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QON No.	Senator	Subject	Full Question Text	Division or Agency	Proof Hansard Ref / Written
NDIA SQ19-000210	Watt, Murray	SDA Reference Group	Ms Rundle: We are aware that they are. Like many investors, there are many different groups building SDA housing. Senator WATT: You are aware that Macquarie Group is the only financial services representative on the NDIA's specialist disability accommodation reference group? Ms Rundle: I would need to check that. I'm not sure that's entirely correct. It may be. There are a range of <u>representatives on the SDA reference group, and they are only one of many.</u>	NDIA	24/10, Page 6
NDIA SQ19-000211	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: When did NDIA first become aware Dr Nugent was conducting work from an external server? Ms Rundle: If you're asking about a date for the first time Dr Nugent ever sent an email from that service. I would need to check that. Dr Nugent has been chair since January 2017 and she has used both emails, as I have just described, which is not unusual. Senator WATT: Can you take on notice when the department first became aware that Dr Nugent was conducting NDIA work from an external server? Ms Rundle: I will.	NDIA	24/10, Page 7
SQ19-000290	Watt, Murray	Personal Email Use by Board Chairpersons	Senator WATT: Ms Campbell, is the department aware of any other government appointed chair using a personal email for government business? Ms Campbell: We generally involve ourselves with the boards that we are focused on. Senator WATT: With those, are there any examples you can give us? Ms Campbell: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: Okay, but are you aware of any? Ms Campbell: I'm just thinking of the chairs within our portfolio. Primarily the significant board is the NDIA. Senator WATT: Can you take that on notice for me?	DSS	24/10, Page 7
SQ19-000291	Siewert, Rachel	Elder Abuse in Institutional Settings	Senator SIEWERT: To your knowledge, who is looking at this issue in an institutional setting? Dr Carson: I would have to take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT: <u>Could you take that on notice? That would be appreciated.</u>	AIFS	24/10, Page 10
NDIA SQ19-000212	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: We will have some questions for AIFS as well, but I'm keen to complete the NDIA issues. Going back to where we were before, how many emails relating to NDIA or NDIS matters has Dr Nugent received or sent from her Macquarie Group email? Ms Rundle: I would need to take that on notice.	NDIA	24/10, Page 10
NDIA SQ19-000213	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: There has been some media coverage of that email regarding Mr Rubenach? It is obviously a tragic situation. Emails regarding his situation were sent to Dr Nugent's Macquarie account? Ms Rundle: Yes, I think I do recall that being in one of the media articles. Senator WATT: So you are aware of that occurring? Ms Rundle: Yes Senator WATT: Are you aware of any other instances where personal information regarding NDIS participants has been sent to or from Dr Nugent's Macquarie email address? Ms Rundle: As I said earlier, I would really need to check that for you.	NDIA	24/10, Page 11
NDIA SQ19-000214	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: So, you are aware of those email [regarding Mr Rubenach]. I assume you're aware of the NDIA's privacy policy? Ms Rundle: I am. Senator WATT: You don't think that there's any breach of the privacy policy in this instance or any others that we may yet not be aware of? Ms Rundle: I think I've explained, or tried to, that I'm not able to answer that question until I ascertain the <u>answers to some of your earlier questions.</u>	NDIA	24/10, Page 12
NDIA SQ19-000215	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: Just to remind you - the NDIA's privacy policy states, among other things: We take steps to ensure that no-one outside the NDIA can access information we hold about someone without that person's consent, unless that access is authorised or required under law. Did the family of Mr Rubenach consent to Dr Nugent accessing his sensitive information in her capacity as a Macquarie representative/tenant, whatever she might be? Ms Rundle: You've asked me a number of questions that go back to the original question which I need to answer. You're asking me another question now where I'm unable to answer that until I ascertain some of the <u>earlier facts. I would need to come back to you.</u>	NDIA	24/10, Page 12

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NDIA SQ19-000436	Hughes, Hollie	Macquarie Group Emails	Senator HUGHES: And I tend to then reply from that email. Perhaps you can also take on notice how many of the emails were actually initiated by Ms Nugent versus how many emails were people actually getting in contact with her directly via that email and her simply replying to them, and so the email contact would therefore not be a breach of privacy if they've initiated the contact on that email? Thank you.	NDIA	24/10, Page 13
NDIA SQ19-000216	Bilyk, Catryna	Media Story	Senator BILYK: This is a point of clarification. If this has been asked before, obviously tell me, but when did you become aware of this media story [regarding Mr Rubenach]? Ms Rundle: On the day that the media occurred. I described that earlier. Senator BILYK: Why have you not checked whether it is a breach of privacy or not in the interim? Ms Rundle: We always look at all of the media reports and we always investigate them.	NDIA	24/10, Page 13
NDIA SQ19-000431	Bilyk, Catryna	NDIA Breach of Privacy Process and Timeframes	Ms Rundle: I was going to say if there has been breach of privacy- if there has-it is very likely that that's been a breach of privacy on the NDIA side, not Dr Nugent's side. Senator BILYK: I wasn't asking whose breach of privacy it was. I just want to know if it was a breach of privacy. Ms Rundle: What I will do for you, if it is helpful, is try to be helpful and answer your earlier question. I can explain to you and on notice describe the way that we investigate our breaches of privacy and the timelines. Senator BILYK: Okay	NDIA	24/10, Page 14
NDIA SQ19-000217	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: Just to finish off the email point: where is the Macquarie Group's email server based? Is it based in Australia or is it based overseas? Ms Rundle: I can't answer that. I would need to ask.	NDIA	24/10, Page 14
NDIA SQ19-000218	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Ms Rundle: There is a conflict of interest disclosure by all members, and Ms Nugent has always met the conflict of interest disclosures. Senator WATT: Could you please table Dr Nugent's conflict of interest disclosure? Ms Rundle: We will take that on notice.	NDIA	24/10, Page 15
NDIA SQ19-000361	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group	Ms Campbell: My understanding is she is not employed by Macquarie Group. Ms Rundle: That is right. Senator WATT: Is she receiving any benefit from them? Ms Campbell: I have no knowledge of that. We would have to take that on notice.	NDIA	24/10, Page 15
NDIA SQ19-000350	Kitching, Kimberley	Macquarie Group email	Senator KITCHING: Was that the [Macquarie] email address Ms Nugent actually gave when she started as chair? Was there a form? Did she nominate and say: 'Look, this is the best email for me. Please email me at this email address?' Ms Campbell: When she nominated, she wouldn't have been chair. Therefore, she wouldn't have had an NDIA address. Senator KITCHING: You know how you might say to someone, 'Look, this is a good email address for me. Send it to this email address?' Ms Campbell: When she first- Senator KITCHING: When she was first at the organisation. Ms Campbell: We would have to take that on notice, and I think Ms Rundle has taken that on notice.	NDIA	24/10, Page 16
NDIA SQ19-000219	Watt, Murray	Macquarie Group email	Senator WATT: Could I just take five more minutes? We are not finished with this. This is going to take a little while. Five minutes would enable me to finish a bracket of questions, if that's okay? Given that Ms Nugent's Macquarie Group email is on private email server and is therefore not subject of FOI law, will Dr Nugent agree to provide any NDIA related correspondence from her Macquarie Group email? Ms Rundle: I would need to take that on notice. I don't know whether that's possible. I don't know the answer to that, so we will find out for you.	NDIA	24/10, Page 17

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SQ19-000294	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Poverty Research	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Relative to other countries, how does Australia's tax and transfer perform in terms of reducing poverty?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: I still didn't quite understand. Tax and transfer systems? That is not something the institute has investigated, so I wouldn't really be able to comment on that.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: You have no thoughts on it at all?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: I'm not really in a position to give my personal views on this. If you wanted some information that we could garner from other sources, we'd be happy to assist to provide on notice any information we can find, but that's not something we've ever been asked to consider, to my knowledge.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: I just have a couple of questions, and this will give the heads up to the output later on. Which groups of Australians are most at risk of poverty?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Hand: We could pull together on notice from a number of sources the research we've done around that. We haven't done any research specifically around that in recent years, but much of our work would touch on that in some way and we would be happy to look into that for you.</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: I reiterate that it is a complex issue that would require probably a detailed explanation. It's a bit hard to cover in one verbal interaction.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: It is just that you've said First Nations would be one group. What other groups might be affected and most at risk of poverty? I don't think that's a difficult question.</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: It may not seem to be a difficult question, but it has many layers to it, which we would prefer to answer in writing once we check all of the work that's been done at the institute in the past, if that's all right.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: What about people on Newstart?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: We would probably take that on notice as part of that earlier answer.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: What about pensioners in private rental?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: It's a similar situation. We would be able to address those details in a written response and we will investigate those questions for you in detail. We are very happy to do that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: What have other countries done to decrease poverty?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: Again, as part of our answer on notice, we could give you information available as to what's</p>	AIFS	24/10, Pages 18 & 19
SQ19-000296	Kitching, Kimberley	Poverty and Linkages to Income Support Research	<p>Senator KITCHING: maybe an analogy is available here. In previous iterations of the Newstart payment did the institute do any research at that point? You may not have done any research into Newstart, but have you done research in the past on similar types of payments?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: On payments?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, on payments. To perhaps the same group of people. Obviously, people might have received other payments that weren't called Newstart. You understand?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Hand: The institute has undertaken research with people who are experiencing significant disadvantage in different ways over the years. Not specifically a project that focused on Newstart or its previous iterations. We have looked at particular groups that may have come up in our findings, and their relationship to the income support system. I think we would have to take it on notice, though. A lot of that is quite a long time ago.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you could take that on notice and then provide it to committee members, that would be very helpful.</p>	AIFS	24/10, Page 19
SQ19-000295	McCarthy, Malarndirri/ and Watt, Murray	Research into Linkages Between Poverty and Income Support	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Would increasing Newstart be a fair, efficient and effective way to alleviate poverty?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: Similar to my earlier answer, we haven't been asked to investigate that question.</p> <p>Senator WATT: You may not have been asked to investigate that. In fact, I'm sure this government hasn't asked you to investigate that. But does the institute have a position on that?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: No, the institute doesn't have a position on that. As I said, we are very happy to undertake some investigation now for you to pull together what is available that might help inform an answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: Absolutely.</p>	AIFS	24/10, Page 19

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SQ19-000297	Siewert, Rachel	Definition of Poverty	<p>Senator SIEWERT: On notice, have you ever done anything around the definition of poverty?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: I don't believe so.Senator SIEWERT: You've never been asked to?</p> <p>Ms Hollonds: No, we haven't. In our submission to the intergenerational welfare inquiry, we did reference some research in there that we could provide for you as part of our answer on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be great.</p>	AIFS	24/10, Page 19
SQ19-000298	Kitching, Kimberley	Contract notices for McKinsey Services	<p>Senator KITCHING: I understand as the Secretary of the department you might be going to see the chair of the NDIA or other agencies. In all of those briefings with Dr Nugent, McKinseys was never providing services to the department? So there was no conflict that way either?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I would have to ask Mr Lye whether we have ever engaged McKinsey. I can't recall.</p> <p>Mr Lye: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Can you check?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When you provide that detail, are you able to give me the AusTender contract notices?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We should be able to. That is what we will look for. ...</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 21
NDIA SQ19-000220	Watt, Murray	Selection criteria awarding contracts	<p>Senator WATT: Why was McKinsey awarded \$25 million in consultancies over any other firm with the same service offering without competitive tenders?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I first have to be clear that they all followed proper processes. I want to dispel any view that they might have just been given a tender without any due process.</p> <p>Senator WATT: What selection applied to those contracts?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: That's what we're just getting to now. The three that we used off the panel would have gone through the usual panel processes where we would have assured ourselves of value for money. I do have it. I will find it in a moment.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Does this panel process mean you have a panel of, say, four or five consultancies that you can choose from without going through a competitive process? Is that what you mean by panel?</p> <p>Ms Woodburn: The panels that we often use are established by other government agencies. The particular panel in question was established by the Department of Finance. They go through a range of processes to establish the panel. When we identify the need to use various organisations, we will draw from the panel and so there is a competitive process for those organisations to be selected and put on to the panel. Then the NDIA will obviously go out with a scope of requirements off those panels.</p> <p>Senator WATT: What selection criteria applied to the awarding of these contracts that didn't go to a competitive tender?</p> <p>Ms Woodburn: We would need to have a look at those specific contracts.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Can you table any documents relating to the selection process, please?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We can't table them today. We don't have them.</p> <p>Senator WATT: No. You can take that on notice...</p>	NDIA	24/10, Pages 21-22
NDIA SQ19-000224	Watt, Murray	New NDIA CEO	<p>Senator WATT: Is there any reason you would go back to Russell Reynolds to find you another CEO, given last time they did this, the guy they found didn't last two years?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I would make two comments. Firstly, I have explained already why we chose and recommended Russell Reynolds to the people and remuneration committee. Secondly, we had a really high-calibre selection panel and I had every confidence that they would pick the right person.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Even though the last time it didn't really work out?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I would like to take the opportunity to recognise Mr De Luca's contribution-</p> <p>Senator WATT: I don't have anything against him personally, but it's a very highly paid and important position that he was recruited for and he left with two years. I'm a little bit surprised that you would go back to the same recruitment agency to find another CEO.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Ms Rundle will take that question on notice.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Pages 23-24
NDIA SQ19-000221	Watt, Murray	Remuneration Committee	<p>Ms Rundle: Just going back, I think the people and remuneration committee of the board decided. We always provide advice on these things.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Who is a member of the remuneration committee of the board?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I will need to take that on notice.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 22
NDIA SQ19-000351	Watt, Murray	Conflicts of Interest	<p>Senator WATT: Has Dr Nugent disclosed any potential conflict of interest involving McKinsey or Macquarie Group?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I will need to go back and check that. I can't recall that being the case, but I haven't been in my role for longer than six months and I may not have visibility.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 22

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NDIA SQ19-000222	Watt, Murray	New NDIA CEO	<p>Senator WATT: Was she involved in the decision to use Russell Reynolds to find a new CEO?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I will have to go back and check who was at the meeting where they would have ratified the recommendation by myself.</p> <p>Senator WATT: So, the decision to use Russell Reynolds to find a new CEO did arise from a competitive tender? Did Dr Nugent suggest using Russell Reynolds?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I can't ever recall her suggesting to use Russell Reynolds for this.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Can you take that on notice just for the sake of completeness?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 23
NDIA SQ19-000223	Watt, Murray	New NDIA CEO	<p>Senator WATT: That is what I said. If you could take that on notice. One of the reasons I'm a bit concerned about using Russell Reynolds- they found the last CEO of the NDIA, who didn't last two years in the job. Did Russell Reynolds offer a discount to find another suitable candidate this time round?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Would you repeat the question?</p> <p>Senator WATT: I am just wondering, given the unhappy experience last time around in recruiting a CEO and how long he lasted, did Russell Reynolds offer you a discount this time to have a second crack at it?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I would need to check that for you.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 23
NDIA SQ19-000365	Watt, Murray	New NDIA CEO	<p>Senator WATT: Can you take on notice the number of times the chair has previously used Russell Reynolds for recruitment processes?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: In respect of the NDIA?</p> <p>Senator WATT: Or outside the NDIA?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We would have to ask Dr Nugent.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 23
NDIA SQ19-000366	Watt, Murray	New NDIA CEO	<p>Senator WATT: What email address was Dr Nugent using in that communication with Russell Reynolds?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Do you know whether she was using her Macquarie group email?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I do not know.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 24
NDIA SQ19-000225	Watt, Murray	Speaking Engagements Dr Nugent	<p>Senator WATT: How many media engagements has the chair undertaken?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I'm not aware of any and I would need to check that, but I think that's fairly accurate.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 26
NDIA SQ19-000364	Watt, Murray	Speaking Engagements - Previous Chair	<p>Senator WATT: How many speaking/media opportunities did the previous Chair take up?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'd have to take that on notice.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 26
NDIA SQ19-000226	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How long has the Deputy CEO, participants and planning experience, been acting in this role?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Since the beginning of September. I could get the exact date. It might have been the 4th, but we'll check it for you, if you want us to.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: That would be good. The beginning of September is fine but, on notice, perhaps you could give us the actual date.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 31
NDIA SQ19-000482	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How long has the general manager of service delivery and performance been acting in this role?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: That particular person is not acting in the role. They are actually in the role and—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So they've been appointed as the permanent—</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes. They're actually contracted. They're a contractor. That's the term of their appointment. Mr Hamish Aikman can tell you if he's got the term of that appointment here. We may have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Aikman: I'll need to take it on notice specifically to get the dates. But, in terms of the appointment to that role, the person who is filling that role has done so for some time. I'll be more precise about it, but it is at least 12 months in that role.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you have an understanding of how long these contracts normally run for?</p> <p>Mr Aikman: Yes. I don't have that detail with me just at the moment but, for every single role within the SES, the senior executive staff organisation, we have that information.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I'll continue and you will give me that information on notice, if you don't have it here?</p> <p>Mr Aikman: Sure.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 31

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NDIA SQ19-000227	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How long has the general manager of the division been acting? Is that a similar situation as the general manager of service delivery and performance?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: He's no longer acting. We had an acting person in the role for about five weeks while the substantive occupant was away on leave and that person has just come back. I am not sure how recent your information is.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: That's why I'm asking. You're going to give me the most recent information?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes, we will.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 31
NDIA SQ19-000228	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you have an understanding of how long these [SES] contracts normal run for?</p> <p>Mr Aikman: Yes, I don't have that detail with me just at the moment but, for every single role within the SES, the senior executive of the staff organisation, we have that information.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I'll continue and you will give me that information on notice, if you don't have it here.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 31
NDIA SQ19-000229	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I'll take you up on your offer to provide information on notice and perhaps you can clearly outline where people (NDIA SES staff) were and, if there are new people - it doesn't seem, as though that's happened yet - that would be good. Has the executive pay increased or decreased since the NDIS rollout? Perhaps you could give me some figures.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes. If you're seeking more than what is reported in the annual report, I don't have anything further than what is publicly reported. The reporting requirements for executive remuneration did change this year from the Department of Finance; so in the public information, it's not possible to compare them as easily as it might seem. But we can provide any information, if you can be specific about that.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 32
NDIA SQ19-000437	Brown, Carol	CEO Remuneration	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Thank you. How much will the new CEO, Mr Hoffman, be paid?</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 33
NDIA SQ19-000230	Brown, Carol	NDIA SES Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Has the executive pay increased or decreased since the NDIS rollout? Perhaps you could give me some figures.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes. If you're seeking more than what is reported in the annual report, I don't have anything further than what is publicly reported. The reporting requirements for executive remuneration did change this year from the Department of Finance; so in the public information, it's not possible to compare them as easily as it might seem. But we can provide any information, if you can be specific about that.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Will you include information around the percentage decrease or increase?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 33
NDIA SQ19-000231	Brown, Carol	NDIA Executive Staff	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you have figures, Ms Rundle, around the executive staff turnover rate?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Executive staff turnover rates? Do you mean-</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: People leaving.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Everyone in an executive position in the agency? Do you mean SES, senior executive service, and equivalents, or would you like me to include the EL1s and EL2s, the next level down?</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can I have that across those three levels that you've mentioned? You can give it to me on notice, if you don't have that information.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes, we will need to do that.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 34
NDIA SQ19-000232	Brown, Carol	Utilisation rate	<p>Mr Aikman: I could probably just add to that in that the annualised turnover rate hovers between 10.5 and 11 per cent for the agency staff overall. But in terms of the specific breakdowns by different levels, we'd need to take that question on notice and do that work.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I did find the per cent for remote and very remote. For remote, the average utilisation in the period 1 January last year to 31 December last year was 63 per cent; and in very remote, it was 39 per cent.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: On notice, are you able to provide that over what plan we're talking about, plan 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5—or don't you keep that information?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I'll need to check for you, but we'll certainly try to do that for you. We should be able to do that, yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 34

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NDIA SQ19-000362	Hughes, Hollie	Support Coordinators	<p>Senator HUGHES: Do we have an issue with support coordinators being employed by some of the old, larger block-funded providers and the way they are directing participants to utilise their funds? It would be interesting to see those directives and whether there is any crossover from where support coordinators are employed versus where people are being directed to utilise services. My understanding is that they should have been separate but there was nothing necessarily driving that.</p> <p>Mr Lye: We would be happy to follow that up.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 35
NDIA SQ19-000233	McMahon, Sam	Access to the NDIS	<p>Senator McMAHON: Thank you, Chair. I've been receiving reports from constituents in my hometown of Katherine in the Northern Territory of difficulties accessing the NDIS, most commonly long waiting times for having plans approved. Is the department aware of this and any similar issues in remote areas across Australia?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Ms Rundle will have better data on that.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes. Katherine is one of the areas that we talked to the Northern Territory government about as a possible area to look at utilisation and how plans are working for people. That was in relation to markets, low utilisation. We would need to check for you that level of detail. While our quarterly report does show our waiting times and we have information around waiting times, we don't have it down to the Katherine level. So I'll need to take that question on notice, if that's okay?</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 35
NDIA SQ19-000234	Siewert, Rachel	Community Connectors	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You said 121 [connectors] were embedded in community, but they are obviously not in all the communities; so how many communities would each connector serve?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I haven't got the right person here to answer the detail of that, but I'm trying to get as much coverage around the country in all of the communities, and where it's a large community or a very geographically dispersed community it's likely that we'll have more than one. Recently in Kalgoorlie I met with a couple of the Community Connectors we fund, and they have so far brought quite a few people in whom we had not been able to contact.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that question on notice?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 36
NDIA SQ19-000235	Siewert, Rachel	Community Connectors	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Also, are some employed in the community part-time so they can service just that community—because they are more trusted than someone coming into that community from outside?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes, that is our aim. I would need to check for you.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 36
SQ19-000301	Steele-John, Jordon	Disability Royal Commission - Indigenous Advocacy Funding	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Fantastic. It is okay if you need to take this on notice: within the Indigenous advocacy funding, is there a breakdown as to individual and systemic there?</p> <p>Mr Lye: There is. We can get that for you. ...</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 37
NDIA SQ19-000236	Steele-John, Jordon	Royal Commission	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Has the agency received any information or data requests from the royal commission in your time as acting CEO?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Are you talking about the aged-care royal commission or the disability—</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Sorry; the royal commission into disability, violence and exploitation.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: No, not to my knowledge yet.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you take that on notice so that we know?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 38
NDIA SQ19-000237	Steele-John, Jordon	Royal Commission	<p>Ms Rundle: I have looked at the provisions under which I am able to release information. It would always be in our interest to be helpful and work collaboratively with the royal commission. We've done that so far on every single request that came in previously with the aged-care royal commission. The one thing that I'm always cognisant of is, if we are releasing anything that I would write, particularly in relation to participants, I would not want to release any information without conferring with participants—but that hasn't been the case so far. There are a number of points that I need to satisfy myself about in relation to public interest. In each case previously, I've satisfied myself that it was in the public interest to release the information to the royal commission.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. Could you provide, on notice, the number of times that you or the previous CEO had to make that call in relation to requests of that nature, and, additionally, any rationale or processes you've developed to guide you in making that decision? I'm trying to get a picture of not only what you are responsible for under the act but also how you have then turned that into a guide for CEOs in this area.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 38

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NDIA SQ19-000481	Abetz, Eric	NDIS Employment	<p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but do you prioritise them and try to assist them to ensure that they can deliver the service? I would have thought that, for an agency like yours, prioritising the disability employment sector would be up there in lights. The reason I've come here—just to try to truncate all of this—is that I wrote to my now Senate colleague Ms Henderson when she had the head ministerial responsibility. I was amazed at the bureaucratic response that was given. There didn't seem to be, quite frankly, heart and soul in the response that disability was your core business. So disability employment providers might be an area that you could give special attention to. Without taking any further time of the committee, could I invite you, Ms Rundle, to take on notice all of the providers that you do use around the country and the extent, in dollar terms, of those services, because that might give us an indication of how engaged you are. Having said all of that, can I please encourage you and all your state offices to use the disability sector as much as you possibly can?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Could I seek a point of clarification? You're talking, aren't you, about procurement for services to the agency rather than the ADEs that we fund through participant plans?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. I just think it would be an exceptionally good look if the agency itself could be seen as proactively engaging with disability employment providers in our community.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 39
NDIA SQ19-000238	Siewert, Rachel	Plan Utilisation	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to come back to that question. I want to know how many have actually activated their plan and what percentage of usage of their plan they are using [to be broken down by state]. Does that make sense?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: It does. I may have to take some on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice? I'm trying to work out whether people are able to access the services now they've actually accessed the NDIS.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 40
NDIA SQ19-000239	Siewert, Rachel	Streamlined Access	<p>Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the streamlined access, how many people have been assisted through that process?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I would need to take that on notice. The streamlined access only started from 1 April, I understand, this year.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That's six months, though?</p> <p>Rundle: Yes, that's true. What I did notice, and I wondered about this myself, was whether the difference between the eight per cent and the 12 per cent correlated to that streamlined access starting, and I don't know the answer to that yet.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take that on notice, it would be interesting to find out about that.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 40-41
NDIA SQ19-000240	Siewert, Rachel	Streamlined Access	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Of those 33 per cent, do you know where they came from? Are they people who have not had supports before? Are they people that have had supports that haven't accessed services for quite a while? How many were transitioning, with respect to those that were accessing PIR? We got some figures yesterday, but it wasn't clear whether, with the people that weren't accessing, it was because they weren't eligible.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: You want the story, don't you, of state, territory and Commonwealth clients that were receiving services? In the main, most of those people came straight into the scheme because of the arrangements with states and territories. If they didn't meet the age or residence requirements, it would be very unlikely for them to not have come into the scheme. I'm hazarding a guess that many of these will be about news. We'll find out for you.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 41
NDIA SQ19-000241	Siewert, Rachel	Psychosocial Pathway	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you take on notice when it's [the psychosocial pathway] happening in WA and where it's happening in WA? WA is a big state, so I'd like to know if it's covering the whole state or whether people have to travel.</p> <p>Mr Walter: Ultimately, by June 2020, it will, but I'll have to get the exact details for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated. Are you taking on notice the utilisation of the packages?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 41

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NDIA SQ19-000242	Siewert, Rachel	Psychosocial Pathway	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you tell me the average value of a psychosocial package?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Senator, I will need to take that on notice. I knew you would ask me that, and I should have had it ready, so I apologise.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I would like the average value, the minimum and the maximum, please. How many people with a psychosocial package have also had access to the specialised disability accommodation funding?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: That's another good question and I don't have the answer with me. We can definitely look for you. We can look by the psychosocial disabilities in our actuarial data and compare that to the SDA that we know about.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 41
NDIA SQ19-000243	Siewert, Rachel	Hospital Liaison Officers	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice where they are—of the 50 [hospital and justice liaison officers], where around Australia they are? Does that make sense?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes. We don't have them yet, though; we're rolling them out, but we will—</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 42
NDIA SQ19-000244	Brown, Carol	Participants who have restarted	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you keep the details on how many participants needed to be restarted, back to the beginning?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We'll have a look for you, for a defined period of time of course, but this is all specified. This is all specified; this is not new information. This is how the act has been constructed. So the act—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You need to have a look at this in total. It's okay to say some people are getting dealt with within 20 days, but we don't know how many people have been restarted. And the fact is that planners should be asking for this information and not then going down the track and saying, 'You need to give us this as well.' This has been one of the issues that have been brought up constantly, I'm sure, with anyone that deals with NDIS participants and/or their families.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 45
NDIA SQ19-000245	Kitching, Kimberley	Participants who have restarted	<p>Ms Rundle: Yes. And the way the act has been constructed is—I always thought it has been in the interests of participants—that it gives them that extra time rather than cut the access process off and have to start all over again.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I think that's a good point. Just to drill down on that, would there be any extra information that was required where it was so substantive that one would need to restart the clock?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We would need to check that for you. Generally, we give a lot of advice to people now about what they need. We need evidence of age, residency and disability and functional impairment. The latter bit for some people usually takes a little longer because, if they're a new participant and they haven't approached the scheme before, they're required to get some information from their general practitioner or other therapist to show that they have limited functional impairment such that they need the supports of the scheme. We often ask for extra information. Often we get extra information to help a person get an access decision, if we know that it's likely they could. It's required under the act for us to make a decision in the full knowledge of the person's disability, but it also acts in the interests of the participant.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 45
NDIA SQ19-000246	Kitching, Kimberley	NDIS Backlog	<p>Senator KITCHING: Does the agency think the backlog is cleared across the whole scheme and it's not what Minister Robert was saying?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: You mean every point of the pathway, don't you?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 46

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SQ19-000302	Steele-John, Jordan	Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) - National Information Program	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. Also, about 350 folks applied for ILC funding in that round and I think 37 were successful in their application. Do you provide individual feedback on applications that are unsuccessful so that organisations can figure out where they may have gone wrong and then are able to adjust for future applications?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Can I just ask you something first, Senator? When you refer to 37, are you referring to the National Information Program round that's just been announced, because there were 37 recipients there?</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes. That's 350 applications and 37 successful recipients; that would be the one that I'm referring to.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't have specific knowledge on this round and we could see whether we could get it. But generally, when there is a selection process run, the grants hub does provide feedback. Sometimes it's of a general level. Particularly if there were 350 and 313 of those were unsuccessful they might have given them general comments, but there is also the opportunity to seek more specific comments. I don't have the exact data on that round, I'm sorry, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Take it on notice; thank you very much.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 51
NDIA SQ19-000247	Steele-John, Jordan	ILC Grant Round	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Take it on notice; thank you very much. I'd like to turn now to the information that I have here in relation to the amount of money that the agency has been allocated to deal with the royal commission into disability abuse. It is still 27.62 million?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't think there have been any changes to that.</p> <p>Mr Walter: No changes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I note that that's just shy of what's been given to advocates to do that work on the ground with participants. Could you give me some understanding as to what went into the calculation of that figure and the intended uses of that money?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: The Department of Social Services worked with the agency to develop those costings. I'm just seeing whether we've got any specific detail about what that breakup was. Do you guys have that detail?</p> <p>Mr Walter: We can take on notice to give you the exact breakdown....</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 51
NDIA SQ19-000248	Kitching, Kimberley	Assistive Technology	<p>Senator KITCHING: What is the wait time for assistive technology to arrive?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I'll just go to our data, if I may. I will have to take that on notice. I have numbers but not averages—</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 52
NDIA SQ19-000249	Kitching, Kimberley	Assistive Technology	<p>Senator KITCHING: I'm going to ask you to take on notice the percentage [of wheelchairs over \$5000 requiring a quote], and I can imagine there might be some participants whose conditions may worsen as they get older—so you start here and then you can't replace like for like. Do you know what I mean? So you then have to get approval. I would like that information.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 52
NDIA SQ19-000250	Kitching, Kimberley	Assistive Technology	<p>Senator KITCHING: You are going to give me the wait time for a plan review for assistive technology and you are going to give me a wait time for a plan review generally in the categories by which you normally break it down. I presume you do have categories?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We have wait times. We do know how many scheduled plan reviews are due. What you're referring to is a change of circumstance where a person might raise it. That's different. We don't have any visibility until people tell us that they want to do that.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 53
NDIA SQ19-000251	Kitching, Kimberley	Deaths in Scheme	<p>Senator KITCHING: What I want to know, and you can take it on notice—I will keep coming back to you about this, so it would save all of our time if you could give a full answer initially rather than have me come back to you again and again—is how many people have died in the time between submitting the access request form and receiving supports. I would like those figures to be provided in a breakdown of the various supports. I would like it broken down by state or territory. I would like that also with the information about the age of the applicant or the participant.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 53

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NDIA SQ19-000363	Kitching, Kimberley	Early Childhood Early Intervention	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can the agency provide answers in relation to the early intervention plans? I would like that by state and territory respectively for children under six years and children over six years. Also, in June, children were waiting, on average, 127 days to get access to an NDIS plan from the day they were deemed eligible for the scheme. Minister Robert said there were 4,700 children in June that had reached 50 days, that number is down to 1,700 and it will be zero by the end of the year. That is a different figure from the figure you gave me earlier, which I think was given in June 2019, when you told me 3,400. I'm going to give it to you on notice, but I'd like to understand the discrepancy around that figure.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Was all of that question on notice?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you can tell me why you have a figure of 3,400 and the minister has stated 4,700, that would be helpful now.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I know that the officers at the table do have the information by state.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We've got the information by state on early childhood plans, kids with early childhood plans. I can't answer that question without looking at the date that the minister was referring to.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you could find that detail, I will, through the minister, come back to you about the person who's been waiting for 18 months.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: That would be good.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Can I clarify that that question will be taken on notice?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I'm happy for it to be taken on notice because we're running out of time. I have suggested a spillover day. I'm not sure that my colleagues are necessarily minded that way.</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 54
NDIA SQ19-000252	Steele-John, Jordan	Deaths in Scheme	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Would you be able to take on notice for me—this may be a larger project—since we've been at full scheme, the number of folk that have exited the scheme due to passing away within my state of Western Australia since we started collecting that data, whenever the trial sites commenced way back when?</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 54
QSC SQ19-000026	Steele-John, Jordan	2019-20 Reportable Incidents to date	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you take on notice for me and provide the figures that you have for between the end of 2018-19 and today, in terms of the same categories that we've been talking about?</p> <p>Mr Head: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Particularly, I'm interested in referral to police.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	24/10, Page 55
NDIA SQ19-000253	Brown, Carol	Staffing	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What's the turnover rate for planners [by state and territory]?</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 56
NDIA SQ19-000254	Brown, Carol	Complaints	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How many complaints do you receive about planners?</p>	NDIA	24/10, Page 57
SQ19-000303	Siewert, Rachel	Activity Tested Payment by Work Capacity - September 2019	<p>Senator SIEWERT: This is the activity tested payment by work capacity of June 2019. There's a full table of the years for those corrected figures, as understand it, from 27 June 2014 to 28 June 2019.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you have the figures for the latest quarter?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: The latest quarter is the June quarter data.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You don't have anything for September?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can I ask you to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Certainly.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 58

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SQ19-000304	Siewert, Rachel	Partial Capacity to Work - Percentage of those reporting earnings	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... I'm very keen to know whether the figures that we've been using as a percentage are correct, or have you gone back and then -</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I'll need to find out if we've gone back and changed that data series or not. Off the top of my head, I'm not sure.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: It should come as no surprise that I'd be asking this, because I've asked about this before. And I've been particularly interested in that group of people who have a disability or are sick who have not been eligible for DSP and whether they've been able to gain work.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We will see if we can get you that data today. But, if not, we can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated. Are you able to tell me, for the 289,489 - for that percentage - how many have earnings? Are you able to tell me that now?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No.</p> <p>Mr Bennett: That is the question, I think, we just took on notice to get that for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williamson: And also that, yes. We only have the earnings data for the whole of the Newstart population. We don't have it broken down right here for the partial-capacity-to-work population. We are just checking to see if it's available for us to be able to tell you that today. If not, we will take it on notice. We have officials looking at it.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 59
SQ19-000305	Siewert, Rachel	Partial Capacity to Work - Range of Earnings	<p>Mr Williamson: In the June quarter, the population you were talking about was 289,489. Of those, 41,907 had earnings in the last fortnight, representing about 14½ per cent.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to tell me the range of their earnings?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Sorry, we don't have that here.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I'm interested to know the degree to which they're earning.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Certainly.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 60
SQ19-000306	Siewert, Rachel	Range of Earnings for Newstart Recipients and those with Partial Capacity to Work	<p>Senator SIEWERT: They're in the partial capacity to work group. What about the work capacity for 30 hours plus per week? Mr Williamson: I don't think we've got a breakdown of the range of earnings. Again, we would have to take that on notice. We could provide the information on the range of earnings for both—the whole Newstart population and the partial capacity to work population. Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Then, on notice, could you work backwards so we have it for all of the recalculation group of people. ... Mr Williamson: Partial capacity would be a subset of that. We would have to go through and break that up for you. Senator SIEWERT: That would be much appreciated.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williamson: For Senator Siewert, we do have some of those numbers for the partial capacity to work and their earnings broken down, if you would like. We were able to get that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That's fantastic. Have you got it in a table you could table, or do you have to—</p> <p>Ms Campbell: No. I think we can do it quickly.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We could give you a couple quickly and then provide the rest on notice, if that is okay.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Give me the top ones.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I think now we've given you all the June 2019 data. We will give you the rest of the information that you requested on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 61 & 78

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SQ19-000307	Siewert, Rachel	Partial Capacity to Work - Exemptions from Activity Test Requirements	<p>Senator SIEWERT: How many people with a partial capacity to work have had an exemption from the activity test requirements?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: As I understand it, the issue we'll have is that the exemption is done at a higher level. I don't have the ability to break it down at the moment between people with PCW, who'd have the exemption, versus non-PCW, so I'm going to have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I'm speculating that people with a partial capacity to work may have an increased number of exemptions.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We can test that hypothesis for you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be great. How much is it for the broader group of people?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: I don't have the exemptions with me, let alone the subsets.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice for exemptions against the broader group of people on Newstart and then for those with a partial capacity to work? You can break it down that far, can't you?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We're unlikely to have that data with us today.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I understand. I'll put them on notice;</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 61
SQ19-000309	Siewert, Rachel	Program of Support - Participation Exemptions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... Could you take on notice - I'm presuming that you won't be able to answer this one either - the number of people who have a program of participation exemption while on a program of support?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: No, we don't have that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You don't keep that at all?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: Exemption data is department of employment data -</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We have to go to Employment to get that data.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 62
SQ19-000310	Dodson, Patrick	Newstart and Youth Allowance - Drought-declared Areas	<p>Senator DODSON: Thank you, Mr Acting Chair. The set of questions go to Newstart and youth allowances. How many people are on Newstart or youth allowances in the drought-declared areas?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We don't have data broken down to the local government areas that are drought declared. We'd have to take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Thank you. Could you also take on notice, since you don't have the basics, how long has this change been going on over the last five years? Has there been any change here in the last five years?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: You're interested in the number of people on Newstart in those areas over the previous five years?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: How many people in the drought-declared areas have had the ordinary waiting period - and it may relate particularly to the drought period - or the liquid assets waiting period waived because of financial hardship?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: I would have to take that one on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 64
SQ19-000311	Dodson, Patrick	Pensions and Deeming Rates	<p>Senator DODSON: My other set of questions go, in the main, to the minister's press release on 14 July, which was a really good press release, Minister. It goes to pensions and deeming rates. Does the department know the number of people impacted by deeming rates broken down by state, territory and payment types?</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 64
SQ19-000312	Dodson, Patrick	Pensioners Financial Assets	<p>Senator DODSON: What's the average value of the financial assets held by pensioners and how are financial assets distributed amongst the pensioners? Can you break that down either by quartiles or short periods?</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 64
SQ19-000313	Dodson, Patrick	Cost of Deeming Rates Changes	<p>Senator DODSON: When the minister announced in the press release on 14 July that there would be changes to the deeming rates, dropping the upper deeming rate from 3.25 per cent to three per cent and dropping the lower deeming rate from 1.75 per cent to one per cent, the press release indicated that this costs \$600 million over four years. What is the annual cost of this change?</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 65
SQ19-000314	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Pension Loans Scheme - Total and Average Value of Loans	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Can I take you to the Pension Loans Scheme? I want to get some information. How many outstanding loans are there?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: Currently - that's a September figure - there are 1,131 participants in the Pension Loans Scheme.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: What's the total and average value of the loans?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: I don't have that here with me. I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 67

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SQ19-000315	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Pension Loans Scheme - Average Value of Fortnightly Payments	Senator McCARTHY: What's the average value of fortnightly payments that people elect to have under the Pension Loans Scheme? Ms McGuirk: I don't have that average value. I'll have to take that on notice.	DSS	24/10, Page 67
SQ19-000316	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Pension Loans Scheme - Minister Briefing	Senator McCARTHY: You said you briefed the government yesterday. When was the time before that? ... Mr Williamson: In the 2019-20 budget. Senator McCARTHY: In May? Senator Ruston: No, that is actually not correct. In fact, in May Mr Williamson briefed me because there were some changes because of the greater availability of this product that came into effect on 1 July. I was briefed around the implication of that at the time. I'm not sure whether it was Mr Williamson or the secretary, but I was briefed in July. Senator McCARTHY: Early July? Senator Ruston: Yes, around that time. I couldn't be exactly sure. Senator McCARTHY: Would you like to take that question on notice? Mr Williamson: We can take that on notice, yes.	DSS	24/10, Page 68-69
SQ19-000317	Siewert, Rachel	Number of Children Living with Newstart or Youth Allowance Recipients	Senator SIEWERT: Do you know the number of children living with a parent or person who is on Newstart or Youth Allowance? Do you have oversight of that? ... Mr Williamson: We'll have to take it on notice. Senator SIEWERT: Can you take it on notice?	DSS	24/10, Page 70
SQ19-000318	Siewert, Rachel	Reactivated Debts	Senator SIEWERT: Okay. So the issue about the release of the pause on those very early debt notices that was reported last Saturday— Mr Williamson: That's Services Australia. Senator SIEWERT: I understand that. However, I want to know whether you knew that had happened. Had it been reported to you? Mr Williamson: Can you take me through exactly what you're asking? Senator SIEWERT: There was a release of the pause on some of the very early online compliance debt notices. It was reported in the newspaper on Saturday. You're looking at me blankly; you obviously don't know about this issue. Ms Campbell: We might have missed this one, Senator. Senator SIEWERT: It obviously has not been reported to you. Ms Campbell: Someone may have reported to us. I think I'm confused by 'media last Saturday', which I must have missed, so I'm just going to have a quick look. Senator SIEWERT: Let me take you through the scenario. As I understand it from the reporting, a group of identified potential debts that were put on hold through what was then DHS accidentally got reactivated earlier this year. Mr Bennett: Senator, I'm aware of what you're asking but I will need to take it on notice because it's going back to a point in time before I had responsibility for the activity. I would need to do the investigations around that. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice whether you were informed, when you were informed and what action you took when you heard about them?	DSS	24/10, Page 72
SQ19-000320	Dodson, Patrick	Increased Residency Period for the Pension and for Disability Support Pension (DSP)	Senator DODSON: ... How many people will be impacted by the increased residency period for the pension and for DSP for each of the forward estimate years and for the medium term? Mr Williamson: We won't have the medium term, but I'll ask Ms McGuirk to take you through the figures. Senator DODSON: In relation to the enhanced residency requirements, approximately 720 age pension and DSP claimants will be affected in each year. Can you break that down by state and territory? You may have to take that on notice. Ms McGuirk: We may not be able to do that, but I'll see what we can do.	DSS	24/10, Pages 72-73

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SQ19-000323	Dodson, Patrick	Liquid Assets Waiting Period (LAWP) for Newstart	<p>Senator DODSON: How many people will be impacted by increasing the liquid assets waiting period for Newstart for each of the forward estimate years and for the medium term?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: I can't answer for the medium term, but I can say that over the four-year period from 2019-20 to 2022-23 it would impact around 10,000 claimants each year.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Can you break that down by states and territories?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: I can't.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: What's the age and gender profile of the people impacted by the increased liquid assets waiting period?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We wouldn't have that information, Senator.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Would you take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Generally when we're modelling those sorts of measures we wouldn't model down to that level of detail. But I'll take it on notice to see if it's possible.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: It may be a useful exercise - not that I want to create more work for you. How many of these people who will be impacted over the forward estimates will be over 55?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Again that's something we would have to see if it's possible to get.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: And over 50?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'll look into it for you.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: What proportion of people over 50 will be men and what proportion will be women?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: What proportion of people get a job while serving the liquid assets waiting period?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: I don't know that.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 73
SQ19-000324	Dodson, Patrick	Liquid Assets Waiting Period (LAWP) - Application	<p>Senator DODSON: If a person gets a redundancy payment and puts the money into their home loan, would they still have to serve a liquid assets waiting period?</p> <p>Mr Bennett: If someone gets a redundancy and rolls it over to superannuation it's not counted for the liquid assets test waiting period, but for the scenario you're pointing out I would prefer to take that one on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 73
SQ19-000325	Dodson, Patrick	Non-Payment of the Pensioners' Supplement After Six Weeks Overseas	<p>Senator DODSON: Thank you. In relation to the proposed non-payment of the pensioners' supplement after six weeks overseas, how many pensioners will be impacted over each year of the forward estimates and the medium term?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: Senator, 88,000 recipients who currently reside overseas will be impacted. On top of that, 41,000 new departures in the first year, because that's a half-year effect if we look at a 1 January start date, and then 84,000 new departures every year after that.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Can they be broken down by states and territories?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: I don't believe so, but we will see what we can provide.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We can, but the people who are living overseas now won't have a home state or territory; we won't be able to identify that.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: If you can do that, can you do that by country of birth as well?</p> <p>Ms McGuirk: I'll see what can be provided to you on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 73-74
SQ19-000326	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Drug Testing Policy Support	<p>Senator McCARTHY: How many medical experts support the policy?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Thank you for taking that question on notice. I look forward to your response. How many addiction experts have supported this policy?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I think it's the same answer.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Okay - if you can take that question on notice. How many councils and mayors of the impacted communities have supported this policy?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I'll take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 74
SQ19-000444	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Newstart Recipients in Trial Site Over 55	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Of the three trial sites, how many would be over 55?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: It's a random selection and -</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: No. I'm just asking about the trial sites. How many on Newstart would be over 55?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We could take that on notice and tell you how many people are on Newstart in those three trial sites.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 76

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SQ19-000327	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Drug Testing	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Where would they be plucked from? The head?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY... Will hair be plucked from the head? What if the person is bald?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: With the testing of hair follicles, you are considering if someone has hair or doesn't have hair? Where would they get it from if it's not from their head? Is that the sort of consideration that's being done?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: So you're able to then tell me, Minister: if you don't take hair follicle from the head, where else you would take it? What if someone is a Muslim and they wear a headband? Have you thought of those things? Are these sorts of cultural sensitivities being taken into account?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: But, Minister, the department are not giving any confidence around the consideration that should be given to this even before the piece of legislation goes through the Senate or is debated in the Senate. I think it's important to hear from the department as to what kind of preparation or evidence they've received in relation to those areas of testing.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: This procurement, we expect, would be Services Australia procurement. We can take it on notice and provide you with the information that we have from them.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 77
SQ19-000328	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Drug Testing - Subsequent Periods of Income Support After Rehabilitation	<p>Senator SIEWERT: That is: if somebody tests positive in both tests and goes through treatment and then gets work and then loses that job, how do they stand in terms of income? Or for some reason the job finishes - just say it is casual work - do they go back onto the system of income management?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I don't think they would go back on because they'd actually come off payment, but I would like to confirm that for you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: How long they were off payment for and whether they were a new claimant or whether they were in the three-month period where they are relying on the previous nil rate-type of thing. It is the nil rate piece versus the new claimant. We might take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 78
SQ19-000329	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Merchant Code	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Is there a merchant code, though, for a brothel or sex worker?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 79
SQ19-000330	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Blocked Sites	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Is every online gambling site blocked for the cashless debit card?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I believe that they are, yes.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Can you provide the full list of blocked sites for the committee?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I will take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 79
SQ19-000332	Siewert, Rachel	Number of People on Newstart and Youth Allowance - Data.gov.au	<p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We provided figures based on the ABS employment data and figures from data.gov related to the number of people on Newstart and Youth Allowance. Those are the types of figures we have provided.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you provide those to me now?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: The ABS data showed -</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I have the data that shows the number of people who have come off Newstart. I have the ABS data on unemployment, which shows that the bulk of the drop in unemployment was before the card started.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I don't have the data.gov figures to hand, but we can get that for you.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 83
SQ19-000333	Siewert, Rachel	Data Indicating Drop in Number of People Coming Off Income Support	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Ms Campbell, I'm asking about what data you have pulled out to suggest that there's been a drop in the number of people coming off income support.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I think now you're asking us about advice that we've given to government, and we're saying that the advice -</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Well, have you?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We give advice to government all the time. Data.gov.au, which we've been discussing quite a lot here today, is a source of a lot of the data that we give to government because that's the source that we publish.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I'm going to get the exact comment that was made and I'll move on. My office will be listening to this and will pull out the bit of Hansard so I've got the right figures.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll do the best we can when we have it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p> <p>CHAIR: Even if you haven't got it you can put it on notice once you do get it.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 84

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SQ19-000334	Siewert, Rachel	Data Indicating Reduction in People Receiving Newstart or Youth Allowance in Cashless Debit Card (CDC) areas	<p>Senator SIEWERT: My office has come through with the numbers that I was talking about. The quote is: The latest data shows that the number of people receiving Newstart or youth allowance in the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay regions has reduced between June 2018 - which was, in fact, before the trial started.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Campbell: When did the trial start in Bundaberg?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Patrick: 29 January 2019.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: The figures have been quoted. It says that the number of people coming off Newstart has reduced by 8.7 per cent in Bundaberg and 10.2 per cent in Hervey Bay. It says Bundaberg and Hervey Bay are 'the only parts of regional Queensland that saw this astonishing decrease'. It says that 502 people came off Newstart or youth allowance, and 395 came off Newstart or youth allowance in Hervey Bay.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I've asked of the people from outcome 1 - once this information came through - to have a look at the analysis and get back to us on that data.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We've now received that data. I've got the people who are looking at data.gov.au to check that data and I will provide you advice when they provide it to me.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: What I would also like is the data from when the trial started to that point in time. Instead of from June 2018 to June 2019, I'd like the actual period of the trial.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: So 29 January 2019 to today's date?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: No, I want to make a comparison. Today's date would be good, but I also want to June.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Do you want to compare 29 January to 30 June 2019?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to look at those figures so I'm making no mistake when I'm comparing them. But it would be handy to know year to date as well. This is a collective figure, but were the people on the trial under 35?</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: For the first six months of this year compared to the previous six months or the same period of the year before?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I'm trying to find out how many of those 502 were actually in the trial period and how old they were. How many were under the age of 35?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Can I clarify? You are firstly asking where this data came from?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 85-86
SQ19-000335	McAllister, Jenny	List of Programs or Activities that Currently Receive SACS Supplementation	<p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We talked earlier about the Community Grants Hub. The Community Grants Hub makes the payments. We would be able to obtain a list of programs or activities that currently receive SACS supplementation. I just don't have it here today. I can provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Terrific. ... Could you provide information, on notice, at program level and, if possible, at the level of individual grants, showing the ERO component of each program or grant?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: The ERO -</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: The SACS supplementation, the equal remuneration amount.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We can take that on notice and we can work with colleagues.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 87
SQ19-000336	Siewert, Rachel	Contracts ending after Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) finishes	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I think you'll have to take this one on notice. How many contracts are there out there from the relevant programs that end, or any existing contracts that end, after the ERO finishes? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 88
SQ19-000338	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Cardholders who do not receive Social Security Payment	<p>Senator McCARTHY: That would be great, thank you. I might give you a couple of questions if you'd like to take on notice those queries you're going to make. Are there people on the cashless debit card who are not receiving a social security payment? If so, how many? Why would they be on it? How much does it cost the department? How much does it cost generally? Do any members of parliament or senators have a cashless debit card?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Not to my knowledge, but we'll take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 90

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SQ19-000337	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Cashless Debit Card (CDC)	<p>Ms Patrick: And there are nine volunteers to the CDC program.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Do you know where they are?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: No, I don't have that.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Do you know who they are?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Senator, can I seek clarification. Are you referring only to those people who have voluntarily gone onto the card that are not on payment? There are a number of people who are on payments who have voluntarily gone on the card who would not otherwise have been caught in that cohort. For example, people on the age pension are not subject to the card in areas where it exists. However, there are more than nine people on other payments who have sought to go on the card.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Okay. So maybe I need to add an extra question to that: are there people on the cashless debit card who are not on social security? If so, how many, why and who approved it? Also, how many are there on payments that are not caught by the card?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: The reason I raised that was because one of the things that was raised with me in the Hervey Bay-Hinkler trial was that there was no provision within our legislation at that trial site for people to be able to volunteer to go on the card and the providers up there actually said there were people who had asked to go on the card. That was, in particular, people who had reached the age of 35—the trial is for those under 35—who wished to stay on the card and others who had requested to go on it. The legislation currently before the parliament is enabling that flexibility so that people who want to volunteer to go on the card are able to do so.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 90-91
SQ19-000340	Siewert, Rachel	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Total Wellbeing Exemptions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate you'll need to take this on notice. On table 1.3, there are the total wellbeing exemptions for the sites. Are you able to break down that data into First Nations and non-First Nations?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I'm just seeing if I've got that information. I don't have that information.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice? Perhaps, in future, that table could include that information. You include it elsewhere but not on that particular table.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 91-92
SQ19-000339	Siewert, Rachel	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Number of Expired Cards	<p>Ms Patrick: I can also advise that during a recent period some cards did expire. The original expiration date was reached and participants were issued with a new card.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How many were there?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I would have to get that number -</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: Yes.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 91
SQ19-000347	Siewert, Rachel	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) - Fraud Detection	<p>Senator SIEWERT: How many times has unusual activity, of transferring money from card to card, been identified?</p> <p>Ms Patrick: I don't have that information.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice, please - how many there have been, and, when merchants are flagged, when you assess merchants, how many times that has occurred.</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: We can take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 93
SQ19-000351	Siewert, Rachel	Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I'm particularly interested in how the recommendations that affect the Commonwealth are tracking. Could you take on notice to provide an update? I'm not asking you to do it against the whole lot, even though I'm sure that you have them and at some stage you'll get there. At the moment I'm specifically interested in the federal government ones. Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes, I will do.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 93-94

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SQ19-000359	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Income Management in the Northern Territory	<p>Senator McCARTHY: After 12 years of income management in the Northern Territory what population level indicators have improved for Indigenous people, particularly children? Ms Hefren-Webb: I'd have to take that question on notice to provide you with a response on that. Senator McCARTHY: What analysis of the impacts of 12 years of income management was undertaken or considered before the decision to roll out the cashless debit card across the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: Senator, you'd be aware that an evaluation of income management in the Northern Territory was undertaken. I know the people who undertook that evaluation provided evidence to the hearing into the legislation last week. Obviously that's one source of information. There has also been a lot of community response, community input and commentary on people's views about income management over that 12-year period. We have undertaken some consultations and we are undertaking more to inform the transition process.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: The ANU provided to the Senate inquiry, which was what you referred to, an up-to-date analysis of the impacts of income management since the intervention in the Northern Territory. The department was in the room at the time when this was discussed. Are you familiar with the report that the ANU talked about in relation to their concerns?</p> <p>Ms Hefren-Webb: I'm familiar with the evidence that they provided, yes. Senator McCARTHY: In light of that report, I've got some questions for the department about the evidence base that's being relied on to justify the continued rollout of income management across the Northern Territory. Since income management was introduced, what's happened to the following indicators? Has infant mortality for Indigenous children decreased? Ms Hefren-Webb: As I said earlier, I'd need to come back to you on notice in response to questions about specific indicators. Senator McCARTHY: I'll give you the questions now. Has birth weight for Indigenous children increased? Have child deaths from injury decreased? Has there been an improvement in Indigenous school attendance in the Northern Territory? Has there been a reduction in the number of people admitted to hospital for alcohol related presentations? Have assault victimisations amongst Indigenous people in the Northern Territory decreased? Have rates of domestic violence assault decreased? Has the rate of imprisonment of Indigenous people decreased? Ms Hefren-Webb: We can certainly have a look at those statistics. Obviously, as you'd be aware, there are a whole range of factors that impinge on all of those measures, but we can certainly look at what we can provide you.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 94
SQ19-000364	Lines, Sue	Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services - Briefing	<p>Senator LINES: Ms Campbell, we wanted to ask some questions around housing. I'm thinking about community housing, homelessness and community services. When did the department first brief the Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services on those portfolio matters?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll just see whether we've got the date for when we first briefed the assistant minister.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No. We'd have to take on notice the exact date, but it was -</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Soon after his swearing in.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Yes. It was very soon after his swearing in. My recollection is we met with him within that first week.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 95
SQ19-000369	Lines, Sue	Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services - Briefing	<p>Senator LINES: How many briefs did the department provide the assistant minister before 9 July?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I think we might have how many briefs we've provided to today, but not until the 9 July.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Is someone here now who -</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No, sorry, we don't have that number with us. We'd have to take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 95
SQ19-000380	Lines, Sue	Percentage increase in homelessness between census surveys	<p>Senator LINES: What was the percentage increase in homelessness between the last two census surveys ahead of or behind population growth?</p> <p>Mr Philp: I think I would have to take that one on notice, because I don't have the population growth comparison with me.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Is anyone here able to give you that.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'll see if we can get it for you.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 96

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SQ19-000411	Lines, Sue	Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services - Transcripts	<p>Senator LINES: Under Assistant Minister Howarth's transcript page, it's blank. Can you explain to the committee why that is?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I would have to take that on notice. The officers who maintain the communications function were here earlier this morning in cross-portfolio.</p> <p>Senator LINES: I'm not having much luck here! Has the department been directed by the assistant minister not to upload transcripts?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Again, because I don't have the officials with me, I'm unable to answer. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 96
SQ19-000425	Lines, Sue	Vacant Houses	<p>Senator LINES: No worries. In that same interview on ABC Radio National, the assistant minister said that he wanted to look at vacant homes, empty homes, and that 'apparently there are a million sitting vacant, so I want to look at why there are so many vacant houses as a first point of priority as well.' Has the department been directed by the assistant minister or his office to conduct any work on vacant houses?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: The assistant minister has raised that particular topic with us.</p> <p>Senator LINES: He's asked you to do work on it?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: He's raised it with us, and we will look at it.</p> <p>Senator LINES: When did he raise it with you?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'd have to take that on notice, sorry.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 97
SQ19-000427	Lines, Sue	Vacant houses briefings	<p>Senator LINES: It's just a number. I've asked you what percentage. You've told me that you are doing work on this, requested by the assistant minister. So of the 32-odd briefings, what percentage have been about vacant houses?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: There are two things I would say. It wouldn't just be in those 32 briefings. The secretary mentioned different forms of briefings -</p> <p>Senator LINES: Sure. So what percentage of those briefings -</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We would have to take that on notice.</p>	DSS	24/10, Pages 98-99
SQ19-000428	Urquhart, Anne	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) - Data	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me, then: what's the data for the properties that have been removed, by geographical location?</p> <p>Mr Schafer: For the rest of this calendar year: New South Wales, 318; Victoria, 161; Queensland, 138; Western Australia, 18; South Australia, 121; Tasmania, 36; ACT, 24; and none in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide the data that you have, based on the most accurate geographical descriptor - state, suburb, electorate - of NRAS properties and when they will expire from the scheme?</p> <p>Mr Schafer: We'll have to take that level of detail on notice. ...</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Okay, so you'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Schafer: The public quarterly report covers how many allocations in each suburb around Australia, and we can break it down further.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: That would be great, if you could take that on notice. Thank you. I know that the department records NRAS allocations down to suburb level in the quarterly reports. Do you know, based on the suburb, when NRAS properties will be removed from the scheme? And is that what you're going to provide me with?</p> <p>Mr Schafer: That's what we've taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: And you'll provide me with the dates of that as well?</p> <p>Mr Schafer: The calendar year - yes.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 101

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SQ19-000430	Urquhart, Anne	National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) data	<p>Mr Philp: For the Northern Territory, I don't have housing numbers specifically in front of me, but that's part of the \$1.1 billion remote housing program that the Northern Territory government is engaged in - Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes - for supply between 2017 and 2027. And the Commonwealth, through the national Indigenous Australians partnership, is contributing \$550 million over five years as part of that program. In the ACT, there's renewal of social houses and the construction of more public houses by 2018-19; the delivery of an affordable housing innovation fund; and funding for women and children affected by domestic violence again through 2018-19. In Tasmania, there's a redevelopment of 1,050 public houses and then a commitment to build 15 social houses per annum. I stress this is under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. There are other things the Commonwealth is doing in the context of the Hobart City Deal, and that's the \$30 million over the next two years to bring an extra hundred dwellings into Hobart.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Sorry, can I just clarify: is the 15 social houses per annum over the next five years? What's the period of time?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I think we'll have to confirm for you, Senator, the period of time on some of these. We've got the numbers, but we don't have the exact time for all of them.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 103
SQ19-000523	Urquhart, Anne	New and Replacement Social Housing Dwellings	<p>Senator URQUHART: Do those commitments that the states provide have any numbers to attached to them?</p> <p>Mr Philp: They do. There are examples that I can give you now, Senator. New South Wales immediately is looking at 23,000 new and replacement social housing dwellings-</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: And do you know what period that's over, Mr Philp?</p> <p>Mr Philp: I don't have that in front of me.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide a little bit more about that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Philp: Yes.</p>	DSS	24/10, Page 103
SQ19-000489	O'Neill, Deborah	Review Instructions	<p>Ms Campbell: On 26 October Minister Robert requested me to facilitate the review. I don't actually have the date—I think it was 28 October that we provided instructions to Ashurst to undertake—</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Do you have those instructions?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't have those instructions?</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide them on notice?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	DSS	11/11, Page 4
NDIA SQ19-000359	O'Neill, Deborah	Data Ownership	<p>Senator O'NEILL: The entity that was being used, the email address, was associated with Macquarie Bank. So does Macquarie Bank now own that data?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: The minister has directed that I work with the chair of the board and the agency to ensure all information that was on those servers is taken off those services, provided to the NDIA and, then, deleted.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: So that's the action that you're going to take to redress this failure. But the question I ask, on behalf of Ms Rubenach, is: does Macquarie Bank now own the data of Tim Rubenach?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I can just explain again that they're the actions we're going to take, that the information will be downloaded and given to the agency who will then have the information and then permanently delete it from those servers.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Mr Hoffman, as you were so helpful then, do you know if Macquarie Bank own Tim Rubenach's data?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: The answer the secretary gave stands on that matter. I don't have any further to add.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: So, no, we don't know; no-one knows?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We've taken that question on notice.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Pages 6 & 8
NDIA SQ19-000356	O'Neill, Deborah	Copy of Emails	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Why hasn't the Rubenach family been provided with the sensitive case information that has been transmitted on the Macquarie Bank server?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Senator, we'd have to take that on notice as to what information has been provided to the Rubenach family. I'm not across that matter as to the detail of what has been provided, so we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Mr Hoffman, can you shed any light on that?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: No. I cannot. We'll have to take that on notice.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 9
NDIA SQ19-000357	O'Neill, Deborah	Training and Technology Costs	<p>Senator O'NEILL: On notice, could you provide any costs involved in updating Dr Nugent's skills and/or computers and software so we can get a sense of what happened there?</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 10

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NDIA SQ19-000438	O'Neill, Deborah	FOI regarding emails	<p>Senator O'NEILL: On notice, could you provide any costs involved in updating Dr Nugent's skills and/or computers and software so we can get a sense of what happened there?</p> <p>There was a series of emails obtained by FOI that were reported recently in The Saturday Paper. They showed that acting CEO, Vicki Rundle, communicated with chairman Nugent on her Macquarie Bank email. Are you familiar with that, Ms Campbell?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm familiar with the article.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Okay. Did this include emails about the Tim Rubenach case?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't have the article in front of me. We can get someone to get the article for me and I can have a look at it, but I'm not aware of the details in that much detail.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide details about the emails to see if there was anything involving Mr Rubenach? Could you also provide a list of other executives who've transmitted NDIA work to the Macquarie Bank server?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 10
NDIA SQ19-000360	O'Neill, Deborah	Emails between Dr Nugent and Mr Hoffman	<p>Senator O'NEILL: So there's no email communication between you and Ms Nugent prior to your assuming the role six days ago.</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: Yes, there would be email communication prior to my assuming the role as I was being assessed and preparing to take up the role.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Through what email did you undertake that?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: I can't remember what email of Ms Nugent. I emailed her. I'm happy to take it on notice and check my own records.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 10
NDIA SQ19-000439	O'Neill, Deborah	Log of Emails	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Is the department aware of any senior executives within the department or the agency who received or sent correspondence to the Macquarie Bank server?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: The review found that people had sent information to non-official email accounts, and that's when the review found that that was not best practice and it should stop.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide us with a log of those emails, identifying the people who were sending them and their role.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 10
NDIA SQ19-000420	O'Neill, Deborah	Number of emails and meetings	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... How many email exchanges relating to the NDIA did Dr Nugent initiate from her Macquarie Group email account in 2017 and 2018?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'd have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: How many of these emails included private information about NDIS participants?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Again, I don't have that information with me. We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: How many meetings related to the NDIS has Dr Nugent held in Macquarie Group premises?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We can take that question on notice ...</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 11
SQ19-000490	Siewert, Rachel	Wife Pension	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Some decisions were taken around how policies were interacting with the compliance framework. Are you able to take me through how the decisions were made in terms of what considerations were taken into account about fundamentally changing the way people who are currently on the wife pension are then going to interact with the compliance system?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: This is quite a detailed and technical question for outcome 1 and I am not able to answer it. I'm happy to take it on notice.</p>	DSS	11/11, Page 12
NDIA SQ19-000421	O'Neill, Deborah	Summer Housing	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... What role did Dr Nugent have in the NDIA board selection of Macquarie Bank and several companies affiliated with Macquarie Bank, including Summer Housing, to the specialist disability accommodation pricing reference group?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: I will take on notice the precise decision-making of the board in relation to the appointment of that panel.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 12
NDIA SQ19-000440	O'Neill, Deborah	Specialist Disability Accommodation emails	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Did Dr Nugent send or receive any emails from employees or affiliates of Macquarie Group in relation to specialist disability accommodation? And were any of these emails addressed to or sent from her Macquarie email account?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We would not be able to answer that. We will take it on notice.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 12

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SQ19-000491	Siewert, Rachel	Newstart and Youth Allowance Suspensions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... So there are 104,480 people who have dropped out, as far as we can tell— Ms Campbell: Who are no longer receiving Newstart— Senator SIEWERT: They are no longer receiving Newstart or youth allowance because of suspensions. I'm fully aware that a lot of the questions that I want to pursue belong with another agency. However, what I would like to know, and what I was going to ask but we ran out of time, is: have you had any interactions with the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business about looking at what is happening with that 104,000 people? Ms Campbell: I'm not sure I can answer specifically, but we are working with the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business about the cohorts as they operate all the time. I can take on notice whether we have had any actual resolution or any answers to your questions here, but we are working with the employment department all the time about how the profile works and about where people go. Senator SIEWERT: But not that specific cohort of people— Ms Campbell: Not that I know. The people who would know are not here. They could be watching. Senator SIEWERT: That that many people have come off the system and we don't know what has happened to them hasn't been flagged— Ms Campbell: The fact that I can't answer your question this evening doesn't mean that we are not working on that in the department. It is just that we didn't think we were answering questions for outcome 1, so I didn't bring them. Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that. It is a pretty significant issue that that many people are disengaging from the system. Senator Ruston: We don't know exactly what's happened to each and every one of them, which is the point of your questioning, but we can't be categorical about their disengagement or where they've gone. I think Mr Lye: Okay, so 21,225 participants have transferred provider during the 2018-19 financial year. We would see that as a sign of the reforms having their intended effect. Senator SIEWERT: One of the questions that's come up for people is are you checking for how those transfers have occurred? In other words, are you sure there's not been any coercion to encourage people to transfer or unethical practices to encourage that transfer? Mr Lye: For the first time providers are in an environment where they have to win business. I think the increase in the number of people participating, including volunteers—for example, the number of people who are in receipt of DSP who are volunteering into DES has increased. So that competition is having a keen effect. We monitor the behaviour of providers to determine that there's no sharp practices happening and so— Senator SIEWERT: That's a much better word, 'sharp'— Mr Lye: Yes, sharp practice. There are instances where we observe, or other providers or participants indicate to us, practices in that category of sharp. I'm not aware of any cases where we've seen allegations of coercion but we're happy to check. Senator SIEWERT: If you could take that on notice.</p>	DSS	11/11, Page 13
SQ19-000492	Siewert, Rachel	Provider Transfers	<p>Mr Lye: Okay, so 21,225 participants have transferred provider during the 2018-19 financial year. We would see that as a sign of the reforms having their intended effect. Senator SIEWERT: One of the questions that's come up for people is are you checking for how those transfers have occurred? In other words, are you sure there's not been any coercion to encourage people to transfer or unethical practices to encourage that transfer? Mr Lye: For the first time providers are in an environment where they have to win business. I think the increase in the number of people participating, including volunteers—for example, the number of people who are in receipt of DSP who are volunteering into DES has increased. So that competition is having a keen effect. We monitor the behaviour of providers to determine that there's no sharp practices happening and so— Senator SIEWERT: That's a much better word, 'sharp'— Mr Lye: Yes, sharp practice. There are instances where we observe, or other providers or participants indicate to us, practices in that category of sharp. I'm not aware of any cases where we've seen allegations of coercion but we're happy to check. Senator SIEWERT: If you could take that on notice.</p>	DSS	11/11, Page 14
SQ19-000493	Siewert, Rachel	Provider Transfers	<p>Mr Lye: There are a range of things. In the examples that I mentioned in the broad, we would provide advice to all providers and particular advice to those people who we thought were engaging in practices that we didn't think were within the guidelines. That would simply be a warning or a notice to them about the rules. In cases where people incorrectly claim outcome payments or there's some element of financial claiming, we would seek to recoup those funds. In fact, we do that where we see anomalies in the system. There's a proportionate scale of activity that we undertake, based on what the behaviour is. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice outlining what that is, bearing in mind I now have to run off to the chamber?</p>	DSS	11/11, Page 15

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NDIA SQ19-000447	Steele-John, Jordon	Full Release of Document	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Just finally to the minister, I would observe: I have here the 50-page document referred to in the report. We spend a lot of time working with participants and trying to increase public trust in what the agency does and what the government does in relation to the agency. I would suggest that 50 pages of that isn't really the best way to increase that public trust. I would ask that you revisit the decision to redact this document, because, until it is presented in a publicly transparent form, the public has no idea of the baselines that the minister found himself with on day one. It may well be that he's done a fantastic job and that everything revealed in there shows that he was the action man for the moment. But I can't judge that, you can't judge that and nobody watching this can judge that unless we know what's in there.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I take your point, Senator Steele-John. We'll certainly take that on notice and discuss it with the minister and the board.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 18
NDIA SQ19-000441	Steele-John, Jordon	FOI Request	<p>Mr Hoffman: It was not my personal call, because it was an FOI decision made prior to my appointment to the position, but it was a decision made by the decision-maker within the agency.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Who was the decision-maker at the time?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: The specific name of the decision-maker I will take on notice. I don't have that, I'm sorry.</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 18
NDIA SQ19-000358	O'Neill, Deborah	APS Code of Conduct	<p>Senator O'NEILL: Can I refer you to the case of Michaela Banerji, decided earlier this year, which found that one of the key facets of a public servant is that they are apolitical at all times. Can you talk me through any internal disciplinary processes in place at the NDIA for employees in breach of the APS Code of Conduct?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: I will take the specifics of that on notice. At day 6, I'm not aware of the precise details. I'm sure that there would be—</p>	NDIA	11/11, Page 19
NDIA SQ19-000369	Brown, Carol	Wait times	1. Based on current wait times, what is backlog across the various parts of the scheme?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000370	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>2. What is the average, median and maximum number of days between the Access Request Form (ARF) validation date until first plan approval:</p> <p>a. In each state and territory respectively and in each federal electorate:</p> <p>i. For participants aged 6 years and under?</p> <p>ii. For participants aged over 6 years?</p> <p>b. Can the above data be provided for each service available under the NDIS –</p> <p>i. Assistive technology</p> <p>ii. Specialist Disability Housing</p> <p>iii. And so on</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000371	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>Can the Agency provide a comprehensive breakdown of all other wait times including average wait times for:</p> <p>a. First plan review outcome</p> <p>b. Second plan review outcome</p> <p>c. 'light touch' plan review outcomes</p> <p>d. Interim planning meeting outcomes</p> <p>e. Time between plan approval and receiving a service</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000372	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>4. How many people have died in the time between submitting the Access Request form and receiving supports?</p> <p>a. Can these figures be provided in a breakdown of the various supports?</p> <p>b. In state/territory breakdown?</p> <p>c. With information about the age of applicant/participant?</p>	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000373	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>5. Can the Agency provide answer to (2) in relation to Early Intervention Plans:</p> <p>a. In each state and territory respectively:</p> <p>i. For children under 6 years.</p> <p>ii. For children over 6 years.</p> <p>6. In relation to 6 month interim plans offered to families waiting longer than 50 days from August 2019:</p> <p>a. When did the Minister and the Agency first have a meeting about the plans?</p> <p>i. How many briefings on the plans were there? Can the Department please provide dates.</p> <p>b. How many families were called and offered the plans?</p> <p>c. How many families contacted the Agency to receive a plan?</p> <p>d. How many children are now on an interim plan?</p> <p>e. Does the Agency expect the number of children waiting to be reduced to zero by the end of the year?</p> <p>i. What is the current number?</p> <p>f. How many more children does the Agency expect will be granted an interim plan?</p> <p>g. What has been the total cost of interim plans?</p> <p>i. How does this compare to the cost of 6 months of a non-interim plan for the same participant?</p> <p>h. Can the above be provided with a state and territory breakdown?</p> <p>i. When does the Agency expect to phase out interim plans?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000374	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>What is the average wait time for plan activation?</p> <p>a. What is the highest number of days a participant has waited for plan activation?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000375	Brown, Carol	Wait times	<p>Why does the agency publish the data about plan activation and not about other aspects of wait times?</p> <p>a. Is the Agency selectively including favourable data sets in official reports?</p> <p>b. Has the Minister given instructions on hiding data on longer wait times?</p> <p>c. Has the minister been briefed on wait times?</p> <p>d. How frequently? Request update on each commitment to reduce wait times.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000382	Brown, Carol	Disability Employment	<p>1. In a market driven model, star rating results are important promotional information providers use to attract participants and employers to their services. When will the DES June quarter star ratings be publically released?</p> <p>2. How many DES participants have transferred from their existing providers during the outcome period (ie up to 13 weeks, 26 weeks or 52 weeks)?</p> <p>3. How is the Department ensuring that participants are not being coerced to transfer?</p> <p>4. Is the Department monitoring what might be deemed unethical behaviour and putting in appropriate disincentives and penalties to prevent this kind of practise from taking hild?</p> <p>5. What is the Department doing to ensure the integrity of the DES program?</p> <p>6. Can you provide outcome related data for the new DES compared with the previous contracts?</p> <p>7. Have outcome rates improved?</p> <p>8. How many people with intellectual disability are in the DES program?</p> <p>9. Has their employment outcome rate increased under the new arrangements?</p> <p>10. Are there any signs that the new Risk Adjusted Payment model is working positively or negatively for particular cohorts?</p> <p>11. When will the Department finalise the ESAT review and make it public?</p> <p>12. What measures are being undertaken, in accordance with UN CRPWD Article 27, to ensure NDIS participants have supports and pathways to open employment outcomes?</p> <p>13. What do the Department and the Government have planned to break down attitudinal barriers and</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000261	Brown, Carol	Disability Employment	<p>When will the NDIS Participant Employment Taskforce strategy (that was due in September) be released? How will the strategy be used with NDIS employment supports, including SLES and other NDIS employment projects?</p> <p>Is it the expectation of the NDIA that NDIS participants seeking employment are supported to find employment in open employment received award based wages in their local communities?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000381	Brown, Carol	Bringing participants into the scheme	Can the Agency provide data on how many people have been brought into the scheme in each state and territory and in each electorate?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000382	Brown, Carol	Bringing participants into the scheme	Can the agency confirm the number of people that were expected to have been brought into the scheme by November 2019 in each state and territory and in each electorate?	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000383	Brown, Carol	Bringing participants into the scheme	Can the Agency provide reasons why it is behind in bringing people into the scheme?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000384	Brown, Carol	Bringing participants into the scheme	Does the Agency expect to complete full roll out of the scheme as per the bilateral agreements with the States?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000385	Brown, Carol	Bringing participants into the scheme	What measures does the Agency have in place to ensure the rollout of the scheme is completed on time?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000408	Brown, Carol	NDIS Employment	Page 28 of the summary of the Quarterly Report from the period ending June 2019 indicates that for participants over 25 when they entered the scheme 26% were in employment when they joined the scheme. After two years this appears to have dropped to 25%. a. Why has the Agency failed to help get people into employment and in fact seen the number go backwards? b. It may seem a small reduction in percentage but given the overall number of participants over 25 it represent many thousands of people who were employed when they entered the scheme and are now unemployed. Can you please confirm the exact number?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000409	Brown, Carol	NDIS Employment	The employment target the Agency has set itself for participants over 25 is 26% - the actual number in work at entry to the scheme but which it has failed to meet? a. Does the Agency believe that it is reasonable to have a employment target that doesn't actually increase the number of people in work? b. Who sets this target". Is it Management or the Board? Did the Minister sign off on this target? c. The Minister will of course have seen this report before it was released? Did The Minister ask for any review of this target? d. When the report indicates the number of people in work -does it include people in ADEs? e. If so could this be shown separately to give a better picture of the actual number of people in jobs?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000524	Brown, Carol	NDIS Employment	What surprises me about this report is that DSS and NDIA set up a Taskforce in Nov 2018 to improve employment opportunities for people with disability. What is the status of the work of that Taskforce? a. When can we expect to see outcome of that Taskforce and when will strategies to improve employment for people with disability be announced and delivered? b. Will the Taskforce set some real employment targets? c. How will DSS and the Agency be held to account for this work?	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000386	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	What are the latest figures for the numbers of younger Australians under 65 living in RAC with approved NDIS plans?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000387	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	Does the Agency have a target date by which all participants under 65 will have active plans? Is there a strategy in place to deliver this target and can the Agency provide a copy complete with milestones?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000389	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	How many participants over 65 have approved plans?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000390	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	How many participants has the Agency helped move from residential age care (RAC) into specialist disability accommodation?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000391	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	Can the Agency confirm if participants in residential age care should qualify for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000392	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	Can the Agency provide the number of people in residential aged care, and the number of participants which have SDA in their package?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000393	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	Can data be provided on the number of participants that have moved from residential aged care into SDA?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000394	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	Can the Agency provide an update on the target to get those 4721 participants out of age care? a. When does the Agency expect that these participants will be moved out of aged care?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000395	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	What is the Agency doing to prevent further young people being placed in RAC?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000396	Brown, Carol	Participants in Aged Care homes	How many RAC residents under 65 have had their access requests refused? a. What are the reasons for refusal for all of these applications? How many of these decisions have been subsequently appealed and on what grounds? b. How many of these appeals have been successful? c. How many of the people who were refused had advocacy support?	NDIA	Written
QSC SQ19-000078	Brown, Carol	Average Cost of Accreditation for NDIS Providers	1. Can the Agency provide the average cost of accreditation for an NDIS provider into the scheme?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
QSC SQ19-000079	Brown, Carol	Registered Providers	How many providers are registered in the NDIS nationally? a. Provide state by state and federal electorate breakdown	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000413	Brown, Carol	Providers	How many providers have de-registered or failed to renew accreditation: a. In 2016-17 b. In 2017-18 c. In 2018-19? 4. Can the answer to (3) be provided in a state and territory breakdown?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000414	Brown, Carol	Providers	Can the Agency provide the number and details of providers that have lodged complaints or enquiries about market failure?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000415	Brown, Carol	Providers	What is the number of registered NDIS providers that the Agency has provided financial assistance to?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000416	Brown, Carol	Providers	How many complaints has the agency received in relation to the Temporary Transformation Payment (TTP)?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000407	Brown, Carol	SDA	1. Can the Agency provide the number of participants a. With SDA in their plan? b. With SDA payments from their plan (Active SDA)? c. Receiving SDA payment split between people living in existing legacy accommodation which are deemed accredited and this those occupying new accommodation?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000376	Brown, Carol	NDIA - Staff Cap	Can the Department provide a breakdown of current staff employed directly by the National Disability Insurance Agency and employed via labor hire companies?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000377	Brown, Carol	NDIA - Staff Cap	2. On what basis was the staff cap at the NDIA recently increased to 4,000? a. On what date was this decision formalised?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000378	Brown, Carol	NDIA - Staff Cap	Is the Agency aware of future plans to increase the cap to 11,000 as originally envisioned at this point in rollout?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000379	Brown, Carol	NDIA - Staff Cap	What preparations have been made with respect introducing employees at the Agency, including inducting and training 800 new staff?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000380	Brown, Carol	NDIA Plan utilisation	Can the Agency provide a current utilisation of funding in plans in an electorate breakdown?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000368	Brown, Carol	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission – Fraud	1. Can the Commission provide a breakdown of the different types of fraud it investigates, including data on the number of fraud cases it is alerted to in each state and territory, and the number that are finalised or abandoned? 2. How many has the commission finalised with penalties? 3. How many providers have been suspended?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000263	Brown, Carol	Temporary Transformation Payment (TTP) and outstanding payments	a. Should participants be able to plan to receive all of their reasonable and necessary supports? b. When the 2019-20 prices were released the NDIA stated “providers are encouraged to adopt the higher valued TTP and conditions for claiming”. Has this happened? c. Does the agency think it is appropriate for participants to be asked to reduce the number of hours of support they receive in order for providers to charge the prices the NDIA believes providers need? d. Are plans being funded at TTP-included prices? If not, why not? e. What is the dollar-value of the backlog of payment of claims – as of the end of each calendar month from 1 July 2019? f. Given that the NDIA has to approve SIL quotes, what is the average wait time for the approval of a SIL quote? g. How many SIL quotes are waiting for approval or to have the NDIA create service bookings? h. What is the dollar value of these quotes awaiting approval? i. Once the SIL quote has been approved and a service booking created, how long is it taking for providers to be paid for the supports they have supplied during this period of delay? j. 1. What is the dollar value of these delayed payments? 2. What is causing the backlog in the payment of claims? 3. What actions will be taken to eliminate the backlog?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000397	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Is the NDIS or DSS working on any changes to the Action Plan since the hearings of the Royal Commission focussed on younger residents, and are the targets being reviewed?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000398	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	What plans are there to include States and Territories in implementing the Action Plan?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000399	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Can an update be provided on the provision of functional disability support to participants in RAC?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000400	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	What strategy is being used to meet the targets of reducing or eliminating younger people going into in aged care?	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000401	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Since the Action Plan was announced in March: a. How many people have been diverted from nursing homes so far? b. How is the NDIA maintaining records of those who have been diverted including the length of time taken to achieve successful diversion, where the individual was diverted to and why this destination was chosen as an alternative to RAC placement?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000402	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Of those people who have been diverted, what are the success factors that prevented aged care entry? What categories of data are being collected to guide implementation of the rest of the Action Plan?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000403	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Can the Agency indicate how many people have moved out of aged care since the plan was announced in March? a. Where did these people go once they left – home, residential service or other setting? b. What specific engagement has there been between the NDIA and the aged care industry with regard to implementing the YPIRAC Action Plan? c. If any, what topics were discussed and what was the outcome of these engagements?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000404	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	Given the NDIS is the sole funder of YPINH is there a strategy of provider management that enables the NDIS to evaluate the value for money proposition in S34 of the legislation?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000405	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	How does the NDIS know that their participants are getting high quality support from the funding in their NDIS plan?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000406	Brown, Carol	YPIRAC Action Plan	How often does the Aged Care Quality Agency report to the NDIS or the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission on the care provided to NDIS participants? a. Can copies of these reports be provided.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000484	Carr, Kim	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	2. Contrary to the royal commission's recommendation of a minimum redress payment of \$10,000, the scheme does not prescribe a minimum payment. Given the stated purposes of the Redress Scheme, and the capability of the Government to award no payment in response to an application that does not satisfy the relevant requirements, why was a decision taken to ignore the recommendation of the Royal Commission and to allow for the award of Redress payments of less than \$10,000 to survivors of child sexual abuse? 3. How many survivors of child sexual abuse have received a redress payment under the scheme as at 1 November 2019? 4. How many applications for Redress have been made as at 1 November 2019? 5. How many applications for Redress have been denied? 6. How many applicants for Redress have died after submitting a claim but before the claim has been processed?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000289	Faruqi, Mehreen	Cashless Debit Card (CDC) Recipients Experiencing Family Violence	Can the Department provide information on how many women who are subject to the cashless debit card trial have experienced family violence and/or were seeking other payments such as crisis payment to escape family violence situations?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000321	Faruqi, Mehreen	Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)	1. A Productivity Commission report that found that two thirds of low-income renters in Australia are in rental stress spending more than 30 per cent of their income on rent. Has the Department taken any action after the release of the report to address this issue? 2. Does the Department's data show that rents have been increasing in Australia, and is this increase in line with the increase in CPI? 3. Is the Department working on any plans or initiatives to address the issue of housing affordability for low-income people?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000322	Faruqi, Mehreen	Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)	1. Given that average rents have risen at a greater rate than CPI in recent decades, has CRA decreased in actual buying power in the last 30 years? 2. Has the Department prepared any briefings or recommendations for the Minister or the Government to increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance? a. If yes, what is the substance of said advice?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000436	Faruqi, Mehreen	Disability Accommodation	What is the Government doing to ensure that people with disability who are experiencing violence can access safe and appropriate housing that meets their needs?	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000434	Faruqi, Mehreen	Drug Testing Trial and Cashless Debit Card (CDC)	<p>1. What steps has the Department taken to ensure the amendments for a Drug Testing Trial and to transition people on income management to the Cashless Debit Card are compatible with Australia's human rights obligations? Please provide details of all steps taken.</p> <p>a. Has the Department considered whether the amendments indirectly discriminate against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and women?</p> <p>i. What analysis has been done and can the Department please provide details?</p> <p>2. Has the Department considered alternatives to the Drug Testing and CDC amendments?</p> <p>a. If yes, have these alternatives been presented to the Government and/or responsible Ministers?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000319	Faruqi, Mehreen	National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA)	<p>1. What net additional social and affordable housing outcomes (new homes) will be secured in the first five years of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement?</p> <p>2. With reference to the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, what additional outcomes have been negotiated by the States from the release of obligations?</p> <p>3. What progress has been made on the National Regulatory System for Community Housing review, which was due to be completed before the end of 2019 but is now delayed until April 2020?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000281	Faruqi, Mehreen	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Expiry	What impact will the expiry of incentives under the NRAS scheme have on affordable rental unit numbers in every Federal electorate district?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000282	Faruqi, Mehreen	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Expiry	Of the current homes in the scheme, based on data from the last available quarter, what is the discount to market rent paid by households?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000283	Faruqi, Mehreen	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Expiry	What planning is DSS taking at the strategic level to manage the winding down of the NRAS program and minimise the risk of tenant hardship?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000293	Faruqi, Mehreen	Paid Parental Leave Debt Waiver	<p>Are there any plans to bring the debt waiver for the Paid Parental Leave in line with the waiver for welfare payments when a debt is incurred due to Centrelink error?</p> <p>a. If so, what are these plans and when will they be implemented?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000284	Faruqi, Mehreen	Rental Affordability and Eviction	Does the Department have any plans to support the work of National Shelter and State/Territory tenant unions and tenant advocates to promote minimum national rental standards?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000285	Faruqi, Mehreen	Rental Affordability and Eviction	Does the Department have any plans to encourage residential tenancy law reform across all States and Territories, in particular, to specify minimum notice periods for termination of tenancies in, and the removal of 'no cause' evictions from, respective State/Territory Residential Tenancy Acts?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000286	Faruqi, Mehreen	Rental Affordability and Eviction	<p>Has the Department prepared any advice for the Government to improve its commitment to helping low income households escape housing stress by increasing rates of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the substance of the advice.</p> <p>b. If not, are there any plans afoot to advise the Government on increasing CRA?</p>	DSS	Written
QSC SQ19-000053	Gallagher, Katy	Cost of APS Staff	1. The total cost of all staff employed under the Public Service Act for each of the last six financial years from 2013/14 to 2018/19.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000260	Gallagher, Katy	Cost of APS Staff	1. The total cost of all staff employed under the Public Service Act for each of the last six financial years from 2013/14 to 2018/19.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000388	Gallagher, Katy	Cost of APS Staff	1. The total cost of all staff employed under the Public Service Act for each of the last six financial years from 2013/14 to 2018/19.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000028	Gallagher, Katy	External Consultants	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external consultants in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on external consultants, including:</p> <p>i. contracts tagged as a "consultancy".</p> <p>ii. contracts not defined as a "consultancy", but tagged as "business intelligence consulting services", "information technology consultation services", "management advisory services", "management support services", "organisational structure consultation", "risk management consultation services" or "strategic planning consultation services"</p> <p>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE's) provided by external consultants in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total amount of variances granted to external consultant contracts (including those specified in 1(a)(i) above) in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000255	Gallagher, Katy	External Consultants	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external consultants in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on external consultants, including:</p> <p>i. contracts tagged as a “consultancy”.</p> <p>ii. contracts not defined as a “consultancy”, but tagged as “business intelligence consulting services”, “information technology consultation services”, “management advisory services”, “management support services”, “organisational structure consultation”, “risk management consultation services” or “strategic planning consultation services”</p> <p>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE’s) provided by external consultants in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total amount of variances granted to external consultant contracts (including those specified in 1(a)(i) above) in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000383	Gallagher, Katy	External Consultants	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external consultants in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on external consultants, including:</p> <p>i. contracts tagged as a “consultancy”.</p> <p>ii. contracts not defined as a “consultancy”, but tagged as “business intelligence consulting services”, “information technology consultation services”, “management advisory services”, “management support services”, “organisational structure consultation”, “risk management consultation services” or “strategic planning consultation services”</p> <p>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE’s) provided by external consultants in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total amount of variances granted to external consultant contracts (including those specified in 1(a)(i) above) in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000029	Gallagher, Katy	External Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on all contracts for Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total amount spent on all contracts tagged as “Temporary Personnel Services” for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>e. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000257	Gallagher, Katy	External Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on all contracts for Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total amount spent on all contracts tagged as “Temporary Personnel Services” for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>e. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000385	Gallagher, Katy	External Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of all external contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on all contracts for Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total amount spent on all contracts tagged as “Temporary Personnel Services” for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>e. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written

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QSC SQ19-000036	Gallagher, Katy	Grants	<p>1. Please provide, for all administered and discretionary grant programs administered by each department and agency within the portfolio:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the administered or discretionary grant program. The recipient of the grant. The ABN or ACN of the grant recipient. The charitable status of the grant recipient. Who authorised the grant payment. For each year of the budget and forward estimates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total funding budgeted for the program; How much funding has been contracted and allocated; How much funding has been contracted but not allocated; How much funding has been committed but not contracted; How much funding is uncommitted, uncontracted and unallocated. 	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000259	Gallagher, Katy	Grants	<p>1. Please provide, for all administered and discretionary grant programs administered by each department and agency within the portfolio:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the administered or discretionary grant program. The recipient of the grant. The ABN or ACN of the grant recipient. The charitable status of the grant recipient. Who authorised the grant payment. For each year of the budget and forward estimates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total funding budgeted for the program; How much funding has been contracted and allocated; How much funding has been contracted but not allocated; How much funding has been committed but not contracted; How much funding is uncommitted, uncontracted and unallocated. 	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000387	Gallagher, Katy	Grants	<p>1. Please provide, for all administered and discretionary grant programs administered by each department and agency within the portfolio:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Name of the administered or discretionary grant program. The recipient of the grant. The ABN or ACN of the grant recipient. The charitable status of the grant recipient. Who authorised the grant payment. For each year of the budget and forward estimates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total funding budgeted for the program; How much funding has been contracted and allocated; How much funding has been contracted but not allocated; How much funding has been committed but not contracted; How much funding is uncommitted, uncontracted and unallocated. 	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000034	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Consultant Spend	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on information technology in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on information technology consultation services. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE's) provided by information technology consultation services in 2018-19. The total amount contracted to information technology consultation services in 2018-19. The total amount of variances granted to information technology consultation services contracts in 2018-19. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19. 	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000256	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Consultant Spend	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on information technology in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on information technology consultation services.</p> <p>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE's) provided by information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total amount contracted to information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The total amount of variances granted to information technology consultation services contracts in 2018-19.</p> <p>e. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000384	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Consultant Spend	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on information technology in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent on information technology consultation services.</p> <p>b. The total amount of full time equivalent hours (FTE's) provided by information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The total amount contracted to information technology consultation services in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The total amount of variances granted to information technology consultation services contracts in 2018-19.</p> <p>e. A breakdown by consultant, specifications and project completion for 2018-19.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000035	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000258	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000386	Gallagher, Katy	Information Technology Contractors	<p>1. In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> <p>b. The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>c. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.</p> <p>d. The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written

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SQ19-000454	Gallagher, Katy	Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10	<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Is the Department compliant with the core requirements in the Protected Security Policy Framework, INFOSEC 10: Safeguarding information from cyber threats policy?</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, all non-corporate Commonwealth entities are required to report annually to the Attorney-General on the implementation of the Protected Security Policy Framework (PSPF). Has the Department provided an annual report to the Attorney general in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 on compliance with the INFOSEC 10 core requirements?</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> How many times has the Department conducted a self assessment of its compliance with the Protected Security Policy Framework Essential Eight mitigation strategies and cyber resilience since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> How many independent assessments of its cyber resilience has the Department conducted since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Minister responsible been briefed on cyber security vulnerabilities in the Department networks since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> Has an Australian Signals Directorate cyber security sprint team been deployed to the Department since 1 July 2013?</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> How much funding has the Department allocated to cyber security each year during 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> How many times has there been a physical or cyber intrusion attempt made on the Department's networks that were considered serious enough to warrant an operational response in 2015, 2016, 2017,</p>	DSS NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission AIFS	Written
SQ19-000455	Gallagher, Katy	Protected Security Policy Framework (PSPF) INFOSEC 10 implementation	<p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 1: application whitelisting? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of application whitelisting implementation?</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 2: patching applications? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of patching applications implementation?</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 3: restriction of administrative privileges? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of 'restrict administrative privileges' implementation?</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, requirement 4: patching operating systems? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model, what is the maturity of 'Patching operating systems' implementation?</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (a): configuring Microsoft Office macro settings? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of 'configuring Microsoft Office macro settings' implementation?</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (b): user application hardening? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of 'configuring Microsoft Office macro settings' implementation?</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (c): multi-factor authentication? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of 'multi-factor authentication' implementation?</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Has the Department implemented Protected Security Policy Framework INFOSEC 10, C.4, 27 (d): daily backups? a. <input type="checkbox"/> According to the Essential Eight Maturity Model what is the maturity of 'daily backups' implementation?</p>	DSS NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission AIFS	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000422	Griff, Stirling	Autism and NDIS funding	In answer to how many people with autism also seek NDIS funding and services for co-occurring mental health conditions (NDIA SQ19-000171), the NDIA answered that its figure of 8597 participants was likely to be an "underestimate as secondary disabilities are not always recorded in the National Disability Insurance Agency business system". 1. Can you elaborate on this and explain why they're not always recorded? a. Can this be addressed so that all secondary disabilities could be recorded? 2. Does this underreporting/inconsistent recognition of co-occurring conditions pose any hindrance to the type and level of support a person can then access?	NDIA	Written
QSC SQ19-000058	Kitching, Kimberley	Acting Minister Arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000442	Kitching, Kimberley	Acting Minister Arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000399	Kitching, Kimberley	Acting Minister Arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000040	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and Information Campaigns	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2018-19 and for the current financial year to date? 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. The timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000321	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and Information Campaigns	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2018-19 and for the current financial year to date?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000322	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and Information Campaigns	1. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. The timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000323	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and Information Campaigns	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000402	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and Information Campaigns	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2018-19 and for the current financial year to date? 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. The timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000062	Kitching, Kimberley	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level? 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000335	Kitching, Kimberley	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level?</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000409	Kitching, Kimberley	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level?</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000061	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000334	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000408	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000522	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 1 July 2018 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000051	Kitching, Kimberley	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000317	Kitching, Kimberley	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000398	Kitching, Kimberley	Briefings	Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000066	Kitching, Kimberley	Comcare	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000345	Kitching, Kimberley	Comcare	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000419	Kitching, Kimberley	Comcare	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000060	Kitching, Kimberley	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. Since 24 August 2018, how many reports or reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel. 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? 7. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000333	Kitching, Kimberley	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. Since 24 August 2018, how many reports or reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel. 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? 7. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000407	Kitching, Kimberley	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. Since 24 August 2018, how many reports or reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date commissioned. Date report handed to Government. Date of public release. Terms of Reference. Committee members and/or Reviewers. <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel.</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000042	Kitching, Kimberley	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location? How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? How many are graphic designers? How many are media managers? How many organise events? <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000339	Kitching, Kimberley	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location? How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? How many are graphic designers? How many are media managers? How many organise events? <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000413	Kitching, Kimberley	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location?</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e. How many are media managers?</p> <p>f. How many organise events?</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a. If yes, why?</p> <p>b. When was it established?</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000065	Kitching, Kimberley	Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA)	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for FY 2018-19?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000443	Kitching, Kimberley	Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA)	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for FY 2018-19?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000415	Kitching, Kimberley	Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA)	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for FY 2018-19?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000033	Kitching, Kimberley	Congestion Busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks?</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department?</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000342	Kitching, Kimberley	Congestion Busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks?</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department?</p>	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000416	Kitching, Kimberley	Congestion Busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks? 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000031	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000305	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000391	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000038	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff Allowances	1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000319	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff Allowances	Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000400	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff Allowances	1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000064	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment? b. APS level? 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000340	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment? b. APS level? 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000414	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment? b. APS level? 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level?	DSS AIFS	Written

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QSC SQ19-000030	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000303	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000389	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000055	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2018? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000306	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2018? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000392	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2018? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000037	Kitching, Kimberley	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provide</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000307	Kitching, Kimberley	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provide</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000393	Kitching, Kimberley	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provide</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000047	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency?</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000347	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Commission and Ombudsman	<p>1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency?</p> <p>2. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000420	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Commission	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000048	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
SQ19-000421	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000057	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information (FOI)	<p>1) Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 2) For each year above, please provide: a) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c) The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; d) The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; b) The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; b) The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5) Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 6) For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7) In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8) Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9) Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a) How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; b) Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11) Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000311	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information (FOI)	<p>1) Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 2) For each year above, please provide: a) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c) The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; d) The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; b) The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; b) The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5) Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 6) For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7) In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8) Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9) Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a) How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; b) Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11) Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000397	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information (FOI)	<p>1) Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 2) For each year above, please provide: a) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b) The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c) The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; d) The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; b) The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4) For each year above, please also provide: a) The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; b) The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5) Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2018-19; f) 2019-20 to date. 6) For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7) In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8) Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9) Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a) How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; b) Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11) Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>	DSS AIFS	Written

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QSC SQ19-000050	Kitching, Kimberley	Legal Costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000309	Kitching, Kimberley	Legal Costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000395	Kitching, Kimberley	Legal Costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000039	Kitching, Kimberley	Market Research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000320	Kitching, Kimberley	Market Research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000401	Kitching, Kimberley	Market Research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000044	Kitching, Kimberley	Media Monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000337	Kitching, Kimberley	Media Monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000338	Kitching, Kimberley	Media Monitoring	<p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000412	Kitching, Kimberley	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000054	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000304	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000390	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided</p>	DSS AIFS	Written

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QSC SQ19-000059	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Overseas Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000327	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Overseas Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000404	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Overseas Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2018 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000063	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000336	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000410	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000049	Kitching, Kimberley	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000348	Kitching, Kimberley	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency?	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000422	Kitching, Kimberley	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000041	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional Merchandise	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2018-19? 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000324	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional Merchandise	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2018-19?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000325	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional Merchandise	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000326	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional Merchandise	Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000403	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional Merchandise	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2018-19? 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000067	Kitching, Kimberley	Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs)	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000349	Kitching, Kimberley	Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs)	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000423	Kitching, Kimberley	Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs)	1. For FY 2018-19 and FY2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000045	Kitching, Kimberley	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date? 2. Which services were utilised? Can an itemised list be provided?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000343	Kitching, Kimberley	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date? 2. Which services were utilised? Can an itemised list be provided?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000417	Kitching, Kimberley	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date? 2. Which services were utilised? Can an itemised list be provided?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000056	Kitching, Kimberley	Secretarial Travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department since 1 July 2018 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000310	Kitching, Kimberley	Secretarial Travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department since 1 July 2018 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000396	Kitching, Kimberley	Secretarial Travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department since 1 July 2018 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000043	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date? 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote? 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided? 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000328	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000329	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000330	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000331	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000405	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 to date? 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote? 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided? 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000032	Kitching, Kimberley	Staff Travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
NDIA SQ19-000308	Kitching, Kimberley	Staff Travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000394	Kitching, Kimberley	Staff Travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	DSS AIFS	Written
QSC SQ19-000046	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 21 October 2019. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary. 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date.	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000344	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 21 October 2019. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary involuntary. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000418	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 21 October 2019. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary involuntary. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to date. 	DSS AIFS	Written
SQ19-000424	Lambie, Jacqui	Newstart Allowance Recipients	<p>Please provide a count of the number of Newstart recipients with reportable earnings between \$100 a fortnight and \$1,500 a fortnight, in \$100 increments, for each state and territory, for the latest available point in time.</p> <p>Please also provide the above data for each Commonwealth electorate, for the latest available point in time. (If the resulting data would be impossible to release without jeopardising recipient privacy, please report the data in increments between \$0 and \$1,600 a fortnight, in \$200 increments.</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000419	McAllister, Jenny	NDIS Participants receiving support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many people are receiving NDIS support in the regions comprising the federal electorate of Page? How many people receiving NDIS support live in Lismore, NSW? How many people receiving NDIS support live in Grafton, NSW? How many NDIS providers (registered and unregistered) are located in the regions comprising the electorate of Page? How many people are estimated to be eligible for the NDIS but not presently receiving support in the regions comprising the federal electorate of Page? 	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000426	McAllister, Jenny	Newstart Recipients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many people are receiving Newstart payments in the regions comprising the federal electorate of Page? How many people are receiving Newstart payments in the regions comprising the federal electorate of Page, broken down by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Age; and Gender. How many people receiving Newstart live in Lismore, NSW? How many people receiving Newstart live in Grafton, NSW? How many people received Newstart in the electorate of Page in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2018; 2017; 2016; 2015; and 2014. What percentage of people living in Page on Newstart receive other welfare payments? What is the median value of these other payments? 	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000445	McCarthy, Malarndirri	4th Action Plan - New or expanded emergency accommodation	<p>4th Action Plan - New or expanded emergency accommodation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has grant funding notices been provided for this measure? What organisations are being approached to apply (church/NGOs)? Are States and Territories being approached? What is the rate of co-funding being requested from applicants? Is the decision-maker for these grants the Minister? Are departmental recommendations to the Minister based on the amount of co-funding offered by the applicant or on community need? How has community 'need' been identified? How many additional beds will be provided under this measure? What is the profile of the cohort who will benefit? And when will they come online? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000342	McCarthy, Malarndirri	4th Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children; and the Women's Safety Package	<p>Program outcomes for 4th Action Plan and Women's Safety Package</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What does program success look like for the 4th Action Plan - how will success be measured (fewer deaths/fewer call outs) Have mechanisms been put in place to measure this success? What about the Women's Safety Package - what does program success look like? How was it measured? What has been achieved to date? What is being measured for continuing initiatives? What about the Prevention initiatives under 4th Action Plan? What will success look like? How will it be achieved? What mechanisms have been put in place to measure success? What initiatives under the 4th Action Plan will provide more frontline services for ATSI women, women with disabilities, CALD women and LGBTIQ people? How much has been allocated for each initiative and to each identified community group (in total)? <p>Women's Safety Package - Phones to victims of domestic violence - Safe Connections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much funding has been provided to WESNET to deliver this service and when will it end? What will happen to this frontline service if WESNET's funding does not continue? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000356	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Advertising and Information Campaigns	<p>What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the past 12 months?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000361	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When did the Department first brief the Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services on portfolio matters? How many briefs did the Department provide the Assistant Minister before the 9 July? Did the Department provide the Assistant Minister or the Minister's office with advice that there should be a 'positive spin on homelessness'? What does the most recent Census data tell us about homelessness in Australia? It is true that the number of homeless Australians has increased over the last two census surveys - is it not? a. In 2016 there were 116,427 recorded homeless versus 102,439 in 2011. It is true that the rate of homeless Australians has increased over the last two census surveys - is it not? a. Between 2011 and 2016 the rate increased by 4.6 per cent. Was the percentage increase in homelessness between the last two census surveys ahead of or behind population growth? a. Between 2011 and 2016, the Australian population grew by 8.8 per cent (not 20 per cent, as claimed by Mr Howarth), while the homeless population grew by 14 per cent. Has the Department ever provided advice or evidence in the last six months to the Assistant Minister or his office that the rate of homelessness was behind population growth in Australia in the last two censuses? In an interview on ABC Radio National the Assistant Minister said that the 14% increase in homelessness between the last two census surveys was 'not ahead of population growth' - is that true? Is it the Department's evidence to this committee that a 14% increase in homelessness between the last two census surveys is not ahead of population growth? Has the Department been directed by the Assistant Minister or his office to conduct any work on vacant houses? How many public servants are currently working on policy to address 'vacant houses' and when did they begin this work? Has the Department provided any research or briefings to the Assistant Minister or his office about the problem of 'vacant houses' in Australia? Does the Department have any advice or research to suggest that 'vacant houses' is a key issue when tackling homelessness? 	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000471	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services	<p>9. I note on the Department's website that all Ministers and Assistant Ministers have a speech or transcript page however Assistant Minister Howarth's is blank - why is that?</p> <p>10. Has the Department been directed by the Assistant Minister not to upload transcripts?</p> <p>11. Is there anywhere I could find a public record of the Assistant Minister's transcripts or speeches?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000345	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Cashless Debit Card (CDC)	<p>1. Please provide all merchant codes that are used as part of the Cashless Debit Card system, indicating</p> <p>a. Those merchant codes that are blocked; and</p> <p>b. Those merchant codes that are permitted.</p> <p>2. Please provide a list of all merchants that are blocked under the Cashless Debit Card system and all mixed merchants that have approval to sell some products to people using the Cashless Debit Card. Please also outline:</p> <p>a. How many mixed merchants are manually blocking transactions in each of the trial sites?</p> <p>b. What kind of merchants sell a mix of restricted and unrestricted goods? How many are there in each trial site?</p> <p>3. Please describe all Cashless Debit Card outages, indicating:</p> <p>a. The date, time and duration of the outage.</p> <p>b. The cause of the outage i.e. Indue system fault, telecommunications system fault etc.</p> <p>c. The number of people impacted by each outage</p> <p>4. What will the unit cost of each Cashless Debit Card be in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>5. In relation to product level blocking for the Cashless Debit Card:</p> <p>a. What is the cost of the contract for Cashless Debit Card product level blocking?</p> <p>b. Which company is trialling product level blocking?</p> <p>c. How long will the trial run for?</p> <p>d. In what location/s will the trial be conducted?</p> <p>e. Provide a list of all merchants that are/will participate in product level blocking in each trial site.</p> <p>f. Is there a real prospect that product level blocking will be automated in the near future? Or will manual blocking by mixed merchants continue to be required?</p> <p>6. How much money have people with Cashless Debit Cards spent on lottery tickets and scratch-its?</p> <p>7. Can the Cashless Debit Card be used at pawnbrokers or pay day lenders to repay loans?</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000477	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines and NDIA contracts	<p>Do the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines require contract details to be published on AusTender within 42 days of entering into or amending a contract if it is valued at or above the reporting threshold. Were details of each contract between the National Disability Insurance Agency and Pinpoint Talent Pty Ltd published in accordance with the mandatory reporting requirements; if not, can contract details, including start date, end date, category and value, be provided where they were not published in accordance with the mandatory reporting requirements; if not, in relation to each contract, why not.</p>	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000360	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Credit Cards	<p>How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff?</p> <p>What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in the past 12 months and what was it for?</p> <p>How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the past 12 months?</p> <p>How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the past 12 months?</p> <p>What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in the past 12 months?</p> <p>How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in the past 12 months and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in the past 12 months? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in the past 12 months and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in the past 12 months? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>Please detail any and all bonuses paid to staff members.</p>	DSS	Written
QSC SQ19-000027	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Departmental Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in the past 12 months, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>List of functions;</p> <p>List of attendees;</p> <p>Function venue;</p> <p>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>Details of any food served;</p> <p>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	NDIS Quality and Safeguards Com	Written
SQ19-000350	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Departmental Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in the past 12 months, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>List of functions;</p> <p>List of attendees;</p> <p>Function venue;</p> <p>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>Details of any food served;</p> <p>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	DSS AIFS	Written
SQ19-000352	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the past 12 months? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000353	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Facilities Upgrades	<p>Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the past 12 months, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?</p> <p>If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000341	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Liquidation of White Ribbon	<p>1. When (mm/yy) did DSS know White Ribbon was experiencing financial difficulty?</p> <p>2. Was funding provided by the Government to White Ribbon subsequently to receiving that advice - how much (total), how many payments and what was the amount per payment.</p> <p>3. What funding was provided to White Ribbon in the 2019-20 Budget (which Program)? How much (total) and what was the funding profile across the FEs.</p> <p>a. Was any of the funding allocated in 2019-20 Budget been provided to White Ribbon?</p> <p>b. How much and when?</p> <p>4. What will happen to the funding allocated to White Ribbon across the Forward Estimates.</p> <p>5. Did the organisation at any time approach the Government or any department official for help prior to becoming insolvent?</p> <p>6. What is the Government doing to protect the White Ribbon brand and ensure the work of the organisation continues?</p> <p>7. What is the Government doing about International White Ribbon Day 2019 (22 November) and encouraging communities to hold events?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000355	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Media Monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the past 12 months?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000349	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Ministerial Functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the past 12 months, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>List of functions;</p> <p>List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</p> <p>Function venue;</p> <p>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>Details of any food served;</p> <p>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000358	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Ministerial Overseas Travel	Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in the past 12 months please be provided?	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000264	McCarthy, Malarndirri	National Disability Insurance Agency	With reference to the list of contracts published by the National Disability Insurance Agency in accordance with Senate Order 13 for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019: Can AusTender contract notice numbers be provided for all contracts with Pinpoint Talent Pty Ltd.	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000265	McCarthy, Malarndirri	National Disability Insurance Agency	What is the total value of contracts between the National Disability Insurance Agency and Pinpoint Talent Pty Ltd with a contract start date between 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000363	McCarthy, Malarndirri	National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA)	<p>1. When was the National Housing and Homeless Agreement signed?</p> <p>2. How many additional social and affordable homes will be built in the next five years as a result of the agreement?</p> <p>3. Can you please provide the Committee with the year on year targets?</p> <p>4. How will the successfulness of the program be assessed?</p> <p>5. Does the Department have any performance indicators for the scheme?</p> <p>6. Has the Assistant Minister or his office directed the department to create any performance indicators?</p> <p>7. Will this Agreement be subject to any independent review - if so when, by whom and will this review be made public?</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000362	McCarthy, Malarndirri	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)	<p>1. When will the last NRAS property be removed from the scheme?</p> <p>2. How many properties will be removed in each calendar year?</p> <p>3. Are properties removed each year on the 1st January or are properties removed individually depending on when they were signed onto the scheme?</p> <p>4. Does the Department have data as to where NRAS properties are currently located?</p> <p>5. Does the Department have data which shows when NRAS properties are to be removed based on geographical location?</p> <p>6. Can the Department please provide any data it has, based on the most accurate geographical descriptor (state, suburb, electorate etc) - of NRAS properties and when they will expire from the NRAS scheme?</p> <p>7. Know the Department record NRAS allocations down to suburb level (in the Quarterly reports) - so you should know based on suburb when NRAS properties will be removed from the scheme?</p> <p>8. What information is given to a tenant whose house is to be removed from the NRAS scheme?</p> <p>9. What support is available to them?</p> <p>10. How much notice is given to a tenant that their rent will increase or they will be removed from the property?</p> <p>15. For the National Rental Affordability Scheme please provide the number of allocations ending in each year, by their year of expiry and their associated postcode.</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000482	McCarthy, Malarndirri	National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)	<p>11. What Government scheme can an NRAS tenant immediately access so as they do not encounter an immediate 20% increase in their rent?</p> <p>12. Has the Department provided advice to Government as to whether a new scheme will need to be implemented to replace the current NRAS?</p> <p>13. Has the Government asked the Department to provide advice for a scheme to replace NRAS?</p> <p>14. Is the Department currently developing a scheme to replace NRAS?</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000417	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Tasmania Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did the NDIA merge management of Tasmania into Victoria in 2018? Why hasn't the Regional Manager position for Tasmania been filled? Why has satisfaction in Tasmania fallen 30% for the last 12 months? 	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000348	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Newstart	<p>1. In relation to families where parents receive Newstart, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of families where a parent receives Newstart by state/territory</p> <p>b. The number of children in families where a parent receives Newstart by state/territory</p> <p>c. The number of single parent families where children receive Newstart by state/territory</p> <p>d. The number of children in single parent families where children receive Newstart by state/territory</p> <p>e. The average number of children in a family that receives Newstart by state/territory</p> <p>2. In relation to people over 50 and receiving Newstart:</p> <p>a. The average time a person spends on Newstart (flow)</p> <p>b. The average time current Newstart recipients who are over 50 have been on the payment (stock)</p> <p>3. In relation to people over 55 and receiving Newstart:</p> <p>a. The average time a person spends on Newstart (flow)</p> <p>b. The average time current Newstart recipients who are over 50 have been on the payment (stock)</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000357	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Promotional Merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the past 12 months?	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000344	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Redress Scheme - Administration Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If 8 months is currently the average processing time for an application, how much quicker will the process be with the injection of \$11.7 million? What is the funding profile over the FEs? 2. Excluding the 618 people with applications 'on hold', what was the longest time taken to complete an application - how many applications have now exceeded the 8-month mark? 3. Does the department know how many applicants have exited the Scheme because its too frustrating, slow and difficult? 4. As at 1 October 2019, how many complaints have been submitted to the Commonwealth Ombudsman on the administration of the Scheme? 5. Does the department still expect 60,000 applications for the Scheme? Is it receiving applications at the rate (per quarter) needed to reach 60,000 before the Scheme closes (in 10-years). 6. Does the department consider the Commonwealth has a responsibility to fully support survivors of institutional sexual assault? 7. What is the department doing to ensure all eligible applicants have the opportunity to receive redress? 8. How many survivors have been offered the minimum redress of \$5,000? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000343	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Redress Scheme - Sign-On of Institutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the average age of the 618 applicants put 'on-hold' because of institutions that have not signed up to the Scheme? 2. How long have these people been waiting - the longest time and the average time for this cohort? 3. Are these people able access support counselling while waiting for redress application to be completed? 4. What alternate options are being looked at by the Government to ensure these people receive redress? 5. Have any of these people dropped out of the Scheme? 6. What is the percent of institutions named during the Royal Commission not signed up? How many sites does this represent? 7. Other than naming and shaming, what other options are being looked at by the Government to make these institutions sign up? 8. According to the Redress Scheme website, 19 institutions expressed an intension to sign up to the Scheme by third quarter 2019 (30 September) but have not - what is the department planning to do now? 9. How many institutions not named in the Royal Commission are being identified in applications? How many survivors are affected? What is the Government doing about these institutions and getting redress for survivors? 10. Which institution has been named the most often? Has this institution signed onto the Scheme? What is the Government doing to ensure survivors receive redress from this institution? 11. Has any institution said they won't sign on? What's the Government doing about those institutions? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000366	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Review of the Support for Trafficked People Program	<p>Have any reviews have been undertaken of the Government's Support for Trafficked People Program. For each review (if any) please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The date the review commenced. b. The date the review concluded. c. The persons who undertook the review, and whether the review was an independent review* d. Whether the review any part of the review was provided to the Minister and/or the Minister's office and the date on which that occurred. e. Whether the findings of the review were released publicly and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If they were not, why they were not. ii. If they were, when and where was the review published? f. Whether any copies or any summaries of the review were provided to members of the National Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Slavery. g. A list of the recommendations provided in each review. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Of these, please indicate which recommendations have been fully implemented by the Australian Government. <p>*Independent is defined as: A provider that is distinct to the one delivering the project.</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000346	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Social Security	<p>1. Further to the information that is publically available in the DSS Payment Demographic Data spreadsheet, please provide:</p> <p>a. Payments recipients by age AND sex, by state/territory</p> <p>b. Number of payment recipients with payment rate affected by deeming, by payment type, income range and value of deemed assets</p> <p>c. Family Tax Benefit A recipients by number of children AND state/territory</p> <p>d. Family Tax Benefit B recipients by age of youngest child AND state/territory</p> <p>e. Recipients of Family Tax Benefit A-only, Family Tax Benefit B-only and both FTBs by state/territory</p> <p>f. Principal carer parents by payment, age range and number of children and state/territory</p> <p>g. Breakdown of Newstart, Youth Allowance (Other), Youth Allowance (Student), Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment Single and Parenting Payment Partnered, by type and amount of supplementary payments received.</p> <p>h. Number of payment recipients residing overseas, by payment type and country</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000354	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Staff Travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the past 12 months?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000494	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Stillbirth Policy Development - Bereavement Payments	1. On 8 August 2019, the Shadow Minister for Health, called on the Federal Government to extend access to Family Tax Benefit Bereavement Payments to families of stillborn children. Has the Government considered this? Is this something the Government would pursue?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000365	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Support for Trafficked People	<p>1) Please provide the number of individuals that have received support through the Support for Trafficked People Program since its inception, by stream, broken down by year. a) Does the Department collect comprehensive data on individual progression through the framework. b) Please provide the number of individuals that have accessed the “reflection” stream within the Support for Trafficked People Program. i) Please provide the proportion of these people who progressed onto the ‘justice support stream’.</p> <p>2) For those that did not progress to the justice support stream, what were the reasons why they did not progress.</p> <p>3) Does the Department track the outcomes for people who exit the STPP before moving on to the justice support stream. a) If so, does the Department have a mechanism to collect data about their outcomes. i) If yes, what is it. ii) If no, why not. c) Please provide the proportion of people in the Support for Trafficked People Program who have been granted a permanent visa. i) Please provide a list of the most common reasons for a person on the justice support stream to be exited before being offered a permanent visa.</p> <p>4) Does the Department track the outcomes of individuals who exit the Support for Trafficked People Program before being offered a permanent visa. a) If so, what mechanism does the Department use to track these outcomes. i) If not, why not.</p> <p>5) Please provide the number of individuals that have received support through the Support for Trafficked People Program for each of the following years (please distinguish between people remaining on the program and new entrants by year): a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17; e) 2017-18; f) 2018-19; g) 2019-present. Please also break down this number by operational framework categories.</p> <p>6) Please provide the number of victims or potential victims of forced marriage that have received support through the Support for Trafficked People Program for the each of the following years (please distinguish between people remaining on the program and new entrants by year): a) 2013-14; b) 2014-15; c) 2015-16; d) 2016-17 Please also break down these numbers by age and gender.</p> <p>7) For the following years, which include the implementation of the Forced Marriage stream trial, please provide the number of victims or potential victims of forced marriage that received support through the STPP distinguishing by those participating on the trial, and those who are not? Indicate a breakdown in age and gender: a) 2017-18; b) 2018-19; c) 2019-present. Please also break down these numbers by age and gender.</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000367	McCarthy, Malarndirri	Support to individuals affected by forced marriage	<p>With reference to the 15 February 2018 announcement by Minister for Social Services the Hon Dan Tehan MP and Assistant Minister for Home Affairs the Hon Alex Hawke MP that the Government would trial the provision of support to individuals affected by forced marriage for up to 200 days through the Support for Trafficked People Program without individuals being required to contribute to a criminal investigation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did this trial commence. 2. When did this trial conclude. 3. Please provide the number of victims or potential victims of forced marriage who received 200 days of support through the trial. a. How did this compare to any Departmental modelling of predicted numbers of people entering the trial. b. How did this compare with previous referrals to the STPP for forced marriage. c. Has the government noted any new trends in reporting, including source and frequency. 4. Does the Department know whether the Support for Trafficked People Program provider is receiving direct calls for support regarding forced marriage. If so, please provide: a. The number of calls that the Support for Trafficked People Program provider received; and b. The number of individuals who made these calls that then accessed the Support for Trafficked People Program? 5. Please provide the total cost of the trial. 6. Please provide the number of people in the trial who cooperated with law enforcement. 7. Please provide the number of people who exited the program before the end of 200 days. 8. Did the Department track participants of the trial after they left the program. 9. Is the Department aware of any individuals who exited the program at the 200 day mark and/or extended discretionary support, because they did not wish to engage further with law enforcement. 10. Please provide the number individuals who participated in a prosecution or law enforcement action during or after leaving the trial. 11. Is the Department satisfied that all victims or potential victims of forced marriage who accessed support through the trial needed no further support after 200 days. a. If yes, on what grounds does the Department make that conclusion. 12. Were any reviews were undertaken of the trial? If so, please provide: a) The date the review commenced. b) The date the review concluded. c) The persons who undertook the review, and whether the review was an independent review* d) Whether the review any part of the review was provided to the Minister and/or the Minister's office and the date on which that occurred. e) Whether the findings of the review were released publicly and: i. if they were not, why they were not. ii. if they were, when and where was the review published? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000487	Roberts, Malcolm	Drug Testing Trial	<p>In principle I am supportive of this a welfare drug testing program as part of a mutual agreement that leads to getting unemployed people working and off benefits, and I note that methyl amphetamine is the highest consumed illicit drug tested across all regions in Australia (National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program 2017). How much is it anticipated that this welfare drug testing program (including review) will cost? Are there sufficient relevant jobs available in the test regions for these people to actually get a job or are we just trying to stop them from spending their benefits on drugs and/or alcohol?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000488	Roberts, Malcolm	Cashless Debit Card (CDC)	<p>Have the studies of the cashless debit card in Ceduna continued to ensure that crime rates did not increase as the result of the card and did more people get jobs as a direct result? Likewise, as a result of the card were there any measured effects in terms of improved nutrition for the Ceduna test group? Was it measured?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000288	Roberts, Malcolm	Child Support	<p>Does Child Support ever ignore Family Court Orders and pay parents even when those parents are breaching Court Orders?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000287	Roberts, Malcolm	Funding for NDIS Services	<p>Many large Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) who provide a range of necessary and hard to get community health and aged care services across Queensland, and who are in high demand in rural and regional areas are concerned about the impact of this funding model on their large businesses and workforces. Some have administrative overheads of up to 30% to 40% when the NDIS seems to fund nowhere near this.</p> <p>Are the payments to providers for NDIS services inclusive of an administrative overhead?</p> <p>Does the department foresee that there may be workforce reductions and/or significant disruption to disability services because of this?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000443	Siewert, Rachel	Cashless Debit Card - Hinkler electorate	<p>How many people have come off the Cashless Debit Card and into jobs in the Hinkler electorate?</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000446	Siewert, Rachel	Commonwealth Rent Assistance	<p>For the financial year 2018-19, provide a breakdown of the number and percentage of Rent Assistance (RA) recipients by:</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> Payment type and paying over 30% of income in rent b) <input type="checkbox"/> Payment type and paying over 50% and 70% of income in rent c) <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and paying over 30% of income in rent d) <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and paying over 50% of income in rent e) <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous/non-Indigenous status and paying over 30% of income in rent f) <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous/non-Indigenous status and paying over 50% and 70% of income in rent g) <input type="checkbox"/> Marital status and paying over 30% of income in rent h) <input type="checkbox"/> Marital status and paying over 50% and 70% of income in rent i) <input type="checkbox"/> State and Territory and paying over 30% of income in rent j) <input type="checkbox"/> State and Territory and paying over 50% and 70% of income in rent k) <input type="checkbox"/> Age and paying over 30% of income in rent l) <input type="checkbox"/> Age and paying over 50% and 70% of income in rent m) <input type="checkbox"/> Average rent paid by Newstart Allowance recipients n) <input type="checkbox"/> Average RA received by Newstart Allowance recipients o) <input type="checkbox"/> Average RA received by Age Pension recipients p) <input type="checkbox"/> Average RA received by Parenting Payment Single recipients q) <input type="checkbox"/> Average RA received by YA (other) recipients r) <input type="checkbox"/> Average RA received by YA (students) s) <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a breakdown of RA recipients subject to the 'sharers' RA rules: by payment type, by gender, by state and territory, and the number paying over 30% and 50% and 70% of their income in rent. t) <input type="checkbox"/> Total number of recipients receiving RA in 2018-19 u) <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure on RA in 2018-19 by total and state and territory.</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000371	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Employment	<p>What does DSS and the Government have planned to break down attitudinal barriers and build employer confidence and capability to employ more people with disability?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000370	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Employment Services (DES)	<p>Can you advise how many DES participants have transferred from their existing providers during the outcome period (ie up to 13 week, 26 week or 52 weeks)? How is the Department ensuring that participants are not being coerced to transfer? Is the Department monitoring what might be deemed unethical behaviour and putting in appropriate disincentives and penalties to prevent this kind of practice from taking hold? What is the Government or Department doing to ensure the integrity of the DES program? Can you provide data around outcome rates for the new DES compared the previous DES contract? Have outcome rates improved? Can you comment on outcome analysis that DSS has conducted? What are we learning about the program, provider and participant cohort performance? How many people with intellectual disability are in the DES program? Has their employment outcome rate increased under the new arrangements? Is there any sign of the new Risk Adjusted Payment model is working positively or negatively for particular cohorts? Such as intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder or young people aged 15 - 24? When will the Department finalise its ESAt review and make this public?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000479	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Support Pension (DSP)	<p>Has the department done any modelling to estimate the cost of policy changes to DSP at a whole of government level (not just the cost to social services budget) given we know costs are being shifted into the health and community sectors because of the reduced number of people receiving DSP?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000449	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Support Pension (DSP) - Breakdown by Medical Condition	<p>Provide a breakdown of Disability Support Pension recipients main medical condition (number and percentage), and by Indigenous and non-Indigenous recipients.</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000451	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Support Pension (DSP) - Grandfathering	<p>How many people (and what percentage) of those currently in receipt of the DSP are grandfathered under the 2006 changes?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000452	Siewert, Rachel	Disability Support Pension (DSP) - Update to SQ19-000182	<p>Provide an update of the response to 2018-19 Additional Senate Estimates Question on Notice SQ19-000182.</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000372	Siewert, Rachel	Drug Testing Trial	<p>Has there, or will there be, any consultation with the Department of Health's Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Branch in relation to the Drug Testing Trial measure and how it impacts on implementation of the National Drug Strategy? If not, why not?</p> <p>If the Drug Testing Trial measure passes through Parliament, what consultation with the alcohol and drug treatment sector will occur in relation to procurement processes and implementation of the trial?</p> <p>Has there, or will there be, any consultation with Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs in relation to this measure? If not, why not?</p> <p>Have the alcohol and other drug sector peak bodies in each of these jurisdictions been consulted about how the additional funding will be allocated?</p> <p>What proportion of the funding will be allocated to different treatment modalities? For instance, across withdrawal services, residential rehabilitation services and pharmacotherapy programs?</p> <p>What types of 'medical practitioner' are in scope for the Drug Testing Trial? Will they have to have some knowledge/expertise in drug treatment?</p> <p>Will the person have any say or decision-making role in who their medical practitioner will be?</p> <p>Will medical practitioners who are contracted by the Government be given an incentive or KPIs to refer people to treatment?</p> <p>What will happen if the medical practitioner decides that treatment is not necessary?</p> <p>Given that Department of Social Services has specified a number of participants expected to return a first positive test and another number expected to return a second positive, how did the Department arrive at that figure and when?</p> <p>Is the detail of number of participants expected to return positives to be included anywhere in contracts for drug testing?</p> <p>Has the Department consulted with the sector and in particular the affected providers in determining the impacts of any job losses and service cuts as a result of the cessation of the equal remuneration supplementation?</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000301	Siewert, Rachel	Hearing Services	What is being done to address concerns that hearing services will be impacted for children aged 0 to 6 years old once Hearing Australia is no longer the sole provider of hearing services for this cohort?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000445	Siewert, Rachel	Hearing services funded through the NDIS	How will the NDIS ensure that the same level of service, including access to immediate services for children aged 0-6, post June 2020 when all hearing services will be funded through the NDIS? Will children need to wait for 3 weeks to access hearing services once all hearing services are funded through the NDIS?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000495	Siewert, Rachel	Income Support Payment	When did the Department first learn that there were 104,480 people who had been cancelled off their income support payment?	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000296	Siewert, Rachel	NDIS Participant Employment Taskforce	Why has the release of the Strategy from the NDIS Participant Employment Taskforce been delayed? When will it be released? How will it be concretely utilised in NDIS employment supports including SLES and other NDIS employment projects?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000298	Siewert, Rachel	NDIS participants seeking employment	Is it the expectation of the NDIA that NDIS participants seeking employment are supported to find employment in open employment receiving award (based) wages in non-segregated settings in their local communities? What policy settings and structures are being put in place to ensure this occurs?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000465	Siewert, Rachel	Newstart	How many people over retirement age are on Newstart? How many people over retirement age on Newstart are First Nations peoples?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000450	Siewert, Rachel	Newstart - Principal Carer	<p>a) How many people are currently in receipt of Newstart Principal Carer?</p> <p>b) Provide a breakdown by gender, age and Indigenous/non-Indigenous status</p> <p>c) Provide details of the number of dependent children per household</p> <p>d) How many (percentage and number) receive income from employment?</p> <p>e) Provide details of duration on payment (for example Newstart Principal Carer)</p> <p>f) How many are: divorced, widowed, separated, or never married</p> <p>g) How many recipients have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more vulnerability indicators?</p> <p>h) Provide a table showing the 10 most common vulnerability indicators</p> <p>i) How many receive a Carer Allowance?</p> <p>j) How many receive Rent Assistance?</p> <p>k) How many are in public/social housing?</p> <p>l) How many are paying a mortgage/own their own home?</p>	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000381	Siewert, Rachel	Newstart and Youth Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide an update details of various "Supplementary Payments" received by Newstart recipients as requested in question part (m) in SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO 2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 394. Please provide a breakdown of any "Supplementary Payments" received by Youth Allowance (other) and Youth Allowance (student) recipients. 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000478	Siewert, Rachel	Newstart recipients over 50	<p>Provide details of Newstart recipients over 50 (numbers and percentages) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Partial Capacity to Work (with and without earnings) b) Partial Capacity to Work by gender c) Partial Capacity to Work by Indigenous status d) All recipients over 50 e) All recipients in receipt of the higher rate aged over 60 (including by gender and Indigenous status) f) With earnings (by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status and gender) g) With a vulnerability indicator, including a breakdown of numbers of vulnerability indicators and the top five vulnerability indicators h) Numbers of Partial Capacity with vulnerability indicators i) Duration on payment: less than 6 months; 6-12 months; 12-24 months; 24-36 months; 36-48 months; 48-60 months; 5-10 years; more than 10 years. j) Single and partnered k) Gender l) With dependent children m) Data re: homeowners, those with a mortgage, receiving Rent Assistance, and other accommodation details (e.g boarders) 	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000299	Siewert, Rachel	Number of NDIS participants	Can you provide a breakdown of the number of participants in each NDIS region as at quarter 4 2019?	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000439	Siewert, Rachel	Partial capacity to work	How many First Nations peoples have a partial capacity to work?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000442	Siewert, Rachel	Partial capacity to work - First Nations peoples	How many First Nations peoples with a partial capacity to work are on dialysis?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000441	Siewert, Rachel	Participation exemptions - First Nations people	How many First Nations peoples with a partial capacity to work have participation exemptions?	DSS	Written
SQ19-000377	Siewert, Rachel	Payment Integrity Bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many pensioners will be impacted by the Payment Integrity Bill 2019? How many of these pensioners have permanently departed Australia? What is the average length of absence of a pensioner travelling overseas? When does the supplement recommence? Will the pensioner need to reapply to access the supplement or will it automatically applied? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000483	Siewert, Rachel	Pensioner Education Supplement	<p>How many received the PES in 2018-19?</p> <p>What was the cost of the PES in 2018-19?</p> <p>Provide an update on the numbers in receipt of the Pensioner Education Supplement (number and percentages) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payment Type b) Age c) Gender d) State and Territory e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000376	Siewert, Rachel	Program of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide data on how people obtain work after engaging with a program or support? How many people have had participation exemptions while on a program of support? What is the maximum length of time for completion of a program of support? How many First Nations people are on a program of support? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000453	Siewert, Rachel	Program of Support	In relation to program of support, has the Department evaluated the impact of Centrelink processes on people applying for or receiving the DSP?	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000300	Siewert, Rachel	Provider Registration	The Department has flagged potential risks to the scheme posed by providers exiting thin markets. Can you provide an update on the number of providers who have withdrawn their registration, nationally and in each NDIS region, in 2018-19?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000295	Siewert, Rachel	Psychosocial Packages	Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of psychosocial packages under the NDIS, both the total number and state by state?	NDIA	Written

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SQ19-000378	Siewert, Rachel	Social Policy Research - Contract Notice CN3586681	<p>What was the social policy research regarding?</p> <p>Have the results been made public?</p> <p>Why was the contract undertaken during caretaker?</p> <p>Was the research a routine matter of administration?</p> <p>Was the social policy research request put to the market or was it given to McKinsey without opening it up to the market?</p>	DSS	Written
SQ19-000368	Siewert, Rachel	Therapy / Support Dogs	<p>Is the Government doing any work to provide therapy/support dogs with public access rights similar to assistance dogs?</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000297	Siewert, Rachel	UN CRPD, Article 27	<p>In respect of the UN CRPD, Article 27, what measures are being put in place to make sure NDIS participants have supports and pathways to open employment outcomes? Is this the preferred outcome by this Government?</p>	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000374	Siewert, Rachel	Wife Pension	<p>Will people transitioning from Wife Pension to Jobseeker payment be worse off due to changes in indexation arrangements? Will indexation arrangements also be grandfathered?</p> <p>Will people transitioning from Wife Pension to Jobseeker payment be entitled to the same concession cards after they transition?</p> <p>Will people transitioning from Wife Pension to Jobseeker payment need to meet mutual obligation requirements and undertake job search requirements?</p> <p>What work is being done to educate Centrelink staff about these changes?</p>	DSS	Written
NDIA SQ19-000284	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Can you provide detailed information about what assessment guidelines exist for NDIS assessors who oversee ME/CFS applicants?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000283	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Will the NDIA partner with the ME/CFS community to develop appropriate assessment guidelines for NDIS assessors?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000285	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Will the NDIA add ME/CFS to List B of permanent conditions where further assessment is required?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000286	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Will the NDIA recognise that people with ME/CFS should not be required to have undergone Graded Exercise Therapy (GET) or Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) in order to access the NDIS? (Noting these treatments are no longer recommended and may cause harm.)</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000287	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Are the NDIA engaging with experienced biomedical researchers and clinicians to update the understanding of ME/CFS? If so, who are they?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000288	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Are the NDIA continuing to insist that people with ME/CFS undertake GET and/or CBT despite overwhelming evidence, advice, and research which indicates that these are not appropriate, safe, and effective “treatments.” If so, why are the NDIA overriding an individual’s right to choose and formulate treatment plans with their trusted medical professional?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000289	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>What provisions are being made for people who are incapable of completing an application due to their disability? (Noting that people with ME/ CFS experience a host of cognitive and physiological symptoms which preclude this.)</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000290	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>Are any services providing application assistance with free capacity actually listed on the application form or guidance material?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000291	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>[PREAMBLE] The NDIS have assessors located in different geographic areas throughout Australia who assess the various claims that come before them. In our interactions with patients we are aware that within some regions ME/CFS claimants are assessed by a focus upon functionality and impairments. Under this approach, claimants are being accepted into the Scheme. However, in the majority of locations the NDIS assessors are focused upon the diagnosis of ME/CFS and are rejecting claimants on various grounds, including that their condition is not permanent and that ME/CFS is a medical condition rather than a disability.</p> <p>[QUESTION] Why is it that the functional and impairment issues of the claimants in some regions for people with ME/CFS are being overlooked and claims are rejected based on diagnosis alone, despite the applicants having the very same functional impairments as applicants in those regions in which applicants are joining the Scheme based on their need?</p>	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000292	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>[PREAMBLE] In the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Report on the National Disability Insurance Agency's Handling of Reviews, the NDIA made a commitment to Government that those claimants who are especially vulnerable would be triaged for an internal review by the Agency, according to need. Many applicants in the severely ill ME/CFS patient cohort have been waiting for a review for many months, up to nine months in some cases.</p> <p>[QUESTION] When does the NDIS plan to include people severely disabled by ME/CFS in their triage process and expedite their reviews in accordance their obligations under the NDIA review process?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000293	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>PREAMBLE] People who are disabled by ME/CFS, especially those whose impairments are severe enough that they are housebound, usually have communication difficulties, both in expressing themselves and in understanding others. They may also have other challenges, including sensitivities to sound, light and fragrances that exclude them from attending face to face appointments in the usual manner, causing functional deterioration when forced to comply.</p> <p>[QUESTION] When will the NDIA allow severely disabled patients to fully participate within their review process by providing communication and attendance adjustments that support their impairments?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000294	Steele-John, Jordon	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – Access to NDIS	<p>[PREAMBLE] When the NDIS provides the claimant an outcome letter it provides the barest of details with respect to the outcome. It does not provide a pathway of reasoning that led the decision maker to their decision, it does not list the documents held, it does not list the documents considered, it provides no detailed explanation of the precise grounds of the decision nor an explanation of the documents upon which it grounded the decision. Furthermore, it leads the claimant to an internal review without providing any of this documentation. The NDIA fails to transparently provide the applicant an outline of what steps they can take to obtain the details of their decision and it fails to transparently provide information to or advise of the fact that this information can be obtained by way of Freedom of Information. The letter does however, advise the applicant of the option to have the decision internally reviewed (without the information necessary to do it) and provides a number of contact options.</p> <p>[QUESTION] Why does the NDIA, when dealing with vulnerable non-legally trained participants/claimants, fail to provide the reasons for their decision in the first instance?</p> <p>[QUESTION] Why does the NDIA fail to disclose all the information used in the process of the decision being made, and why doesn't it advise claimants that the information exists and indeed provide a pathway for accessing this information?</p>	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000280	Steele-John, Jordon	NDIS and Hospital Discharge	How many participants in hospital have been allocated a short plan (e.g. 3-6 months in length) to facilitate their exit from hospital & avoid entering RAC? Please also describe the types of supports that are being funded in these plans and the plan utilisation rate for each of the different types of support (core, capacity building and capital supports) for people in hospital with short-term plans?	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000282	Steele-John, Jordon	Specialist Disability Accommodation	<p>What is the latest data / info on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the number of SDA requests that were reviewed by the panel in the last three months; o How often does the panel meet and on average how many decisions are made at each meeting? o Has anyone in residential aged care who is an approved NDIS participant been refused SDA? If so, how many and why were they refused SDA? 	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000281	Steele-John, Jordon	Specialist Disability Accommodation	<p>What is the latest data, broken down by state and territory, on SDA in people's plans, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a breakdown of the level /type of SDA approved in plans; o the amount of funding that has been a) allocated and b) spent in people's plans for SDA; o the number of Young People in Residential Aged Care with SDA in their plans; o the number of people with SDA in their plans who did not previously live in SDA. 	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000279	Steele-John, Jordon	Young People in Residential Aged Care	Please provide the latest figures, where possible broken down by state and territory, showing: What is the annual cost of the RAC fees to the NDIS?	NDIA	Written

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NDIA SQ19-000418	Steele-John, Jordon	Specialist Disability Accommodation	<p>What is the latest data/info on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the process for handling SDA requests when they are received at a planning meeting? We are hearing from advocates that SDA is being rejected by planners before they get to the panel? - What was the average duration that it took the panel to complete SDA decisions (the time taken between the initial planning meeting and final decision)? - How many people who have applied in the last 3 months have a) been approved b) had their request for SDA declined? - How many Participants have received a planning decision with SDA in their plan while in hospital? - How many Participants have received a planning decision with STA in their plan while in hospital? 	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000433	Steele-John, Jordon	Young People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC)	<p>Please provide the latest figures, where possible broken down by state and territory, showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many YPIRAC have an approved plan? 2. The value (mean, median and range) of funding packages being provided to Young People who had their NDIS plan approved while they were in Residential Aged Care 3. What percentage of YPIRAC have begun drawing down on the funding in their NDIS plan? 4. What percentage of Younger People in RAC have drawn down their NDIS plan by more than \$15,000 in the previous year? 5. What is the plan utilisation rate overall and for each of the different types of support (core, capacity building and capital supports) for YPIRAC? 	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000434	Steele-John, Jordon	Young People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC)	<p>Please provide the latest figures, where possible broken down by state and territory, showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. How many participants in RAC have support coordination funded in their plan - what is the average number of hours for this SC allocation? 7. How are YPIRAC being supported to use service providers who are not provided by the aged care facility? <p>Please provide the latest figures, where possible broken down by state and territory, showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. How many Young People in Residential Aged Care have identified moving out of Residential Aged Care as a goal? 9. How many Young People in Residential Aged Care who became NDIS participants while living in Residential Aged Care have since left Residential Aged Care? 	NDIA	Written
NDIA SQ19-000435	Steele-John, Jordon	Young People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC)	<p>Please provide the latest figures, where possible broken down by state and territory, showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. How many NDIS participants have entered RAC since being an NDIS participant? 11. The total number of young people in residential aged care found not eligible for the NDIS and this as a percentage of all young people in aged care who have tested their eligibility for the NDIS. Please provide a percentage breakdown of the top five reasons. 12. How many YPIRAC is the NDIS paying RAC fees for? 	NDIA	Written
SQ19-000486	Urquhart, Anne	Age Verification for online pornography	<p>23. At Estimates on 22 October 2019, it was confirmed that Minister Fletcher and Minister Ruston initiated and referred the issue of age verification of online pornography to the Committee now examining it on the basis of advice provided by the Department and other agencies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. Who requested or provided the initial advice in the first place? i. Did Minister Ruston request the advice from the Department and/or other agencies? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000485	Urquhart, Anne	National Self Exclusion Register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National Consumer Protection Framework formally commenced on 26 November 2018. What is the status of the development of the National Self-exclusion register, and what is the role of the ACMA in supporting the implementation of the self-exclusion register? 3. What legislation is needed to be developed and passed by the Department of Social Services to enable delivery of the NSER by the ACMA? What will the legislation enable? 4. When is the legislation required to be passed in order for the ACMA meet the 18 month time frame? 7. Is it possible for the original 18 month time frame for implementation of the NSER to be met? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000461	Waters, Larissa	Compulsory superannuation payments for parents on parental leave	<p>Women in Super's Make Super Fair campaign includes a call for the introduction of compulsory superannuation payments for parents on parental leave.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department met with Women in Super about this proposal? 2. Has the Department prepared any advice to the Minister or Treasurer regarding superannuation payments on parental leave? 	DSS	Written

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SQ19-000457	Waters, Larissa	Delivery of specialised family violence services	<p>Prior to the release of the Fourth Action Plan, your department announced a targeted grants program for delivery of specialised family violence services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What consultation was done by the Department in developing the funding programme and identifying the eligible organisations? 2. What is being done to ensure that all government funded counselling services for family violence are delivered by expert family violence service providers in accordance with the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions? 3. There were already 90 specialised family violence services in operation at the time of the funding announcement. What evaluation was done of the effectiveness of these services prior to the announcement of funding to expand the Specialised Family Violence program? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000458	Waters, Larissa	Family Law inquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the Minister or the Department consulted prior to the decision to establish the Joint Select Committee into Australia's Family Law System? 2. Was the Minister consulted in relation to the terms of reference or membership of that Inquiry? 3. Has the Minister or the Department received any correspondence from individual women or women's organisations concerned about the potential adverse impact of the Joint Select Committee inquiry on women and children? If so, how many emails have been received? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000456	Waters, Larissa	National Action Plan for Reducing Violence Against Women	<p>The ANAO review of the Coordination and Targeting of Domestic Violence Funding and Actions found that the Department of Social Services "cannot demonstrate that the actions taken are prioritised based on available evidence or that they are collectively contributing to the outcomes of the National Plan for Reducing Violence Against Women."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What actions have been taken in the development of the Fourth Action Plan to address the ANAO's recommendations? 2. When will an implementation plan for the Fourth Action Plan be released? 3. Which individuals, organisations and government agencies have been, or will be, consulted regarding the Implementation Plan? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000460	Waters, Larissa	Paid Parental Leave (PPL) - encouraging shared parenting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide any data maintained by the Department regarding the number of men who take paid parental leave, and the period of time that is taken. 2. Organisations such as Chief Executive Women have advocated for the legislative distinction between 'primary' and 'secondary' carers to be removed to encourage both parents to share caring roles. Has the Department considered any changes to remove this distinction? 3. What work is the government undertaking to encourage companies to create workplace environments where male parents are not considered unusual for seeking, and being granted, flexibility to share parental responsibilities? 4. Nordic countries adopt a 'use-it-or-lose-it' approach, where parents share 32 weeks of parental leave, with each partner granted 16 weeks and transfer between parents is not permitted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Department received any advice or prepared any briefing for the Minister regarding the approach of Nordic countries to paid parental leave? b. What, if any, other options have been considered to encourage more equitable sharing of parental leave? 	DSS	Written
SQ19-000459	Waters, Larissa	Paid Parental Leave (PPL) - transferring leave payments	<p>Currently, parental leave payments are available where the birth mother's income is less than \$150,000, irrespective of her partner's income. A birth mother can transfer her parental leave to her partner, but only if her partner's income is less than \$150,000. This results in the following:</p> <p>Scenario 1: Birth mother earns \$155k, partner earns \$55k. Family misses out on the parental leave payments for a child.</p> <p>Scenario 2: Partner earns \$155k, birth mother earns \$55k. Family receives the parental leave payments for a child.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department considered any options to address this discrepancy? If so, will any legislative amendments be proposed to ensure families are not disadvantaged where the higher-earning partner is a woman? 	DSS	Written