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 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 2013-14 ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 FEBRUARY 2014
 INDUSTRY PORFOLIO**

Q No.	Senator	Division/ Agency	Broad topic	Question	Hansard page & Hearing date or Written question	Date received by Secretariat	Date tabled
AI-1	Pratt	Resources Division	Summary of Regulation Changes	<p>Senator PRATT: Can you outline the difference between the current regulation and the new regulation in that sense? Clearly the existing environmental assessment done by NOPSEMA did not get the same level of environmental accountability.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Without going into specifics I cannot answer whether it at the same level of accountability or not, because we would expect that any management measures needed to protect the environment would come in the form of a commitment by the company, which is a slightly different regulatory mechanism to a condition imposed by the regulator. Once that commitment is made and is in the form of an accepted environment plan, it is like its own, mini, personalised set of rules or regulations. So there is a language difference here.</p> <p>But what I can assure you of is that, as Ms Constable outlined, they have been improved and made more specific, particularly around matters of national environmental significance as well as around matters of monitoring and matters of the content requirements of the oil spill contingency planning part of it. There are a range of areas, and they are just some examples to make clearer the expectations that we as NOPSEMA will have once they come into play.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: They do not seem that different to me in the sense that both methodologies are a way of putting conditions on and modifying the activities of a company. In one you are putting them in a plan and the other is regulation that insists on altering of a plan. I want to know that NOPSEMA will insist on the altering of those plans to the same standards that the Department of the Environment—</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Yes, it will be the same as the Department of the Environment—environmental outcomes that meet the requirements of the regulations under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act. We can and do very regularly, if you listen to industry, send their plans back for more work.</p>	Page 13-14 27.02.14		

				<p>Mr Hoffman: The regs that are significantly different—and Ms Cutler has given some examples—have been publicly released. Perhaps to assist we could take on notice to provide a summary of the changes between the old set and the new set to you.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Thank you. That would be very worthwhile.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Presumably you have looked at the regs. Is there anything in particular in these new regs which come into play tomorrow which you are concerned about?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: No, I am happy for it to proceed, but I too believe it should be freely aired and scrutinised so that the public has that reassurance.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I will just mention that it has been scrutinised and aired. Also in those regulations, rather than looking retrospectively, there is going to be a one-year review on the effectiveness of the regs to provide that reassurance.</p>			
AI-2	Carr	CSIRO	CSIRO Travel Delegations	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In any one year, how many delegations would the CSIRO send out of Australia involving travel expenses of more than \$20,000?</p> <p>Ms Hazel Bennett: It might not be a precise answer but I can tell you that in the year 2012-13 the CSIRO had 24 trips that exceeded \$20,000 and, in the first six months—or just under six months of the year—there were eight.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It is an integral part of international science engagement, isn't it, that you actually meet and talk with other scientists?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes. Our officers operate and collaborate in some 80 countries.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So 24 delegations would be quite modest, wouldn't it?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Compared to what, Senator? What is your comparison? What are you comparing it to?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you want to answer the questions I would be only too happy to ask you. Minister, in terms of the SKA bid, how many international trips do you think were engaged with that?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I have no idea.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you should let the officers answer the question.</p>	Page 15 27.02.14		

				<p>Senator Ronaldson: You do not have the comparison. You cannot say it was modest. Modest compared to what?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you know something about it, intervene; if you do not, why don't you just let the officers do the job.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Modest compared to what? What is your comparison?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many trips did you have on the SKA delegation on the bid?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I do not have that information in front of me, but I can take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I would have thought that 24 trips, given that you are engaged with 80 countries, would be a very modest number.</p>			
AI-3	Carr	CSIRO	Attendance at the 17 th Biennial Ocean Science Meeting	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I note that there is a trip to Hawaii—the 17th biennial Ocean Science Meeting. When is that being held?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I do not have the date of that conference.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Would anyone here be able to assist us with that?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: It is proposed that the staff would be travelling later this month to that conference and returning to Australia in early March.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it a two-week conference?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: For some. There are a number of staff with their own arrangements, but across the whole group in the marine division they are the dates that they will be covered.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Would it be regarded as an important meeting for the division?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I think the conference is an important international event. We have attended in the past and, as you point out, we will be attending again this year.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why is it important?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: It is held every two years and brings together all the key players in the marine science community and hence it is an important—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Around the world, or just the Pacific?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: No, it is a world conference—a global conference.</p>	Page 16-17 27.02.14		

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AI-4	Pratt	CSIRO	CSIRO Advice – White Shark Biology & Drum Line Policy	<p>Senator PRATT: The CSIRO provides advice for state and national management agencies in relation to white sharks. That is right, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Have you provided any advice to the WA government in relation to their drum-line policy?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I will attempt to answer that. To the best of my knowledge, no, but I would like to take that on notice just to double-check. As you say, we provide advice to a number of state agencies around white shark biology and so on, so I will double-check.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Have you provided any advice to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment in relation to white sharks?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Again, to the best of my knowledge we have not provided any direct advice. But, given that much of our research around great white sharks receives funding support from the Environment portfolio, it is my expectation that the portfolio utilises the outcomes of our research results in their management responses.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It is clear from estimates earlier this week that the Department of the Environment made decisions in relation to the approval of drum lines in Western Australia without any regard to environmental legislation. But it is my understanding that the CSIRO's findings in its research into sharks is that, in nursery areas close to human population centres, there are frequent encounters between white sharks and people; nevertheless, the frequency of shark attacks in such areas is very low. That is a statement from CSIRO's own findings on this question.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I am not aware of that statement, Senator, but you are correct in saying that we undertake work in understanding the population biology and the dynamics of great white sharks in Australia. You are right also to say that a lot of that work has involved understanding where the nursery areas are for the sharks. We have tagged, since 1993, over 280 sharks. But, again, to the best of my knowledge we have made no such statements along the lines you suggest. We have certainly—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It is on your website.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Okay. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The research on your website is not as specific as this information—you will probably need to take this on notice—which talks about drivers for population variations, but it does not acknowledge whether drum lines are a driver of population variations at all. I would be interested to know if CSIRO has any research in that regard and, if so,</p>	Page 19 27.02.14		
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AI-5	Wright	CSIRO	Bullying Investigation	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I have some questions regarding the Pearce investigation of bullying, the independent investigation into allegations of workplace bullying, conducted by Professor Dennis Pearce. To date, what is the total amount that has been spent—and I am not sure whether it would be from the CSIRO budget or additional funds from the federal government—on having that investigation take place?</p> <p>Ms Hazel Bennett: Senator, if I may just confirm: in terms of the budget, it is from CSIRO's budget.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. And what is the total amount to date that has been expended on that investigation?</p> <p>Ms Hazel Bennett: I would have to take that on notice. We do not have the information with us.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: All right. Are there any further costs associated with that investigation that will be incurred—ongoing, from now?</p> <p>Ms Hazel Bennett: Can I just clarify. Any additional costs as part of that investigation—but then you said 'ongoing'. Could you clarify?</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: My understanding is that the report was handed down in August 2013, but I am not sure whether or not that was the end of the expenditure. So I am asking, essentially, for: what has been paid to today's date? But also: are there likely to be ongoing costs incurred as a result of that investigation?</p> <p>Ms Hazel Bennett: Yes, there are two phases of work. Thank you for clarifying, and I can get that information to you on notice.</p>	Page 19-20 27.02.14		
AI-6	Bushby	CSIRO	Australia's Shale Gas Resources	<p>CHAIR: I was going to ask you for an update on that issue, but I think that Senator Wright has done that pretty well. So somebody has asked questions about that over a number of years. I do have some questions about your fact sheet from November 2013 on Australia's shale gas resources. I am not going to go into it in great depth, so I do not necessarily require technical knowledge but just some more general points.</p> <p>I note there that in that you talk about Australia's shale gas resources having the potential to contribute significantly to the Australian energy</p>	Page 21 27.02.14	Answered on page 29-30 by Dr Chris Pigram – Geoscience Australia	

				<p>portfolio. You list basins in Queensland, South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia, where exploration targeting shale gas is being undertaken.</p> <p>Recently, there was an exploration licence also granted in Tasmania by a South Australian company, Petrotherm. Do you have any knowledge of the prospectivity in Tasmania? Is that something that anybody would have looked at?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I do not. We can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am also going to ask Geoscience Australia about it.</p> <p>Dr Clark: I will ask our teams to provide any information that they have in regard to Tasmania. That was your question—all of Tasmania or in regard to the particular lease? Can you just clarify for me.</p> <p>CHAIR: I have a couple of questions more broadly, but in terms of Tasmania I am interested in anything you know or can add on that, given that it was not something that was being looked at closely until very recently and now it is. So I am trying to get my head around what that means in terms of economic prospects but also how we might deal with some of the challenges.</p> <p>Dr Clark: Let me take it on notice to provide information relating to shale gas in Tasmania.</p>			
AI-7	Bushby	CSIRO	<p>Summary of Studies Conducted into Shale Gas and Community Concerns</p>	<p>CHAIR: Thank you. I quote from the fact sheets:</p> <p>While Australia has substantial prospective shale reserves, commercial production of shale gas will require long lead times and long-term investments because of the nation's small population, low domestic demand and gas prices and the large infrastructure and transportation costs associated—</p> <p>with removing shale reserves. It continues:</p> <p>... feasibility of the resource needs to be carefully assessed and confirmed to warrant the large capital investment that may be needed to establish a successful and viable industry.</p> <p>You go on to talk about some of the research and development that is required to deal with some of these issues. Does CSIRO have any current role in any of that research? Regardless, do you see CSIRO having a future role in assisting to deal with some of the issues that arise around exploiting the shale gas reserves?</p>	Page22-23 27.02.14	Answered on page 29-30 by Dr Chris Pigram – Geoscience Australia	

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				<p>in terms of providing you, as Dr Johnson has, with access to all of the information that we have made public. We can provide a summary of that. That then allows you to look at those various areas and also our broader studies—for example, into the basins. So, whilst production or an exploration lease may be in a certain area, one of the important roles that CSIRO has is that that needs to be put in the context of a water basin et cetera. So that work into our bioregional assessments of those water basins, which we also—</p> <p>CHAIR: Water basins is more to do with coal seam gas—is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I am talking about the water resources in those sedimentary basins. We would also point you to that work, as Dr Johnson has outlined.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Our role is really to provide the best available science to allow the community and the public in broad terms to understand the risks and rewards that come from this process.</p> <p>CHAIR: That is my concern as well.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: It is not CSIRO's role to arrive at a position on that but just to inform public debate, inform private decision making and inform public decision making and regulation around the industry. So we are very clear on our role and we are focused on providing that best available science to assist that process.</p> <p>CHAIR: That is my interest as well, that is why I am asking the questions, because I am wanting to ensure that any decisions that are made on this are made on a rational basis, based on scientific fact.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: That is our focus.</p>			
AI-8	Bushby	Australian Skills Quality Authority	Pay Level of Commissioners	<p>CHAIR: I might ask a few questions to start with and then I will hand over to the opposition. During the break we were talking about how you are a very lean organisation. Can you advise the committee about the funding for the authority and in particular the pay level for each commissioner?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: The authority has an appropriation in the current financial year of \$35.507 million. There is also an approved overspend of \$2.4 million, which is for the purposes of capital and depreciation that the agency was set up without. That has been approved by the minister for finance and has been approved right through to 2016-17.</p> <p>CHAIR: By the current minister for finance?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: It was approved by the previous minister for finance.</p>	Page 23 27.02.14		

				<p>CHAIR: But that is still in place.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: The pay level of commissioners?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: The salary level of the chief commissioner is around \$260,000 per year. I would have to check the exact—</p> <p>CHAIR: I do not need to know the exact—</p> <p>Mr Robinson: The other commissioners receive a bit less than that. I could get the exact figures for you.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you are unable to give me a general figure for the other ones, then yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We can get the exact figures.</p>			
AI-9	Carr	Australian Skills Quality Authority	Breakdown of Complaints Against Registered Training Organisations	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You mentioned the number of RTOs that you do not re-register or that fail to gain registration. Do you have a registration process or any way of telling us what the number of complaints is regarding registered training organisations?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: So far ASQA has received 2,625 complaints about registered training organisations in the 2½ years up to the end of December last year. About 30 per cent of those were students complaining about poor quality training. We do have a direct vehicle for students to raise issues with us. They were complaining about poor quality training or a lack of facilities or work placements in the training. Another 20 per cent were complaining about the assessment process they had undergone that they believed was not adequate. That is around 50 per cent of the complaints relating directly to the quality of training and assessment. Other areas were more varied—another 18 per cent were concerned about false or misleading marketing or their experience did not turn out to reflect the information they had been given initially, at enrolment, by the RTO.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is this analysis published anywhere?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We publish this information in our annual reports. This data is newer so some of this information will be published in the next annual report.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is that the main compendium now for VET statistics?</p>	Page 25-26 27.02.14		

				<p>Mr Robinson: No, the National Centre for Vocational Education Research—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It still provides its reports?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: It is the main compiler of statistics. As you are aware, there has been a decision taken to extend statistical collection to cover privately provided training in addition to publicly provided training, which has formed the historical basis of the NCVET's national collection.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you use these complaint mechanisms as a way of establishing whether or not there is a problem emerging in any one industry?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Certainly these mechanisms suggest to us problems that emerge within particular RTOs. We take a broader look—though these mechanisms can feed into it—at issues to determine whether we think there are problems in industries. Each year the commissioners undertake some national strategic reviews based on concerns that have been raised from various channels about problems being incurred in the industry. We have recently announced that the three reviews we are doing this year are going to cover training in the child-care sector and training in the security industry, and we are going to look at equestrian training as well because there have been some accidents. We gather information, and some of that comes from the Productivity Commission and other reports that might have been done about the industry. A lot of the information we get is about particular RTOs. RTOs might cover many industry areas.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I see your point. Can you provide us with the latest compendium of information on complaints that you have received—what is the breakdown of those 2,600-odd complaints you have received.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Do you want me to answer that now?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice—we are very short of time. I know, Mr Robinson, you are only too happy to expand on these topics! I can see that we will equally have to get to know each other again in this new light.</p>			
AI-10	Carr	Anti-Dumping Commission	Increase in Anti-Dumping Applications	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You said there is an increase in the number of applications, complaints presumably?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: They are applications under the act seeking a remedy for a circumstance they might believe exists where products that they manufacture in Australia are being brought into the country below the</p>	Page 28 27.02.14		

				<p>normal value.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How do you measure the increase?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: It is in the number of inquiries received and the number of applications received. It is really just a case of measuring those year-on-year. The Anti-Dumping Commission that was established on 1 July last year has also had a remit to essentially engage more directly with Australian industry. As a result of what I would call a stronger engagement with stakeholders, the awareness of the Anti-Dumping Commission and what it is able to provide to Australian industry as a service has become more apparent to Australian industry and so it is reacting in that way and coming to us for information.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you think there is any evidence that an increase in the number of complaints reflects an increase in the prevalence of dumping?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: That is a very good question. It is probably a question I could take on notice only in the sense that what I would like to do is go back and do a bit more research on those market behaviours to answer it.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Give us an indication of the evidence that supports the view that you take. Clearly, there is a view within industry that dumping has become more prevalent, particularly since the global economic crisis.</p>			
AI-11	Carr	Anti-Dumping Commission	Productivity Commission's Safeguards Review	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Turning to the Productivity Commission. There is a recent report that the Productivity Commission has taken in regard to imported fruit and tomatoes. Did you have any input into that report?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: The safeguards review is the one you are referring to?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Seymour: The Productivity Commission obviously takes that matter themselves. Our contribution to that was minimal.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why is that?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: It was their review.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: They did not ask you?</p> <p>Mr Seymour: I will take that on notice. I am not sure that they actually formally came to us.</p>	Page 28-29 27.02.14		

AI-12	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	Discretionary Grants – Impact on Enterprise Connect	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I am interested to know where there have been actual decisions not to continue programs. Where do I find that list?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I think that information is also included in the answer to that question on notice, where the description is 'program closed'.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So any reference to 'closed' is sufficient? Page</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am interested to know the impact on Enterprise Connect, since you have raised it.</p> <p>Ms Anton: I think we cover that normally in outcome 1. My folder is next door because I thought we were on general business; sorry. But I can talk generally. At the moment, Enterprise Connect continues in terms of a lot of its work. We do a business review and, as you are aware, we do enterprise learning events with clients. We have a range of activities that are not impacted and are continuing. Our Tailored Advisory Service grant component is currently subject to additional considerations by government, but a lot of the work that we do with SMEs continues unabated.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: On the website you list three Tailored Advisory Service grants from January to February this year. Is that right—three?</p> <p>Ms Henderson: We will have to take that on notice. Are you speaking about the department's website?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No; it is AusIndustry's website, actually.</p> <p>Ms Anton: I am sorry; I do not have this information in front of me, but we have had a particular point in time and grants that were approved and in the system up until that point in time that may not have been executed. We would then put them up as they came through. But there was a point in time when the decision was taken, so nothing has flowed from that point.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It was put to me that there are three listed, and in the equivalent period last year there were 213 listed. Does that sound right?</p> <p>Ms Anton: We were operating in a different set of circumstances.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You certainly were; there was a different government. But would that would be a representative effect?</p> <p>Ms Anton: I cannot talk to the precise number, but certainly there would be fewer in the current period than there would have been at the same</p>	Page 35-37 27.02.14		
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				<p>time last year.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Three from 213—that is certainly a lot less, isn't it? Is that the effect of the decision—that no grants are being issued?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: There have been some delays in delivery of some of the grants and programs until they have been through that assessment process that I spoke about earlier.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: We are talking here about 213 grants, worth \$2.8 million, last year, and three grants in the same period this year. You are saying those three would actually relate to approvals given prior to the direction. Effectively that is what you are saying.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: That would be my interpretation.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, presumably, there are 213 businesses out there—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Senator, if I might interrupt very briefly. It is fine for the number 213 to be put. I think it has been taken on notice. You are obviously entitled to say, 'I believe it is 213', but I think at the moment it is being put as a statement of fact but it has been taken on notice as to how many there actually were.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I think we also need to be careful about comparing periods, because it has been a demand-driven program and you are making assumptions about the level of demand. So I would prefer to take it on notice in terms of—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much, Ms Beauchamp. That of course invites the question: what has been the demand since the directive was announced that the Minister for Finance would have to approve? How many applications are pending?</p> <p>Ms Henderson: We have in the order of 270 applications that have been accepted and assessed.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is that up or down, do you think, in terms of the proportions and time periods?</p> <p>Ms Henderson: I would have to compare that with the other item on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So there are 270 businesses out there waiting for a decision.</p> <p>Ms Henderson: There are in the order of 270 applications. It could well be that a business has lodged more than one application.</p>			
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AI-13	Bushby	Corporate Division	Nishi Building – Outfitting the Space	<p>CHAIR: What has been the cost of outfitting the space for officers who have been working in there?</p> <p>Ms Graham: My understanding is that it was what they call an integrated fit-out, which means that it was a part of the total lease arrangement.</p> <p>CHAIR: So that is sunk into the rental costs over the next 15 years, effectively?</p> <p>Ms Graham: That is certainly my general understanding, but I will just need to check that for you.</p>	Page 41 27.02.14		
AI-14	Bushby	Corporate Division	Nishi Building – Six-Star Green Rating	<p>CHAIR: How does a green-star building deal with the fact that it has that many fridges on—which presumably run 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Is there some trick, or some sort of clever energy usage—</p> <p>Ms Graham: You have probably gone way beyond my technical expertise, now, in terms of green-star buildings. But I will certainly take that on notice and get you some more information.</p> <p>Ms Weston: And certainly it features solar cells and green design, reducing projected electricity and air-conditioning requirements and so on that would help assist with that six-star rating.</p>	Page 42 27.02.14		

				<p>CHAIR: Maybe the solar cells help generate some electricity to run the fridges.</p>		
AI-15	Carr	Industry Division	Shipbuilding Capacity in Newcastle	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I have some questions for the ship builders. I am wondering what the situation is with Forgacs at the moment. Can you help us, Mr Ryan?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I will need to ask one of my experts.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Dr Byrne, you do move around.</p> <p>Dr Byrne: That is one way to put it, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How long have you been in the shipbuilding area?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: I have been looking after this sector, among other sectors, since February last year.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I obviously did not see enough of you. How are we going at Forgacs?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: The issue for Forgacs, Senator, as you know, is similar to issues facing Australia's other major shipyards. Essentially there has been quite a lot of media speculation about what will happen with Forgacs' group following the completion of the air warfare destroyer and the landing helicopter dock projects. As you know, this challenge is usually referred to as the 'valley of death'. I guess the situation now for the current government is that it is continuing to look at ways to address that issue and it has made an announcement, as you know—that is, an election commitment—that there will be a new Defence white paper released within 18 months of the election and that will give guidance about the sustainable basis for aspects of defence including shipbuilding. Therefore, the situation for Forgacs, from the department's perspective, is that we continue to monitor the situation and we continue to liaise with our colleagues in the Department of Defence. The specific issues around procurement and acquisition for the Royal Australian Navy are obviously matters for the Department of Defence.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Has the department had any conversations with Forgacs about its health?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: I would need to take on notice, Senator, what particular recent discussions my team might have had with the company, but certainly it is a company that we would have regular contact with. I imagine that the answer would be yes, but I would like to take it on notice to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: My recollection is that the department used to have regular conversations with the major shipbuilders. I take it that</p>	Page 42-43 27.02.14	

				<p>process has continued?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: Certainly we do continue to do that with all the major suppliers in the Defence supply chains. We would tend to have ongoing discussions, but the level of formality and frequency is something that I would need to confirm. Certainly, we are aware of this situation for Forgacs and we will continue to talk to the company and also talk to Defence about the issues.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The reason I asked this question is that it has been put to me that Forgacs cannot wait for the white paper to be released in 2015, let alone the normal delays in procurement that would follow. The situation is much more urgent than that. Is the department aware of the concerns of the company, given that there are 910 jobs tied up with the Carrington shipyard?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: Just to be clear, the company has been very explicit about the circumstances it will face as a consequence of a delay in any future procurements. It has made it clear publicly that that is the case, and we are aware of that issue for the company and indeed for other companies affected by the so-called gap in capability of the valley of death.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is there still operating a working group between the department of industry and the DMO with regard to procurement, shipbuilding procurement in particular?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: We continue to have ongoing work with Defence. There are some more formal working arrangements on the aerospace side of things and there is an ongoing dialogue on shipbuilding as well. We will continue to work with whatever mechanisms the Department of Defence puts in place.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you take on notice what representations Forgacs has made to you about the maintenance of shipbuilding capacity in Newcastle?</p> <p>Dr Byrne: Yes.</p>			
AI-16	Carr	Industry Division	Geelong Region & Melbourne North Innovation and Investment Fund: Companies on the ATS Registration	<p>Senator KIM CARR: When did the first round of the Geelong Region and Melbourne North Innovation and Investment funds close? How many companies on the ATS registration do not have contracts with Toyota Holden? Do you know that?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: No, I do not know that. Obviously some companies have—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I agree there are some. But you do not know how many? Could you take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I will do.</p>	Page 46-47 27.02.14		

AI-17	Carr	AusIndustry	<p>Geelong Region & Melbourne North Innovation and Investment Fund: Minister's Approval</p>	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me when the first round of the Geelong Region and Melbourne North Innovation Investment funds closed?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: The first round closed on 26 September 2013.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you recall how many applications there were?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: We received a total of 107 applications across the two funds.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many were shortlisted?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: All applications were put through a full assessment process except for two, which were deemed ineligible at the outset.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So two were rejected?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: Two were rejected and all the others were put through.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So 105, and that was done when?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: We just concluded that process. It was a very time-consuming process. The outcomes of round 1 have not been announced yet.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Has there been identification of successful recipients?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: Not as yet.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you still processing them?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: We are close to an announcement of round 1 outcomes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It seems an awfully long time. Why the delay?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: The process was that we would undertake assessments with in conjunction with our partner, the Victorian state government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And presumably Ford?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: Ford were not involved in the assessment process and not involved in the decision-making process. Of course those assessments then had to go before independent advisory committees, which then had to consider them in turn. They then put recommendations to the two ministers—that is, the manufacturing minister for Victoria and our own industry minister. They then make their decisions and subsequent to that we will make announcements.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: But none of that has happened has it—because you have not made a final decision?</p>	<p>Page 47-49 27.02.14</p>		
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AI-18	Carr	Industry Division	Reviews of Regional Economies in SA and VIC – Consultation Process	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. The minister or Prime Minister announced that there will be these reviews of regional economies in South Australia and Victoria and review panels will be established. Can you tell me, Minister, who is on those reviews? What is the membership of the review panels?</p>	Page 51-52 27.02.14		

			<p>Dr Green: I can tell you those. They have been announced. The Victorian panel is chaired by Minister Macfarlane and also include Minister Robb, the Minister for Trade and Investment; Sarah Henderson MP, the member for Corangamite; Mr Frank Costa, chair of the Costa Group; Jackie Fairley from Starpharma; and the Hon. Mark Stone, chairman of Melbourne Ports Corporation and President of the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce.....</p> <p>.....Senator KIM CARR: The Prime Minister said the government is expecting to receive copies of reviews on 28 February. Is it the department's view that that will still be the case?</p> <p>Dr Green: The reviews are being finalised with the panels.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. We will wait with interest. What will be the date of their public release?</p> <p>Dr Green: That will be a matter for the government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Will there be any coordination with Innovation Australia, The Manufacturing Leaders Group, the Defence Industry Innovation Centre or any other agencies within the department?</p> <p>Dr Green: We have had consultations and input from government agencies for preparation of the reports.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What about the Manufacturing Leaders Group? Has there been any comment sought from them?</p> <p>Dr Green: No, there has not.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What about the Defence Industry Innovation Centre?</p> <p>Dr Green: I do not think specifically from that centre, but the Defence Technology Centre was interviewed by the panel in Melbourne?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What about the innovation board? Have there been any conversations with Innovation Australia?</p> <p>Dr Green: Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So who in the department has been consulted?</p> <p>Dr Green: The department has consulted around the department—for example, with the skills and training area of the department. We have consulted outside the department with infrastructure, employment, defence and central agencies.</p>			
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				<p>Senator KIM CARR: What about the agencies that were within the department or within the portfolio? Who have you spoken to?</p> <p>Dr Green: I think we have spoken to most areas of the department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So that is general consultation?</p> <p>Dr Green: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you name them please? Who has responded to your invitation?</p> <p>Dr Green: I would have to take that on notice to give you a comprehensive list, but it has been most areas of the department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you would not mind, thank you.</p>			
AI-19	Carr	Industry Division	Support for ATS Registered Companies for After-market Services	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Mr Durrant, can I ask you some questions about the automotive after-market capacity in this country. The Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association has made representations to me. There is concern being expressed. People would like to know whether or not the department has undertaken any support for the after-market component manufacturers in Australia.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: The after-market component manufacturers have access to the general support and assistance programs that are run by the department and AusIndustry.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And what precisely is that support?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: It can be anything from the Tradex program, which allows them to bring a part that is going to be exported through to applying for funding under the various programs such as the Geelong fund.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Mr Durrant, perhaps you could assist me: what would these programs be that they could apply for?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: R&D tax credit and that type of thing.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Oh, the R&D tax credit. We have a lot of bull-bar manufacturers that are applying for the tax credit, have we?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Your question was what type of programs they can—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Sure. But, Mr Durrant, in your extensive experience in the automotive division of the department, how many after-market component manufacturers are drawing upon support from the government?</p>	Page 54 27.02.14		

				<p>Mr Durrant: There are a number of after-market manufacturers that are also suppliers of original equipment that are members of the Automotive Transformation Scheme.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So they are in the ATS, are they?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: That is correct. A number of the after-markets were also successful through the Automotive New Markets Initiative.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps on notice, are you able to tell me which particular ATS-registered companies currently receive support through the ATS for after-market services?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Senator, I will not be able to do that because of the limitations of the legislation.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Confidentiality?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You cannot tell me the companies that work in that area—as distinct from saying what money they get? I understand the legal implications of revealing those details, but are you able to tell me which particular companies working in the after-market area are currently registered with ATS?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice so that we are not cutting across any privacy concerns. If it is possible to do so, we will do it.</p>		
AI-20	Carr	AusIndustry	Clean Tech Program	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The clean tech program—in uncommitted funds. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I will have to refer to one of the other officers. I do not have the document you are referring to.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It is S1-76. Do you have that in front of you? Perhaps you can help me to explain the answer, if I have that incorrect. 'The remaining life of the program' is what the answer says.</p> <p>Ms Peterson: Would you mind repeating the question.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What is the amount of money remaining in the clean tech programs that might be identified as uncommitted funds?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: It is in the order of around \$30 million.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am not quibbling whether it is \$30 million or \$28 million, but I would just draw your attention to S1-76. Answer</p>	Page 59 27.02.14	

				<p>number five states 'There is approximately \$28 million in uncommitted funds for the remaining life of the program.' Have I understood that correctly?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: Yes, you have.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How does that equate with the proposition that there would be \$400 million saved by the discontinuation of the clean tech programs.</p> <p>Ms Peterson: In terms of the savings of the programs over the period of the forward estimates, the savings associated with the decision to close the programs will result in a savings of \$240.5 million. If we look at that saving extended over the life of the program, so beyond the forward estimates, the saving specifically associated with the closure decision is \$525.6 million.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You have gone beyond the forward estimates to get that figure.</p> <p>Ms Peterson: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Have there been any program grants that have been offered money but will not receive it?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: The government made a decision when it decided to close the program that it would fund all applications with an executed funding agreement in place and all applications that had a formal grant offer on the table, and we are proceeding with those.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Does it include the 196 applications that were not accessed as at 7 September 2013?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Could you tell me what has happened to those 196 applications?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: The 109, are you asking? I would have to take that on notice.</p>			
AI-21	Carr	CSIRO	Innovation Partnerships Initiative Review	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You are having a review. It is part of a process that the Prime Minister announced in December. I am just wondering what the formal structures are. Where do I find that—</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: There are two elements, which I think Mr Pettifer spoke about. One is the funding element. Of course that is going to be subject to the budget process. Mr Cormann and the whole of the cabinet will be part of that. The other process is the targeting and the priorities of</p>	Page 61-62 27.02.14		

				<p>that particular program in accordance with the government's priorities.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Who has undertaken the review?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: That work is being done in the department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Which section of the department?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: It is in my division. It is in the Business Competitiveness and Trade Division.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, Mr Pettifer, you are?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: I am involved in thinking about the way forward together with staff in my division, yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: When can we expect an outcome from the review?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: That is really a matter for the government and the minister.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So you are in the process of preparing advice for the government about the future operation of the program. Would that be a summary of what we have just discussed?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes, that is right.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The MYEFO documents in December included a \$26 million reduction of funding for the program. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why? If the program is under review, why are we reducing funding?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: That was a decision taken by the government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Where is the money coming from in terms of the particular program?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: It comes out of that \$238 million that I mentioned.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So the aggregate has just been reduced by \$26 million?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How did you get a figure of \$26 million?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: The \$26 million is made up of \$16 million out of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre funding, I believe, and there was another \$10 million from an announcement that I think the</p>		
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				<p>previous government made in relation to established platforms.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The what?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Oil and gas platforms.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Oh, my announcement! You have cancelled it, have you?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I see.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: That was \$10 million, Senator, so if you add them together you get to \$26 million.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Tell me this, Mr Pettifer: weren't undertakings made with the oil companies to participate in that? Weren't there also undertakings with the CSIRO with regard to that matter?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: I was not involved in any such undertaking.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I was, and I am just wondering what has happened to all those undertakings. You do not normally have a discussion with companies, make an announcement and then have the money withdrawn.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: This officer is not aware of any undertakings.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: But I should say that I think we are talking about an election commitment by the previous government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The decisions were taken prior to the caretaker period. That is my recollection. But you could take that on notice and you could tell me whether I am right or wrong.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Could I just clarify: this was an election commitment from the former government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It was announced after the caretaker period, but the decision was taken prior to the caretaker period.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Okay.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I want to know whether my recollection is correct. This is the first I have heard of this. No doubt I will have to check my records as well.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: I am happy to take it on notice.</p>			
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				<p>Senator KIM CARR: Would you, please. I specifically want to know what undertakings—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: If all the work was done before, why was it made during election?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You will discover this in due course. There were many announcements made of decisions and funding provided. That is the case, isn't it, Mr Pettifer? There were a number of decisions made—a number of grant applications were processed, developed and then announced. Was this not part of a process similar to that?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I think we should take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: I will take on notice the issue about the \$10 million.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: I cannot elaborate on it.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Please, just say: 'I've found out something today.' I am delighted to hear that you are able to provide me with that information, but I am not certain the other partners would be quite so pleased. Have the other partners in the oil and gas project been notified that their fund has been withdrawn?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Senator, it was your government's election commitment.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am putting to you, Mr Pettifer, that these were decisions made prior to the caretaker period. That is what I am putting to you. You will tell me whether that recollection is correct or otherwise. What I am asking now is: have the partners to that project be notified?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: This has been taken on notice.</p>			
AI-22	Bushby	Industry Economics & Analysis	Industry Policy Evaluations	<p>CHAIR: I have some broad questions on general industry policy. Have there been any formal evaluations of the success of industry policy in Australia. If so, when?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: There are ongoing evaluations conducted on industry policy.</p> <p>CHAIR: Internal ones?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Some are internal. Some are done by our own evaluation team. Some are done by employing outside consultants and some are done by groups like the Productivity Commission.</p> <p>CHAIR: These are specific evaluations of specific policies or broader examinations of the general approach to industry policy?</p>	Page 62-63 27.02.14		

				<p>Mr Ryan: In most cases they are on specific programs.</p> <p>CHAIR: You indicate there have been quite a few. Are you able to take on notice, then, what assessments have been conducted and a summary of the outcomes—primarily whether the broad conclusions are that they were successful in achieving the objectives of the policies or otherwise?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Certainly. Do you want to do that within a certain time frame?</p> <p>CHAIR: Since the 1980s?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Are you talking about Commonwealth assessments of industry policy or are you including think tanks or other organisations?</p> <p>CHAIR: Commonwealth initiated.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Okay.</p>			
AI-23	Bushby	Industry Division	Government Assistance Provided to the Automotive Industry	<p>CHAIR: What is the total quantum of government assistance that has been provided to the automotive sector in Australia by the Commonwealth government since the 1980s?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: The most recent Productivity Commission report deals with assistance from the late 1990s—</p> <p>CHAIR: We will use that. Mine was a fairly arbitrary figure.</p> <p>Mr Ryan: and their number is \$30 billion.</p> <p>CHAIR: And in real terms today?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: We would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 63-64 27.02.14		
AI-24	Carr	Science, Research and Innovation Division	Split of Science Programs Between the Department of Industry and the Department of Education	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much. I have got some other questions but I will put them on notice. I am still interested to note the split of programs between the Department of Education and the Department of Industry in regard to science. What programs and strategies are jointly managed by the two departments?</p> <p>Dr Banerjee: As you would know, at the time of the machinery of government changes, a number of programs were moved to the Department of Education. I will not go through those in detail; they are listed in the additional estimates statements. For all of those programs, there is close continuing cooperation with the Department of Education. You would know that many of those programs have a significant science component; so we are continuing to talk to our colleagues, and the two ministers are working very closely together. In terms of things that specifically require joint ministerial action, or at least very close</p>	Page 70 27.02.14		

				<p>ministerial collaboration, probably the most significant is the ARC process. In those, while the formal decision-making rests with the Minister for Education, there are formal protocols for consultation with the Minister for Industry.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Formal protocols—where do I find those?</p> <p>Dr Banerjee: I am not an expert in ARC processes. I think that would be implemented through the ARC funding rounds. I could take on notice, through the funding rounds, the decision making for which the Department of Education is responsible and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: A lot of this is machinery, and it is probably better if you write it out so that there is less room for confusion.</p>			
AI-25	Carr	VET Reform Taskforce	Skills Workshops - Invitations	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Was there an officer present, who played a prominent role in the meetings, by the name of Sussan Ley?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: You are referring to Assistant Minister Ley?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is that right? My apologies, it is of course.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: It is a VET in Schools workshop that perhaps you were thinking of.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Was she present?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Not at the six that we ran. Maybe you are thinking of the VET in Schools workshop which she ran.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: She has not participated in any of the meetings?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The six workshops which the department's task force ran were done by us. You may be thinking of the VET in Schools workshop.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I get a list of who actually was invited?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What would the possible reason be for not providing it?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I thought that I might have it with me, I do not.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: The officer will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I just detected from the way she said that that there was a problem with providing me with the list.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 75-76 27.02.14		

AI-26	Carr	VET Reform Taskforce	Skills Workshops - Agenda	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Was there a formal agenda for the workshops? Is that publicly available?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The agenda was sent to participants. It was not publicly available.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, it is not public?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: We did not make it publicly available. I understand there may have been a copy circulated by a participant.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Was there a program issued?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: There was an agenda provided to participants.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: An agenda, is that publicly available?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: We did not make it publicly available. It was a summary of comments.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Would you provide me with a copy of the agenda for those meetings?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 76		
AI-27	Carr	VET Reform Taskforce	Skills Workshops – Attendees	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You mentioned before that in the original workshops there were people from the various skills councils. Is that what you are saying? Can you give me a list of who actually turned up to the meetings?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I will take that on notice. I do not have that with me.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You said they were union people.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Some of the people on the Industry Skills Council are from unions.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you name them?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I cannot off the top of my head. I just know that some of them were. I cannot remember exactly which ones.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I would be interested to know precisely who you mean was from the union and present at the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: They hold a position on the Industry Skills Council.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It would not be hard to identify who the union nominees are on the Industry Skills Council, would it?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I have to check that as you asked me which ones.</p>	Page 77-78 27.02.14		

			<p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, if you could please, I would appreciate that. I cannot see why that in itself would be secret.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Senator, is that running contrary to what you have been told?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, very much so. This is my point. The story that the officers are providing to me is very different from what I have been told. That does not mean that I am right and you are wrong. I am just saying to you, based on the correspondence I have got from the Australian Council of Trade Unions, signed by the President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, to the minister to say that unions were not participating in this conference, these six workshops.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We need to be careful. The ACTU, of course, is a particular body. I think what the officers have said is that there were people from the ISC who were union representatives. Let's take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I take it you would get access to ministerial correspondence?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Yes, I just have not seen the correspondence you are referring to.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What has been put to me is that there is a series of items of correspondence here, not just one item, but a number. I would have thought that the normal processes of the department would be that the ministerial correspondence unit would provide you with access to that correspondence. That is the normal process.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I personally have not seen the correspondence, that is why mentioned that in my answer.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If that has not occurred, then there is a breakdown in the system, isn't there?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: It is fairly general correspondence and it is something that I am personally not aware of. I will check on it.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay. You are organising a series of meetings where a very significant stakeholder is claiming that they have not been invited?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: That is something that I will check.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am saying to you that the correspondence that I have seen claims to have written to the minister prior to Christmas and certainly on 21 February. I am saying to you that there is a problem with</p>			
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				<p>the explanation that is being given to us today. I would like to know why it is that these people were not invited. If you are saying to me that there were people there from unions, you would be able to tell me who they are.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I think we have taken that question on notice. Clearly, there is a difference in opinion. We will get the answer and we will know where we are going.</p>			
AI-28	Carr	VET Reform Taskforce	Skills Workshops – Participants Meeting with the Minister for Industry	<p>Senator KIM CARR: On 5 February, <i>The Australian</i> reported that there was a meeting at Parliament House following the workshops—it involved industry groups, but not unions—with the minister. This is a report on 5 February this year. Is that report accurate?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The minister meets with a range of stakeholders all the time, so—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Regarding this matter.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Which matter?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Following the conference, these workshops on 5 February, was there a meeting with the minister involving the participants? That should be a fairly straightforward matter for you to be able to take on notice.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Are you saying that the meeting was on 5 February or the report?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The report was on 5 February. I am talking about a report in <i>The Australian</i> on 5 February 2014. It claims:</p> <p>They follow a Parliament House meeting last week involving Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane and provider and industry groups, but not unions. That occurred following the workshops. Is that true?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We do not have that report. We will take it on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I have the article. Is this the article in <i>The Australian</i> on 5 February by John Ross, which refers to—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: That is the one.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: It refers to a meeting with the minister.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: We have the same article.</p>	Page 78 27.02.14		

				<p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take the nature and extend of the meeting on notice.</p> <p>Dr Banerjee: Ms Furnell has already explained that there was a ministerial roundtable, and that that was a separate process to the workshops that the department ran.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you, very much.</p>			
AI-29	Carr	Skills Division	<p>National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform – Distribution of Funding</p>	<p>Senator KIM CARR: My apologies; I was consulting with my colleagues. The funding agreements on the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform were, as I understand it, prepared last year. Is the department providing an update on its website on the progress of the implementation of the national partnership agreement?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: Each year in April the states lodge an annual report of their activities against the NP. Those reports are available on the IGAFRR website because it is under the national partnership, which is part of that process.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice an update on the distribution of funding to date for the financial year of each state and territory?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Are there any proposed changes to the funding amounts set out in each of the funding agreements?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: No.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is the department monitoring the expenditure of Commonwealth funds at each state and territory?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: Yes, we are.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to provide me with a breakdown of where the funds have been distributed in respect of rural and regional, Indigenous, disabilities, private training providers and individual TAFE systems?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: The Commonwealth funding under the national partnership goes to each state authority. The actual distribution of those funds is not something that they need to report on to us under the NP in terms of the areas you have outlined. However, there are targets within the NP particularly for disadvantaged learners, and under those targets the states report each year as to their achievement.</p>	Page 79-80 27.02.14		

				<p>Senator KIM CARR: But that is the only thing in terms of the breakdown I have just listed.</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: In terms of that break-up that you have suggested. We are able with our records under the NCVER, which is the data repository on VET, to see in general terms the distribution of funds between public VET providers and non-public VET providers.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you provide that?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: I would probably be able to get you that information from that source.</p>			
AI-30	Carr	Skills Division	<p>National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform – Implementation of the Agreement with TAFE</p>	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you; that is good. The agreements make provisions to support and protect TAFE as a public provider. Would you agree with that?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: There is a clause in the agreements which talks about the agreement that the states and territories have made with the Commonwealth in terms of the ongoing role of TAFE within the VET sector.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Would it be fair to say that the Commonwealth takes the view that you have responsibility to support TAFE as a public provider?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: I would have to be able to—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am just saying: is that a reasonable interpretation of that provision of the agreement?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: I would actually rather not do an interpretation. I could give you the wording, which is around the supported role for TAFE, particularly in terms of its role with some of those disadvantaged learners groups that you have described.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me the wording of the agreement and how you see it as an officer in terms of implementation of the agreement, in terms of the public provision of TAFE? Are you able to do that?</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: I do not, unfortunately, have a copy of the NP with me.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice. I want to know what your position is in terms of the implementation of those agreements on the issue of the public provision of TAFE, consistent with the agreement—I am not asking you to go beyond the agreement—in terms of what the agreement actually requires of you.</p>	Page 80 27.02.14		

				<p>Ms Woodgate: In terms of administering the agreement, how we work with that particular clause?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, thank you.</p>			
AI-31	Carr	Skills Division	ICT Issues Faced by Regional TAFE Institutions	<p>Senator KIM CARR: That is okay. It has been put to me that there are quite considerable problems emerging with regional TAFE providers in accessing advanced ICT. I think it could be generally agreed within the education system that digital teaching delivery is absolutely critical in contemporary circumstances. Internet speeds and mobile phone coverage is pretty ordinary in many places. Do have a plan to ensure that regional TAFEs have priority in terms of accessing the NBN?</p> <p>Mr Robertson: We do not have that planned specifically. We recognise under the national partnership that that is a state and territory responsibility in terms of how particularly TAFEs are serviced through infrastructure and the like and how they respond.</p> <p>Ms Woodgate: We have worked closely with our colleagues in the Department of Communications concerning the NBN and what the needs are of this sector in terms of the usage of NBN.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I appreciate that. Can you tell me or perhaps take on notice what the department is doing in terms of dealing with the problems faced by regional TAFE institutes with poor ICT skills levels for staff. So it is not only the infrastructure question but also the staff question, the skills question. What is it doing to support regional TAFEs to improve those skills? Can you provide me with that?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: We can take some of those issues on notice. But if I could just add that the infrastructure and the mechanics of how support for the TAFE, students and teachers is provided is a responsibility of the states and territories. Our focus is on outcomes in terms of access, quality and responsiveness. Of course, we have an interest, but in terms of primary responsibility and accountability I think it is the states and territories which have that.</p>	Page 81 27.02.14		
AI-32	Rhiannon	Enterprise & Skills Connect	Workforce Development Fund	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. I want to move on to the Workforce Development Fund. How much has been expended from the Workforce Development Fund? I was interested in the breakdown that includes how much to private providers and TAFEs and to industry RTOs to deliver training.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I think we have already provided an answer to the first question, when Senator Carr asked that.</p>	Page 88 27.02.14		

				<p>Senator RHIANNON: I am sorry about that; I have been bouncing around between inquiries. So you have already given the figures on that?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: We have given the figures on expenditure, yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And did that also cover the industry areas and which qualifications et cetera? Did you get down to that level of detail?</p> <p>Ms White: I can give you that answer.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I do want some details here.</p> <p>Ms White: I do not have the expenditure figures with me, but what I do have is the proportion of enrolments between TAFEs and other institutions.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, that is still useful.</p> <p>Ms White: So 11.2 per cent of enrolments in TAFEs and 88.8 per cent of enrolments in other institutions, and the breakdown of funding would be commensurate with that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Proportional.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: It would be easier if we took the rest on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, because I am interested in industry areas and which qualification levels, if you could take that on notice, and what the outcomes are for that. I am interested in how you are monitoring this program.</p>			
AI-33	Peris	Resources Division	Ranger Uranium Mine and the Leach Tank Failure	<p>1. Regarding the Ranger Uranium Mine Leach tank failure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the role of the DRET in relation to the task force? What is the timeframe for reporting and recommendations? Will the full report of the taskforce be made public? Will the Department seek to or support prosecution of ERA should the investigation find that the tank failure breached the company's authorisation or relevant legislation? How will the work of the task force inform any future decision to resume mineral processing operations at Ranger? Is there a timeframe for this decision? What is the process for this decision? What independent verification of data is taking place? Is the mining company supplying readings and information or are independent measurements being taken? If so -by who? 	Written Question 28.02.14		

				<p>g. What information has been gathered about the cause of the spill and does this have any implications for the integrity of the other leach tanks?</p> <p>h. Does this incident have any implications for the integrity of other mining or processing infrastructure at the Ranger operation?</p> <p>2. In a statement to the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) on January 30th 2014, ERA stated that it would allocate \$1.3million to the remaining clean up, decommissioning and investigation costs arising from the tank collapse.</p> <p>Can you explain on what evidence basis this allocation has been made given that the task force investigations are not yet complete? Does this allocation appear reasonable/adequate?</p> <p>3. What implications does the leach tank failure have for the proposed Ranger 3 Deeps underground development? Will the Ranger 3 Deeps EIS process be halted until the task force investigations are complete?</p>			
AI-34	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Reviews	<p>1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the date they were ordered the date they commenced the minister responsible the department responsible the nature of the review their terms of reference the scope of the review Whom is conducting the review the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review the expected report date the budgeted, projected or expected costs If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p>	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for 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, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>3. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? <p>4. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 		
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not? 			
AI-35	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or 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. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-36	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Briefings for Other Parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-37	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written 5.03.14		

AI-38	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Stationery Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-39	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Electronic Equipment	<p>Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to the office g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-40	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 			
AI-41	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c. Itemise these expenses 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-42	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Media Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. an itemised cost breakdown of these services 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e. The names of all service providers engaged f. the location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
AI-43	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Communications Staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 			
AI-44	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Provision of Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. 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 a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-45	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-46	Ludwig	Finance Division	Travel Costs - Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. From 7 September 2013, 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 	Written 5.03.14		

				the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.			
AI-47	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Travel Costs – Ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-48	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-49	Ludwig	Finance Division	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 7. 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 since 7 September 2013? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 			
AI-50	Ludwig	Finance Division	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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. 2. 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. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which ones and why? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-51	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written 5.03.14		

AI-52	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Hospitality & Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. 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. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-53	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Executive Coaching & Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name and nature of the service purchased ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees v. (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) vi. The total amount spent on the service vii. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>2. 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 <p>3. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>4. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			
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AI-54	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Staffing Profile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state) 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-55	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Staffing Reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-56	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Staffing Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-57	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>d. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>e. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>f. Who has access?</p> <p>g. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>h. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e. Who has access?</p> <p>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
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AI-58	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Printing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what companies were sued? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-59	Ludwig	Finance Division	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? 7. Where are the cars located? 8. What are the cars used for? 9. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 10. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-60	Ludwig	Finance Division	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-61	Ludwig	Finance Division	Hire Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written 5.03.14		

AI-62	Ludwig	Finance Division	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-63	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Senate Estimates Briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-64	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Question Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? 4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014. 			
AI-65	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests? 2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>request?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? 7. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests 8. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests 9. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level 10. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 11. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 12. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department? 13. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department? <ol 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? 			
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. How long was the training? f. By whom was the training conducted? <p>14. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <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? <p>15. Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List those notified request b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office? <p>16. Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17. If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p>			
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				<p>18. How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19. Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20. What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21. What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22. Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23. How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>24. How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25. How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?</p> <p>26. What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27. Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28. Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29. What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30. Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31. Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p>		
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				<p>32. Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“</p> <p>33. How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34. Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p> <p>35. Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <p>a. If so, list each email account</p> <p>b. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</p> <p>36. Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <p>a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ?</p> <p>b. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?</p>			
AI-66	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Functions	<p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>a. The guest list of each function</p> <p>b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister’s office</p>	Written 5.03.14		
AI-67	Ludwig	Regulation Reform Taskforce	Red Tape Reduction	<p>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government’s red tape reduction targets?</p>	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7. 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. 8. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 			
AI-68	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Official Residences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-69	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Land Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</i> 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</i> 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 			
AI-70	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Staff Code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? b. How long have they worked for the Minister? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level 			
AI-71	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Boards	<p>Since September 7th 2013;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how often has each board met, break down by board name; b. what travel expenses are provided; c. what is the average attendance at board meetings; d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; e. what conflicts of interest have been registered; f. what remuneration is provided to board members; g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-72	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Shared Resources Following MOG Changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>			
AI-73	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Leave	<p>Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:</p> <p>a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The dates the minister was on leave. ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable). <p>b. Who was acting in the minister's place?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place? ii. What was the process for selecting this person? iii. Who was involved in making this decision? <p>c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and he date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable? <p>d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable? v. but were unable? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.</p>			
AI-74	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <p>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>i. Signage.</p> <p>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>iii. Logos</p> <p>iv. Consultancy</p> <p>v. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>vi. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>i. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>	Written 5.03.14		
AI-75	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Motor Vehicles	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <p>a. What is the make and model?</p> <p>b. How much did it cost?</p> <p>c. When was it provided?</p>	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 			
AI-76	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>			
AI-77	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <p>a. What is the make and model?</p> <p>b. How much did it cost?</p> <p>c. When was it provided?</p> <p>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>	Written 5.03.14		
AI-78	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Building Lease Costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <p>i. Date the lease agreement is active from.</p> <p>ii. Date the lease agreement ends.</p> <p>iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</p> <p>iv. Location of the building (City and state).</p>	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>b. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date from which the lease agreement was active. ii. Date the lease agreement ended. iii. Why was the lease not renewed? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>c. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. iii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. iv. Expected location of the building (City and state). v. Expected cost of the lease. vi. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? vii. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>d. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 			
AI-79	Ludwig	Finance Division	Diners Club Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements? 2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges? 3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses? 4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers; 5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff? 	Written 5.03.14		

AI-80	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-81	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Workplace Assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-82	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-83	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Payouts	<p>How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost 	Written 5.03.14		

AI-84	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Ministerial Staff Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-85	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Christmas Party Costs	<p>List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost of each of these functions? b. How was the money identified? c. What was the location of these functions? d. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-86	Ludwig	Finance Division	Multiple Tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-87	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Market Research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost of this research b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c. Who conducted the research? d. How were they identified? 	Written 5.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Where was the research conducted? f. In what way was the research conducted? g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 			
AI-88	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these changes c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, who conducted the works? e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-89	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Wine Coolers & Fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-90	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Office Plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased 	Written 5.03.14		

				<p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>			
AI-91	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Office Recreation Facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written 5.03.14		
AI-92	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Vending Machines	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written 5.03.14		
AI-93	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Legal Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013 List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 	Written 5.03.14		

				4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice			
AI-94	Ludwig	Corporate Division	Australian Public Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting. 	Written 5.03.14		
AI-95	McKenzie	Anti-Dumping Commission	Anti-Dumping Methodology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you outline in detail the methodology used to determine whether a product is being dumped? 2. Are there any potential flaws or weaknesses associated with this methodology? 3. In the context of the Commission's recent decision regarding imported South African peaches, where the Commission found only 'negligible' dumping, is it true that the same product, from the same importer and same contract has had dumping tariffs applied in New Zealand for a number of years? 4. How does the methodology used here in Australia differ from methodologies used in other nations? How was the methodology decided upon? 	Written 6.03.14		
AI-96	Wright	NOPSEMA	Environmental Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please advise how the transitional arrangements between the former NOPSEMA Environment Regulations and the current NOPSEMA Environment Regulations will operate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please also explain this, with particular reference to cases where a proposal might be caught between the old and new regulations. b. There is a seismic survey proposal in the offshore region west of Kangaroo Island which was deemed a Controlled Action (twice) by the Minister for Environment. This proposal was in its final phase of consultation under the EPBC approvals process late last year. 	Written 7.03.14		

				<p>In late December it was announced on the NOSPEMA website that the Environmental Plan (EP) for the same proposal had been accepted for assessment.</p> <p>The proponent (Bight Petroleum Pty. Ltd.) has now withdrawn their EPBC referral entirely, before the Minister had made his final decision.</p> <p>The seismic survey proposal has been deemed a Controlled Action, has received considerable and sustained public interest, has not received approval under the EPBC system, and is now under review by NOPSEMA.</p> <p>Is the existing Environmental Plan submitted by Bight Petroleum late last year currently under assessment under the old regulations?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is it material to NOPSEMA's decision that this proposal has not received its final EPBC approval – but that it was deemed a Controlled Action? 3. Given that the intent of the new regulations is to mirror and reflect the EPBC requirements, but the proponents have withdrawn their EPBC Referral, is it possible that this proposal will be given approval under the old regulations? 4. Please advise whether NOPSEMA will direct the proponent to resubmit their EP for consideration under the new regulations. 5. What are the relevant transitional arrangements for Environmental Plans that are assessed by NOPSEMA under the old regulations, but do not have EPBC approval? 			
AI-97	Bushby	Energy Efficiency & Renewables Division	Regulatory Impact Statements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The annual Best Practice Regulation Reports for 2012-13 and 2011-12 show the Regulatory Impact Statement with respect to the following initiatives was not adequate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program to Major New Developments and Expansions Projects. - Extension of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program to Transmission and Distribution Networks and Major Greenfield and Expansion Projects. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can the Department outline what the circumstances were that led to an inadequate RIS being submitted? 	Written 7.03.14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Can the Department advise if the legislation and regulation was developed under tight time pressures? c. If so, how did these pressures arise? d. Can the Department advise if there was hurried decision making or political pressures applying to these specific cases? e. Can the Department advise why the RIS were found to be inadequate? 			
AI-98	Bushby	Corporate Division	Budget Pressures and Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Agency confirm that it has faced recent budget pressures, potentially including risk of losses? If so, when did the agency begin to exceed its estimates or realise it was facing difficulties for forward periods? 2. Can the agency outline the reason for the erosion of its financial position from start of year figures? 3. Are there any particular unfunded pressures the agency face? If so, have any of these pressures been funded in previous years from provisions that have since been cut or ceased? 4. Can the agency advise if it has made a submission to the Department of Finance for funds to manage staff reductions, drawing on the provision provided in MYEFO? 5. If so, to what extent did the agency meet the relevant criteria for applying for funding? 6. Can the agency advise how many successive operating losses it has incurred, and if it has discussed with Finance or Ministers the question of funding levels or service expectations? 7. Can the agency outline its current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies? 8. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends and how many relate to decisions made in the 2013 budget or earlier to cease or terminate programs? 9. Can the agency advise its ratio in percentage terms of staffing costs to non-staffing costs? 10. In relation to the implementation of efficiency dividends and other funding reductions, can the agency advise if it has been planning more of a reduction on the staffing side or the non-staffing side, relative to the agency's respective share of its overall cost base? 	Written 7.03.14		

				<p>11. Can the agency advise in which of the forward financial years it will face the greatest staffing reduction? Is the agency's current plans of staff reductions to get its staff level for July 2014 at the level it is funded for in 2014-15?</p> <p>12. Can the agency outline what criteria is being applied to vet applications for redundancies or to select functional areas in which to concentrate overall staff reductions?</p> <p>13. Can the agency advise how many positions it has sought to have treated as requiring recruitment from the open market under current arrangements for centralised government vetting of recruitment proposals? How many exemptions has the agency been given to permit recruitment, bulk recruitment and boutique?</p> <p>14. Can the agency advise how soon after the 2013 budget night it was able to identify what the staffing profile needed to be over the forward estimates?</p> <p>15. Can the agency advise if its staffing figures published in the 2013 budget papers were accurate? If not, why not?</p>			
AI-99	Bushby	Corporate Division	Ministerial Staff Recruited by the Department	<p>1. How many officers were recruited by the department direct from Ministerial offices during the last parliament, whether on a temporary or ongoing basis? How many former MOPS staff are now still employed in your Department or agency?</p> <p>2. How many of these recruits were loaned back to the Minister's offices after becoming staff of the department? For what periods were these arrangements in place? Who bore the costs during each of these 'loan back' arrangements, the department or the Minister's staffing budget?</p> <p>3. How many of these staff had worked in the department previously and how many years prior experience did such staff have in the department before being recruited?</p> <p>4. How many of your SES are former MoPS staff? Of those, how many worked for the Rudd/Gillard Governments?</p> <p>5. How many were promoted to SES level in the past 6 years?</p> <p>6. How many of the MoPs staff recruited during the past 6 years came to your Department or agency via the following means: Lateral transfer under the public service Act; recruitment in a bulk recruitment round; recruitment for a specific position?</p>	Written 7.03.14		

				7. Were any recruited in the 2013 calendar year? If so, on what grounds given the financial tightening beginning across government in that year?			
AI-100	Bushby	Finance Division	Pre-election Commitments or Decisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Had your Department or agency issued any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants in the caretaker period or on the cusp of caretaker mode? Can you please provide details of what date such correspondence was issued and how many groups were written to? 2. Have there been any contracts signed by your Department or agency in the caretaker period? Can you please provide details of the amounts involved? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who were the other parties to these contracts? b. What was the extent of any competitive process? c. What was the level of involvement by Ministers and/or their offices? 3. How much funding has this agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms? 4. Were any contract negotiations called off in the past year after short-listing but before execution of contracts? 5. Were there any appointments made by Ministers to board positions or other senior or representative roles within your portfolio on the cusp of caretaker period, or during caretaker period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were the dates of such decisions? b. What processes were involved in these appointment decisions? c. How were these decisions each announced? 6. How much has your agency spent in the last year on PR firms, focus groups, lobbyists or external communications contracts or services? What were the decision processes for those contracts and what was the level of Ministerial or Minister office input into those decisions? 	Written 7.03.14		
AI-101	Bushby	Finance Division	Pulping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any of the major documents printed for the department for the 2012-13 or 2013-14 years been pulped? For instance Budget Papers, Estimate Statements, Ministerial Statements, etcetera. 2. <i>If so</i>, what were the circumstances that led to this pulping? 	Written 7.03.14		

AI-102	Bushby	Corporate Division	Pay Rises	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I refer to the CPSU proposal for a pay rise of 12% over three years or 4% a year – double the rate of inflation forecast in the mid-year budget update released in December. If your agency had to implement this pay rise, what risk is there that this may mean a loss of jobs? 2. Given that pay rises are ordinarily required to be linked to productivity improvements, do you see scope for 12% productivity improvements in your agency over the next four years? If so, what are the main productivity-enhancing measures or savings that different stakeholders have put forward? 3. Has the CPSU or other employee representative groups proposed productivity measures or other form of savings to offset wage rises? 	Written 7.03.14		
AI-103	Bushby	Corporate Division	Public Debt Interest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to MYEFO the net interest payments for debt held by the General Government Sector for the current financial year total \$8.8 billion, while the total interest cost is \$12.4 billion. Both figures rise to be \$12.8 billion and \$16.7 billion respectively in the final out-year. What would the Government be able to do with the equivalent amount of money in this portfolio if these billions were spent on programs and outcomes instead of on debt? 2. Does your agency ever observe connection between performance management of staff and claims of stress leave or other forms of sick leave? 3. What is the number of staff on stress leave or psychological injury claims at any one time in your agency? How many harassment claims are there at any one time? How many of these cases are connected to performance cases? Have you observed any instances of stress claims and harassment claims being a tactic used by staff which the agency tries to performance-manage? 4. Looking at the length of time claimed for sick leave, are you seeing longer absences for people with physical injuries or people claiming to have psychological injuries? What's the degree of difference? 5. How much would be saved from your workforce insurance costs if you did not have the current levels of stress-related claims and other psychological injury claims? 	Written 7.03.14		
AI-104	Bushby	Corporate Division	Property Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What efforts has your department made to shift towards best practice in property leasing to achieve best value for money? 	Written 7.03.14		

				<p>2. Are you making any efforts yet to reconfigure existing office space to achieve a staff occupancy of 14 sqm or less, and exploring opportunities to sub-let the liberated floor space? If not, why not? What market experts have you engaged on these issues and have they advised you that efficiencies are unable to be achieved?</p>			
AI-105	Bushby	Corporate Division	Reviews within the Portfolio or Agency	<p>1. What progress have you made to address the APSC Capability Review for your agency?</p> <p>2. Are there any other reviews of your organisation currently being implemented or settled down post-implementation? What has been the benefit of or impact of those exercises?</p> <p>3. Have there been any reviews in your portfolio area in the past six years that have since gone in-actioned in part or in full?</p>	Written 7.03.14		
AI-106	Bushby	Corporate Division (All Agences)	Project Management	<p>1. Have there been any major projects or programs embarked upon recently by your agency or where your agency has participated, where there was not a form of cost benefit analysis or business case before the project commenced? If so, please advise why this didn't occur.</p> <p>2. What has been the experience of your agency with gateway review processes? Have you found the costs of those processes proportionate to the benefits?</p> <p>3. Do you have any major projects or programs where there have been major shortfalls against performance indicators? If so, please advise of those areas of shortfall.</p> <p>4. Has there been any expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold?</p>	Written 7.03.14		
AI-107	Bushby	Corporate Division	Deregulation	<p>1. What consultative mechanisms did you previously have in your portfolio that gave feedback on red tape? Did any of these forums make a focussed effort or an overt role to get feedback on red or green tape?</p> <p>2. In the past year what was the extent of union involvement in consultative mechanisms within your portfolio and how has the level of union input changed over the past decade?</p>	Written 7.03.14		
AI-108	Bushby	Corporate Division	Corporate Support for Ministers	<p>1. How many Ministers have you had in the past three years before the election and in particular in the year preceding the election?</p>	Written 7.03.14		

				2. What costs or disruption have you faced from pre-election changes of Ministers, whether IT costs, preparation of new briefings, changes of style guides and information products to suit new Ministers?			
AI-109	Carr	CSIRO	Staffing and Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much over or under budget is CSIRO's average staffing level? 2. What is the effect on staffing levels of the interim recruitment arrangements (also known as recruitment and staffing freeze)? 3. How many new non ongoing positions have been put forward to executives for approval? How many are renewals of ongoing staff? How many are new positions? Please divide these figures by division and flagship. 4. How many vacancies are exempt from the recruitment freeze? 5. Please outline the sites impacted by the recruitment freeze and the number of positions per site impacted. 6. Please outline the states impacted by the recruitment freeze and the number of positions per state impacted. 7. How long will these interim recruitment arrangements remain in effect? 	Written 11.03.14		
AI-110	Carr	CSIRO	Education and Outreach Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the impact of the freeze on CSIRO Education and outreach programs? 2. Did CSIRO engage Paili Consulting to do some work on education and outreach. Can you summarise what that work was and provide a copy of any reports arising from this consultancy? 3. What actions have been canvassed for CSIRO Education and outreach by management? 	Written 11.03.14		
AI-111	Carr	CSIRO	Matrix Review	What is the organising arrangements review or matrix review? What options are currently being canvassed?	Written 11.03.14		
AI-112	Carr	CSIRO	CSIRO Travel Costs and Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the 2012-13 financial year and 2013-14 financial years to date please detail all travel for CSIRO employees that either individually, or as a delegation, exceeded a cost of \$20,000. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals another travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. What travel is planned for the rest of the financial year? 3. What travel is planned for the rest of the calendar year? 	Written 11.03.14		

				<p>4. What is the CSIRO budget for travel in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14?</p> <p>5. Please provide a copy of CSIRO's travel policy.</p>			
AI-113	Carr	Corporate Division	Department and Agency Appointments	For all committees, advisory groups and boards of the department and agencies please provide a table outlining the members, date of appointment, date of expiry of term and capacity in which they have been appointed to the committee.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-114	Carr	AusIndustry	CRC Approval	Was the approval of the CRC 16th round required to be approved by the Minister for Finance? Will the 17th round be covered by any such requirement?	Written 11.03.14		
AI-115	Carr	Industry Division	SPC Ardmona Assistance	<p>Did the Expert Panel formed to advise the Government on SPC Ardmona's request for assistance recommend providing assistance?</p> <p>Please provide a copy of the Expert Panel formed to advise the Government on SPC Ardmona's request for assistance's recommendations.</p>	Written 11.03.14		
AI-116	Carr	Industry Division	Funding for Cadbury	<p>In the Education and Employment Legislation Committee estimates hearing on 27 February 2014 Senator Abetz suggested that the funding for the Government's \$16 million grant to Cadbury is coming from the Industry Portfolio (refer Hansard extract below).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this correct? 2. If so, from which program? 3. Senator Abetz also confirmed that the grant goes through a 'value for money assessment'. Has this assessment taken place? 4. If yes, please give details of the nature of the assessment and by whom it was conducted. <p><i>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Does the Tasmanian jobs program officially include the funding for Cadbury?</i></p> <p><i>Senator Abetz: No.</i></p> <p><i>Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is separate?</i></p> <p><i>Senator Abetz: Yes.</i></p> <p><i>Senator WHISH-WILSON: That goes through a value for money assessment like all federal funding allocations?</i></p> <p><i>Senator Abetz: Yes.</i></p>	Written 11.03.14	Transferred to Dept. of Infra. & Regional Dev on 17.03.14	

				<p><i>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Am I allowed to ask questions on that in this forum? Is that possible, Chair?</i></p> <p><i>Senator Abetz: It is not in the employment portfolio. I daresay it would be in industry.</i></p>			
AI-117	Carr	Industry Division	Reviews of the SA and VIC Governments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the reviews of the South Australian and Victorian Governments, as announced by the Prime Minister and Industry Minister on 18 December 2013, been completed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On what criteria were the review panel members appointed? b. If so, on what date were they completed? c. Will the reviews be made public? d. If not, why not? e. How many submissions were received for each review? f. Have the submissions been made public? g. If not, why not? h. • For those submissions not marked as “confidential” please provide copies. 	Written 11.03.14		
AI-118	Carr	AusIndustry	Manufacturing Investment and Jobs in Geelong	<p>I refer to the Industry Minister’s media release of 4 March 2014 “New manufacturing investment and jobs in Geelong”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a full list of projects funded under round one of the Geelong Region Innovation and Investment Fund (GRIIF)? 2. What is the amount of uncommitted funding available for round two of the GRIIF? 3. Does the Department anticipate holding a third round? 4. Why have successful projects from round one of the Melbourne’s North Innovation Investment Fund (MNIIF) not yet been announced? 5. Has the Department or the Minister’s office received any complaints from stakeholders regarding the length of time taken for the assessment process? 6. What is the amount of uncommitted funding available for round two of the MNIIF? 	Written 11.03.14		
AI-119	Carr	Industry Division	Automotive Transformation Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On current levels, is there sufficient funding remaining in the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS) to meet requirements over the forward estimates? 	Written 11.03.14		

				<p>a. Please provide a breakdown of calculated outlays versus uncommitted funds through to 2017-18.</p> <p>b. Has the Department been asked to undertake any calculations or analysis of possible savings from the ATS following the announcements of GM Holden and Toyota to cease manufacturing in Australia in 2017?</p>			
AI-120	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	Access to Medicines Working Group	When was the last meeting of the Access to Medicines Working Group? When is the next meeting scheduled? Please outline the group's work plan over the next 12 months.	Written 11.03.14	Transferred to Dept. of Health on 17.03.14	
AI-121	Carr	AusIndustry	Innovation Australia Board	When did the Innovation Australia Board last meet? When is the next meeting of the Innovation Australia Board? Please outline the group's work plan over the next 12 months.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-122	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group	When was the last meeting of the Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group? When is the next meeting scheduled? Please outline the group's work plan over the next 12 months.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-123	Carr	Industry Division	Manufacturing Leaders Group	When was the last meeting of the Manufacturing Leaders Group? When is the next meeting scheduled? Please outline the group's work plan over the next 12 months.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-124	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	Services Leaders Group	When was the last meeting of the Services Leaders Group? When is the next meeting scheduled? Please outline the group's work plan over the next 12 months.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-125	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	Clinical Trial Action Group	What progress has been made implementing the recommendations of the Clinical Trial Action Group and what is the status of the Expediting Clinical Trial Reform in Australia initiative?	Written 11.03.14		
AI-126	Carr	Science, Research & Innovation	McKeon Review	What is the progress on the McKeon Review into Health and Medical Research and what is the timeline for recommendations to be enacted?	Written 11.03.14	Transferred to Dept. of Health on 18.03.14	

AI-127	Carr	Finance Division	Assessment of Grant Spending	<p>1. Please provide a list of all discretionary grants where the Department of Finance and the Minister for Finance are assessing grant spending and a list where discretionary grants are proceeding "as normal" (refer Hansard extract below).</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: <i>Secretary, with regard to the discretionary grants the government has made a decision that all discretionary grants require approval by the Minister for Finance to assess that grant spending is consistent with the government's priorities and commitments. That is the case, isn't it?</i></p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: <i>The Department of Finance and the Minister for inance are assessing discretionary grants across the portfolio across the APS to make sure they are in accordance with the government's priorities. Yes, we are involved in that process.</i></p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: <i>And what has been the impact of that decision?</i></p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: <i>Some decisions have been made about some programs, and others are still under consideration, primarily through the budget process.</i></p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: <i>What areas can you identify where there have been decisions already taken?</i></p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: <i>There are about 13 programs proceeding as normal. They relate to a number of programs where contracts have been entered into and we are honouring the contracts. They include things like Clean Technology Investment Program, Clean Technology Innovation Program, Low Carbon Communities, National Centre for Asia Capability, the Victorian innovation investment fund, small business advisory services, the SKA that you mentioned this morning, the Cooperative Research Centres program, Science for Australia's Future, international education and training, industry workforce training, National Centre for Vocational Education Research and the national foundation skills strategy.</i></p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: <i>Is there a list there I could have? My writing is not as quick as it used to be.</i></p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: <i>I can table a list by the end of the day.</i></p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: <i>Thank you. That would be terrific. You mentioned 13 programs that are operating as normal or where there are existing contracts. What are the programs where we are awaiting decisions?</i></p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: <i>That, again, is quite a long list, and I am happy to</i></p>	Written 11.03.14		
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				<p><i>take that on notice and table that for you.</i></p> <p>2. In relation to discretionary grants that are being assessed by the Minister for Finance: what information does the Department give the Minister for Finance to make the assessment? How many discretionary grant applications have been rejected by the Minister for Finance? What are the delay times (on average) for discretionary grants that are being assessed by the Minister for Finance?</p>			
AI-128	Carr	AusIndustry	Clean Tech Programs Savings	<p>In relation to the following statement:</p> <p><i>Ms Peterson: In terms of the savings of the programs over the period of the forward estimates, the savings associated with the decision to close the programs will result in a savings of \$240.5 million. If we look at that saving extended over the life of the program, so beyond the forward estimates, the saving specifically associated with the closure decision is \$525.6 million.</i></p> <p>Please provide a breakdown demonstrating how the department has calculated this savings figure over the forward estimates and beyond.</p>	Written 11.03.14		
AI-129	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	Innovation Precincts Program	<p>Has the Department briefed the Commission of Audit on the Innovation Precincts Program? Did that briefing include information on the 10 Innovation Partnerships announced during the 2013 Federal Election campaign? Was any consideration given to fast tracking Innovation Precinct applications in regions heavily impacted by the impending closures of automotive manufacturers?</p>	Written 11.03.14		
AI-130	Carr	Business Comp. and Trade Division	META & Food Innovation Australia Limited	<p>Have any changes been made to the contracts for META and FIAL? How will the Government assess the success of META and FIAL? Do META and FIAL still have access to the Industry Collaboration Fund?</p>	Written 11.03.14		
AI-131	Carr	Industry Division	Grant Assessments	<p>1. What principles are used to assess whether some firms receive grants and/or other forms of assistance from Government? What principles were used to assess grants to Cadburys and Huon Aquaculture?</p> <p>2. What is the Department's handling strategy for companies at risk?</p>	Written 11.03.14		
AI-132	Carr	AusIndustry	AusIndustry Branches and Programs being 'Rationalised'	<p>1. In relation to response to QoN number SI-78, please outline which sections and branches of AusIndustry have been "rationalised". Are programs in those branches also being rationalised and if so, which ones.</p> <p>2. In relation to response to QoN number SI-78, has the savings target (expected to be met by mid-February) now been met?</p>	Written 11.03.14		

AI-133	Carr	Science, Research & Innovation	Enterprise Solutions Program	What is the status of the Enterprise Solutions Program, which is currently listed on the website as 'inactive'? Is this program being reviewed or has it simply been discontinued? If the program is being reviewed, who is undertaking the review, what is the timeline for this review and when can we expect to see an outcome to this review?	Written 11.03.14		
AI-134	Carr	Industry Division	Buy Australian at Home and Abroad Program	In relation to the reduction in funding to the Buy Australian at Home and Abroad program as flagged in MYEFO, where is this cut coming from and how does it impact the program?	Written 11.03.14		
AI-135	Carr	Industry Division	Supplier Advocates Program	Please provide an update to the Supplier Advocates program.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-136	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	Firms Receiving Assistance Through Enterprise Connect	Please provide updated figures on the number of firms that have received assistance through Enterprise Connect, including the number of Business Reviews, the number and value of Tailored Advisory Service grants and Researchers in Business Grants.	Written 11.03.14		
AI-137	Carr	Skills Division	Complaints Regarding Employer Incentives	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many complaints have you had regarding employer incentives?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: We might have to take that on notice or wait until the other offices come up.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. You can take it on notice. Obviously we will need to return to that.</p>	Page 27 27.02.14		
AI-138	Carr	Questacon	Prime Minister's Science Prize	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Has Professor Schmidt's review of the Prime Minister's Science Prize been completed?</p> <p>Prof. Durant: Yes. The review made 19 recommendations, of which 13 have been approved and implemented.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do we have a copy of those recommendations?</p> <p>Prof. Durant: I can indicate the types of things—not that I do not have the full list. The recommendations include splitting the prize for teachers between the teacher and the school.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide that to me? I take it this is not a controversial issue.</p> <p>Prof. Durant: We can provide that.</p>	Page69-70 27.02.14		

AI-139	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	Enterprise Connect Program	<p>Senator KIM CARR: So it was only relating to one program? It was not general programs? What is the one program?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I do not have the website in front of me, so I am not sure; but, from what you are saying, it absolutely accords with what I said earlier in terms of the Department of Finance and the Minister for Finance making sure our programs and projects are in accordance with government priorities.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but my point goes to the issue of whether it was relating to one program or all programs. I think we are getting some assistance here.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I am getting some advice. I thought it was for the one program—Enterprise Connect—but I will take that on notice and confirm.</p>	Page 35 27.02.14		
AI-140	Carr	Minister's Office	Briefing Approval	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Minister, would you take on notice why it took so long to get an announcement and sign off on that particular brief.</p> <p>Ms Butler: I am sure the minister—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You cannot answer the question, but it is a question for the minister.</p> <p>Ms Butler: Yes, indeed, it is a question for the minister.</p>	Page 68-69 27.02.14		
AI-141	Carr	VET Reform Taskforce	Correspondence Relating to Workshops	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. Have you received any correspondence on this matter?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Correspondence about that reform or about the workshops?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The fact that these were closed workshops.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I would have to check with my colleagues.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why don't you check with your colleague right now.</p>	Page 74 27.02.14		
AI-142	Carr	Skills Division	ASQA Operations	<p>With Regard to ASQA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can the Department now confirm the release date for the ASQA Process Review? In response to Question S1-146 (21 November 2013) it was noted that the Reference Committee will report its findings to Ministers in "early 2014". Has the Minister received the report and when will it be released? Following recent reports regarding problems in training in the aged and community care industry, the child care industry, the construction industry and general problems with deceptive marketing 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		

				<p>and fee collection across the sector, will ASQA continue to play a vital role in ensuring that quality training is delivered and confidence in the industry maintained?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on any options for a restructure of ASQA? 4. Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on alternate funding proposals for ASQA? 5. Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on an alternative training quality compliance system or body? 6. When will the government be responding to ASQA's recent reports into marketing, the aged and community care sector and the construction sector? 			
AI-143	Carr	Skills Division	Apprenticeships	<p>With regard to apprenticeships:</p> <p>According to the NCVER research, after growth in the first three quarters of 2013 trade apprentice commencements have disappointingly fallen from 27 500 to 26 400.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Government doing to address the drop in apprenticeship commencements? 2. Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings regarding the reinstatement of kick-start or other incentive payments for apprentices? 3. Following the ALi Group's recent call for Joint Group Training's funding to be guaranteed in the upcoming Budget, has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on Joint Group Training funding? 4. Regarding the Government's election policy to introduce student loans for apprentices, have guidelines been drawn up, how will it work, when will they commence? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		
AI-144	Carr	Skills Division	Commonwealth Involvement in the VET Sector	<p>With regard to the VET sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on Commonwealth involvement in the VET sector? 2. Have any proposals been put forward to remove Commonwealth involvement from the VET sector? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		

AI-145	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	National Workforce Development Fund	<p>With regard to NWDF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Minister advise when the Oz Eco Group will receive their funding for 300 students? Oz Eco Group have 300 registered students of which 150 have been through the course and are currently being processed. They have now been advised that all funding for the additional 150 students has been held back until further notice and they are unable to ascertain from the Department when funds will be released. <p>Further, in Senate Estimates there was some confusion as to whether an application had been received, possibly through an Industry Skills Council. Can the Minister confirm whether an application has been received?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What percentage of this financial year's allocated budget has been used for the NWDF and has any funding been held back? What was the total number of projects funded this year to date? 3. How many of these projects have had full payments processed? 4. When will any unused funding be allocated? 5. When will currently approved projects receive funding? 6. How many projects are currently being assessed for approval? 7. How many projects are awaiting the Minister's approval? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		
AI-146	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	Future Funding Agreements for Industry Skills Councils	Has the Minister or his office requested or been provided with any briefings on future funding agreements for or membership of Industry Skills Councils?	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		
AI-147	Carr	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division & Skills Division	Vocational Education and Training for the Green Army Program	<p>With regard to the Green Army:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you had any discussions with the Environment Department or Department of Social Security on the provision of vocational education and training for participants of the Green Army program? 2. Does the Department have any data which scopes the available number of RTOs accredited to deliver the identified training? 3. Is it likely there would be Australia-wide coverage? 4. In the context of a program that is likely to have large numbers of small teams of only nine participants, spread across remote, rural and urban areas, how would training and assessment be delivered in such a scheme? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 13.03.14)		

AI-148	Sterle	Industry Division	Economic Growth Plan For Tasmania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Coalition's "Economic Growth Plan for Tasmania". This document says there will be a one-stop-shop established for Government approvals for Tasmanian projects. When will this begin? 2. What is the total cost of setting this up? 3. What is the saving using this process compared to the existing process? 4. What exactly made the existing process unsuitable? 5. For every dollar spent setting this up, is there an expected return to the Tasmanian economy? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Infra. & Regional Development on 17.03.14)		
AI-149	Ludwig	Science, Research & Innovation Division Input to be provided from the Dept of Education	Science Infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What plans/research has the department undertaken regarding investment in science and research related infrastructure? 2. What science/research related infrastructure programs have been cut/discontinued since 7 September 2013? 3. What is the contribution of investment in science/research infrastructure to Australian growth? If this has not been examined, why not? 4. Have any science/research infrastructure projects been examined since 7 September 2013? 5. Do the criteria by which infrastructure projects are judged include contributions to Australia's intellectual capital? If not why not? 6. Has the minister been briefed on science/research-related investment in infrastructure? 7. How many staff/portion of staff are assigned to science/research related infrastructure? 8. Which departments/agencies has the department had meetings with regarding investment in science related infrastructure? 9. If there are no science/research-related infrastructure projects why not? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Infra. & Regional Development on 17.03.14)		
AI-150	Carr	Skills Division	TAFE Funding Agreements	With regard to TAFE funding agreements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide an update on the distribution of funding to date this financial year to each State and Territory? 2. Are there any proposed changes to the funding amounts set out in each State and Territory's funding agreements? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 17.03.14)		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can the Department provide a breakdown of where the funds have been distributed in respect to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. rural and regional areas; b. the amount spent on Indigenous students; c. the amount spent on students with disabilities; d. the amount that private training providers have received; and, e. the amount of funding provided to TAFE (in each State and Territory)? 4. Does the Federal Government remain committed to supporting TAFE as the public provider? 5. What measures is this Government taking to ensure that TAFE remains a strong public provider? Is this being monitored? Is this reported publicly? 			
AI-151	Carr	Skills Division	Skills Workshops	<p>In regards to Skills Workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were the six initial workshops not advertised? 2. Why was the venue of the Skills Workshops in Canberra kept secret until a RSVP was received (ie the Agenda states that a venue will be provided upon RSVP)? 3. What is the purpose of the Workshops? 4. Who attended the six Workshops? 5. What was the process for choosing invitees for the Workshops? 6. Did the Minister's office over-rule any invitees for the Workshops? 7. Why were unions not invited to participated, noting that unions play a vital role in Industry Skills Councils? 8. Can the agenda for each workshop be provided? 9. Is the Government considering a formal review process along the lines of the Kemp-Norton review of demand driven higher education? 10. When will the outcome of the future Workshops be reported? What is the timeframe for a Government response? 11. Workshops have now been scheduled in each capital city and a new VET Reform website has been launched. 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 17.03.14)		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How were the workshops and the website advertised? b. Was a media release issued? If not, why not c. Did the Department advertise this via social media? d. Was a mailout done to advise people of the new website and scheduled workshops? e. Were stakeholders notified/invited? f. Who were the stakeholders that were notified/invited? g. Were State Governments and/or their representatives, as one of the largest providers of VET, invited to the workshops? h. If not, why not? <p>12. Why was no media release issued advising of the formation of the VET Reform Taskforce?</p> <p>13. Who are the members of the VET Reform Taskforce?</p> <p>14. What are there no Terms of Reference for the Taskforce?</p> <p>15. Are there official agendas? If so, are these publicly available?</p> <p>16. When will the outcome of the Taskforce be reported? When does the Government intend to respond?</p>			
AI-152	Carr	Science, Research & Innovation Division	Research Capacity	<p>You have carriage of the Australia-China Science and Research Fund and the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund? These funds terminate in 2013-14 and 2015-16 respectively? Have you had representations from our partners in regards to the termination of these funds? What is the nature of these representations?</p>	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Education on 17.03.14)		
AI-153	Xenophon	Enterprise & Skills Connect Division	Aged Care Workforce Innovation Network Reform Ready Review	<p>In April 2012, the former Government announced the Living Longer, Living Better aged care reform. As part of this reform, the government established an initiative known as the Workforce Innovation Network, managed by the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council, to undertake Reform Ready Reviews of Aged Care providers. These reviews, as I understand, were offered in a limited number of local government areas and were designed to assist provider prepare their respective organisations for the Living Longer, Living Better aged care reforms. Can you please advise the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current status of this initiative? 2. How many reviews have occurred? 3. What mechanisms are in place to determine the effectiveness of the review? 4. What will become of the Reform Ready Review process from 1 July 2014? 	Written (Transferred from Dept. of Social Services on 19.03.14)		