		
40	5.1:WHM D	Ruston	EPBC critical, dangerous listing for the River Murray	Senator RUSTON: Can I take you back to the start of this process: when was the concept or the idea that this particular listing should even be considered? Mr Knudson: As I was mentioning earlier, unfortunately, I am not the person who is actually responsible for the listing decision. That sits within the group that I am acting in a position for. I do not have those details to hand, so we could take that on notice. Senator RUSTON: Maybe I will put a few questions on notice in that respect: when was it first raised; who was the person who put it on the agenda in the first place; and what was the process of consultation that was undertaken and, in particular, who was consulted? Basically, I am trying to get an idea of what the time frame was, particularly between the decision that we were going to proceed with this listing and the five o'clock signing of this listing on the Monday afternoon of the afternoon that the parliament was prorogued. I would be very interested in whether there was any political involvement in the process of the decision making to get to that point. Senator Birmingham: I am sure, Senator Ruston, officials will happily on notice be able provide a detailed breakdown. For general information, my understanding is that the initial	100/101		

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				application was made quite a number of years ago by the Humane Society International. There were a number of extensions and delays to the process as a result, in part, because of its overlapping with the development of the Basin Plan. There was a belief, I understand, that there could be some degree of confusion created if the two were running too much in tandem. Then, ultimately, the listing process hit a legislative deadline, where decisions had to be made in quite a tight time frame as a result of a number of those delays. But I am sure the department can do all of that sequencing for you and correct the record if I have got any of those general facts wrong.			
41	5.2 EACD	Urquhart	Water Trigger	<p>Senator URQUHART: I quickly want to follow up on the issue about the water trigger. Did the department have the authority to make the decision, and did the previous minister leave any approvals undecided? Could you just clarify those two points for me.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: The legal risk that I was referring to earlier indicated that the provisions of the amendment to the act to bring on the water trigger into a fact did not enable—at least, there was uncertainty over the authority to delegate decision making to departmental officials. On that basis we thought that, to provide absolute certainty in terms of those decisions, it was most appropriate that a minister make those decisions.</p> <p>CHAIR: The committee will suspend—</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: There was one other—</p> <p>CHAIR: We are out of time, Senator Urquhart.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: He did not answer that one about the—</p> <p>CHAIR: Put it on notice.</p>	26		
42	5.2: EACD	Waters	Delegation approval powers for project in World Heritage areas to state governments	<p>Senator WATERS: Can you take on notice whether you have already advised the minister as to any breach of World Heritage treaty obligations from the progression of an approvals bilat and double-check as you said you did not know whether it had been?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: Yes</p>	30		
43	5.2: EACD	Rhiannon	Koalas – Forestry Stewardship Council	<p>In October 2013 Australian Bluegum Plantations was finally stripped of its environmental certification by Forestry Stewardship Council for significant failures in its wildlife management protocols evidenced by the killing and injuring of koalas in its operations earlier in 2013. Earlier this year koalas in private forests between Orange and Bathurst in the NSW Central West were found injured and reported alongside roads after forestry clearing operations. The published science clearly shows that koalas use plantation forests including pine forests.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Injury, death and displacement of koalas seems to be the result of systemic failure by the forestry sector. What steps has or is the government taking to ensure forestry operations do not continue to threatened the health and welfare of koala populations in areas pertinent to the EPBC Act? What is the government doing to ensure that the Forest Stewardship Council and the FSC auditor Rainforest Alliance can ensure there are in place in individual forestry operations: 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Koala Management Plans ii. Protocols and guidelines regarding koalas iii. Reporting procedures iv. How can copies of the same be made available for independent scientific scrutiny? c. What are the government's processes and procedures regarding breaches of the EPBC Act around koalas? i. Given so much in reporting of breaches is dependent on the proponent self-reporting, what accountability measures does the department have in place? ii. How many reported breaches around koalas and forestry/land clearing have been lodged in the last 10 years? What was the outcome? 			
44	5.2: EACD	Waters	Burrup industrial emissions	<p>Senator WATERS: Lastly on the Burrup, Senator Ludlam, on whose behalf I am asking these questions, received an answer this morning to a question on notice about industrial emissions on the Burrup being recorded as rain on the Bureau of Meteorology's weather radars. The question he had asked the minister was, 'Was the minister aware that these emissions are being reported as rainfall?' The response was rather brief. It simply stated that the minister was aware of a media report. What is the department doing to follow this up?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I am not aware of that within my division. I cannot provide any answer that question. We might have to see whether we can find the appropriate area and get some further information for you.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are they in the room at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: No, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: This is not the right section to be asking these questions?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: It sounds as though it is an issue which would straddle a couple of areas. Obviously the Bureau of Meteorology is part of this, as well as the area that would be reporting on the conditions with respect to that project. That is why we will have to take it on notice and pull together an integrated response.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That would be great. As soon as you could would be welcome. Obviously if there is a misreporting and it is presumably something the department will be charged with investigating, given that the Burrup is on that heritage list. So if there is any information about the extent of those investigations—the time frames, the parameters—that would be great. Obviously if there is likely to be a significant effect on the heritage values of the Burrup what actions are being taken to correct those emissions being misrecorded or indeed emitted.</p>	32		
45	5.2: EACD	Waters	Coal Seam Gas Advice	<p>Senator WATERS: I am not sure if this is the right spot to ask, but I am interested in recent statements by the Prime Minister in which he apparently indicated to certain landholders in Queensland that he would like them to have to right to say no to coal seam gas. The government voted against that very same statement in the Senate last week. I am interested in whether the Prime Minister's office or department has asked your department for advice about the necessary regulatory changes or for a briefing around the possibility of whether landholders should be given the right to say no to coal seam gas.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I might just take that one on notice. I am not aware of any such advice, but we</p>	10		

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				will take that on notice and come back. Senator WATERS: Can you come back today? Dr de Brouwer: I will try.			
46	5.2: EACD	Waters	Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project	Senator WATERS:I want to move to the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project. What checks did the department do to make sure that the EIS that was prepared by the Gladstone Ports Corporation took into account all known information about the state of the local environment? Mr Knudson: It would seem that we are going to have to take that one on notice just because it is the bit of a dated project for us; so we are going to have to dig into our files and come back to you on that specific question.	20		
47	5.2: EACD	Waters	GBRMPA advice concerning Gladstone Harbour	Senator WATERS:My specific question was: what specific action did the department take when GBRMPA warned that, if there was not a strategic assessment done for Gladstone, EPBC processes would in effect be flawed? Was any action taken or not? Mr Knudson: Again, I think, going back to Ms Cameron's comment, we will have to take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Okay. Did the department inform the minister of GBRMPA's warning in that respect? Mr Knudson: That would be in the same category as the previous question: we will have to take that on notice.	21		
48	5.2: EACD	Ruston	Approval decision undetermined prior to the election	Senator RUSTON: How many decisions, particularly in relation to the water trigger, have been made post the election to date? Mr Knudson: As of now, there are 48 decisions which have been made. Senator RUSTON: Do you have an idea of the value of those projects? Mr Knudson: I do not at hand. Senator RUSTON: If you would take that on notice, that would be great. Thank you	24		
49	5.2: EACD	Ludlam	Toro Uranium proposal	Senator LUDLAM: I presume one of the 48 is the Toro uranium proposal, which was on the minister's desk when the government changed hands. The former minister had made a number of quite extensive and complex requests of Toro. Would you provide us with an update as to whether officers of agencies have met with the company or exactly where that proposal is up to. Mr Knudson: With respect to Toro's proposal, because it is not a large coal or coal seam gas project it was not subject to the water trigger, so it was not in that package of decisions. Senator LUDLAM: But it is still on the minister's desk? Mr Knudson: At this point that project has been approved. Senator LUDLAM: No, it has not—or it was approved, but the minister would not sign off until quite a large number of conditions had been met, and they had not yet been met. Mr Knudson: The EPBC principal approval has been provided. However, as you are pointing out, if I understand your question correctly, there are a number of management plans that are required at different stages as that project proceeds, and those are indeed with the department as part of the post-approval process. If you are looking for a specific update on where those are at,	25		

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				then we can walk through that. Senator LUDLAM: We are very short of time. Would you provide on notice which management plans and how many of those conditions have been met thus far? There were to be no ground-disturbing activities, for example.			
50	5.2: EACD	Waters	Coal Seam Gas advice from BOM	Senator WATERS: I have just a few brief questions. Firstly, has the department ever asked the bureau for expert advice on specific major projects, particularly on proposed coal seam gas projects and whether there is any increased bushfire risk from these projects? Dr de Brouwer: That is a question to the department. I am not aware of that, but we will come back. Senator WATERS: Can you speak up? I cannot hear with other people talking. Dr de Brouwer: I am not aware that we asked the Bureau of Meteorology for advice around coal seam or coal or mining projects. I will come back, but I am not aware of any requests to the bureau on that matter.	41		
51	5.2: EACD	Waters	Burrup Air Quality Emissions	Senator WATERS: I have a follow-up on that, Mr Knudson. The response to the question on notice that Senator Ludlam received this morning indicates that no conditions were placed on Woodside to mitigate the potential effects on the heritage values of these emissions. Are you are saying that there is air quality monitoring but then no conditions that would protect the site if anything was detected in that monitoring? Is that right? That seems a little strange to me. Mr Knudson: The piece that I am familiar with is the air quality monitoring requirements. I would have to take the second part of the question on notice and come back and clarify.	43		
52	5.2: SSD	Ludlam	Australian Government responses to UN Secretary-General's September 2011 recommendation for assessment of environmental and societal costs of uranium mining	Senator LUDLAM: It probably makes more sense to have your answer in front of me, rather than this back-and-forth across the table. What steps have been taken by the Commonwealth, or any agencies, or indeed your agency, to address the UN Secretary-General's September 2011 recommendation that Australia conduct an in-depth assessment of the net cost impact of mining fissionable materials—that is, uranium—on local communities and ecosystems? It was an SG recommendation of 2011— Mr McAllister: I am unaware of any involvement in that. I am not aware of that recommendation, either. Senator LUDLAM: Could you rule out that OSS has done anything in response to that recommendation? Mr McAllister: I can rule that out, yes. Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to check for us on notice whether anybody else has done so? Mr McAllister: I can look into it, yes.	13		
53	5.2: SSD	Ludlam	Stockpiling of ore from Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline	Senator LUDLAM: But to your knowledge not a single kilogram of what has come out of that excavation thus far would be considered as ore. Mr McAllister: I could not guarantee that not a single kilogram of it was, but the rock that comes out of the decline is discriminated. Any ore grade material is put on a separate stockpile. That is not to be processed unless Ranger get the authority to go ahead with the dig. Senator LUDLAM: How much has had to be parked on that separate stockpile thus far.	13		

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				<p>Mr McAllister: I do not believe that there has been any parked there to this point in time.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you confirm that one way or the other for us? I am sorry to be pedantic.</p> <p>Mr McAllister: I can do that, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: You can take that on notice</p>			
54	5.2: WHMD	Rhiannon	Macquarie Marshes	<p>Senator RHIANNON: With regard to that, I was interested in how the listings affect the livelihoods of those depending on these rivers and marshes—the graziers, the farmers and the people with vineyards. Has that work been done?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I go back to my previous comments. Obviously I will check with my colleagues in the wildlife and heritage marine division and provide any further information, if there is any. But my understanding is that the most significant impact of having a listing of a threatened ecological community is that that further facilitates the taking into account the ecological assets associated with that community when environmental assessments are being undertaken for individual projects. So in that sense it advances our ability to ensure that the ecological integrity of that community is protected and that by inference would support various livelihoods associated with that. But that is not the primary purpose of the environmental assessment. That would be a subsequent impact.</p>	104		
55	6.1: CEW	Urquhart	Current environmental water holdings and flows	<p>Senator URQUHART: Could you update the committee on current environmental water holdings and environmental flows released to date?</p> <p>Mr Papps: The Commonwealth environmental water holdings as at 31 October 2013 constitute some 1,687 gigalitres. This year, that is 2013-14, the water available for environmental watering is about 1,338 gigalitres, which has been earmarked to cover off our responsibilities under the legislation across the water year. Of that 1,338 gigalitres available this year, I have approved already for delivery 1,002 gigalitres, and there is a great deal of detail associated with those waterings. Perhaps I can provide you with a very detailed statement but in summary. We have undertaken, for example, a very large watering in the River Murray valley which, as well as providing environmental outcomes in New South Wales and through Victoria, eventually also makes its way through to South Australia, its final destination, where it provides environmental outcomes in the Lower Lakes and the Coorong.</p> <p>It is worth making the point that, as we get increasingly greater amounts of water available, we are moving to, wherever possible, multiple site watering where we aim to, through the passage of the water from where it starts to where it ends, achieve as many environmental outcomes as are possible. Now, in terms of specific waterings, there are quite a number. Did you want me to work through—</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: No, don't read them through—if you can provide us with a copy of that.</p> <p>Mr Papps: Happy to do that, yes.</p>	104/105		
56	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Countries implementing	<p>Senator URQUHART: How many other countries are implementing emissions trading schemes?</p>	78		

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			Emissions Trading Schemes	Dr Kennedy: I do not have that information to hand. I will just ask my colleague Mr Power. Mr Power: I do not have the number of countries on hand. We could provide that on notice. CHAIR: Could I just ask one question, Mr Power. When you give the information on how many countries have proposed or introduced emissions trading scheme, could you also clarify whether it is right across the economy or not.			
57	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Auction/Tender system	What assumptions are being made about price discrimination in the auction/tender system? How is price discrimination possible in a multiple round process?	Written		
58	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	2030/2050 Targets	Will the analysis of direct action demonstrate how it will meet our 2030 and 2050 targets, such as the 80 per cent reduction by 2050?	Written		
59	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Beyond 2020	What assumptions will need to be made about how direct action operates beyond 2020?	Written		
60	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Direct Action Scheme	Has the Department considered how a direct action scheme would move back into an emissions trading scheme if necessary in the future to meet international commitments?	Written		
61	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Purchase of International Units	Has the Department had any conversations with the Minister or Minister's office about the purchase of international units to meet the emissions reduction target?	Written		
62	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emissions Trading Scheme	Are there any significant differences between the emissions trading scheme which is to commence on 1 July 2015 and the emissions trading scheme proposed by the Howard Government in the middle of 2007?	Written		
63	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Crediting Actions	What is the impact of crediting actions which were already going ahead on the contribution of such a scheme to additional carbon abatement?	Written		
64	7.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Abatement under the Direct Action Plan	Is the Department involved in projecting the abatement to be delivered under the direct action policy? Will the assumptions about the cost of abatement differ from the work the Department has already done in relation to the impact of carbon pricing? What steps are being taken to account for the potential crediting of activities, which would have gone ahead without funding?	Written		
65	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	Obama Climate Change Plan	What are the differences between the Obama climate change plan and the Government's direct action plan?	Written		
66	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	CFI Projects	What sort of lead time do you need to build up CFI projects and capacity in the sector? How has the work of the Carbon Farming Future program contributed to the development and roll out of the CFI? What does this say about the Land Sector's ability to contribute to the 131 Mt of abatement needed in 2020 to reach the minimum 5% target?	Written		
67	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	International – crediting activities	Have international schemes avoided crediting activities, which would have gone ahead without credits? What assumptions need to be made about projects which are contracted to go ahead but fail to be delivered? (e.g. sign up, but can't get financial close or planning permission)	Written		
68	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program	Has there been a history of failure to deliver in past programs such as the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program (CCAP) run by the Howard Government?	Written		
69	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	NSW GGAS Scheme	What problems with additionality has the Department found in relation to the abatement from the NSW GGAS scheme which closed on 30 June 2012?	Written		
70	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	CFI –	Why is environmental integrity important for the CFI? Why does the CFI use a 100 year	Written		

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			environmental integrity	permanence rule? Is this consistent with international practice? Is it consistent with the amount of time carbon dioxide remains in the atmosphere?			
71	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	CFI – buyers and international markets	Would offset buyers and international markets be worried about watering down the requirements for permanence? What would this mean for linking the CFI into international carbon markets?	Written		
72	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative - \$273 million	Regarding the International Forest Carbon Initiative (IFCI). The Department of Environment states on its website that the government committed \$273 million to this fund, as Australia's vehicle for REDD-related initiatives. As of June 30 2013: a) Of the \$273 million allocated to IFCI, how much had been allocated by: - The Department of the Environment (previously the Dept of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education)? - Ausaid (or Aid)? b) Of the \$273 million allocated to IFCI, how much had been spent by: - The Department of Environment (or DIICSRTE)? - Ausaid (or Aid)? c) What were the specific budget measures on which the IFCI funds were spent? -How much of the IFCI funding was unallocated? -How much of the IFCI funding was not spent?	Written		
73	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative – budget responsibility	For each responsible department: a) What amount of funding, if any, for IFCI measures has been committed under the 2013 – 2014 budget? b) Is this commitment likely to change, and when or how?	Written		
74	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative – 2013-14 budget commitment	What are the <i>specific</i> budget measures/programs for any IFCI commitments under the 2013 – 2014 budget? a) Is this commitment likely to change, and when or how?	Written		
75	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative - deforestation projects	What amount of funding, if any, has been committed to REDD or any other deforestation projects under the 2013-2014 budget?	Written		
76	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative -	Does the Department of Environment (prev DIICSRTE) retain its commitment to reducing deforestation in developing countries? a) If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal?	Written		

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			reducing deforestation				
77	7.1: ILD	Rhiannon	REDD and International Forest Carbon Initiative - interaction between the department and DFAT-Aid	What is the current interaction between the department and DFAT-Aid regarding this issue? a) Will the department be ensuring DFAT-Aid (previously AusAID) retain its commitment to reducing deforestation in developing countries? b) What measures does it propose to take to further this goal?	Written		
78	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	Direct Action 2010	Does the Department stand by these comments from its earlier analysis of direct action in 2010? a) "Soil carbon purchasing would inherently involve higher administrative overheads than other abatement due to the multiplicity of small scale grants." b) "an average cost of carbon of \$50 per tonne in 2020 to be the minimum realistic average cost for such a program." c) "the GGAS scheme rewards a good deal of activity that would have occurred in any event – ie it was non-additional." d) "sustained price discrimination is unlikely to be practical." e) "Experience indicates that grant programs are only able to access a fraction of the estimated technical abatement potential." f) "Penalising abatement above a baseline is legislatively complex." g) "the permanence of any gains in soil carbon is highly uncertain." If they Department's view has changed, when and on what basis was this done?	Written		
79	7.1: ILD	Urquhart	Emissions Profile	Do firms like coal mines and LNG facilities have variable emissions profiles due to geology as well as abatement technologies? Does this mean their emissions may well increase from year to year?	Written		
80	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	OECD Study	Are you aware of the recent OECD study on effective carbon prices? How did it build on the work done by the Productivity Commission? What did it find in relation to subsidy approaches to reducing emissions? Why did it find that "Carbon taxes and emission trading systems are the most cost-effective means of reducing CO2 emissions, and should be at the centre of government efforts to tackle climate change"? Does this study confirm action is being taken internationally to reduce emissions?	Written		
81	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Greenhouse Gas Measures	The Commonwealth, States and Territories ended a number of greenhouse gas measures because they are not complementary to the carbon price, are any of these measures going to be reinstated if the Clean Energy Act is repealed? Does this make the abatement task harder?	Written		
82	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Mining Operations Emissions	Do mining operations often extract the easiest resources first, leading to increased energy and emissions in subsequent years? What penalties are such firms likely to suffer?	Written		
83	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Baselines	How long did it take to develop baselines for the 50 or so emissions-intensive trade-exposed	Written		

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				activities? Is it easier or hard to develop baselines for the rest of the businesses in Australia? What would be the relevant metric, such as tonnes of product, for a business like a shopping centre or car repair shop? How long would it take to develop baselines for all major businesses in Australia?			
84	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Energy Savings and Direct Action Plan	Is the work the Department did with an energy savings initiative relevant to your current work on direct action? What levels of carbon abatement did the modelling done for the energy savings initiative find? What did you work on the energy savings initiative say about transaction costs of such schemes? What did you work on the energy savings initiative show in relation to the impact of electricity network prices and the recovered of fixed costs for networks?	Written		
85	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Energy Savings Initiative Projects	In the short term, could such initiatives push electricity prices higher? Why do some people refer to this as a 'death spiral'? What problems with additionality were found with energy savings initiative projects? Are credits likely to be issued for actions which would have gone ahead regardless?	Written		
86	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Climate Change Authority Assessment beyond 5 per cent	Has the Department provided any analysis or view as to whether it agrees with the Climate Change Authority's assessment that the conditions for moving beyond the 5 % target is correct?	Written		
87	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Business and the Clean Energy Act	Is the Department aware of any manufacturing or mining business which has closed but would have stayed open if the Clean Energy Act was not introduced?	Written		
88	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Emissions Trading Scheme in 2015/16	Taking into account the current price of Kyoto units, what would be the likely impact per tonne of emissions of the ETS in 15/16 for highly emissions intensive activities?	Written		
89	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	How the Carbon Price is working one year on	In the document 'How the Carbon Price is working one year on' the Department estimated that in the National Electricity Market since the carbon price began emissions were down 7 per cent or around 12 million tonnes, renewable energy output was up 25 per cent and brown coal generation down around 13 per cent compared to 2011/12. Has anything changed with those figures? That document stated the emissions reduction was around a third due to reduced demand and two-thirds due to cleaner energy being supplied, does that remain the case?	Written		
90	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	National Electricity Market Emissions	In the four months of 13/14, how much are emissions in the National Electricity Market below their levels in 2011/12?	Written		
91	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Energy Produced 2013/14	How much more renewable energy has been produced in the first four months of 2013/14 than in the same period in 2011/12, and how much less brown coal generation has been produced for the same period? How much has black coal generation changed?	Written		
92	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	National Electricity Market Emissions	Would National Electricity Market emissions have been higher since 1 July 2012 had the Clean Energy Act not been introduced?	Written		
93	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Renewable Energy Investors	Are you aware of any large-scale renewable energy generators which have announced financial close on new projects since the Federal election? What is holding back renewable energy	Written		

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				investors given the legislated Renewable Energy Target of 41,000 GWhs? Are renewable energy generators such as wind farms who have planning permission in danger of those permissions expiring before financial close? How easy will it be to get new planning permissions under the new Victorian and NSW planning regime if the existing ones expire?			
94	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Review of the Renewable Energy Target	What was the Department's view of the comprehensiveness of the Climate Change Authority's review of the Renewable Energy Target at the end of last year? How did stakeholders feel that process went? One of the recommendations was to move to 4 yearly reviews, why did stakeholders find this important?	Written		
95	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Renewable Energy Target	The Climate Change Authority found that reducing the target to a real 20% would not increase electricity prices but would result in an extra 131 million tonnes of emissions in the years to 2030, is this a robust funding? How does the cost of the Renewable Energy Target relate to the presence of a carbon price? Does the carbon price make the compliance costs of the Renewable Energy Target cheaper? How much greater was renewable energy output in 2012/13 in the National Electricity Market from the levels in 2011/12?	Written		
96	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Renewable Energy Generators	If Government paid for the installation of more large-scale renewable energy generators would this deliver any additional renewable energy given the ambition of the current 41,000 GWh Renewable Energy Target?	Written		
97	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Additional Renewable Energy	Without delivering any additional renewable energy, would that mean that such projects would not deliver any additional carbon savings?	Written		
98	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Climate Institute Tracking Progress Report	Was the Department involved in the Climate Institute's tracking progress report? What is the importance of the finding that over 80 percent of the largest energy users considered the carbon price significant to their decisions on energy efficiency? What did that report show about the transformation of our economy over the period 2007 - 2013?	Written		
99	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Carbon Pricing	Does the Department stand by the advice to the previous Government that carbon pricing is the most efficient and effective means of reducing Australia's emissions?	Written		
100	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	80% by 2050	What does reducing emissions by 80 per cent by 2050 as set out in the Clean Energy Act mean for a country like Australia?	Written		
101	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Industry Baseline Reductions	How much have sectors like Aluminium, Alumina and Cement reduced their emissions-intensity since the baselines for emissions-intensive trade-exposed assistance were set?	Written		
102	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Climate Change Authority Draft Report	Based on the Climate Change Authority's draft report and the existing pollution cap recommendations, what pollution cap would apply for the 2014-15 compliance year for the 5 per cent, 15 per cent and 25 per cent target in 2020 if emissions trading commenced one year earlier?	Written		
103	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	ACIL Modelling	In the ACIL modelling of the electricity sector, what Large-scale Generation Certificate prices resulted in the zero carbon price and central scenario each year from 2012 to 2030?	Written		
104	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Carbon Budget	Why is it important countries like Australia have a carbon budget and transparently report progress against that budget?	Written		
105	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Emission numbers	What is the total of all of those emissions numbers that have been reported to date? Is the total	Written		

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			reported	amount of liable emissions lower than first thought? Is it likely that some of these reductions in overall emissions are attributable to the introduction of the carbon price on 1 July 2012?			
106	7.1: RPGD	Rhiannon	Renewable Energy Certificates – scientific research	Has any scientific research or analysis been undertaken or commissioned with a view to changing the current rules relating to eligibility for Renewable Energy Certificates? a) If yes, who will be doing this b) What are the parameters of the study? c) When will the conclusion of the report be released, and where will it be available from? d) If no, why not?	Written		
107	7.1: RPGD	Rhiannon	Renewable Energy Certificates	Regarding energy generated from native forest wood: What are the greenhouse impacts of using native forest wood to generate electricity when the impacts of the original logging are taken into account?	Written		
108	7.1: RPGD	Rhiannon	Renewable Energy Certificates	What undertaking can the department provide that it will not seek native forest wood eligible for RECs without formally peer reviewed scientific support?	Written		
109	7.2 ASD	Urquhart	Climate Commission activities	Senator URQUHART: I am sure that some of the officers from the department would be able to give me a bit of an idea about what sort of issues it contributed to. That is why I am asking the question. Dr Kennedy: We can take the question on notice and provide the list of activities undertaken by the former Climate Commission. As the parliamentary secretary has outlined, it would have included the provision of reports and also the holding of public meetings and a range of other activities. We can provide a list of activities for you if that is what you wish. Senator URQUHART: Thank you. That would be useful	78/79		
110	7.2: ASD	Urquhart	Adaptation to Climate Change - Resources	Have resources in relation to climate change adaptation changed since the May Budget?	Written		
111	7.2: ASD	Pratt	Adaptation	Senator PRATT: In relation to adaptation, I wanted to ask a series of questions about the impact of more extreme climate change on the Australian community and our environment. So could I begin by asking what adaptation strategies and evidence there is of what the impact of an increase of more than two degrees would mean in agriculture, for example, in the Murray-Darling Basin? Ms Jensen: The information I have before me is more about the general projections rather than the specifics in the Murray-Darling Basin. Perhaps we could take that on notice? Senator PRATT: I am happy to take that as a general question then, because I had questions about the Great Barrier Reef and Northern Australia. Perhaps, given the limited time, you might answer that from the point of view of what will be the impact, in broad terms, on Australia of a more than two-degree warming. Dr Vertessy: I am not aware of any definitive document at the moment that actually summarises the anticipated impacts for Australia, but I could suggest that they would fall into	91		

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				the broad areas of impacts on growing seasons for agriculture. In all likelihood, it would impact on water security in some areas and flooding in others, and probably also heat stress for communities. I am not quite sure what the ramifications for the ocean would be with two degrees, but there would probably be some impact on ecosystems shifting. On that point, I am not too sure about coral reefs, but there could be some impacts on them in the form of acidification.			
112	7.2: ASD	Milne	Funding to Torres Strait for adaptation works	<p>Senator MILNE: I was told at the weekend that several million dollars had been promised to the Torres Strait Islander community for various adaptation works, in particular various sea walls and other infrastructure. Can you tell me whether that is going to be honoured or not?</p> <p>Ms Jensen: I believe that may be a state issue. We could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Some of the Torres Strait Islander community met with me in Brisbane to say that they had been promised this money. They thought it had been from former Prime Minister Gillard. They may have been mistaken, but if you would check.</p> <p>Ms Jensen: We will take that on notice.</p>	92		
113	7.2: ASD	Urquhart	IPCC	How much carbon does the IPCC think can be emitted before we go over 2 degrees? How much of that carbon has the world already emitted to date? What does this mean for reducing emissions in the years after 2020? Is there a danger of making the wrong investment decisions now and paying more after 2020?	Written		
114	Bureau of Meteorology	Pratt	BOM - Staffing	<p>Senator PRATT: How many staff do you have and in which locations?</p> <p>Ms Middleton: If you will just bear with me, I will grab you some staffing numbers. We do have a breakdown of all our staffing by location in the annual report. I can also provide you with the following. Currently we have 1,745 staff across the bureau. Currently, in terms of headcount: in New South Wales and the ACT, we have 233; in the Northern Territory, 76; in Queensland, 150; in South Australia, 78; in Tasmania, 79; in Victoria, which also includes the bureau's head office, 997; and, in Western Australia, 132. Our staff are physically spread across 74 different locations around the country, including the Antarctic. I can provide you with a more detailed breakdown or we are happy to provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: A table of that information on notice would be terrific, thank you</p>	38		
115	Bureau of Meteorology	Xenophon	BOM – Automated Weather Information Service	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Just finally on this, and I am very grateful to the chair for the time: if an AWIS has broken down or is not operating, is that something that you are told or is it primarily the responsibility of Airservices Australia to ensure that it is operating and its upkeep?</p> <p>Dr Canterford: I prefer not to go into those details.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Why not?</p> <p>Dr Canterford: Because while there is still the report of the ATSB—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No, sorry, Doctor; you cannot get out of it that easily. I do not think that is a fair answer, for this reason: I am not asking you about this particular incident; I am asking now, in general principles, about who is responsible for maintaining an automated weather information service. If it is not the bureau, fair enough, but I am just trying to understand who is responsible for these automated weather information services.</p>	41		

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				Dr Canterford: I can talk about the responsibilities of the bureau, but it goes beyond. I would have to check. I do not know the answer to that question. Senator XENOPHON: Could you take that on notice— Dr Canterford: I will take that on notice.			
116	Bureau of Meteorology	Xenophon	BOM – Automated Weather Information Service Mildura	Senator XENOPHON: and also take on notice: how long had the AWIS at Mildura been unavailable? When was it repaired? Can the bureau give an indication of how often AWISs are unavailable, on average? But of course, if it is not your responsibility, that would circumvent all this as well. Thank you very much. Dr Canterford: Thank you, Senator.	41		
117	Bureau of Meteorology	Pratt	BOM – Forest Fire Index Places	Senator PRATT: Can I ask, on notice, for the locations of those forest fire index places that have had an increased risk? Dr Vertessy: I would have to take that on notice.	43		
118	Bureau of Meteorology	Pratt	BOM – Bushfire fuel loads correlation to rainfall	Senator PRATT: And the fuel loads were up from the rainfall from the season before—is that correct? Dr Vertessy: I would be guessing so. I will look to Dr Canterford here. Dr Canterford: Yes, they would have been from the season before. But we do measure the— Senator PRATT: And that was a higher level of rainfall in that season? Dr Canterford: Sorry? Senator PRATT: That correlated with a higher level of rainfall then, or not necessarily? Dr Canterford: We would have to take that on notice. Dr Vertessy: I need to check on that. It is fair to say, though, that we have come off the two wettest years on record, of the two La Ninas, and then gone into a dry period. There is a good chance, I think, that that was a good set-up for fire activity.	44		
119	Bureau of Meteorology	Ruston	BOM – Sea Ice Cover	Dr Vertessy: Yes, I was just going to go on to say, though, that it is a little less clear as to whether there is also an increase in the thickness. As I understand it, there is evidence to show that the sea ice thickness is in fact decreasing. I would need to confirm that. If you would like me to look into that further, I could. In terms of why this is happening, this is an area of active research. There are a few key theories around at the moment. The first of these is that the circulation pattern, the wind patterns around Antarctica, are changing. Generally we are getting stronger westerly flow around Antarctica, and that is tending to push the sea ice further north, which would be one reason why it would increase in extent. The second thing is that we are seeing a bit more rainfall over that territory, and that would favour the accumulation of more sea ice, partly because it is freshening the ocean and that then makes it easier for freezing to be attained. They are some theories, but these are active areas of research at the moment. Senator RUSTON: I would be interested if you could provide additional information when you get it, only because I can remember the climate change commissioner standing up and saying the dams in Australia would never refill, and they seem to have done that over the last couple of years. So I would be interested in any further research or information you have; that would be great. Thank you, Chair.	45		

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120	Clean Energy Regulator	Ruston	Carbon Tax Liability across sectors of the economy	<p>Senator RUSTON: So it would certainly be reasonable to suggest that that 180 tonnes or the price on that 180 tonnes would have been directly transmitted from those electricity companies to consumers?</p> <p>Mr Power: The way in which prices would have been transferred through the economy is dependent on a number of factors—for example, competition in that sector and the behaviour of the particular electricity market and how those things flow through. So it is difficult to say what percentage of that price would have actually flowed through to consumers.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: Senator, we can certainly take on notice exactly how the liability was apportioned across different sectors of the economy, if that would help; because beyond the electricity sector there were certain parts of manufacturing, for example, and some other sectors that, in the manner in which the scheme was designed and the way the coverage worked, would have borne a large portion of the liability. We could provide that information for you so you can have a sense of what sectors of the economy bore the largest liability under that.</p>	83		
121	Clean Energy Regulator	Urquhart	Emissions for 2012/13	How many facilities have reported a lower emissions number for 2012/13 than they had in 2011/12? How many facilities have reported higher emissions for 12/13 than for the previous year? For those facilities which have lowered emissions, how many Mt in total have emissions lowered and for those facilities with higher emissions how many Mt have emissions risen by?	Written		
122	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Waubra Wind Farm	<p>a) The <i>Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000</i> provides that eligible power stations must be operated in accordance with all local, state/territory and Commonwealth government laws and requirements.</p> <p>Regulation 4 of the Regulations states that renewable or eligible energy power stations must operate in accordance with Commonwealth, state, territory and local government planning and approval requirements (emphasis added).</p> <p>To provide even further clarity, 'Explanatory Notes' are available on the Clean Energy Regulator's (CER) website at the following link, advising operators how to apply for accreditation : http://ret.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/Forms-and-Publications/Forms/Power-Stations/Power-Station-Forms</p> <p>Section H of the <i>Explanatory Notes</i> specifies that in regards to parts 23) and 24) applicants must comply with all environmental and planning requirements at a Commonwealth, State, Territory and local government level to be eligible to participate in the LRET.</p> <p>It says: 'power stations must operate in accordance with any Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government regulations. The application must demonstrate that the power station complies with all relevant approval processes. This may include a licence to generate electricity, local council, State or Territory and Commonwealth approvals, including clearance from an Environmental Impact Assessment.'</p> <p>'Applicants should provide the following types of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conditions of approval; 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proof of compliance; • authority for any actions; and • contact officer details etc.' <p>On the basis that the CER instructs applicants to attach relevant copies of each approval to their application in order to be assessed, why was Waubra Wind Farm accredited as an eligible power station without having submitted proof of compliance with its conditional planning approval, a requirement of a state law?</p> <p>b) The CER's Explanatory Notes continue: 'Where power stations have been operating for some time and records of these approvals were not required or cannot be located, the applicant should contact the Regulator and discuss the circumstances. Applicants may be requested to provide a letter from the local/jurisdictional Government stating that the power station is approved for operation'.</p> <p>Has the operator of Waubra wind farm contacted the CER to discuss the circumstances both of the missing documentation and its compliance failure? What steps has the CER taken to ensure that Waubra wind farm is compliant given the evidence I have submitted in the form of the 2006 MDA preconstruction noise impact assessment report and the 2011 Ministerial briefing note to Minister Matthew Guy which show that it can never achieve compliance unless almost half the power station is not operating?</p> <p>c) If the operator failed to supply proof of compliance resulting in accreditation being wrongly granted in 2009, has the CER since received advice from the Victorian Minister for Planning to the effect that the Waubra Wind Farm is operating in compliance with noise regulations attached to the state issued planning permit?</p> <p>d) Has the CER been advised by the Victorian Minister for Planning, his office or his Department that the Waubra Wind Farm should not be suspended from accreditation and that the power station is 'approved for operation'?</p> <p>e) Has the Victorian Minister for Planning advised the CER that the Waubra Wind Farm is not determined compliant but should continue to operate and create RECs/LGCs?</p> <p>f) Under the guiding legislation of the <i>Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000</i>, does the CER generally "approve" of the operation of non-compliant Victorian wind farms?</p> <p>g) Under the guidance of the <i>RE Act</i>, does the CER accept that the Victorian Minister for Planning has condoned the continued operation of Waubra when it has never demonstrated compliance with state planning permit conditions?</p> <p>h) The failure of Waubra wind farm to operate in compliance with planning permits issued under the Victorian <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> does not preclude the CER from exercising powers available under the <i>RE Act</i> to suspend accreditation until such time as state law has been met. Does the CER consider the failure of a power station to meet conditions under state law to be somewhat inconsequential to the CER's regulatory responsibilities under the <i>RE Act</i>?</p> <p>i) Does the CER accept that ongoing unresolved complaints from noise affected local</p>			

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				<p>residents are the direct result of regulatory failure at both State and Commonwealth levels?</p> <p>j) Victorian Ministerial enforcement of the Waubra Wind Farm's state planning permit would trigger the suspension of the power station's accreditation. In so doing, it would prohibit the power station's creation of RECs. Has the Minister, by failing to enforce permit conditions, facilitated the continuing breach of a state law he is responsible for enforcing and, by failing to alert the CER of the correct status of compliance, therefore enabled the contravention of Commonwealth law?</p> <p>k) A local council in Victoria that had previously issued a planning permit for a wind farm and who retained statutory responsibility for that permit recently contacted the office of the CER seeking advice about reporting a noise related breach of the planning permit by the operator. After speaking to a senior CER officer they wrote to my office advising that: "The advice that I have received is that Council has no statutory reporting requirements, that these obligations lie with the wind energy facility when seeking certification". Why is the CER advising a statutory planning authority that they don't have to report a planning permit breach? On this basis, if the Victorian Department of Planning reported a wind farm breaching a planning permit condition, would the CER give it the same advice?</p> <p>l) The CER also referred the local Council to Mr. Paul Jarman of the Victorian Department of Planning who advised that the Council would need to have an enforcement order or a magistrate's direction before they could report a planning permit breach to the CER. Where does the RE Act require ('must' rather than 'may') a legal direction before the CER will 'hear' a breach of a planning permit?</p> <p>m) In its Annual General Report 2012-13, the CER nominates 'education' as being one of its principal activities. However, until approximately six weeks ago, the local Council I have just referred to had never heard of the CER or the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator and only became aware of their existence when my office staff told them. This particular local council has within its municipal area one of the earliest wind energy facilities built in Australia, operating since 2002. Over the last eleven years, I understand they have experienced great difficulties dealing with the complexities and expense associated with regulating an industrial wind farm. What percentage of the CER's education activities is devoted to the various stake holders in the large scale wind industry and how much of the CER's education budget is being deployed to educate the various stakeholders about their rights and responsibilities?</p> <p>n) If a statutory planning authority, being either a local Council or the Victorian Planning Minister, is aware of a breach and not reporting it to the CER and if the operator is concealing the breach, by what process would the CER learn about it?</p> <p>o) Is the CER aware that Victoria has approved a number of planning permits that allow the building of non-compliant wind energy power stations, facilities that cannot achieve compliance with the Victorian noise standard?</p>			

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				<p>p) At the Senate Committee hearing on 18th November, 2013 the CER's Ms. Munro said "There are a number of steps we would take before necessarily going to what is the most extreme action, if you like, that we can take under our powers". Would the CER provide a detailed explanation of each of these steps, including where they are referenced in the RE Act and an example of the problem or breach each step is designed to address? Further, could the CER document instances where they have taken any of those steps with respect to wind energy developments which are known to have compliance issues (i.e. they are operating and receiving LGCs while non compliant) eg Waubra, Toora, Windy Hill (QLD), Cape Bridgewater, Macarthur?</p> <p>q) At the Senate Committee hearing on 18th November, 2013 in response to my third question and its preamble the CER's Ms. Munro said: "I do not accept any of the premises on which your question—or, rather, statement—is based." Was Ms. Munro stating her disagreement with the fundamental premise asserted in my question - that it is the responsibility of the CER to protect the integrity of the large-scale Renewable Energy Target from fraudulent misuse? If protecting the LRET from fraud is <u>not</u> the core business of the CER, what is the CER's core business? If it is not the CER's core business to protect the LRET from non compliant wind energy facilities fraudulently creating LGCs, whose responsibility is it?</p> <p>r) In order to protect the LRET from fraudulent misuse, the CER is required to accredit eligible power stations only. Does Ms. Munro disagree with this premise and, if so, what does she think is the appropriate position of the CER when presented by ineligible wind energy facilities desirous of accessing the LRET scheme and seeking accreditation?</p> <p>s) The Waubra wind energy facility has been operating for four years yet during that period it has not achieved compliance with its planning permits. According to the comments of Ms. Munro on the 18th November, 2013 "we are the regulator and we have properly formed the view, according to our legislation, that the Waubra wind farm was eligible to be accredited at the time which they applied for accreditation and we have formed the view that they continue to be eligible." What evidence was before the CER that would persuade them that it was acceptable to continue issuing LGCs to a non compliant power station, contrary to the provisions of the RE Act?</p> <p>t) Has the CER's Ms. Munro considered the probability that the intention of the <i>Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000</i> is not being honoured, that the occurrence of serious ongoing systemic breaches may require the legislation to be amended, and has she and/or her regulatory board formally raised the problems with the responsible Commonwealth Minister?</p> <p>u) In his letter dated 17th October, 2013 to me, the CER's Mr. Andrew Livingston stated: "the risk of claiming ineligible certificates is in itself a major disincentive for non compliance due to both the reputation damage and high cost of surrendering ineligible certificates". Given that the CER uses a 'light handed, self regulatory'</p>			

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				approach toward the large scale wind industry which is obviously failing to deter non-compliance, will the CER initiate a more active, hands on approach to regulating the sector or will it only change its approach if compelled to do so?			
123	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Department change of name	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me who did the work? Obviously if you have got an electronic template someone has to do up a new one. Can you tell me who did the work, how many staff were involved and how long it took to make those changes?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I could not give you that information here, but I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Thank you. Also we would like a breakdown of the costs including the cost of staff time associated with that change. If you can factor that in, that would be great.</p> <p>Ms Carlos: We will do our best in that space, Senator.</p>	6		
124	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Staff cuts from Efficiency Dividend	<p>Senator WATERS: On that same theme, just so I have my figures right, can you quantify precisely how many folk have now been cut as a result of the previous administration's efficiency dividend, as a first port of call?</p> <p>Mr Carlos: I would have to take that on notice to the extent that we do not allocate staff cuts to specific things, so we manage within the total budget, and that means that it covers off a range of things, not only efficiency dividends but normal ongoing reductions in programs and other various saving aspects.</p>	9		
125	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Voluntary Redundancies	<p>Senator WATERS: That is right—everything is on the table. How many voluntary redundancies have been accepted by departmental officials this financial year to date?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I would have to take that on notice. We might have a few from the current round, but I would have to take that on notice to give you accurate figures.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And for last financial year?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: We ran a VR program of 108 voluntary redundancies, but there were a few more throughout the course of the year. I can quantify that in total on notice.</p>	10		
126	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written		
127	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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 Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written		

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128	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Travel Costs	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written		
129	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Grants	<p>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.</p> <p>b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>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?</p>	Written		
130	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Government Payment of Accounts	<p>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)?</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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?</p> <p>d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate</p>	Written		

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131	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
132	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
133	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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> <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. 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>	Written		

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				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 the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?			
134	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies – Business Flights	Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written		
135	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies – Consultants and Contractors	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?	Written		
136	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies – Recruitment Advertising	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?	Written		
137	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies	Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written		
138	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial Office Security Classifications	What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances? How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not? How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not?	Written		
139	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged	Written		

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

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				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? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? 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? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee			
144	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Coffee Machines - Rented	Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? 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. b) Why are coffee machines rented? 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? d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? 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? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written		
145	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Corporate Cars	a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date? e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written		
146	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
147	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
148	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.	Written		
149	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Credit Cards	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 been discovered? List staff	Written		

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				classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			
150	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
151	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide - Functions	Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a) The guest list of each function 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		
152	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Functions	Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office	Written		
153	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide – Graduate Program	Provide details on how the Graduate Recruitment program works. a) What has been the intake over the last three years. b) What are the benefits of running the Graduate Recruitment program. c) Has there been any change to the Graduate Recruitment program since the last election. If so, what are the nature of those changes.	Written		
154	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Staffing	In announcing the detail of the recruitment freeze, the APSC said “no new non-ongoing arrangements are to commence, or existing non-ongoing arrangements to be extended, without agency head approval” your departmental annual report say that there are 388 number of non-ongoing staff in you department. a) How many of these non-ongoing roles do you expect to keep/how many of these people will lose their job in the next 12 months as their contracts expire? How will the work these staff have been doing now be managed? b) Of the positions that you expect to approve the extension of the non-ongoing contract, as they fulfil a critical role, why aren't these positions filled by a ongoing position? c) What will be the impact on client service if these contracts are not renewed.	Written		
155	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Contractors	What departmental work is currently undertaken by a contracted provider? How many staff are doing that work? Where are they located? Who is their employer? Why is the work not being done in house?	Written		
156	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Contractors - outsourcing	Is the department currently involved in any process to contract out or outsource any current functions? What functions? How many staff are needed for this work? Why is it not being done in-house? What is the anticipated cost range of this work?	Written		
157	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide – Contractors – external contracts	Do you have any people working in the department (or agency) as external contractors, who aren't included in the head count in the annual report? How many? What work are they undertaking? Do you expect this number to change? How?	Written		
158	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Ministerial Office Budgets – funding	What are the funding arrangements for the Minister's offices and the Parliamentary Secretary's office.	Written		

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			arrangements MO/PSO	Is there a specific budget for each office. Or, has a specific funding allocation been set aside within the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices in the portfolio. Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets. Provide details of those administrative arrangements. Do the same rules apply to the Parliamentary Secretary.			
159	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Ministerial Office Budgets	Can you advise the arrangement for expenditure by the minister or his office on hospitality. Has the Minister or his office used the office budget or directly drew on departmental funds for hospitality purposes. If so what are the details.	Written		
160	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Ministerial Office Budgets	I understand that a number of Ministers, or their offices, have required new crockery and cutlery for ministerial suites. Has that happened in this portfolio. If so, how was it funded and how was the cost met (which budget did the funding come from – the minister's office budget or the department). What is the basis for approving this sort of purchase.	Written		
161	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs (Part 1)	Provide a list of discretionary grants programs managed by this portfolio. In each case how are they administered – who is the decision maker. In relation to each of these programs in there an industry advisory body – or some other form of advisory body – that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications. Were these bodies in place before the election – have there been any changes since the election.	Written		
162	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs	Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program. If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions.	Written		
163	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs	How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted. What was the process used to identify a grant or a program that would be exempted from the pause. Who was the decision maker? What role did the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet play?	Written		
164	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs	Since the election has there been any change to these assessment processes and decision making arrangements. If there have been changes, who initiated the changes	Written		
165	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Savings Options	Since the last election has the department been requested to develop a package of savings options either by the minister or Prime Minister and Cabinet or Treasury or Finance. If so, when was the request made and has that work been completed.	Written		
166	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions -TV	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?	Written		
167	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions - Newspaper	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?	Written		

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				d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?			
168	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions - Magazine	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?	Written		
169	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Subscriptions - Publications	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?	Written		
170	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Unfilled Position	Senator URQUHART: How many unfilled positions do you currently have? Ms Carlos: I would have to take that on notice. What we have been doing within the organisation for more than 12 months now—we have had very tight management of our recruitment—so we have only been really filling critical vacancies. That process has been underway for some time in terms of managing our budgetary picture. In terms of vacant positions, we have moved our workforce around to where our priorities are. So we have positions that might be vacant, but they would not be positions that we would be inclined to fill.	7/8		
171	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies - Printing	Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?	Written		
172	Corporate: PCD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs (Part 2)	Has there also been a pause in the release of funding for grants under these programs – if so, what are the details. If there has been a pause: What advice has been provided to stakeholders about the nature and purpose of the pause. Did this pause include grants that had been advertised but not yet finalised? Did this pause include grants where decisions had been finalised but recipients had not yet been notified? If so, is there an indicative timeline as to when successful recipients of grants can expect to hear from the Government? Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause.	Written		
173	Corporate: PCD	Pratt	Department staff seconded to the MO/PSO	Senator PRATT: I will follow that up. Have any departmental officers been seconded to the minister's office or the office of the parliamentary secretary? If so, what are the details of those appointments and how were they made? Are they temporary or permanent and are they on the payroll of the minister or the department? Mr de Brouwer: I will pass to Ms Carlos, but it is a very normal practice with any government at the start of a term that there are departmental officials placed in offices. Senator PRATT: I understand that. Mr de Brouwer: That is a normal and standard and, in fact, a welcome and strong practice within government in Australia. I will come back with the specific details of that. Mr Carlos: I understand that a number of staff have been up in the minister's office on a	9		

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				temporary basis. As is the usual practice for temporary basis, we pay them in the department, but I think we can provide you with more detailed information on notice. Senator PRATT: Would you take on notice, please, what the definition of temporary is. Thank you.			
174	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide - Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including: 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	Written		
175	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Reviews	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? 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, i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was 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?	Written		
176	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Reviews	1. Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them. 2. Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 3. Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them. 4. Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.	Written		

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				5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?			
177	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Reviews	What reviews are planned? 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? i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not?	Written		
178	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Commissioned Reports	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. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written		
179	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Briefings for other Parties – Greens	Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written		
180	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Briefings for other Parties - Independents	Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?	Written		
181	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide –	Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than	Written		

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	PCD		Briefings for other Parties - Other	Independents or the Greens? If yes, please include: a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?			
182	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Board Appointments	Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date	Written		
183	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Monitoring – Minister's Office	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 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written		
184	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Monitoring – department/agency	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 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written		
185	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Media Training	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 For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), 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)	Written		

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				e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 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			
186	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Communications Staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: 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?	Written		
187	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Communications – Media Studios	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written		
188	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – 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		
189	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Ministerial Briefing	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? a) In what form does that occur? b) On what basis it that provided? c) What title is this briefing given?	Written		
190	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Departmental Senate Estimates Briefing	How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 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 the minister or their office? Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental	Written		

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				changes to this information? a) If so, when did this occur? b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c) When were the changes made?			
191	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests?	Written		
192	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a) If so, when? b) If so, how does this occur?	Written		
193	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a) If so, which departments or agencies? b) If so, when? c) If so, how does this occur?	Written		
194	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a) If so, when? b) If so, how does this occur?	Written		
195	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a) If so, which departments or agencies? b) If so, when? c) If so, how does this occur?	Written		
196	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests	Written		
197	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? a) If so, please detail those resources by APS level	Written		
198	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written		
199	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written		
200	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide –	Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982	Written		

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	PCD		Freedom of Information	within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?			
201	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	<p>What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training? b) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training? c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d) What did the training involve? e) How long was the training? f) By whom was the training conducted? 	Written		
202	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio Wide – Freedom of Information	<p>What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? b) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d) What did the training involve? e) How long was the training? f) By whom was the training conducted? 	Written		
203	Corporate: PCD	Urquhart	Charter Letters	<p>Has the Minister received a charter letter from the Prime Minister or is it expected that a charter letter will be received by the Minister.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can you detail the division of responsibilities between the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary. b) Are those arrangements finalised or could they change on receipt of a charter letter from the Prime Minister. c) Where are these arrangements recorded. 	Written		
204	Corporate: PCD	Urquhart	Portfolio Wide – Advisory Bodies/ Agencies	<p>Has the department undertaken review of all advisory bodies and agencies in this portfolio. If so, was that at the request of the Minister, or his office or PM&C. Provide a list of all the bodies reviewed. If some were left out of this process please outline why.</p>	Written		
205	Corporate: PCD	Whish-Wilson	NEPC - Chair	Who is the current Chair and Alternate Chair of the National Environment Protection Council?	Written		
206	Corporate:	Whish-	NEPC –	What is the formal nomination process for the Chair and Alternate Chair of the National	Written		

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	PCD	Wilson	Nomination process	Environment Council?			
207	Corporate: PCD	Whish-Wilson	SCEW Chair	Who is the current Chair of the Standing Council on Environment and Water (SCEW)?	Written		
208	Corporate: PCD	Whish-Wilson	SCEW Nomination process	What is the formal nomination process for the Chair of the Standing Council on Environment and Water (SCEW)?	Written		
209	Director of National Parks	Milne	World Parks Congress	<p>Senator MILNE: I wanted to ask about the World Parks Congress, which Australia will host next year. As most people are aware, it is a once in 10-year event. I was at the last one in Durban, so I am very interested and will hopefully be very proud of Australia hosting this particular congress. Could you give me an update on where we are up to in terms of the organisation and in terms of sponsorship. I am aware that the federal government and the New South Wales government are cosponsors, but I wanted to know whether we have had any more significant fundraising initiatives or sponsorship and how we are going at approaching people about that. In particular, in relation to the pre and post Parks Congress tours, what opportunities are being offered to other states or communities to be integrated? Do you bid for these? How does it work? Could you just give me an update on where you are up to, please?</p> <p>Ms West: Certainly, the program seems to be moving ahead well. The planning is progressing as we would expect. The call for papers and for ideas of how people want to participate opened just last week. The call is for people to put forward papers for discussion—not ordinary papers like a scientific conference; it is much more wide ranging than that, as you would realise. So that has just opened. The sponsorship aspect is going ahead. There is a professional conference-organising company engaged as well, which is doing most of the sponsorship, but I know that a couple of big banks are interested, so that financial side is hopeful. I am not 100 per cent sure about the tours. I know different Australian states have been offering to carry out tours and they are providing a whole range of possibilities, but I am not quite sure where that is up to. I could take that on notice and get more information to you, if you wish, unless Mr Thompson has more information.</p>	48		
210	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	Land Areas National and Commonwealth Parks	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell us how much land is designated as national park in Australia?</p> <p>Ms West: As national park as a whole, not just Commonwealth parks?</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you do them separately?</p> <p>Ms West: No, I would have to take that on notice for the whole of parks reserves.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Leave out the Commonwealth parks and provide that on notice. Are you able to do the other one?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Just to clarify, the Director of National Parks looks after Commonwealth parks and then there are a whole series of other terrestrial and marine reserves which are declared as state national parks. The Director of National Parks has properties in Booderee, Pulu Keeling, Christmas Island, Kakadu, Uluru and the Botanic Gardens.</p>	46		

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				<p>CHAIR: If you were to answer the question in relation to the area of the state national parks and territory national parks, it would be a pretty big job for you to research all of that, wouldn't it?</p> <p>Ms West: Yes, that information would be available but I do not have it today.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: That is all right—the information on Commonwealth parks is adequate.</p> <p>Ms West: I have not got this added up, but even just taking Kakadu, it is two million hectares, so there is quite an area there. Booderee is 6,000 hectares, Uluru is 1,320, Christmas Island is 8,000 hectares, Norfolk Island is 600 and Pulu Keeling is about 2,600.</p>			
211	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Urquhart	GBRMPA – Key findings regarding the impact of dredging on the Great Barrier Reef	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you outline the key findings of recent work you have undertaken or contracted out regarding the impact of dredging on the Great Barrier Reef.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: There has been quite a bit of work over the last 12 months, particularly work related to the strategic assessment. There have been a number of reports published that relate to assessing relative impacts of dredged spoil disposal in the marine park in different locations. The reports also introduced some new modelling techniques for understanding the dispersion and incorporate longshore, different currents that had not been previously incorporated into the modelling. Those reports have all been completed and published.</p> <p>I am not sure what level of detail you would like. We could list for you the publications in a supplementary answer and on notice.</p>	51		
212	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Urquhart	GBRMPA – Key findings regarding the impact of dredging on the Great Barrier Reef	<p>Senator URQUHART: Are those types of options outlined in that review that you talked about that has recently been released? Does it go to those points?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: That report has only just come out. So, I am sorry, I cannot answer that.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Is that a public report?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: Yes, it has been published.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide me with the name of the report?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: Certainly.</p>	52		
213	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA – Refusals for offshore dumping permits	<p>Senator WATERS: Could you please take on notice for me if there have been any other refusals of offshore dumping permits. Also, could you provide me with as much information as possible about the first Hay Point dumping application that was rejected and the reasons it was rejected and then the final version that was approved so that we can see the differences</p>	53		
214	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA – Shipping Uranium	<p>Senator WATERS: Sure. As you would be aware, the Queensland state government has now decided to reopen uranium mining in Queensland. Has GBRMPA been asked to advise the federal minister or been asked by the department to advise on the threats to the reef of shipping uranium through it or any other regulatory or legal framework issues around reopening uranium mining?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I am not aware of any requests from any source on that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you take on notice and double check that that is the case.</p>	55		
215	Great	Waters	GBRMPA –	<p>Senator WATERS: Assuming that the ships would transit the marine park, would the authority</p>	56		

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	Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority		Shipping controls	<p>be able to prohibit approval for uranium shipping?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I am not 100 per cent sure. It has not come up.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: We have quite stringent shipping controls—pilotage and designated shipping lanes. Whether they extend to the cargo—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: Yes. I will.</p>			
216	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Urquhart	MDBA Agreement	Can you update the committee on Commonwealth and state contributions under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement?	Written		