

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19

Communications and the Arts Portfolio – Tuesday, 23 October 2018

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1.	1.1 [Minister]	Keneally	Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) donations	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I will ask you to take the question on notice; thank you. The question is: (1) how much have you donated to the IPA and on what dates; and (2) to confirm that they are on your register of interests. Minister, I think we covered this previously, but do you have the IPA lapel pin and do you ever wear it?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I don't have that pin. I'm not a big wearer of lapel badges.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 4
2.	1.1	Keneally	Mr Robert Webster	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I understand that; thank you. Were you aware in your selection process that Mr Robert Webster, Head of Asia Pacific Board Services at Korn Ferry, is a former minister of the former Greiner government?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, I'm aware of Mr Webster and his work at Korn Ferry.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: That's not what I asked. Are you aware that he was a minister in the Greiner Liberal government in New South Wales?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, I am.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Was that disclosed in their tender?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I'd have to check the documentation as to whether he was nominated as one of the parties who would be working on this contract; I don't believe he was. I know of Mr Webster through previous work he has done.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: So he may not be working on the ABC—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: He may not; we'll take that on notice. We were given, as part of the tender process, a list of key personnel that would work on this project. I would need to take on notice whether he is one of those people.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Do any of the officials here know? Could we try to find out, given that I only have a few moments left?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can take that on notice.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 10
3.	1.1	Hanson-	ABC reporting	Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Mrdak, do you think it's usual for a	23/10/2018

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		Young	practice	government minister to raise concerns about ABC reporters, or a particular report, with the ABC, have that dismissed and then refer it to ACMA? Is that a usual practice? Mr Mrdak: I believe it's ministers' longstanding practice where ministers have had issues with media coverage. Particularly in relation to factual accuracy and the like, ministers have raised those with the national broadcaster. I would need to take on notice where ministers in the past have referred matters to ACMA, but I'm happy to do that.	Page 17
4.	1.1	Hanson-Young	ABC complaints	Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Has your department drafted or given briefing notes on any complaints given to the ABC by a government minister? Mr Mrdak: Not that I'm aware of. I will check with my colleagues and take that on notice.	23/10/2018 Page 17
5.	1.1	Keneally	Open tendered appointments	Senator KENEALLY: Can I go back to the process for the selection of Korn Ferry? I have a few more questions on that. Has the department run open tenders for ABC and SBS board appointments in the past? If so, please provide details of when the process was conducted, which firm was awarded the tender and the value of the contract. Mr Mrdak: Certainly, Senator. We'll take that on notice. My understanding is that we have in the past run either select or open tenders. I will get you that detail and also the process that was undertaken.	23/10/2018 Page 17
6.	1.1	Keneally	ABC and SBS board recruitment	Senator KENEALLY: If I can put this on notice: how many companies in the past have responded to previous open tenders for ABC and SBS board recruitment? Mr Mrdak: Certainly.	23/10/2018 Page 18
7.	1.1	Keneally	Former SBS chair	Senator KENEALLY: Thank you. I'm trying to understand this process: did the department go for an open tender process in relation to the replacement of the former SBS chair, Nihal Gupta? That was an urgent situation as well. Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.	23/10/2018 Page 18
8.	1.1	Hanson-	Competitive	Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Mrdak, where is the competitive neutrality	23/10/2018

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		Young	neutrality review report	<p>review report? Has that been completed? Mr Mrdak: Yes, it has. It's with the minister for his consideration. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When was that completed? Mr Mrdak: That was completed at the end of September. Mr Eccles: 28 September. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So it's with the minister? Mr Mrdak: Yes. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Did you see a draft of that report before it was finalised? Mr Mrdak: Yes. the Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Were there any changes made between the draft of that report and the final version handed over on 28 September? Mr Mrdak: I'd have to take that on notice as to whether there were changes. Obviously I saw drafts of the work that was being done by the panel. But I'd have to take that on notice. There was always an iterative process that these reports have been finalised.</p>	Page 21
9.	1.1	Hanson-Young	Appointment process for public broadcasters	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When was the last time any work was done within the department in relation to refining the appointment process of the public broadcasters? Mr Mrdak: I presume it would have been done at the time the legislation was amended to provide for the current process but I will take that on notice.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 22
10.	1.1	Hanson-Young	Complaints to SBS Board	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Have you raised concerns with anyone on the SBS board about SBS management or editorial decisions? Senator Fifield: I'd have to check. Certainly not recently.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 23
11.	1.1	Hanson-Young	Content review terms of reference	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Has the government or has the minister raised any concerns with you whether the government's satisfied that it's met the terms of reference? Mr Mrdak: Not in relation to the terms of reference. As I mentioned earlier, there's been ongoing work done for the minister in relation to various options and measures that might meet the issues identified in the report.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 24

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				<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So the department has been working on a response to the review then for the minister?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many people have you got working on that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It's a small team of people in our content division. I can get you those numbers.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Thank you.</p>	
12.	1.1	Chisholm	Foxtel payment	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: What was that first payment? And what are the total funds provided to the recipient so far?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: Certainly. \$7.5 million was the first payment. I can confirm the second payment of \$7.5 million was made in September this year.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: That's Foxtel as the recipient?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Fox Sports?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: Fox Sports.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: So basically half of the \$30 million has been paid to them?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: The guidelines relating to this funding agreement, when were they first made public?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: The exact month I will likely have to take on notice, but my understanding is that they were made public early this year, in approximately February.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: So about the same time the first payment was made?</p> <p>Mr O'Neill: Yes, but I think I will need to take that question on notice for the exact month.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 24
13.	1.1	Chisholm	Fox Sports bid	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Just to be clear, you didn't really answer the question; you gave a different statement. Fox Sports can use taxpayer funds that were given to them—\$30 million over four years—to bid for women's sports and niche sports against free-to-air broadcasters.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 26

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				Mr Eccles: I'd need to check to see whether or not they have actually bid for any particular sports' rights or whether they have just been involved in the production and broadcast. I'll take that on notice and come back with whether or not it's been subject to any bidding process, but I suspect that the answer is that it has not.	
14.	1.1	Chisholm	Fox Sports advertising spend	Senator CHISHOLM: Has any of the funding provided to Fox Sports been used to support advertising of Fox Sports or any of its coverage on its own channels or other channels; and, if so, how much has been spent on advertising? Mr Eccles: I'd need to take that on notice. That would be a matter about which we'd have to go back to Fox Sports.	23/10/2018 Pages 26-27
15.	1.1	Urquhart	Australian content obligations	Senator URQUHART: In view of the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement, is it an option for policymakers to impose Australian content obligations on US-based over-the-top content providers such as Amazon and Netflix? Mr Eccles: I'd like to take that on notice. You're assuming that that's an avenue being entertained. We haven't sought advice on that, so I would need to take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: When you take that on notice, if it's not an option, can you give me details around why? If it is, under what conditions do you see that occurring? Mr Eccles: To be clear, your question goes to a hypothetical situation: whether the imposition of quotas on a US company would be problematic under the US— Senator URQUHART: Is it an option for policymakers to impose Australian content on US-based over-the-top content providers? Mr Eccles: I don't think we've sought advice on that, but I will check.	23/10/2018 Page 31
16.	1.1	Urquhart	Games development industry	Senator URQUHART: I'll skip over a couple that I know you'll answer in the same way. The Canadian games development industry has 21,700 full-time employees and the UK has 12,100. According to research conducted by the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association, Australia has just 928. Why do you think Canada and the UK are investing in a games development industry and	23/10/2018 Page 32

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				<p>Australia isn't? Mr Eccles: I'm absolutely not an expert on the UK and Canadian games systems, so we will have a look at that. Senator URQUHART: You will take that on notice? Mr Eccles: Yes. Senator URQUHART: Do you think Australia is missing out on an opportunity by not investing in the games development industry? Mr Eccles: You're asking for an opinion. Senator URQUHART: Okay. Did the content review look at Canadian and UK policies and whether they should be implemented here? Mr Eccles: The content review did look at international examples, but I can't go into any details; again, that constitutes advice. Senator URQUHART: Minister, can you answer whether it looked at Canadian and UK policies? Senator Fifield: Whether it looked at those specifically we'll take on notice.</p>	
17.	1.1	Urquhart	Correspondence from the Interactive Games and Entertainment Association	<p>Senator URQUHART: I know that the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association wrote to you weeks ago seeking an update on the review and whether the review was providing support for games development. Have you responded? Senator Fifield: I would have to check. Senator URQUHART: You did receive a letter; you're aware of that? Senator Fifield: They do write on occasion, but I'd have to check— Senator URQUHART: You're not sure whether they wrote specifically on that? Senator Fifield: I'd have to check.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 33
18.	1.1	Urquhart	Fairer remuneration postcard campaign	<p>Senator URQUHART: Australia Post licensees have been calling for fairer remuneration from Australia Post across the terms of the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison government. Minister, I understand there's been a recent postcard drive from licensees. How many postcards did you and your office receive from licensees? Senator Fifield: I would have to check. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 44

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				<p>Senator URQUHART: So you don't know?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I'd have to check. I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Last month the government successfully moved a motion in the Senate calling on Australia Post to bring forward a new licence office payment agreement that ensures that licensees who operate post offices are paid fairly. Minister, were you or your office involved in the preparation of that motion?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: Colleagues will often touch base with ministers' offices when a motion relates to their portfolio.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So that was the case—</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I wouldn't be surprised.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You were aware of it?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I would have to check.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you could check that.</p>	
19.	1.1	Urquhart	Australian and Children's Screen Content Review	<p>Senator URQUHART: I want to go to the minister first. Minister, earlier today we were discussing the content review. You didn't outline a time frame for releasing that review, so I now formally request that you table the content review today. Will you table it today?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Well, it's either a yes or a no.</p> <p>CHAIR: He's taken it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Fifield: Senator, I've taken that on notice.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 45
20.	1.1	Chisholm	Fixed line broadband pricing	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Does the department undertake any independent analysis or scanning on whether fixed line broadband is becoming more or less affordable?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We've done some work—and I'll take that on notice in terms of the work our bureau of communications research has done. They've done quite a bit of work around the future pricing strategies and on broadband. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Potentially, is data available that the department would</p>	23/10/2018 Page 60

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				have? Mr Mrdak: Yes, I'll take that on notice	
21.	1.1	Urquhart	NBN Corporate Plan subscriber payments	<p>Senator URQUHART: Turning to the NBN corporate plan. The 2018 corporate plan contains an estimated \$10.6 billion in cumulative subscriber payments over the peak funding period out to 2021. However, the 2019 corporate plan sets out \$9.9 billion in cumulative payments over the peak funding period out to 2021 and \$10.3 billion out to 2022. So, there appears to be \$300 million to \$700 million of potentially unaccounted-for subscriber payments, depending on which peak funding year comparison we want to make. What's the department's understanding of the reason for this? Presumably it's something the department asks questions about during the corporate plan process?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I'll ask Mr Madsen to answer that.</p> <p>Mr Madsen: Our understanding of those differences would be attributed to changes in the timing of the activation of the rollout and activation of the premises. Those figures have been adjusted between the previous corporate plan and the current corporate plan. As a result, the timing of those subscriber payments will fall into different financial years.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: But that's a lot of variation—\$300 million to 700 million.</p> <p>Mr Madsen: Yes. We can take on notice to confirm that. But there were quite substantial changes in the profile of the rollout, particularly in FY19 and FY20.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Does that mean that all subscriber payments will be made by July 2022?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: Can we take that on notice? I think the answer's yes, but perhaps we can take that on notice and make sure we're right in saying that.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Yes. Can you come back during the course of—</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: We'll see if we can do that for you.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 62-63
22.	1.1	Urquhart	NBN Co debt	Mr Madsen: That's correct. The corporate plan assumes that debt is carried at the same rate as the current Commonwealth debt, at 3.96 per cent.	23/10/2018 Page 63

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				<p>Senator URQUHART: How much interest will the additional \$2 billion of debt accrue per annum?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: I think we'd have to take that on notice.</p>	
23.	1.1	Urquhart	Regional Broadband Levy	<p>Senator URQUHART: How much new revenue is the regional broadband levy expected to raise from non-NBN providers in 2021?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We'll get that for you.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 64
24.	1.1	Urquhart	Peak funding for NBN rollout	<p>Senator URQUHART: If there were a rollout time frame for 2021, what would the peak funding be? Did you do that scenario?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I don't think we've modelled that in any detail. It's very conceptual at this stage. I can take that on notice to see whether the company has any views on that.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you could. There's a lot of public commentary around in relation to a longer period of funding. I think we need to try and counter that. So, if there were a longer time frame modelled—and the dollars attached to that—that would be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, I certainly will come back to you on that</p>	23/10/2018 Page 66
25.	1.1	Chisholm	Mobile base station delays	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: What are the external factors outside of the control of the mobile network operators that are referred to, and what sorts of things are these factors?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: There are three major impacts. One is getting the planning approval through the local council. Often, even if you get the planning approval you might have to go through environmental studies and visual impact studies. In some communities there might be opposition as well, so you may have to look at relocating the base station to meet concerns within a community. Then as soon as you relocate a base station, you have to go through the planning process and everything again, so that's a big one—planning approvals. The other one is land access. The carriers need to reach a lease agreement for the land. Even in circumstances where they might have reached a memorandum of understanding on a particular location, if there is opposition within a community, or a landholder starts to ask for more money or they change their mind, they have to</p>	23/10/2018 Page 68

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				<p>go through that process again. So that's another one. And the third one is power. What we often find with power is that the base station might be built, but we have to wait for the power to be connected before it can be turned on.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Okay. And can you provide the committee with a list of those that have had delays?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: Yes, I can. We've got some information on our website, but I'm happy to take that on notice and give you that information.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Thanks. And, somewhat related: how many base stations can't be built at the original scheduled location, as you have referred to, and can you provide a list of those as well?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: I can do that.</p>	
26.	1.1	Chisholm	Mobile base stations from rounds 1 and 2	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: I'd also be interested in knowing which base stations from rounds 1 and 2 are not yet operational.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: Okay. I will take that on notice, but we absolutely can give that information to you. What I can say is that, under the first two rounds of the program, 75 per cent of the base stations are operational now. I expect the vast majority of the round 1 and 2 base stations will be operational by the end of this calendar year, but you might have a very small number which are either ones where it has taken a bit longer to get the approvals, which I spoke about earlier, or, in some locations, where you couldn't actually get a solution for those reasons and another location has been chosen as a replacement—that, then, has another time line attached to it. I would say almost all the round 1 and 2 are scheduled to be completed by the end of this calendar year. We're tracking around 75 per cent at the moment. On the priority round, there are two active at the moment out of the 102.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 69
27.	1.1	Chisholm	Data points	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Has the department established data points on what proportion of premises in the satellite footprint are served through a copper line?</p> <p>Mr P Mason: Yes, we have that data, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Are you able to provide that?</p> <p>Mr P Mason: No, I'm not able to provide that. I can take it on notice. Why I</p>	23/10/2018 Page 70

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				<p>hesitate is that we had difficulty securing it from Telstra, and they put fairly stringent conditions on getting access to it.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: It's only a Senate committee; I'm sure that will be fine. Has the department obtained a better idea of what proportion of premises in the satellite footprint have mobile coverage? Is there any data you can offer on that?</p> <p>Mr P Mason: These are all things that we have been looking at. I think that's clearly what the work of the task force has been about. Those kinds of results are in the material we're providing for government consideration, and government is still considering that.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: Would you be able to take on notice whether you can provide any of that data to us?</p> <p>Mr P Mason: I can take the question on notice, but I think the answer will depend on government considerations.</p>	
28.	1.1	Urquhart	Fixed wireless policy	<p>Senator URQUHART: I have a couple of questions around the fixed wireless. I want to step through a few developments in relation to the fixed wireless policy. On 15 August 2018, the now NBN CEO revealed that consumers on fixed-line wireless would be charged \$65 wholesale for a 50-megabit-per-second plan. In comparison, fixed-line services in the city have a \$45 wholesale price for the same speed. The following day, the minister issued a statement claiming NBN Co had not made a decision on this pricing change. The minister stated: NBN is embarking on a fresh round of product consultations but have made no decisions. However, a subsequent iTnews report on 17 August citing documents presented by NBN Co to retail providers appears to contradict this. The article states: But the presentation to industry tells a different story. There, the \$65 charge was unequivocally presented as applying to new 50/20Mbps services and coming into effect on August 20—supporting the version of events presented before parliament. On 22 August 2018, the Senate passed an order seeking access to the documents in order to establish the facts of the matter. NBN Co exercised a public interest immunity claim on the basis that the documents were commercial-in-confidence. If this presentation were provided by NBN Co to retail providers,</p>	23/10/2018 Page 72

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				<p>how could it be commercial-in-confidence?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is probably a question best placed to the company, Senator. I don't think anyone at the table today can give you a detailed answer in relation to the timing and the sequence of the documents presented to industry. We weren't involved in that. Perhaps the best way—</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You weren't involved in that at all? Mr Mrdak: Not in that process. Can I take it on notice and suggest that there be a conversation with the company.</p>	
29.	1.1	Urquhart	Wholesale pricing	<p>Senator URQUHART: When did the department first become aware of NBN Co's plan to set a \$65 wholesale price for the 50 megabits per second tier on the fixed-line network? Was it prior to the joint standing committee hearing when it was revealed or after? That joint standing committee was on 15 August 2018.</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: I think we would have to take that on notice to be sure, Senator. We can take it on notice and find out when we were first informed.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You don't know whether it was after the 15th?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: I'm sorry. I don't have that information in front of me.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There was a consultation paper issued by the company to seek industry feedback on various options. My understanding was that that option was included and that was in May. We will get you a more definitive date as to when that went from a concept to a more firm proposal.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I have some questions arising out of that date. Is there no-one who can give that to you now?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No. When we've got the company before the committee later this evening, it might be a conversation where they may be able to give us some more information.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I would like you to take on notice: what did the department know, what was the understanding of the pricing changes, when did the department first find out and was the minister briefed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 72-73
30.	1.1	Keneally	Competitive	Senator KENEALLY: I thank the ABC for being here tonight. Minister, before I	23/10/2018

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			neutrality inquiry	<p>go to some other questions I want to recap on the competitive neutrality inquiry. It was stated that the inquiry cost \$495,000, almost half a million dollars. Could you or Mr Mrdak provide a breakdown of the cost for the competitive neutrality inquiry, including what was the biggest line item, how much was spent on travel and the time frame for which the costs were incurred?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I'm sure we can do that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. If I can provide that on notice to you, we'll do that. The largest component was the remuneration of the panel. But I will get you the details of that.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you very much. For the record, how long did the competitive neutrality inquiry operate? It was for only a few months I believe.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It was of the order of four or five months.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Perhaps on notice you can give me a more specific answer.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	Page 94
31.	1.1	Keneally	Tenders for ABC and SBS board appointments	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Has the department been able to obtain any answers to questions taken on notice earlier today—that is, has the department previously run open tenders for ABC and SBS board appointments?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I apologise, Senator, but we are still working on those answers. We will come back to you as quickly as we can.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: I think you said earlier that it was your understanding that they have but you couldn't say in every circumstance.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That's right, and we're still waiting for the answer. The team are working on it and we will get that as quickly as we can.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: I would also like to know whether they have been awarded to Australian firms.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. My understanding is that the previous firm that undertook this work for the panel is an Australian based firm.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: The department said that you undertook a select tender—it was not an open tender; I might describe it as a closed tender—with four firms</p>	23/10/2018 Page 103

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				<p>to appoint Korn Ferry, which is a US based company. You listed the other three firms?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We did.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Could you remind me of those again.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We went to four firms, three of which were on a panel, consistent with our procurement guidelines. The firms were Korn Ferry, NGS Global, Watermark and Chalice.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Do you know if they are all Australian firms?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: They've all got headquarters and a track record of doing recruitment in Australia.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Did any of those three firms disclose that they had people with Liberal Party links involved in their firm or who would be involved in this process?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: There were four firms involved. We would have to go and check that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Could I please put that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Sure.</p>	
32.	1.1	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	01/11/2018 Written
33.	1.1	Bilyk	Departmental	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the	01/11/2018

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			functions	Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written
34.	1.1	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	01/11/2018 Written
35.	1.1	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 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?	01/11/2018 Written
36.	1.1	Bilyk	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	01/11/2018 Written
37.	1.1	Bilyk	Media monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all media monitoring contracts in that period please be provided?	01/11/2018 Written
38.	1.1	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? What advertising and information campaigns did the Department run in the relevant period?	01/11/2018 Written

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				Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in that period please be provided?	
39.	1.1	Bilyk	Promotional merchandise	<p>What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?</p> <p>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?</p> <p>Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?</p>	01/11/2018 Written
40.	1.1	Bilyk	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017 please be provided?</p> <p>This list should include the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights 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 airline and class of travel; • 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; • 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; • 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; and • Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided. 	01/11/2018 Written
41.	1.1	Bilyk	Social media influencers	What was the Department's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	01/11/2018 Written

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				What advertising or information campaigns did the Department use social media influencers to promote? Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided? Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	
42.	1.1	Steele-John	Audio description	In May this year, the Minister advised the committee that more policy work was needed before a decision could be made about how audio description could be introduced onto Australian television so that people who are blind or have low vision can enjoy watching television like the rest of our society. I am advised by members of the blindness and low vision sector that they have not been consulted by you or your department since then, so can you please tell us what specific policy work has been done, why key stakeholders have not been involved, and whether a final decision about audio description will be made before Christmas this year.	01/11/2018 Written
43.	1.1	Keneally	IPA donations and dates	1. How much has the Minister donated to the IPA, and on what dates? a. And can the Minister confirm that they these donations are on his register of interests?	02/11/2018 Written
44.	1.1	Keneally	Open tenders for appointments	2. Has the Department run open tenders for ABC and SBS board appointments in the past? a. If so, please provide details of when the process was conducted, which firm was awarded the tender and the value of the contract.	02/11/2018 Written
45.	1.1	Keneally	Closed tenders for appointments	3. Has the Department run closed tenders for ABC and SBS board appointments in the past? a. If so, please provide details of when the process was conducted, which firm was awarded the tender and the value of the contract.	02/11/2018 Written
46.	1.1	Keneally	Board recruitment	4. How many companies in the past have responded to previous open tenders for ABC and SBS board recruitment?	02/11/2018 Written
47.	1.1	Keneally	Korn Ferry	5. Did Korn Ferry include in their tender that Rob Webster was a former minister in the Greiner Government? a. Of the other firms approached for this closed tender, did any of those disclose	02/11/2018 Written

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				that they had people with Liberal Party links involved in their firm, or who would be involved in this process?	
48.	1.1	Keneally	Korn Ferry – Nomination Panel	6. Will Korn Ferry determine which applicants are considered by the Nomination Panel, or will applicants be able to apply to the Nomination Panel directly?	02/11/2018 Written
49.	1.1	Keneally	SBS Chair Nihal Gupta	7. Did the Department go for an open tender process in relation to the replacement of the former SBS chair Nihal Gupta?	02/11/2018 Written
50.	1.1	Keneally	Breakdown of costs – Competitive Neutrality Inquiry	8. Can the Department provide a breakdown of the cost for the competitive neutrality inquiry? a. What was the biggest line item? b. How much was spent on travel? c. What was the time frame for which the costs were incurred?	02/11/2018 Written
51.	1.1	Hanson- Young	Gordon St Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What plans does the Department have for the historic ABC Studios on Gordon St in Elsternwick? • Can the Department table any correspondence it has had with the ABC on this matter? 	02/11/2018 Written
52.	1.1	Hanson- Young	Film production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much money has the Australian Government provided to each of the following studios to incentivise their productions to be filmed in Australia since 2013? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Walt Disney Studio o Universal Pictures o 20th Century Fox o Warner Brothers o Paramount Pictures o Sony Pictures o Marvel Productions • Can the Department provide a breakdown of each state and territory's contribution to Foreign Production and PDV? 	02/11/2018 Written
53.	1.1	Hanson- Young	Australian Broadcasting in the Asia Pacific	• Given the current Review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia Pacific, what is the government doing to ensure Broadcast Australia facilities at Shepparton and elsewhere remain available to the government should the review	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p>recommend renewed shortwave broadcasting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the operational status, and what maintenance is being performed on transmitters at Shepparton and Brandon to ensure they remain viable? • Does the government have any plans to ensure the former Radio Australia transmission sites, including Shepparton, are not sold or further mothballed before the recommendations of DFATs Soft Power Review and the Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in Asia and the Pacific are considered? • Does the Department have an interest in the ongoing usage of the Shepparton HF facility, and does it maintain a dialogue with Broadcast Australia about the future of the site? • Has the Department investigated the likely cost of trying to operate Shepparton on a cost-neutral basis using solar power? o If so what were the findings? • How much would it cost to restore high-quality shortwave broadcasting to countries in each of the following regions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Melanesia o Micronesia o Polynesia • What would be the expected operating costs of high-quality shortwave broadcasting to countries in Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia each year? • How much would it cost to fit out and operate 24-hour FM stations in Pacific capitals in Micronesia and Polynesia including in Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and Nauru, Cook Islands, Niue and Tuvalu? • How much would it cost to fit out and operate 24-hour FM stations and in important regional towns and cities in Melanesia such as Madang, Wewak, Goroka, Kokopo and Popengetta in PNG, Labasa, Ba and Levuka in Fiji, Gizo and Auki in Solomon Islands and on the islands of Tanna, Malekula and Pentecost in Vanuatu? • When are submissions to the review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia Pacific going to be made public? 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Why has it taken so long to make submissions public? • When is the review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific due to report to government? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will that report going to be made public? o If so, when? • Has the Department considered what role it would have in assisting the Department of the Foreign Affairs in the redevelopment of broadcasting into the Pacific, Indonesia and East Timor? • What technical resources has the department allocated to assist the current Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific? • Has the Department sought the input of professional media personnel to assist the Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Who are they and what areas of expertise do they have? • Is the Department aware if there are any HF frequencies still registered to the ABC? 	
54.	1.1	Farrell	Business cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new business cards for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018 (please include production, design, and printing costs)? 	02/11/2018 Written
55.	1.1	Farrell	Letterhead and personalised stationery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new letterhead and personalised stationery for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018? (please include production, design, and printing costs) 	02/11/2018 Written
56.	1.1	Farrell	Electronic equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new electronic equipment (including telephones, ipads, computers, laptops) for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018? 	02/11/2018 Written

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57.	1.1	Urquhart	The Fifield Triangle	<p>a) Does the Department of Communications and the Arts have and maintain a list of acronyms and glossary terms relevant to the portfolio? This could also include a style guide that contains such terms. <u>If yes:</u></p> <p>b) Does the term 'Fifield Triangle' exist in this list?</p> <p>c) Please outline the process by which new terms can be considered and incorporated into the glossary.</p>	05/11/2018 Written															
58.	1.1	Urquhart	The multi-technology mix - cost	<p><u>Background:</u> A mobile base station in Coalcliff that was approved for funding under Round 1 of the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme in June 2015. We understand that the proposed base station has not been built due to indecision or refusal from NSW State Rail.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> 1. With regard to the mobile base station for Coalcliff, which was approved for funding under Round 1 of the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme in June 2015, can the Department:</p> <p>a. Provide a progress report for construction of the Coalcliff base station; b. Provide details as to why construction has not commenced; c. Advise what proposals are in place for construction of the base station and a date for completion?</p>	05/11/2018 Written															
59.	1.1	Urquhart	NBN Corporate Plan	<p>What external advisory firm (s) did the Department engage for assistance with reviewing the following NBN Corporate Plans:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="969 1150 1888 1321"> <thead> <tr> <th>Corporate Plan</th> <th>Advisory firm(s)</th> <th>Value of procurement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016 Corporate Plan</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017 Corporate Plan</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018 Corporate Plan</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019 Corporate Plan</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Corporate Plan	Advisory firm(s)	Value of procurement	2016 Corporate Plan			2017 Corporate Plan			2018 Corporate Plan			2019 Corporate Plan			05/11/2018 Written
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60.	1.1	Urquhart	Employees not	1. Over the past 24 months, how many individuals have been carrying out duties	06/11/18															

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			engaged under Section 22 of Public Service Act	within your Department who were not engaged as employees under Section 22 of the Public Service Act? Please provide a breakdown showing categories of duties e.g. policy, ICT, program delivery. a. How many of these individuals have been providing services to the Department for greater than 12 months? b. What was the reason for not employing these individuals under Section 22 of the Public Service Act?	Written
61.	1.1 [Minister]	Urquhart	Political tumult	1. Does the Minister concede that work on the Spectrum Reform has been delayed or affected by political tumult this year? 2. Does the Minister concede that work on the Content Review has been delayed or affected by political tumult this year? 3. Does the Minister concede that work on Audio Description has been delayed or affected by political tumult this year?	07/11/2018 Written
62.	1.1 [Minister]	Urquhart	Communications policy roadmap	1. In a speech delivered on 27 October 2016 the Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts indicated the Minister had requested a holistic communications policy roadmap centred on a principles based framework. In response to Questions on Notice in late 2017, the Department confirmed the roadmap was still ‘under development’ and that ‘discussions with the Minister continue’: a. Why did the Minister ask the Secretary to prepare a roadmap? b. Does the Minister still require the roadmap? c. What progress has been made on the roadmap to date?	07/11/2018 Written
63.	1.1 [Minister]	Urquhart	Grant of \$30m to Fox Sports	1. Has the First performance report from Fox Sports in relation to the grant of \$30 million of taxpayer funds for supporting coverage of under-represented sports be released to the public? If so, when and where? 2. At Senate Estimates on 28 October 2018, it was confirmed that the Department received the first performance report from Fox Sports on 30 July 2018 and that the report had been provided to your Office. In that forum you stated that it was your intention to provide ‘maximum transparency’ and that you want to provide the maximum information publicly, subject to commercial-in-confidence. Given	07/11/2018 Written

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				your media release of 30 October 2018 makes a number of claims about increased coverage of women's sports, when will the first performance report be released?	
64.	1.1 [Minister]	Urquhart	Content review	<p>1. On 7 December 2017, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts released its Report on the inquiry into the Australian film and television industry (the Report). The Report made 13 recommendations. As per the Resolution of the House, the Australian Government is required to respond to a House of Representatives Committee report addressing each recommendation, within six months of the report being tabled. Would you please advise when and how the response will be available?</p> <p>2. The Interactive Games & Entertainment Association wrote to you weeks ago seeking an update on the Content Review and whether the review providing support for games development. Have you responded and if not, why not?</p> <p>3. Since you received the Content Review report, your only policy response has been to increase funding for foreign films that are shot in Australia. Was this a recommendation of the Content Review? When will you release the full recommendations of the Content Review?</p>	07/11/2018 Written
65.	1.1	Urquhart	Budget	1. Please provide a detailed, year-on-year, description of the funding profile of the Department since the Liberal Government took office in 2013, and the impact of any funding changes over that period.	07/11/2018 Written
66.	1.1	Urquhart	Media literacy	1. What, if anything, has the Department done to promote the media literacy of Australians in the last two years and how does this work address the issue of media concentration in Australia? Please provide details.	07/11/2018 Written
67.	1.1	Urquhart	5G Working Group	1. Please provide a detailed outline of the purpose and work of the 5G Working Group to date, including meeting dates, participants, issues discussed and outcomes identified.	07/11/2018 Written
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				and that 'discussions with the Minister continue': a. What progress has been made on the roadmap to date? b. Has the roadmap been referred to the ACMA for consideration? c. Has the roadmap been consulted on with industry stakeholders? If so, which stakeholders?	
69.	1.1	Urquhart	Broken concepts	1. What, if anything, has the Department done to address the many broken concepts that persist in Australian communications law and regulation, as articulated in the ACMA Broken Concepts Report? Please provide a detailed response.	07/11/2018 Written
70.	1.1	Urquhart	Spectrum reform	1. Why has the release of the second exposure draft of the Radiocommunications Bill been delayed? What areas of complexity have contributed to the delay and what actions have been taken to address the complexity and delay? 2. Since the release of the Report of the Spectrum Review, what resources/staff has the Department deployed to work on implementing the spectrum reforms? Please provide a detailed overview. 3. How has the delay in the release of the second exposure draft of the Radiocommunications Bill affected Department in terms of resourcing, staffing, organisational structure and/or work plan? 4. Have the costs and/or impacts of the delay in implementing the reforms to Government, industry and the broader economy been estimated and, if so, what are the costs and/or impacts?	07/11/2018 Written
71.	1.1	Urquhart	Emergency broadcasting	1. Given the important role that ABC Local Radio plays in providing information to affected communities in times of natural and man-made emergency, what steps has the Department taken to ensure that all relevant transmission facilities are appropriately resilient particularly in terms of back-up power? 2. How many ABC Local Radio services are supported by back-up power that enables them to remain on-air for multiple days in the event of disruption to mains electricity? How many are not, and in which areas are these situated? 3. More broadly, how many transmission sites from which ABC television and radio is broadcast across Australia are supported by back-up power enabling them	07/11/2018 Written

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				to remain on-air for multiple days? How many are not, and in which areas are these situated? 4. Has the Department sought indicative costings to address the issue of providing back-up power to those ABC television and radio transmission sites which do not currently have this capability? What is this costing specifically in relation to ABC Local Radio?	
72.	1.1	Urquhart	Content Review Part I	1. Has the Department sought or obtained legal advice on options to reform New Zealand content counting towards Australian content quotas? What are the key reform options? 2. Has the Department sought or obtained data on the number of children in Australia who fall into C (children's) & P (preschool) program age groups? If so, please provide details of the data/findings. 3. Has the Department sought or obtained data on the average ratings for commercial television during C and P programs, as well as other programs by way of comparison? If so, please provide details of the data/findings. 4. Has the Department sought or obtained data on the average advertising revenue for commercial television during C programs, as well as other programs by way of comparison? If so, please provide details of the data/findings.	07/11/2018 Written
73.	1.1	Urquhart	Content Review Part II	5. Can the Department provide an update as to the nature of their efforts to increase Australian content on TV, including but not limited to: a. Pay services such as Netflix b. Public broadcast content 6. Can the Department state whether it has met with stakeholders and producers such as Netflix and Amazon? 7. Would the Government consider partnerships and subsidies with production companies to incentivise more Australian-produced content? 8. Has the Department sought and/or obtained advice on the impact of the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement or TPP in relation to the Content Review? 9. In view of the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement, it is an option for policy makers to impose Australian content obligations on US-based over-the-top	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>content providers, such as Amazon Netflix?</p> <p>a. If no, why?</p> <p>b. If yes, under what conditions?</p> <p>10. On 7 December 2017, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts released its Report on the inquiry into the Australian film and television industry (the Report). The Report made 13 recommendations. As per the Resolution of the House, the Australian Government is required to respond to a House of Representatives Committee report addressing each recommendation, within six months of the report being tabled. Would you please advise when and how the response will be available?</p>	
74.	1.1	Urquhart	Content Review Part III	<p>11. The discussion paper for the Content Review released in 2017 noted that future policy settings need to recognise that Australian culture extends beyond traditional forms of screen content into video games and highlighted the changing consumption habits of children who have moved away from traditional platforms to video games. What options did the Content Review consider to support the development of Australian-made games?</p> <p>12. In relation to the mix of financial incentives that are currently available to film and TV production in Australia, including direct funding and tax offsets: Are these options that could be used to support the development of Australian-made games and what methods would work best?</p> <p>13. According to research conducted by the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association, Australian-made games generated just \$118.5 million in revenue in the 12 months to March this year, which is fewer than what New Zealand-made games generated. What options are there for increasing the volume and value of Australian-made games, and were they considered by the Content Review?</p> <p>14. According to research conducted by the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association, while Australian-made games generated just \$118.5 million in revenue, Australians spent \$3 billion in video games so Australians are obviously playing games, just not Australian ones. What options if any did the Content Review consider to support the development of Australian-made games?</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>15. Canada's games development industry has 21,700 full-time employees and the UK has 12,100. According to research conducted by the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association, Australia has just 928. Why do you think Canada and the UK are investing in a games development industry and why isn't Australia?</p> <p>16. Do you think Australia is missing out on an opportunity by not investing in a games development industry?</p> <p>17. Did the Content Review look at Canadian and UK policies and whether they should be implemented here?</p> <p>18. Would you consider that the PDV offset has been a success in developing a strong post-production and effects industry in Australia? What effect do you think extending the PDV offset to games development would have, and was this option considered by the Content Review?</p>	
75.	1.1	Urquhart	eSafety	<p>1. Please provide a detailed breakdown of funding allocated to the eSafety Commission since 2013-14:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Funding per year; Where funding came from; What the funding is for. <p>2. What Commonwealth Departments and agencies have responsibility for eSafety? (please provide an overview)</p> <p>3. Please outline the role of the Department in relation to the Be Connected program?</p> <p>4. Why is the Be Connected program focused on a certain age group, and not other demographics?</p> <p>5. What work has been done to assess the success of this program and what are the findings?</p> <p>6. Where did funding come from to support the office of the eSafety commissioner in relation to administering the non-consensual sharing of intimate images scheme?</p>	07/11/2018 Written
76.	1.1	Urquhart	Community broadcasting	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of funding allocated to community broadcasting over the past five Budget cycles.</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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77.	1.1	Urquhart	Pacific media	<p>1. Given the current Review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia Pacific, what is the Department doing to ensure Broadcast Australia facilities at Shepparton remain available to the government should the review recommend renewing shortwave broadcasting, and what is the operational status and what maintenance is being performed on transmitters at Shepparton and Brandon near Townsville to ensure these sites remain viable?</p> <p>2. Does the government have any plans to ensure the former Radio Australia transmission sites including Shepparton are not sold or further mothballed, before the recommendations of DFAT's Soft Power Review and the Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in Asia and the Pacific are considered?</p> <p>3. Does the Department have an interest in the ongoing usage of the Shepparton HF facility and does it maintain a dialogue with Broadcast Australia about the future of the site?</p> <p>4. Has the Department investigated the likely cost of trying to operate Shepparton on a cost-neutral basis using solar power? If so what were the findings?</p> <p>5. How much would it cost to restore high-quality shortwave broadcasting to countries in each of the following regions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Melanesia b. Micronesia c. Polynesia <p>6. What would be the expected operating costs of high-quality shortwave broadcasting to countries in Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia each year?</p> <p>7. How much would it cost to fit out and operate 24-hour FM stations in Pacific capitals in Micronesia and Polynesia including in Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and Nauru, Cook Islands, Niue and Tuvalu?</p> <p>8. How much would it cost to fit out and operate 24-hour FM stations and in important regional towns and cities in Melanesia such as Madang, Wewak, Goroka, Kokopo and Popenetta in PNG, Labasa, Ba and Levuka in Fiji, Gizo and Auki in Solomon Islands and on the islands of Tanna, Malekula and</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>Pentecost in Vanuatu?</p> <p>9. When are submissions to the review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia Pacific going to be made public?</p> <p>10. Why has it taken so long to make submissions public?</p> <p>11. When is the review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia Pacific due to report to government?</p> <p>12. Will that report going to be made public? If so, when?</p> <p>13. What role will the Department have in assisting the Department of Foreign Affairs in the redevelopment of broadcasting into the Pacific, Indonesia and East Timor?</p> <p>14. What technical resources has the Department allocated to assist the current Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific?</p> <p>15. Has the Department sought the input of professional media personnel to assist the Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific? Who are they and what areas of expertise do they have?</p> <p>16. Is the Department aware if there are any HF frequencies still registered to the ABC?</p>	
78.	1.1	Kitching	Government board appointments	<p>With reference to paragraph 115 sub paragraph (a) of the Cabinet Handbook, referring to the person being appropriately qualified and having relevant experience:</p> <p>(a) Is it correct that the website for the National Film and Sound Archive board, in the describing qualifications of former MP Paul Neville states “He was a former area manager for Birch Carroll and Coyle”?</p> <p>(b) Is this the kind of qualification and experience the Cabinet Handbook was contemplating?</p> <p>(c) Is it correct that Ms Jude Donnelly’s qualifications include being a “former Media Adviser to the Australian Federal Government and [she] was the General Manager, Media and Communications for the Richmond Football Club from 2007-2010. In 2013, she took up her current position as the Head of Government and Stakeholder Relations for the Australian Football League.”?</p>	09/11/2018 Written

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				(d) Is that the kind of appropriate qualification the Handbook was contemplating for a role such as the National Film and Sound Archive? (e) Noting Ms Fiona Scott's previous biography on the National Film and Sound Archive website said in the first line that she "grew up visiting Disney and ABC film sets...", why has this part of Ms Scott's online biography been deleted? (f) Did the Department have any contact with the National Film and Sound Archive in order to have Ms Scott's online biography changed?	
79.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Mr Tony Nutt	Senator URQUHART: Do you consider it appropriate for Mr Nutt to be working as a director of transition for the Prime Minister? Is that considered good practice? Ms Holgate: I'm not familiar with what Mr Nutt is doing. I have read the media, too. I am happy to take it on notice and get my chair to give you a formal response.	23/10/2018 Page 43
80.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Print post pricing	Senator URQUHART: I want to go to print post pricing. Senator Williams asked a couple of questions on LPOs. Can you tell me what the justification from Australia Post was to increase the print post product by around six per cent, whereas pre-sort products realised a 1.2 per cent increase? Ms Holgate: I'm not familiar with that question, so I'm happy to take it on notice. I don't know where that comes from	23/10/2018 Page 43
81.	Australia Post	Williams	Bank transaction comparison	1. In evidence Ms Holgate said in relation to volumes " <i>The reason for this is that 85 per cent of our volume for this service is the big four.</i> " And " <i>CBA would make the highest number of transactions</i> ". What proportion of transactions are made by ANZ customers and by way of comparison what percentage is that of the CBA transactions?	31/10/2018 Written
82.	Australia Post	Williams	Transaction fees	2. What would be the total estimated annual cost of the new contract (adding together community representation fee plus estimated transaction fees) divided by the total number of transactions?	31/10/2018 Written
83.	Australia Post	Williams	Cost of transaction breakdown	3. In arriving at the answer for Q2, what does this breakdown as CBA's cost of transactions and ANZ's cost of transactions?	31/10/2018 Written

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84.	Australia Post	Williams	ANZ termination of agreement	4. Why has Australia Post given ANZ only three months' notice for termination of the agreement considering this will occur during the busiest trading time of the year? Would six months or even longer have been more appropriate to enable ANZ to make alternative arrangements for its customers?	31/10/2018 Written
85.	Australia Post	Williams	Bank@Post	5. As each of the other three banks will be paying \$22 million under the new agreement, how much of this will be paid to the estimated 3,500 LPO's that offer Bank@Post.	31/10/2018 Written
86.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Proposed Letter Product Prices	1) What was the justification from Australia Post to increase the Print Post product by 6% whereas PreSort products realised a 1.2% increase? (see tables in document "Proposed Letter Products Prices - October 2018 – PreSort, Promo, Impact, Imprint & Clean Mail"	05/11/2018 Written
87.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Print post product price increase	2) Given the print-post product is a driver of the parcels business and increases mail volumes through advertising promotion - why was this product category hit so significantly relative to the other pricing increases?	05/11/2018 Written
88.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Pricing changes consultation	3) Can Australia Post outline how it approaches consultation with industry and on pricing changes? What factors does it consider in terms of how price increases might potentially accelerate volume decline?	05/11/2018 Written
89.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Industry engagement	4) Has the Australia Post executive engaged with industry? And in doing so, met with the Keep Me Posted campaign director, Kellie Northwood?	05/11/2018 Written
90.	Australia Post	Urquhart	New revenue and growth opportunities	5) What has Australia Post been doing to work with business on identifying new revenue and growth opportunities for the letters division?	05/11/2018 Written
91.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Price increase	6) Given Australia Post have reported significant productivity and efficiency targets in the letters division, why are these prices being increased?	05/11/2018 Written
92.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Print post and parcel business	7) Has Australia Post assessed the benefits of print post to its parcels business? How does this feed into pricing considerations?	05/11/2018 Written
93.	Australia	Urquhart	Parcels in the	8) What percentage of 'parcels' are being distributed through the postal network?	05/11/2018

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	Post		postal network	How much revenue does this account for? And if parcels are being delivered through the postal network, why is this not being reported through the letters revenue P&L?	Written
94.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Express Post	9) Please outline where Australia Post accounts for Express Post products with its financial reporting. a. If these are in the parcel post sector why is this not reported as a mail product?	05/11/2018 Written
95.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Mail and parcel business	10) Which products have been moved from the mail business to the parcel business since the reform? a. Why have these products moved? b. What allowances have been made to ensure that volume decline figures are accurately reported?	05/11/2018 Written
96.	Australia Post	Urquhart	Parcels in the parcel network	11) It is understood that Australia Post may not have significant latent capacity in the postie network and that any latent capacity will be absorbed by pushing more parcels through the parcel network. Is this why Australia Post is pursuing ongoing increases in business letters and print post?	05/11/2018 Written
97.	ACMA	Keneally	Spectrum auction dates	Senator KENEALLY: Was ACMA asked to provide advice to the communications department about the feasibility of moving the auctions forward? Ms O'Loughlin: Pre-October? Senator KENEALLY: Yes. Ms O'Loughlin: I think some of the original discussions, which various industry players had, were to try and get to an auction around August/September? Mr Tanner: Yes. Ms O'Loughlin: But we had those discussions some time ago. As I mentioned, different potential bidders had different preferred time frames, so we came to a landing which we thought accommodated those views and also made sure that the spectrum could be allocated as quickly as possible to allow vendors to start building their 5G networks and services.	23/10/2018 Page 46

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				<p>Senator KENEALLY: Did that advice outline any risks as a result of bringing forward the auction?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I'm not saying that we provided formal advice to the department. I might need to check on that, but, certainly, we did a careful risk analysis of all the pros and cons of both the auction methodology and the auction timing before we settled on that date.</p>	
98.	ACMA	Keneally	ACMA meetings on the spectrum auction	<p>Senator KENEALLY: When did ACMA last meet with WISPAU and the Bureau of Meteorology regarding the spectrum auction?</p> <p>Mr Tanner: I'm not sure when we last met with WISPAU—that is, in person. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I can say that James Cameron, who's a full-time member of the authority, met with WISPAU and the minister's office. I will get the date for you, but it was a couple of months ago.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 47-48
99.	ACMA	Hanson-Young	Sky News complaints	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: In terms of the accuracy obligations, have there been instances where complaints have been raised against Sky News and what's been broadcast on Sky News in relation to breaches of the ASTRA code?</p> <p>Ms McNeill: I will have to take it on notice, but, as a general proposition, we receive very few complaints about compliance with the subscription television code of practice. But I'd have to take it on notice in order to give you a full answer to that.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you let us know how many complaints you've had in the last two years and what those complaints were based on—which part of the code was believed to be breached.</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: Is that particularly Sky News?</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes, thank you.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 50
100.	ACMA	Hanson-Young	Sky News categories	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Would you be able to give us on notice a list of which programs on the new Sky News WIN channel are classified as news and current affairs?</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 51-52

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				Ms O'Loughlin: We can certainly take that on notice for you.	
101.	ACMA	Urquhart	ACMA's statement on Nine/Fairfax	<p>Senator URQUHART: Ms O'Loughlin, would you step me through the ACMA's statement of 26 July 2018 on the proposed merger? For what reason is the ACMA of the view that the merger is compliant with remaining media diversity and control rules administered by the ACMA? Your statement was posted by 12:30 pm on 26 July. Did the ACMA have early notice of the proposed merger?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I don't know that we did have early notice of the proposed merger. But we do keep a current record in our media control database of the registers of controlled media groups. The residual control in the Broadcasting Services Act is around the voices test. So once the two-out-of-three rule was abolished there was still the safety net of the voices test. It was a fairly simple exercise for us to check the various radio areas— because it's done by reference to commercial radio licence areas—to see whether there was an adverse impact on the voices in those areas.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: When was the ACMA made aware of the proposed merger?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I would have to take that on notice and check.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 54
102.	ACMA	Urquhart	Proposed merger analysis	<p>Senator URQUHART: What analysis did the ACMA undertake to assess the proposed merger?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: We would assess it against the current regulatory rules for which we're responsible.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Does the proposed merger comply with all the rules?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: Yes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You just looked as though you were looking for—</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I'm actually seeing whether it's included in our annual report.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You didn't look confident. Will the merger lead to</p>	23/10/2018 Page 54

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				<p>consolidation in any markets?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I think it will lead to a reduction in voices, but not a reduction below the prescribed minimum number of voices.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: In what markets and with what effect?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I would have to take that on notice, I'm afraid.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide a breakdown of how many markets in Australia are currently at or below the minimum voices rule required by those rules?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: Yes, we can.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What's the current breakdown and how that would change if the Nine-Fairfax merger went through?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: We can take that on notice. That would have been part of the analysis that we undertook on the merger to make sure that it wasn't going below those limits.</p>	
103.	ACMA	Urquhart	Separate agencies	<p>Senator URQUHART: One of the issues is: what concerns does the ACMA have about the risks, inefficiencies and complexity in having separate agencies, where you're not dealing with one agency, but with a number of agencies—or in this case two?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I think that is what our description was trying to tease out. It didn't come to a conclusion but it just pointed out that there are different ways that you could organise these arrangements. We thought that was a useful piece of information to provide to the reviewer.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Okay. So what does the ACMA see as the major concerns about the risks and the inefficiencies and the complexity of having those separate agencies? Talk me through those three points.</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: I don't have my submission in front of me, so it's a bit difficult</p>	23/10/2018 Page 57

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				for me to do so. I'd just prefer to take it on notice, I'm afraid.	
104.	ACMA	Patrick	Chairman's Lounge	<p>Senator PATRICK: Okay, that cancelled that question. That leads me to my last question. I have been asking around the traps here if there are any officials that are members of the Chairman's Lounge and/or 'the club' as a result of their official position. You've provided answers to that. I was particularly interested in the case where an employee, an official, was only a member of one or the other. That's in the break-down of their air travel. You provided some information that says that there is one person in your organisation—I'm not interested in the name—that is a member of the Chairman's Lounge and their spend on travel is: Qantas, \$14,953; and Virgin, zero.</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: Yes</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: One of the tests we employ around here is called the pub test. Noting that Virgin is often cheaper, this break-down in travel doesn't pass the pub test. I'm wondering if you're prepared to provide a comment in respect of that?</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: Yes, I'm aware of that figure. I think that we've also provided information that is only for one person, but I'm happy to take that on notice and look into the matter further for you.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 58
105.	ACMA	Keneally	WISPAU and Bureau of Meteorology – spectrum auction	1. When did ACMA last meet with WISPAU and the Bureau of Meteorology regarding the spectrum auction?	02/11/2018 Written
106.	ACMA	Urquhart	Budget	1. Please provide a detailed breakdown of funding allocated to the ACMA over the past five Budget cycles, and the impact of funding changes on the ACMA work program?	07/11/2018 Written
107.	ACMA	Urquhart	Media diversity	1. Has the ACMA reported to or advised the Minister in relation to diversity in control of the more influential broadcasting services in Australia in the last two years? If so, when and please provide details of the advice.	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>2. Has the ACMA reported to or advised the Minister in relation to promoting the availability to audiences throughout Australia of a diverse range of radio and television services offering entertainment, education and information in the last two years? If so, when and please provide details of the advice.</p> <p>3. What, if anything, does the ACMA do to monitor diversity in the range of radio and television services offering entertainment, education and information?</p> <p>4. What, if anything, has the ACMA done to inform itself and advise the Minister on technological advances and service trends in the broadcasting industry, internet industry and datacasting industry in the last two years? Please provide details.</p> <p>5. What, if anything, has the ACMA done to promote the media literacy of Australians in the last two years and how does this work address the issue of media concentration in Australia? Please provide details.</p>	
108.	ACMA	Urquhart	Content review	<p>1. Has the ACMA sought or obtained legal advice on options to reform New Zealand content counting towards Australian content quotas? What are the key reform options?</p> <p>2. Has the ACMA sought or obtained data on the number of children in Australia who fall into C (children's) & P (preschool) program age groups? If so, please provide details of the data/findings.</p> <p>3. Has the ACMA sought or obtained data on the average ratings for commercial television during C and P programs, as well as other programs by way of comparison? If so, please provide details of the data/findings.</p> <p>4. Has the ACMA sought or obtained data on the average advertising revenue for commercial television during C programs, as well as other programs by way of comparison? If so, please provide details of the data/findings.</p>	07/11/2018 Written
109.	ACMA	Urquhart	Community broadcasting	<p>1. What if, anything, is the issue with a community broadcasting licensee taking advertising/sponsorship from advertising agencies or advertisers/sponsors who are based outside the licence area?</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>2. Noting that a number of community radio stations have received letters from ACMA questioning their use of agents to seek sponsorship opportunities and questioning them seeking sponsorship opportunities from outside their licence areas:</p> <p>a. Is there any Commonwealth legislation that prevents community broadcasting stations from seeking sponsorship from outside their licence areas?</p> <p>b. Is there any Commonwealth legislation that prevents community broadcasting stations from utilising agents to seek sponsorship opportunities?</p> <p>c. Are there any licence conditions that would limit the ability of community radio stations to seek sponsorship from organisations or businesses located outside of their licence area?</p> <p>3. Regarding the definition of materials of local significant in the <i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i> and the Codes of Practice, how does the ACMA interpret the terms 'hosted', 'produced' and 'relates' in regard to community broadcasting?</p> <p>4. Has ACMA or the Department of Communications and the Arts considered the consequences of its interpretations for community broadcasters and consulted with the sector?</p>	
110.	ACMA	Urquhart	Spectrum reform	<p>1. Since the release of the Report of the Spectrum Review, what resources and/or staffing has the ACMA deployed to work on implementing the spectrum reforms? Please provide a detailed overview.</p> <p>2. How has the delay in the release of the second exposure draft of the Radiocommunications Bill affected ACMA in terms of resourcing, staffing, organisational structure and/or work plan?</p> <p>3. How long does the ACMA plan to have a separate taskforce for implementation of the spectrum reforms?</p> <p>4. Is the ACMA adequately provisioned for implementing the spectrum reforms in the current financial year?</p> <p>5. Will the ACMA be seeking additional resources for implementing the spectrum reforms in the next financial year? If so, what for?</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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111.	ABC	Hanson-Young	Emma Alberici interview	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is there some type of review or investigation either in relation to the ABC Radio broadcast or in relation to the potential leaking of the recording to the AFR?</p> <p>Mr Sunderland: The only inquiries I would have any information about would be into editorial complaints, matters around content. As I said, I'm not aware of anything of that nature. As for anything else, I couldn't say.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: At this point no formal or informal complaint has been made about the interview or how it was presented?</p> <p>Mr Sunderland: I believe not, but I will take that on notice and, if I'm incorrect, I'll update you</p>	23/10/2018 Page 80
112.	ABC	Abetz	1975 interview in ABC Sydney studios	<p>Senator ABETZ: Did the ABC in 1975 allow three self-confessed pederasts to be interviewed in the ABC Sydney studios and did the ABC ever report that to the New South Wales police?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I am not aware of that. Did you say 1975?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. Could you please take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I will take that on notice.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 81
113.	ABC	Abetz	<i>The Daily Telegraph</i> statement	<p>Mr Sunderland: Like Mr Anderson, I became aware of it when there was a speech made in the New South Wales parliament. I'm not aware whether the allegation has substance. I'm not aware of the circumstances. I haven't been informed at all about anything to do with it.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I have asked for a brief on the matter internally. It happened last Thursday.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: We are told—and tell me if this is correct—that a spokesman for the ABC said, 'We don't comment on personal issues regarding our employees.' Did somebody from the ABC say that to The Daily Telegraph.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Possibly.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You asked for a brief on it. Surely something like this must be</p>	23/10/2018 Page 82

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				<p>in the brief.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I haven't received the brief yet. I've asked for a brief. I don't have a brief yet.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: This was on Friday, on the front page of The Daily Telegraph. Here we are on Tuesday. Who made that statement to The Daily Telegraph?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I can take that on notice for you. It sounds like a statement that we've made. I didn't see that statement before it went out, but—</p>	
114.	ABC	Abetz	ABC employee inquiry	<p>Mr Millett: I'm in charge of internal and external communications as well as public relations and a few other things. The statement was probably made by one of the external communications people who report to me and through the head of public affairs, Emma McDonald. I don't know the exact circumstances of that, but our traditional position on any issue regarding employees is that standard position: we do not comment on personal matters.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But this is an allegation of harassment of somebody whilst in the employ of the ABC. Surely that should excite a bit more interest than just being dismissed as a personal matter. Don't you have a duty of care to your employees?</p> <p>Mr Millett: We do, and, as the acting manager director has pointed out, he has asked for a brief on the matter.</p> <p>That was a holding position while we try to work out exactly what has happened in relation to that issue.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: As I understand it, these allegations were, in fact, first raised in May in The Australian—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Millett: I'm not aware of the article in The Australian that you refer to.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: An article in The Australian in May said that an ABC spokesperson refused to comment on the allegation. What inquiries has the ABC made of other ABC employees who may have been there at the time and</p>	23/10/2018 Page 82

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				<p>witnessed what occurred? Mr Anderson: I can't help you with the answer to that question. Again, I can take that on notice. We've asked for a brief, and we can respond on notice properly for you.</p>	
115.	ABC	Abetz	Harassment claim	<p>Senator ABETZ: Without naming the individual, was she moved on from reporting at New South Wales Parliament House shortly after the incident? Mr Anderson: I don't know. Senator ABETZ: Could you please look into that— Mr Anderson: I will look into that. Senator ABETZ: and advise us as to why she was moved on. In this case it appears as though the victim was moved on to potentially protect the perpetrator, so I think we have to look at this exceptionally carefully, and I invite the ABC to do so. Mr Anderson: I'll give you a response on notice</p>	23/10/2018 Page 83
116.	ABC	Abetz	ABC employees	<p>Senator ABETZ: This was aired in May, so the ABC had plenty of notice about this. What steps does the ABC take to protect its employees, and when did you start making inquiries about the wellbeing of the staff member? Could you take those questions on notice as well. Mr Anderson: I will take it on notice, and I will— Senator ABETZ: And could I invite the ABC to expedite the answers in relation to this particular matter. Mr Anderson: Yes</p>	23/10/2018 Page 85
117.	ABC	Chisholm	Cost of inquiry	<p>Ms Higgins: It was treated very seriously and in quite an exhaustive manner by the ABC. It did involve staff from our legal, finance, strategy and government relations teams. We did call upon external resource, as published in our competitive neutrality submission. We used an economics firm to help demonstrate the value that the ABC brought to the commercial market—that it in fact enhanced it via its presence. So it was a very thorough and very exhaustive over a number of months, from memory.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 86-87

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				<p>Senator CHISHOLM: This might be something you'll want to take on notice. Would you be able to provide an estimate of the cost that the ABC has borne as a result of its participation in the inquiry?</p> <p>Ms Higgins: I'll take it on notice.</p>	
118.	ABC	Chisholm	National Broadcasters Efficiency Review	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: Moving on to the efficiency review, Minister, what is the status of the efficiency review?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: It's still being undertaken.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: When did Mr Tonagh and Mr Bean commence work on the review, and when did they conclude?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: The review is still ongoing.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: When are they due to conclude? Is there a term of their appointment?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: In the next few weeks—probably towards the end of November.</p> <p>Senator CHISHOLM: When were those appointments announced?</p> <p>Mr Makin: In July. I don't know the exact date.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We'll have to come back to you with the exact date, but the terms of reference were announced in July this year.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 87-88
119.	ABC	Leyonhjelm	Senator interviews on Radio National Breakfast	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Mr Anderson, I noticed that in your opening statement you referred to the insightful work of Radio National. I wonder if you could tell me how many times federal Greens senators have been interviewed on <i>Radio National Breakfast</i> over the past 12 months and how many times other Senate crossbenchers have been interviewed.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I can't tell you that offhand right now, but I can certainly take that on notice and respond to you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: How many times have senators in general—you may need to take this, again, on notice—been interviewed on <i>Radio National Breakfast</i> over the past 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Again I'm going to have to take that on notice and respond to you.</p>	23/10/2018 Pages 91-92

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				<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: While you're taking things on notice, does the proportion of interviews for Greens senators exceed their share of Senate seats? Could you also take into account interviews with now Senator Waters when she wasn't a senator—you can add the two together or perhaps account for them separately—and how they relate to what the proportion is relative to the number of times senators in general have been interviewed.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Again, I will take that on notice and try to break that down.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Thank you. Good. That's all.</p>	
120.	ABC	Keneally	Letter from Mr Peter Tonagh	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Minister, on another matter: will you table the letter that you received from Peter Tonagh that accompanied your cufflinks?</p> <p>Senator Fifield: I'll endeavour to locate that.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you, Minister.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 94
121.	ABC	Keneally	<i>The Checkout</i>	<p>Senator KENEALLY: That's not my question. My question was: was an approach made to the producers of <i>The Checkout</i> to say: 'Hey, this show is too expensive. Is there any way we can cut the cost?'</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I believe so. But, from the producer's perspective, cutting the cost would mean it wouldn't be the same show. So the producer made it quite clear that simply taking cost out of it would mean it would not be the show that you know as <i>The Checkout</i>, simply because the elements that go into it had already been reduced. We'd already approached the producer in previous years about the cost of the show and trying to reduce the cost over time. We sort of reached a position where the producer thought that it was as low as it could go for the show that it was.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: How much funding was cut from the non-scripted production department?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I'll have to take that on notice and get back to you. There was a budget reduction overall in entertainment and specialist from one year to the next, but I will say there was an increase in budget that happened for that particular year. In the last financial year, there was an increase in budget for Australian content in entertainment and specialist by about \$30 million. That budget was</p>	23/10/2018 Page 97

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				considered one-off. It was for last financial year. It is not there this financial year. So that reduction in budget meant that priority decisions needed to be made.	
122.	ABC	Abetz	Treatment of journalists	<p>Senator ABETZ: In that article we were told that the journalist had complained to colleagues about the way they were treated. When contacted, the journalist declined to comment and referred the <i>Weekend Australian</i> to the ABC. An ABC spokesman also declined to comment, as did Mr Foley. It seems passing strange to me that for an incident that allegedly didn't occur the complainant says 'no comment', the ABC says 'no comment', and the person against whom the allegation is made is also saying 'no comment'. One would assume that in those circumstances there was in fact something to the allegation, because otherwise one assumes that the journalist would have said, 'I've got no idea what you're talking about.' Mr Foley would have said, 'I've got no idea what you're talking about.' The ABC would have said, 'I've got no idea what you're talking about.' But it was all quickly shut down by the ABC, the journalist and Mr Foley. But you have no record in the ABC of this story of 26 May?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: No. I will say that a duty of care for our staff is incredibly important. If any of our staff and colleagues have raised a matter we would act swiftly on it, particularly if they put forward an allegation of harassment. We would follow that up immediately. At the moment, as I sit here, I do not have knowledge of a claim of harassment being made in relation to the incident. I have asked.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Now that you are seized of the matter, can you promise us that this matter will be investigated, and thoroughly so?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I give you an undertaking that we'll investigate the matter and we'll provide you a response on notice very quickly.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 98
123.	ABC	Abetz	Dossier protective markings	<p>Senator ABETZ: Let's move to other things. Did the dossier of which we spoke earlier have any markings on it suggesting it was confidential and for the board's eyes only?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I don't recall, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You don't recall?</p>	23/10/2018 Page 100

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				<p>Mr Anderson: No. When I read the document, I can't remember seeing whether it was marked as confidential. My—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So why would you then have determined in your own mind not to pass it on to Mr Mrdak because you believed it was confidential?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I think I covered off earlier that, at the time that I decided not to provide it to Mr Mrdak when that information was requested, my knowledge of that document was that it was a confidential document from Michelle to the board, and I was advised of that. I was advised of that by general counsel, and—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: By general counsel?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes, within the ABC. And I was advised that—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Isn't the author of the document the person who decides whether something is confidential or not?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes, but my information was that it was sent by Michelle via email to the board and it was requested to be confidential.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And who told you that?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I don't recall who told me that, but that's what I was advised at the time.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Who by?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Internally within the ABC.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Who by?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I can't recall.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I want to put it to you that the document was not marked 'confidential'—and please take that on notice and let us know whether it was or wasn't—and then I want to know who was the person who advised you that this document should be treated as confidential, when, if my assertion is correct—and I accept that that's a big 'if'—it was not marked 'confidential'. Somebody must have told you to treat it—</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes, I was advised, because at that point I hadn't read the document.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: By whom, then?</p>	

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				Mr Anderson: I will take that on notice and I will get back to you.	
124.	ABC	Abetz	Capital city visits	<p>Senator ABETZ: Well whispered, Ms Higgins, for the record. And the smile on Mr Anderson confirms it. I trust that he did not know that himself. Can you tell us the regions outside the capital cities that you have visited in the past two years?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I can check my diary and get back to you on notice, but I know I've been to Toowoomba, Newcastle, Alice Springs and the Gold Coast, to name a few off the top of my head.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 101
125.	ABC	Abetz	Rocket and mortar attacks on Israel	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can I quickly turn to the reporting on Sunday, 15 July, by the ABC television news bulletin lead item which began, 'The Israeli military has launched a wave of air strikes against dozens of militant targets in the Gaza Strip.' That story omitted completely the critical context that in the previous 24 hours Israeli citizens in the south of the country had seen over 170 rockets and mortars attack them, which in turn followed weeks of firebombs delivered by kites, balloons and—very imaginative—inflated condoms. So the 170 rockets and mortars into Israel were fired in the preceding 24 hours during the Jewish Sabbath, and were aimed at residential areas. They hit a home, a children's playground and a synagogue. Why wasn't it worthy to contextualise that in this story by the ABC? It breathlessly tells us that the Israeli military launched a wave of air strikes, not saying that it is in retaliation to 170 rocket attacks which included a children's playground, a synagogue and residential areas. Isn't that the sort of balance that we actually expect from the national broadcaster? Why is it, when it comes to Israel, the ABC is never able to provide that sort of balance? Do we have an explanation, Mr Anderson?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Senator, I don't have an explanation for you on that. All I can give you is an undertaking of the details you've given to look into the reporting of the details of the story.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 102
126.	ABC	Abetz	Mr Jonathan Green	<p>Senator ABETZ: Finally, one question. Jonathan Green tweets about criticism about there not being sufficient conservative voices: ... what it comes down to is a demand by conservatives for presenters in their own image.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 102

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				<p>they are arguing for bias when the house style of the ABC mirrors the culture ... In other words, the Australian culture dismisses all conservatives, but I editorialise there. He says: ... the house style of the ABC mirrors the culture: a moderately liberal, socially progressive, curious— whatever that means— presence. That's what the country is. Does the ABC have a house style? Mr Anderson: I don't believe so, Senator. Mr Sunderland, do you know about these tweets? Mr Sunderland: We have a set of editorial policies which you're probably familiar with, Senator. That's our house style. Senator ABETZ: Is the house style a 'moderately liberal, socially progressive, curious presence'? Mr Sunderland: No. Mr Green is entitled to his opinion. Our house style is contained within our— Senator ABETZ: You have a social media policy— Mr Sunderland: Yes. If you'd like to talk about that, I can talk about that as well. Senator ABETZ: This reflects on the ABC's house style, which you say is different to that which Mr Green is asserting. What has been done in relation to Mr Green's tweet, which was, according to your evidence, demonstrably false? Mr Sunderland: I will follow up in relation to the tweet. If that was followed up in terms of our social media policy I will, if you are actually genuinely asking for it, give you more information about our house style as well.</p>	
127.	ABC	Abetz	<i>What is Terrorism article</i>	<p>1. Reference is made to the on-line article by Tracey Shelton 21/7/18 entitled "What is Terrorism? ..." (the article)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Was this a news article or commentary? b) Was any indication given that the numerous assertions in the article were contested? 	29/10/2018 Written

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				<p>c) The article asserted, “Two Palestinian groups, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad have been designated (terrorist organisations on Australia’s watch list) for their continued resistance against Israeli occupation.”</p> <p>i) Is this assertion correct?</p> <p>ii) Who in the ABC authorised the posting of this false assertion?</p> <p>iii) Why weren’t the true reasons for their designation as stated by the Parliament made available to the ABC audience?</p> <p>iv) Did the article abide by the ABC’s requirements and standards?</p> <p>v) Was it a balanced article?</p>	
128.	ABC	Abetz	Mr Chris Gregory	<p>2. a) Was a Mr Chris Gregory ever engaged or about to be engaged by the ABC?</p> <p>b) If yes to a) above, for what purpose?</p> <p>c) For how long was Mr Gregory engaged?</p> <p>d) Why did Mr Gregory leave the ABC if engaged by the ABC?</p> <p>e) If not engaged, why was Mr Gregory not engaged?</p> <p>f) Did Mr Gregory advise the ABC he was aware of certain information about Mr Ellis which he wished to investigate?</p> <p>g) Was Mr Gregory engaged to undertake the investigation? If not, why not?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
129.	ABC	Abetz	Mr Dan Oakes text	<p>3. a) Is it consistent with the ABC’s standards for a journalist investigating a matter to text about that specific matter: “Sometimes karma needs a helping hand”?</p> <p>b) Does such a text referred to in a) above expose a biased mind?</p> <p>c) Has journalist Dan Oakes been disciplined, counselled, taken off the case (stating which if any) for such an unprofessional and prejudicial text?</p> <p>d) Was the text according to ABC standards?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
130.	ABC	Abetz	Nauru Justice Minister	<p>4. a) Has the ABC settled a defamation proceeding with the Nauru Justice Minister?</p> <p>b) If so, was any money paid to the Nauru Justice Minister?</p> <p>c) Has the ABC apologised to the Nauru Justice Minister?</p> <p>d) Who was responsible and authorised the defamation?</p> <p>e) Has/have the person/people responsible been counselled, disciplined (stating</p>	29/10/2018 Written

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				which) as a result?	
131.	ABC	Abetz	Nauru detention centre report	5. a) Has the ABC been required to issue a correction and apology in February 2016 over a false report that a 5 year old asylum seeker boy had been raped at the Nauru detention centre? b) Who was responsible for and authorised the false story? c) Has/have the person/people responsible been counselled, disciplined (stating which) as a result?	29/10/2018 Written
132.	ABC	Abetz	Four Corners - Nauru	6. a) Did the ABC in 2016 in a Four Corners programme about Nauru include old photographs of facilities no longer in use? b) Did the ABC in 2016 in a Four Corners programme about Nauru include random footage of brawling adults unrelated to Nauru?	29/10/2018 Written
133.	ABC	Abetz	Reporting on Nauru	7. a) How do the matters referred to in questions 4–6 inclusive above reflect on i) the professionalism; ii) the bias; and iii) the standards of the ABC? b) Does the ABC acknowledge there is room for significant improvement in its reporting about Nauru? c) Has the ABC ever had to correct and/or apologise for portraying Nauru and the detention centre in too positive a light?	29/10/2018 Written
134.	ABC	Abetz	Federal by-election report	8. a) Has the ABC apologised for incorrectly claiming that the former Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull was responsible for the decision to hold five federal by-Elections on July 28th 2018? b) Was the report referred to in a) above aired despite the then Prime Minister's office specifically denying the allegation? c) If yes to b) above, why? d) When was the correction made (i.e. how many hours/days later)? and, e) how was the correction notified to the ABC audience?	29/10/2018 Written
135.	ABC	Abetz	ABC bias complaints	9. a) How many complaints has the ABC received about its news services and current affairs programmes for being biased in the year 2017/2018? b) What is the cost of the Audience and Consumer Affairs unit?	29/10/2018 Written

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				c) How many staff are employed in the said unit? d) How many complaints have been actually investigated when issues of fact are raised in the complaint in the year 2017/18?	
136.	ABC	Abetz	Text messages	10. a) Who authorised the use of mocked up text messages during the evening news bulletin of Tuesday 18/9/18? b) What was the purpose of these mocked up text messages? c) Was that which the aforementioned text messages purported to portray actually correct?	29/10/2018 Written
137.	ABC	Abetz	Former Chair Richard Downing's 1975 statement	11. a) Is it correct that a former Chair of the ABC Richard Downing in 1975 declared that "in general, men will sleep with young boys"? b) If yes to a) above has the ABC ever disowned its former Chair's statement? c) i) If yes to a) above will the ABC offer a public repudiation and apology for the declaration by its former Chair referred to in a) above? ii) If not, why not?	29/10/2018 Written
138.	ABC	Abetz	Social media policy	12. Is it within ABC's social media policy for an employee to tweet with approval highly politically charged messages e.g. from the ACTU secretary? (refer richardglover@rgloveroz October 11? " ... All the same : @sallymcmamus is right. WILL YOU ALL PLEASE JOIN YOUR BLOODY UNION ... "	29/10/2018 Written
139.	ABC	Abetz	News coverage on Amnesty International report	13. Please advise what coverage, if any, was given to the 20 year jail term inflicted on an Iranian woman in Iran for removing her headscarf as reported by Amnesty International on 9/7/18?	29/10/2018 Written
140.	ABC	Abetz	ABC reporting accuracy	14. On Sunday 15 July 2018 ABC television news began 'The Israeli military has launched a wave of airstrikes against dozens of militant targets in the Gaza Strip... the operation is one of Israel's broadest since the 2014 war.' Omitted completely by the ABC was the critical contextual information that in the previous 24 hours Israeli citizens in the south of the country had been targets of over 170 rockets and mortars which in turn followed weeks of fire bombs delivered by kites, balloons and inflated condoms.	29/10/2018 Written

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				a) Does Section 8 of the ABC Act require reporting to be ‘accurate and impartial according to the recognised standards of objective journalism’? b) Can you explain why the history and context were omitted?	
141.	ABC	Abetz	East Jerusalem	15. a) Did the ABC report in any news bulletin that Australia would consider acknowledging East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state? b) If yes to a) above, please advise when?	29/10/2018 Written
142.	ABC	Abetz	East Jerusalem coverage	16. a) Why was that part of the statement referred to in 15. above downplayed across TV and radio coverage? b) Why were interview subjects not asked about the merits of recognising East Jerusalem for the Palestinians? c) i) Was this part of the announcement less newsworthy? ii) Why was it not mentioned by reporters?	29/10/2018 Written
143.	ABC	Abetz	ABC editorial policies	17. The ABC also conducted a number of longer interviews on this announcement across its national programming, however all but one of these (an interview with the Israeli Ambassador broadcast in the middle of the day and not available on catch up services) were done with subjects who opposed the bulk of the Government’s announcement. For example Linda Mottram and Bev O’Connor both interviewed former Australian Ambassador to the Middle East Bob Bowker, a long-time critic of Israel, Jonathan Green interviewed Palestinian representative in Australia Issat Abdulhadi and Peter Hartcher appeared on News Breakfast and The World. In addition, Middle East correspondent Eric Tlozek chose to speak with three Palestinian people and attributed only one brief comment to an Israeli voice in his reporting on AM and ABC online. ABC editorial policies call for a diversity of perspectives. Has the ABC fulfilled this requirement on this particular issue?	29/10/2018 Written
144.	ABC	Abetz	Australia’s approach to Iran	18. Another important Government announcement, the review into Australia’s approach to Iran, was not covered. Given Iran is today one of the biggest threats to regional and global security, particularly through its proxies like Hezbollah, which is active in Asia, why was	29/10/2018 Written

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				this part of the announcement not reported?	
145.	ABC	Abetz	Views on the Middle East	<p>19. The ABC's Head of Investigative and In-Depth Journalism John Lyons wrote on his Twitter page: <i>LIVING IN JERUSALEM for 6 years taught me the importance of the city. For 70 years, every President of both sides refused to move the US embassy there as that would kill any 2-state solution. For 70 years, every Australian PM refused such demands. Then along came Donald Trump...</i> A number of ABC staff 'liked' or 'retweeted' this post.</p> <p>a) Does this fit with the ABC editorial line that, as Mr Lyons, a very senior editorial staff member, wrote moving the embassy will "kill" the prospects of a two-state peace?</p> <p>b) i) The ABC's social media standards state that staff should not "mix the professional and the personal in ways likely to bring the ABC into disrepute" and should not "undermine your effectiveness at work". Does Mr Lyons' tweet breach either of these two standards? ii) If not, why not?</p> <p>c) Does Mr Lyons' personal views on the Middle East – namely that moving the embassy would "kill" prospects of a two-state peace" undermine his effectiveness as an important member of the editorial team?</p> <p>d) Is it appropriate for Mr Lyons to continue Tweeting views such as those referred to above on contentious stories while they are featuring on ABC news and current affairs programs?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
146.	ABC	Abetz	Quarterly report on Audience Comments and Complaints	<p>20. According to your most recent quarterly report on Audience Comments and Complaints, 5228 complaints were received. Of these, 629 complaints were investigated and 26 were upheld.</p> <p>a) Given many of these complaints – the 'straightforward' ones as they have previously been described – are handled by the journalists, editors and producers themselves, would it be fair to posit that an independent arbiter might uphold a higher number of the 5228 complaints made between April-June 2018?</p> <p>b) i) A former ABC chair Maurice Newman has publicly said that bias at the</p>	29/10/2018 Written

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				<p>ABC is “institutionalised”. Would ABC agree with that description? ii) If not, why not given the evidence? c) Will the ABC consider reforming its complaints procedure to ensure greater independence and integrity?</p>	
147.	ABC	Abetz	Al Jazeera	<p>21. a) According to Question on Notice number 226, at the height of the border clashes between Israel and Gaza, ABC NewsRadio broadcast content from Al Jazeera on 22 occasions, including five stories in bulletins and 17 stories in features. Is that correct? b) Please explain the difference between a story in a bulletin and a feature? c) Al Jazeera is a Qatari-based, managed and funded broadcaster, according to Freedom House’s Press Freedom Report 2017. Qatar is ranked “not free”. Does it meet the ABC’s editorial charter and guidelines to include content from a news agency that is controlled by a country that has been independently judged to not have a free press? d) Al Jazeera employees, including our own Peter Greste, have acknowledged that network management is aligned to the Muslim Brotherhood (ABC, World Today, June 9 2017). The Muslim Brotherhood is a Sunni Islamist movement whose Gazan offshoot is called Hamas. Given this fact, do you believe it is appropriate for the ABC to be broadcasting content prepared by Al Jazeera that report on the military clashes between Hamas and Israel? e) Qatar has also been an active player in attempting to alleviate the ongoing instability, with the state recently purchasing US \$60 million of oil to ship into Gaza. While there is nothing wrong with this, per se, it is clear that Qatar is an actor, rather than a bystander. It is therefore likely to be problematic to expect that the state-run and managed press agency, Al Jazeera, would report objectively on the same situation. Has this been considered as part of the ABC’s editorial processes? f) The ABC has other international agencies that it can, and does, broadcast material from (BBC, CNN, DW). Next time there is a news story involving Israel will the ABC select broadcasts from these networks – which at least are all based</p>	29/10/2018 Written

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				in countries with a free press and do not hold a conflict of interest in openly supporting the other side – and cease to broadcast Al Jazeera reports?	
148.	ABC	Abetz	Public relations unit	<p>22. a) Does the ABC have a PR unit?</p> <p>b) If yes to a) above</p> <p>i) what is its annual cost? And</p> <p>ii) how many staff are employed by the unit?</p> <p>c) Did the ABC engage in the development of a proposed jingle for promotion purposes or any other purpose (stating which)?</p> <p>d) If yes to c) above</p> <p>i) has the jingle been finalised?</p> <p>If yes to 22. d) i) above can a copy be provided?</p> <p>ii) What was the cost of developing the said jingle?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
149.	ABC	Abetz	Monthly Update	<p>23. a) Which unit within the ABC is responsible for the “Monthly Update” circulated by “your ABC”?</p> <p>b) i) In the June 2018 Monthly Update there was an item “Appearing at Senate Estimates”. Why was only the opening statement provided to readers?</p> <p>ii) Why was there no mention of any issue where the ABC was called to account over its standards, transparency etc?</p> <p>iii) Does the limitation to the opening statement represent a fair report on the events of the Senate Estimates?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
150.	ABC	Abetz	Janet Albrechtsen interview transcript	<p>24. a) Please provide a full explanation why former ABC Board member and conservative commentator Janet Albrechtsen had the transcript of her interview cut short (see The Australian 29-30/9/18) which was critical of some ABC staff members for “dancing on Ms Guthrie’s grave too soon”?</p> <p>b) Given a professional ABC interviewer believed the issue was worthy of questions why were the answers and that part of the interview edited from the posted transcript?</p> <p>c) The transcript swept the interview clean of anything challenging the ABC. Is such editing providing readers with a fair and representative portrayal of the interview?</p>	29/10/2018 Written

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151.	ABC	Abetz	Mr Peter FitzSimons	<p>25. a) Who contracted Peter FitzSimons to present the Foreign Correspondent segment “Don’t Call Australia Home”?</p> <p>b) How much was Mr FitzSimons paid for this segment?</p> <p>c) What was the total cost of the segment?</p> <p>d) In the segment Mr FitzSimons asserted Australia acted harshly in deporting residents who had committed crimes back to New Zealand.</p> <p>i) Were any of the victims of the crimes interviewed?</p> <p>ii) Were any of the victims’ stories told in the segment?</p> <p>iii) Were any of the victims women?</p> <p>iv) Should such a segment provide balance?</p> <p>v) Was it part of Mr FitzSimons contract that he provide a balanced segment?</p> <p>vi) Who authorised the segment to be aired with this glaring omission of victim stories?</p> <p>vii) Did former ABC presenter Tony Eastley tweet about the segment, “Really is this what # Foreign Correspondent is supposed to be about? Objectivity out the window”?</p> <p>viii) Was the segment subject to ABC standards of balance, fairness and objectivity?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
152.	ABC	Abetz	Style guide	<p>26. a) Does the ABC have a style guide?</p> <p>b) If yes to a) above does it require:</p> <p>i) that adjectives not be used unless in quotations?</p> <p>ii) that preambles and summary conclusions be not used because they are comment potentially indicating how a consumer should interpret the item?</p> <p>c) To restore the ABC’s integrity will the suggestions in 26 b) above be adopted if not currently in practice?</p> <p>(Reference to veteran ABC journalist Geoff Luck’s article in The Australian June 30 – July 1 2018 p.20).</p>	29/10/2018 Written
153.	ABC	Abetz	Wentworth by- election statement	<p>27. a) On the World Today (10/9/18) did Stephanie Borys assert, “Whenever the Wentworth by-election is held, there won’t be a female Liberal candidate because no women nominated for pre-selection”?</p>	29/10/2018 Written

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				<p>b) Was the assertion in a) above correct?</p> <p>c) How many women sought Liberal Party preselection for Wentworth?</p> <p>d) How did the ABC get it so wrong?</p> <p>e) i) Did the ABC apologise for this error? ii) If not, why not?</p>	
154.	ABC	Abetz	Mr Dave Sharma	<p>28. a) On News Breakfast (14/9/18) “Newspapers” segment did ABC commentator Liberty Sanger assert, “Dave Sharma... comes from a Jewish background...” Was this assertion correct?</p> <p>b) With whom did the ABC verify the assertion?</p> <p>c) Is it correct that the said Dave Sharma was in fact born in Canada to parents of Indian heritage?</p> <p>d) How did the ABC get this so wrong?</p> <p>e) i) Was this error publicly acknowledged and corrected? ii) If so, please provide details.</p>	29/10/2018 Written
155.	ABC	Abetz	News presenters	<p>29. a) In relation to the issues canvassed in questions 27 and 28 above what counselling or other action (specifying which) was taken in relation to these errors to ensure our News presenters provide robust information to the Australian public?</p> <p>b) Does the ABC accept that “credibility depends heavily on factual accuracy”?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
156.	ABC	Abetz	Ms Stormy Daniels	<p>30. a) How many stories were broadcast advising viewers/listeners that Stormy Daniels was suing President Trump for defamation?</p> <p>b) How many stories were broadcast advising viewers/listeners that Stormy Daniels defamation case against President Trump had been dismissed with costs awarded against her?</p>	29/10/2018 Written
157.	ABC	Abetz	Ms Lisa Millar/President Trump story	<p>31. a) Did the ABC on or about the 17th July 2018 run a story with Lisa Millar as follows: MILLAR: <i>Mr Trump set off more alarm bells when he was asked who was the greatest foe of the US</i> TRUMP: <i>Well, I think we have a lot of foes. I think the European Union is a foe, What they do to us in trade. Now, you wouldn't think of the European</i></p>	29/10/2018 Written

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				<p><i>Union, but they're a foe.</i></p> <p>b) Was the quote attributed to President Trump the full quote?</p> <p>c) In fact was the full quote of President Trump :</p> <p>MILLAR: <i>Mr Trump set off more alarm bells when he was asked who was the Greatest foe of the US</i></p> <p>TRUMP: <i>Well, I think we have a lot of foes. I think the European Union is a foe, What they do to us in trade. Now, you wouldn't think of the European Union, but they're a foe. Russia is foe in certain respects. China is a foe Economically, certainly they are a foe. But that doesn't mean they are Bad. It doesn't mean anything. It means that they are competitive.</i></p> <p>d) i) Does the ABC acknowledge leaving out the vital caveats in the full quote misrepresented the President?</p> <p>ii) If not, why not?</p> <p>e) i) Does this misrepresentation of President Trump's statement accord with the ABC's standards?</p> <p>ii) If so, please state how?</p> <p>f) Was the misrepresentation every corrected?</p>	
158.	ABC	Abetz	Redundancy payments	32. Please advise the total quantum paid out in redundancies to ABC staff in each year since 1990 broken down by a) management, b) journalists and c) other	29/10/2018 Written
159.	ABC	Duniam	Program production costs and ratings	- Please provide the full cost of production and broadcasting for all ABC Programs in the 2017-18 financial year; and - Please provide the ratings associated with each program for the same period	01/11/2018 Written
160.	ABC	Keneally	Funding cut from the Non-Scripted Production Department	1. How much funding was cut from the Non-Scripted Production Department?	02/11/2018 Written
161.	ABC	Keneally	The Checkout - meeting	2. In Estimates, Senator Keneally asked: <i>Senator KENEALLY: Are you saying you did approach the show's producers about an alternative arrangement or perhaps making budget cuts and they said it wasn't possible?</i>	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p><i>Mr Anderson: We did. It wasn't me specifically at the time, but we did talk to the producer about the timing of the program in that, given the budget pressures that we had, we could not do the program from the beginning of next year.</i></p> <p><i>Senator KENEALLY: That's not my question. My question was: was an approach made to the producers of The Checkout to say: 'Hey, this show is too expensive. Is there any way we can cut the cost?'</i></p> <p><i>Mr Anderson: I believe so. But, from the producer's perspective, cutting the cost would mean it wouldn't be the same show. So the producer made it quite clear that simply taking cost out of it would mean it would not be the show that you know as The Checkout, simply because the elements that go into it had already been reduced. We'd already approached the producer in previous years about the cost of the show and trying to reduce the cost over time. We sort of reached a position where the producer thought that it was as low as it could go for the show that it was.</i></p> <p>When did this meeting with the producers of <i>The Checkout</i> occur?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where did this meeting occur? b. Who was present at this meeting? c. What was the maximum budget that you offered the producers? d. Did the producers propose a counter-offer to your maximum budget? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, what was that figure? 	
162.	ABC	McGrath	Property portfolio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the ABC, or an associated entity of the ABC, own property or land? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In which states or territories does the ABC own property or land? b) How many of these properties are in regional or rural areas? c) What is the value of the ABC's property portfolio? d) What is value of each property broken down by address? e) Can the ABC provide a list of land or properties that it owns, and a general description of the dominant purpose (eg. retail, headquarters, radio studio). 2. Does the ABC, or an associated entity of the ABC, lease land or property? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In which states? b) How many of these properties are in regional or rural areas? 	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p>c) What is the leasing cost for the property portfolio? d) What is the leasing cost of each property broken down by address. e) Can the ABC provide a list of land or properties that it leases, and a general description of the dominant purpose (eg. retail, headquarters, radio studio). 3. How many people are employed by the ABC to work in the property portfolio? (eg. Maintenance staff, janitorial staff, groundsman) 4. Can a breakdown be provided of annual spending for 17-18 by the ABC, or an associated entity, on a) plants, b) sculptures, c) ornaments d) paintings? 5. Has the ABC carried out a cost/benefit analysis of keeping their premises in capital cities, such as the Ultimo or South Bank premises, as opposed to having these premises in a regional location? (Eg. Caboolture or Beenleigh in Queensland) a) What were the findings of this analysis? b) If such an analysis has not been carried out, why? c) Has the ABC ever considered decentralising and relocating their main premises to a regional centre?</p>	
163.	ABC	McGrath	ABCNews24 live crosses	<p>6. What is the process for deciding when a live cross is warranted? a) Who is responsible for that decision? 7. What is the process for deciding when a live cross will end and normal programming will recommence? a) Who is responsible for that decision? 8. Does the ABCNews24 monitor the live crosses that it conducts and the content of those live crosses? a) <i>If yes</i>: How does the ABC assess whether it has displayed balance in making live crosses? b) <i>If no</i>: How can the ABC ensure it is being impartial and balanced in its</p>	02/11/2018 Written

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				reporting, including via live crosses? 9. Can the ABC provide a detailed list of all live crosses on ABCNews24 that occurred in 2017-18 and 2018-19 to date, including the content and length of each live cross?	
164.	ABC	McGrath	ABC employees – formal disciplinary actions	10. What does formal disciplinary action entail with regard to ABC employees? What was the total number of formal disciplinary actions taken against ABC staff in 2017/2018? 11. How many ABC staff in 2017/2018 were investigated following complaints received in relation to alleged breaches of: a) The ABC’s social media policy b) The ABC’s code of conduct and standards c) Editorial breaches d) Sexual misconduct e) Alcohol or drug misuse f) Theft 12. What is the ratio of ‘junior’ ABC staff to ‘senior’ who have been investigated for alleged breaches? 13. How many ABC staff in 2017/2018 have been formally disciplined following breaches of the below and what was the basis of each breach and what was the nature of the disciplinary action taken, in relation to: a) The ABC’s social media policy b) The ABC’s code of conduct and standards c) Editorial breaches d) Sexual misconduct e) Alcohol or drug misuse f) Theft 14. What is the ratio of ‘junior’ ABC staff to ‘senior’ who have been formally disciplined? 15. How many ABC staff in 2017/2018 have been terminated and what was the basis of each complaint for breaches of:	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p>a) The ABC’s social media policy b) The ABC’s code of conduct and standards c) Editorial breaches d) Sexual misconduct e) Alcohol or drug misuse f) Theft</p> <p>16. What is the ratio of ‘junior’ ABC staff to ‘senior’ who have been terminated? 17. Why was Sally Neighbour, Four Corners executive producer, not formally disciplined following her tweet in relation to Ms Guthrie’s sacking that read ‘Excellent decision’?</p> <p>a) The ABC’s social policy lists four standards that apply to work and personal use of interactive services by ABC workers. Standard 1 reads “Do not mix the professional and the personal in ways likely to bring the ABC into disrepute.” Standard 2 reads “Do not undermine your effectiveness at work.” Noting the above standards, if Ms Neighbour’s tweet is not considered in breach of the ABC’s social media policy, what is considered as a breach?</p> <p>18. Please provide a detailed breakdown of ABC staff by state, and by ABC broadcasting region. This should include total employees by state and by ABC region, as well as a general description of the employee’s job role.</p>	
165.	ABC	Hanson-Young	Gordon St Studio in Elsternwick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the ABC provide details of any discussions or consideration of the Heritage value of the Gordon St Studio in Elsternwick? • Has this been referred under the EPBC Act? 	02/11/2018 Written
166.	ABC	Hanson-Young	ABC in the Asia Pacific Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the Board provide details of its more recent consideration of the ABC’s obligations to provide an international multimedia service and specifically, to the restoration of the ABC’s radio, television and online output into the Pacific? • What percentage of its budget does the ABC spend on creating original content for and about the Pacific (Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? o What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years? 	02/11/2018 Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much money does the ABC spend on publishing content into the Pacific (across all platforms) and how is this done? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? • How many hours of bespoke Pacific programming per day does the ABC produce for the Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? • Why was the power output of the shortwave transmitters halved in 2014 and closed down completely a few months later? • Can the ABC table any documents relating to the prioritising of India and China over the Pacific? • How has spending on coverage in Asia changed over the last five years, particularly in India, Indonesia, Thailand and other near neighbours? • Can the ABC outline how it is abiding by its charter to supply broadcasting services overseas and particularly to its expatriate community? • How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to report news and current affairs on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What percentage of total staff does this represent? o What plans are there to vary this number over the five years? • How many staff are specifically allocated to produce non-News and Current Affairs programmes about the Pacific? ‘ • How many hours per day of programming does the ABC produce about cultural, music and non-News and Current Affairs events in the Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? • What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to report on the APEC meeting in PNG in November? • What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to covering the New Caledonia independence referendum in 2019? • What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to report on the forthcoming Fiji elections? • Given that PNG is the second-largest recipient of Australian aid after Indonesia, 	

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				<p>what resources has the ABC allocated to its bureau?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the ABC engage with the Pacific diaspora in Australia? How many Pacific Islanders are employed by the ABC to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting etc within Australia? • What proportion of resources are allocated by the ABC to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting back into the region? • Which broadcasters in the region does the ABC obtain content from for its own programming? • What is the relationship between the ABC and RNZ Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Does it share Pacific programming content? o Does it share the cost of creating Pacific content for domestic audiences? o What plans does the ABC have to develop this relationship? • Does ABC have plans to develop any alliances or partnerships with other international media organizations in content creation/sharing for Pacific audiences? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What content sharing arrangements does it have in place at the moment? • Given the changing and more complex geostrategic environment in the Pacific and the need for more Australian engagement with the region, what has the ABC done or is it planning to do to provide Australian audiences with a more in-depth understanding of the politics, economic dilemmas, culture and recent developments in our neighbouring countries? • What percentage of its budget does the ABC spend on creating original content on the Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? o What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years? • What percentage of its budget does the ABC spend on creating original content on Asia? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? o What is the budget allocation for creating content about Asia over the next 	

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				three years?	
167.	ABC	Urquhart	Budget	1. Please provide a detailed description of the funding profile of the ABC since the Liberal Government took office in 2013, and the impact of any funding changes over that period.	07/11/2018 Written
168.	ABC	Urquhart	Media literacy	1. What, if anything, has the ABC done to promote the media literacy of Australians in the last two years and how does this work address the issue of media concentration in Australia? Please provide details.	07/11/2018 Written
169.	ABC	Urquhart	Pacific	<p>1. What priority has the Board given to the ABC's obligations to provide an international multimedia service and specifically, to the restoration of the ABC's radio/TV/Online output into the Pacific?</p> <p>2. How percentage of the Budget does the ABC spend on creating original content for and about the Pacific (on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia)? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>3. What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years?</p> <p>4. How much money does the ABC spend on publishing content into the Pacific (either TV Radio digital) and how is this done? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>5. How many hours of bespoke Pacific programming per day does the ABC produce for the Pacific? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>6. Why was the power output of the shortwave transmitters halved in 2014 and closed down completely a few months later?</p> <p>7. Why do senior executives at ABC International continue to believe India and China are far more important potential audiences than the Pacific, when the research shows that the digital strategy devised by former ABC International CEO, Lynley Marshall, could only entice an audience of 100,000?</p> <p>8. How has spending on coverage in Asia changed over the last five years – coverage of affairs in India, Indonesia, Thailand and other near neighbours?</p> <p>9. Can the ABC outline how it is abiding by its charter to supply broadcasting services overseas and particularly to its expatriate community?</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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				<p>10. How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to report news and current affairs on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia, and what percentage of total staff does this represent? What plans are there to vary this number over the five years?</p> <p>11. How many staff are specifically allocated to produce non-News and Current Affairs programmes about the Pacific?</p> <p>12. How many hours per day of programming does the ABC produce about cultural, music and non-News and Current Affairs events in the Pacific? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>13. What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to report on the APEC meeting in PNG in November?</p> <p>14. What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to covering the New Caledonia independence referendum in 2019?</p> <p>15. What resources and financing has the ABC allocated to report on the Fiji elections in November?</p> <p>16. Given that PNG is the second-largest recipient of Australian aid after Indonesia, what resources has the ABC allocated to bureau?</p> <p>17. How does the ABC engage with the Pacific diaspora in Australia? How many Pacific Islanders are employed by the ABC to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting etc within Australia?</p> <p>18. What proportion of resources are allocated by the ABC to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting back into the region?</p> <p>19. Which broadcasters in the region does the ABC obtain content from for its own programming?</p> <p>20. What is the relationship between the ABC and RNZ Pacific? Does it share Pacific programming content? Does it share the cost of creating Pacific content for domestic audiences? What plans does the ABC have to develop this relationship?</p> <p>21. Can the ABC guarantee that all its international programs including 'The world' (television), 'Pacific Beat' and 'Pacific Mornings' will be retained in 2019</p>	

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				<p>without cuts to their resources?</p> <p>22. Does ABC plan to develop any alliances or partnerships with other international media organizations in content creation/sharing for Pacific audiences? What content Sharing arrangements does it have in place at the moment?</p> <p>23. Given the changing and more complex geostrategic environment in the Pacific and the need for more Australian engagement with the region, what has the ABC done or is it planning to do to provide Australian audiences with a more in-depth understanding of the politics, economic dilemmas, culture and recent developments in our neighbouring countries.</p> <p>24. What percentage of its budget does the ABC spend on creating original content on the Pacific? How does this compare to five years ago? What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years?</p> <p>25. What percentage of its budget does the ABC spend on creating original content on Asia? How does this compare to five years ago? What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years?</p> <p>26. What has the ABC done to cater to the needs of the audience in Australia of Asian and Pacific background?</p> <p>27. How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to report news and current affairs on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia, and what percentage of total staff does this represent? What plans are there to vary this number over the next five years?</p> <p>28. How many hours per day does the ABC broadcast specific news and current affairs about Pacific events? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>29. How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to produce non-News and Current Affairs programmes about the Pacific?</p> <p>30. How many hours per day of programming does the ABC produce about cultural, music and non-News and Current Affairs events in the Pacific? How does this compare to five years ago?</p>	
170.	SBS	Keneally	SBS's involvement	Senator KENEALLY: If I can start with the competitive neutrality review of the	23/10/2018

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			with the Competitive Neutrality Review	national broadcasters. For the benefit of the committee would you please outline how SBS has cooperated with the inquiry, including what research and information SBS has provided to the inquiry? Mr Taylor: We have participated fully in the competitive neutrality review. That includes making a comprehensive submission, which is a public submission. We engaged external support in the construct of our submission. I'm very pleased that our submission quite clearly makes the point that we believe we are operating within the bounds of competitive neutrality principles. Senator KENEALLY: I understand if you do not, but does SBS have an estimate of the cost to SBS of complying with the competitive neutrality inquiry? Mr Taylor: No, I don't have one at hand. I'm happy to take that question on notice	Page 105
171.	SBS	Keneally	Competitive Neutrality Inquiry – estimated cost	1. Can SBS provide an estimate of the cost to SBS of complying with the competitive neutrality inquiry?	02/11/2018 Written
172.	SBS	McGrath	Property portfolio	1. Does the SBS, or an associated entity of the SBS, own property or land? a. In which states or territories does the SBS own property or land? b. How many of these properties are in regional or rural areas? c. What is the value of the SBS's property portfolio? d. What is value of each property broken down by address? e. Can the SBS provide a list of land or properties that it owns, and a general description of the dominant purpose (eg. retail, headquarters, radio studio). 2. Does the SBS, or an associated entity of the SBS, lease land or property? a. In which states? b. How many of these properties are in regional or rural areas? c. What is the leasing cost for the property portfolio? d. What is the leasing cost of each property broken down by address. e. Can the SBS provide a list of land or properties that it leases, and a general description of the dominant purpose (eg. retail, headquarters, radio studio). 3. How many people are employed by the SBS to work in the property portfolio?	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p>(eg. Maintenance staff, janitorial staff, groundsman)</p> <p>4. Can a breakdown be provided of annual spending for 17-18 by the SBS, or an associated entity, on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. plants, b. sculptures, c. ornaments d. paintings? <p>5. Has the SBS carried out a cost/benefit analysis of keeping their premises in capital cities as opposed to having these premises in a regional location? (Eg. Caboolture or Beenleigh in Queensland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were the findings of this analysis? b. If such an analysis has not been carried out, why? c. Has the SBS ever considered decentralising and relocating their main premises to a regional centre? 	
173.	SBS	McGrath	SBS staffing	<p>6. What does formal disciplinary action entail with regard to SBS employees? What was the total number of formal disciplinary actions taken against SBS staff in 2017/2018?</p> <p>7. How many SBS staff in 2017/2018 were investigated following complaints received in relation to alleged breaches of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The SBS's social media policy b. The SBS's code of conduct and standards c. Editorial breaches d. Sexual misconduct e. Alcohol or drug misuse f. Theft <p>8. What is the ratio of 'junior' SBS staff to 'senior' who have been investigated for alleged breaches?</p> <p>9. How many SBS staff in 2017/2018 have been formally disciplined following breaches of the below and what was the basis of each breach and what was the nature of the disciplinary action taken, in relation to:</p>	02/11/2018 Written

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				<p>a. The SBS's social media policy b. The SBS's code of conduct and standards c. Editorial breaches d. Sexual misconduct e. Alcohol or drug misuse f. Theft</p> <p>10. What is the ratio of 'junior' SBS staff to 'senior' who have been formally disciplined? 11. How many SBS staff in 2017/2018 have been terminated and what was the basis of each complaint for breaches of: a. The SBS's social media policy b. The SBS's code of conduct and standards c. Editorial breaches d. Sexual misconduct e. Alcohol or drug misuse f. Theft</p> <p>12. What is the ratio of 'junior' SBS staff to 'senior' who have been terminated? 13. Please provide a detailed breakdown of SBS staff by state, and by SBS broadcasting region. This should include total employees by state and by SBS region, as well as a general description of the employee's job role.</p>	
174.	SBS	Hanson-Young	SBS in the Asia Pacific region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What percentage of the Budget does the SBS spend on creating original content about the Pacific (on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? o What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years? • How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to report news and current affairs on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia, and what percentage of total staff does this represent? What plans are there to vary this number over the five years? • How many hours per day does the SBS broadcast specific news and current affairs about Pacific events? 	02/11/2018 Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? • How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to produce non-News and Current Affairs programmes about the Pacific? • How many hours per day of programming does the SBS produce about cultural, music and non-News and Current Affairs events in the Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How does this compare to five years ago? • What resources and financing has SBS allocated to report on the APEC meeting in PNG in November? • What resources and financing has SBS allocated to covering the New Caledonia independence referendum in 2019? • What resources and financing has SBS allocated to report on the forthcoming Fiji elections? • How does the SBS engage with the Pacific diaspora in Australia? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How many Pacific Islanders are employed by SBS to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting etc within Australia? • Which broadcasters in the region does SBS obtain content from for its own programming? • What is the relationship between SBS and RNZ Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Does it share Pacific programming content? o Does it share the cost of creating Pacific content for domestic audiences? o What plans does SBS have to develop this relationship? • Does SBS plan to develop any alliances or partnerships with other international media organisations in content creation/sharing for Pacific audiences? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What content sharing arrangements does it have in place at the moment? 	
175.	SBS	Urquhart	Budget	1. Please provide a detailed description of the funding profile of SBS since the Liberal Government took office in 2013, and the impact of any funding changes over that period.	07/11/2018 Written
176.	SBS	Urquhart	Media literacy	1. What, if anything, has the SBS done to promote media literacy in the last two	07/11/2018

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				years and how does this work address the issue of media concentration in Australia? Please provide details.	Written
177.	SBS	Urquhart	Recruitment of Managing Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the role of Blenheim Partners in the appointment of the SBS Managing Director? 2. How was Blenheim Partners selected to assist with the recruitment of the new MD? Had the SBS used them before? 3. Why was a recruitment agency used? 4. How many "expressions of interest" and "applications" were received for the MD position by Blenheim Partners? 5. Did Blenheim Partners create, or suggest, a short list of potential candidates? If so, how many people made it onto a short list? 6. Was anyone considered who did not come via Blenheim Partners? 7. Did Blenheim Partners hand over all the "expressions of interest" and "applications" for the MD position to the SBS Board? 8. Was the official advertisement that was published in The Australian on 3 September 2018 on page 26 for the MD position, drafted by SBS or Blenheim Partners? 9. The advertisement seeks "expressions of interest" but then states "applications close 18 September 2018". Was the purpose of the ad to find out who was interested in the position, or to actually receive detailed applications - because the advertisement is not completely clear on this point? 10. Were selection criteria and a position description made available to people who submitted an Expression of Interest? 11. What information was supplied to those who sought information on the selection criteria and the position? 12. What was and is the step-by-step process taken in respect of selecting an MD? 13. Without providing an itemised account of various expenses, what was the total cost of searching for a new SBS Managing Director? 14. Was there an item in the Budget papers to cover the costs associated with 	07/11/2018 Written

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				finding a new Managing Director?	
178.	SBS	Urquhart	Pacific	<p>1. What percentage of the Budget does the SBS spend on creating original content about the Pacific (on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia)? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>2. What is the budget allocation for creating content about the Pacific over the next three years?</p> <p>3. How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to report news and current affairs on Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia, and what percentage of total staff does this represent? What plans are there to vary this number over the five years?</p> <p>4. How many hours per day does the SBS broadcast specific news and current affairs about Pacific events? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>5. How many FTE staff are specifically allocated to produce non-News and Current Affairs programmes about the Pacific?</p> <p>6. How many hours per day of programming does the SBS produce about cultural, music and non-News and Current Affairs events in the Pacific? How does this compare to five years ago?</p> <p>7. What resources and financing has SBS allocated to report on the APEC meeting in PNG in November?</p> <p>8. What resources and financing has SBS allocated to covering the New Caledonia independence referendum in 2019?</p> <p>9. What resources and financing has SBS allocated to report on the forthcoming Fiji elections?</p> <p>10. How does the SBS engage with the Pacific diaspora in Australia? How many Pacific Islanders are employed by SBS to produce Pacific regional content for broadcasting within Australia?</p> <p>11. Which broadcasters in the region does SBS obtain content from for its own programming?</p> <p>12. What is the relationship between SBS and RNZ Pacific? Does it share Pacific programming content? Does it share the cost of creating Pacific content for</p>	07/11/2018 Written

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				domestic audiences? What plans does SBS have to develop this relationship? 13. Does SBS plan to develop any alliances or partnerships with other international media organisations in content creation/sharing for Pacific audiences? What content sharing arrangements does it have in place at the moment?	
179.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Rollout in townships	<p>Senator URQUHART: Are you aware that in the township of Latrobe, which has a population of just over 4,000 people, parts of Percival Street, Benny Street, Bradshaw Street, Reibey Street, Gerrand Street, Laura Street, Fenton Street, Alberta Street and Cotton Street are not connected?</p> <p>Mr Rue: No, I'm not, but I'll take your word for it.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me when those streets are going to be connected?</p> <p>Mr Rue: Let us see if we can get an answer before 11 o'clock, but, if not, we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Thank you. Are you aware that in the township of Leith there are also households on Beach Road that are still waiting to be connected?</p> <p>Mr Rue: Again, let us take that on notice. We'll get back to you.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: It is a pretty bold statement to say that it's the last town, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Rue: There are always going to be one, two or several premises that are what we call 'complex premises', but there is no doubt that—</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I understand that, Mr Rue, but then you don't make a statement about how it's all completed, do you?</p> <p>Mr Rue: The definition of that is 'all bar a couple of homes' or 'all bar a couple of very small areas'. There's no doubt that we have had construction in all areas, and there may be—</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Some of those streets in Latrobe are pretty big.</p> <p>Mr Rue: Let me take that on notice, and we'll come back to you on the completion.</p>	23/10/2018 Page 117
180.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by	01/11/2018

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				<p>NBN Co in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written
181.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of NBN Co's offices upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	01/11/2018 Written
182.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	<p>Were the facilities of any of NBN Co's premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, 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>	01/11/2018 Written
183.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Staff travel	<p>What was the total cost of staff travel for NBN Co employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?</p> <p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017 please be provided?</p> <p>This list should include the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights and identify the airline and class of travel; • Ground transport; • Accommodation and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed; • Meals and other incidentals. Any available menus, receipts for meals at 	01/11/2018 Written

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				restaurants and the like should also be provided; and • Any available photographs documenting the travel should also be provided.	
184.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Media monitoring	What was NBN Co's total expenditure on media monitoring in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	01/11/2018 Written
185.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the NBN Co's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? What advertising and information campaigns did NBN Co run in the relevant period?	01/11/2018 Written
186.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Promotional merchandise	What was NBN Co's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? Can photographs or samples of all relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?	01/11/2018 Written
187.	NBN Co	Bilyk	Social media influencers	What was NBN Co's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? What advertising or information campaigns did NBN Co use social media influencers to promote? Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?	01/11/2018 Written
188.	NBN Co	Chisholm	Rollout in Dunwich	1. Can NBN Co confirm when the roll out of the NBN will occur in Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island?	02/11/2018 Written
189.	NBN Co	Urquhart	NBN Chairman	In a recent hearing of Senate Estimates the NBN Chairman engaged in the following exchange: Senator KENEALLY: You seem to be asserting that there are plausible scenarios where the NBN achieves a market sale price of \$51 billion . But you do accept that there are others who reasonably assert that, with a rate of return at three per cent, the multi-technology mix has near zero prospect of achieving that sale price? Dr Switkowski: Again, it depends on how the privatisation process is configured and, obviously, the way the business is running in the early 2020s, the outlook for pricing and the commitments that the former owners—in this case, the government—might make around regulatory and other matters. So, while there is	05/11/2018 Written

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				<p>downside risk, the current valuation is supported by our four-year projected numbers. Unlike in most corporations, they are public. So people can look at them, they can challenge them and they can model around them and get the numbers that they get. I could certainly generate and do generate figures around \$50 billion for the value of this enterprise in the early 2020s.</p> <p>a) Has NBNC Co received external advice from any advisory firm, investment bank, market analyst, or suitably qualified professional, to support the Chairman's assertion that there are scenarios where the multi-technology mix could achieve a sale value of \$51 billion? If yes, please name them. If no, can the NBN Chairman please present his analysis to illustrate how he generated figures to assert a \$50 billion sale value?</p>	
190.	NBN Co	Urquhart	The multi-technology mix - cost	In 2013, Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull stood beside a hologram of Sonny Bill Williams and announced they would deliver the NBN for \$29.5 billion. What is multi-technology mix now expected to cost?	05/11/2018 Written
191.	NBN Co	Urquhart	The multi-technology mix - timeframe	In 2013, Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull stood beside a hologram of Sonny Bill Williams and announced every Australian would have access to minimum speeds of 25 Mbps by the end of 2016. How premises were RFS by the end of 2016?	05/11/2018 Written
192.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Mr Justin Milne	How many contracts have NBN Co awarded to companies owned or controlled by Mr Milne? When were these awarded? What was the value of each engagement inc GST?	05/11/2018 Written
193.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Contracts awarded to members of NBN Co Executive Committee	How many contracts have NBN Co awarded to companies owned or controlled by members of its executive committee? This should also include companies owned or controlled by the partners and immediate family members of the executive committee.	05/11/2018 Written
194.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Capacity and augmentation CAPEX	The 2018 Corporate Plan contains a line item for Network Capacity and Augmentation as shown below:	05/11/2018 Written

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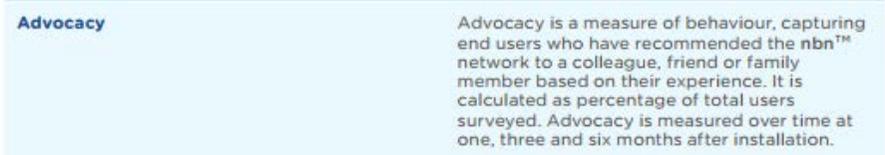
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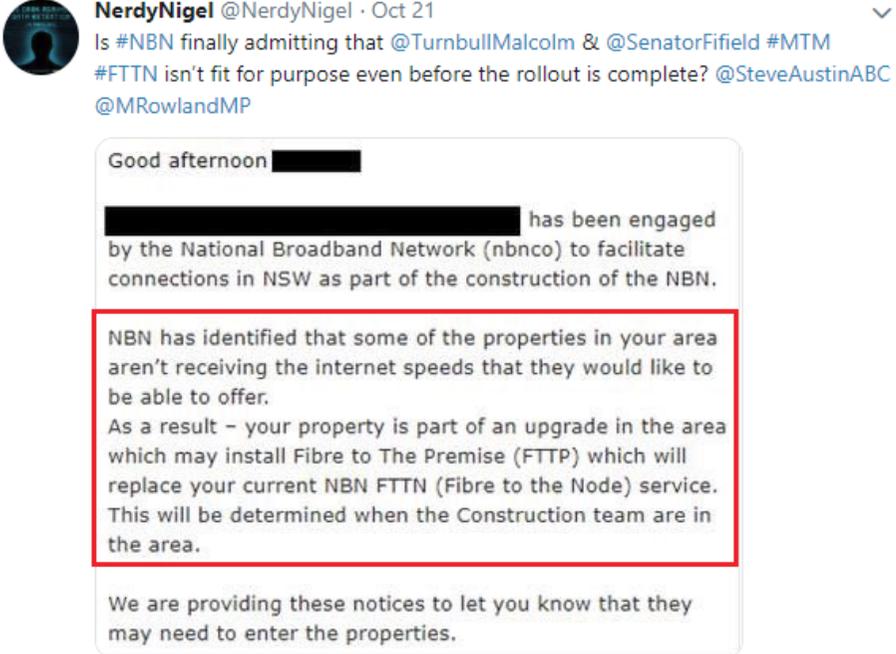
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202.	NBN Co	Urquhart	FTTN Nodes	a) How many FTTN nodes have NBN deployed? b) How many FTTN nodes does NBN expect would need to be deployed to support the base-case in the 2019 Corporate plan?	05/11/2018 Written
203.	NBN Co	Urquhart	FTTB	a) How many premises does NBN expect will be covered by FTTN (not including FTTB) by the end of the rollout? b) How many FTTB premises have been switched to FTTC since the last Corporate Plan?	05/11/2018 Written
204.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Exhausting of domestic copper supply	a) Is it true NBN Co exhausted Australia's copper supply and was forced to import copper from Brazil and Turkey?	05/11/2018 Written
205.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Consultancy spend	a) How much did NBN spend on advisory and consultants in FY17-18?	05/11/2018 Written
206.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Service Faults	Please provide <u>the total number</u> of service faults lodged with NBN in FY17-18.	05/11/2018 Written
207.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Missed appointments	Please provide <u>the number</u> of missed technician appointments in FY17-18	05/11/2018 Written
208.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Point Piper NBN rollout	Given the former Prime Minister was able to connect his Point Piper mansion to the NBN on 8 December 2017, when will the other residents of Point Piper be able to access the NBN?	05/11/2018 Written
209.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Technology choice – FTTN to FTTC	a) Can NBN confirm it does not offer technology choice for HFC to FTTP? b) Why has NBN yet to offer technology choice for FTTN to FTTC given FTTC is in commercial deployment? c) How many individual switch technology choice applications has NBN received for FTTN to FTTP?	05/11/2018 Written
210.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Customer Experience Metric (CEM)	The 2017 Corporate Plan (page 16) noted that: <i>“The Customer Experience Metric is tracking favourably, meeting a metric of 7.2 out of 10 (FY16), up from 6.6 (FY15). Implementation of continuous improvement</i>	05/11/2018 Written

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				<i>programs aim to reach 8 out of 10 by 2020.”</i> The 2019 Corporate Plan does not appear to make any reference to the metric. a) Please confirm what the Customer Experience Metric was at the time of the 2019 Corporate Plan.	
211.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Media monitoring – FY17-18	a) How much was spent on media monitoring in FY17-18?	05/11/2018 Written
212.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Take-up in FSA	a) Please list the top 10 FSA by level of take-up in areas where migration period is complete.	05/11/2018 Written
213.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Advocacy metric	The 2017 Corporate Plan contained references to Advocacy measures such as the example below: <i>“nbn’s Advocacy, a measure of users who have already recommended the nbn™ network to family, friends or colleagues is at 65 per cent, the same as 12 months ago. This measure is reflective of enduser experience across both the RSP and nbn™ networks.”</i>  Please provide Advocacy scores for FTTP, FTTC, FTTN, HFC, Fixed Wireless and Satellite which either underpinned the 2018 Corporate Plan or were taken at the end of financial year 17-18.	05/11/2018 Written
214.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Satisfied customers	a) What is the current level of satisfied, neutral, and dissatisfied customers on the NBN?	05/11/2018 Written
215.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Recruitment of new CEO	What costs were incurred by NBNCo in searching for and recruiting a new CEO? Please include total sum and break out individual procurements.	05/11/2018 Written
216.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Internal rate of return	Please confirm the internal rate of return in the Corporate Plan accounts for the full replacement cost of two satellites in 2030/2031.	05/11/2018 Written

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217.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Infrastructure lease payments	Are infrastructure lease payments to Telstra indexed at CPI?	05/11/2018 Written																
218.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Median usage fixed wireless	a) What is the median amount of monthly usage on fixed wireless?	05/11/2018 Written																
219.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Service Class Zero	What internal budget has been set aside to deal with Service Class Zero premises in the FTTN footprint?	05/11/2018 Written																
220.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Activations by technology	<p>Please provide the number of cumulative premises activated for each technology, to at least two decimal points, for each of the following technologies.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Technology</th> <th>Activations (at least two decimal points)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HFC</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTN/B</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTP (brownfields)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTC</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Satellite</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTP (greenfields)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixed wireless</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please provide the cumulative number or one that is rounded to two decimal points.</p>	Technology	Activations (at least two decimal points)	HFC		FTTN/B		FTTP (brownfields)		FTTC		Satellite		FTTP (greenfields)		Fixed wireless		05/11/2018 Written
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221.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Former head of NBN Corporate Affairs	<p>a) What was the outgoing salary of the head of Corporate Affairs, who was a member of the NBN executive committee at the time of their departure in FY19?</p> <p>b) What bonus did the former head off NBN Corporate affairs receive for FY17-18?</p> <p>c) In June 2017 it was revealed the former head of NBN Corporate Affairs was promoted to perform what was, in effect, a very similar role. Ms Keisler then Departed NBNC Co in August 2018. What impact did this promotion have on the severance package (such as accrued</p>	05/11/2018 Written																

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				leave and other benefits) Ms Keisler upon leaving the company?	
222.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Early FTTN deployments	Please list the first 20 FSA's where FTTN was deployed. For each please include the date the area went RFS, and if possible, a general description of the geographical area.	05/11/2018 Written
223.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Peak funding	a) The NBN CEO has indicated the wholesale pricing discounts increased the peak funding requirement by \$700 - 800 million. Please provide the underlying calculations to support this claim.	05/11/2018 Written
224.	NBN Co	Urquhart	FTTN Architecture	a) How many fibres are connected to each node in the FTTN architecture (number of used/not used/redundant/reserved)? b) What is expected to be the maximum distance between a node and the furthest customer based on current design rules? c) What is the electricity consumption required to power a typical node (Voltage/Amperage of supplied power)? d) What type of active/passive equipment installed in each node? e) What fibre optic closures are used in each node (used/unused splicing capacity and connectors with specifying the type of connectors SC/SCA/LC)? f) Internal Node typical layout schematics. g) How is the electricity connected to the node? h) How does the Optical Fibre feed into the node? Are schematics available? i) Is the splicing colour-scheme available? j) How is the Copper cabling connected to the node? Are schematics available? k) What Optical Fibre redundancy exists for a typical node? l) Is there a reserved/unused fibres in each node? m) What Copper redundancy exists for a typical node? n) What type of fibre is used(loose tube/microtube/ribbon/other)(G652D/G657A1/G657A2/G657B3/other)?	05/11/2018 Written
225.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Interest	a) How much interest from cash holdings did NBN earn in FY17-18? Please provide the actual number and any public references.	05/11/2018 Written

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226.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Fixed wireless take-up	a) What was the average take-up of fixed wireless in areas where NBN has been available for more than 24 months?	05/11/2018 Written
227.	NBN Co	Urquhart	PFAS contamination in Paterson	<p>1. Can NBN Co confirm whether the NBN rollout in the electorate of Paterson, to the suburbs of Williamtown, Medowie, Salt Ash, Tanilba Bay, Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage has been delayed indefinitely recently?</p> <p>2. Does NBN Co assert this is due to perfluorinated chemical contamination emanating from the Williamtown RAAF base?</p> <p>3. Can NBN Co confirm that the reason for the delay is planners being concerned about digging up the ground in an area where the groundwater is contaminated?</p> <p>4. Can NBN Co confirm why exactly they do not want to dig up the ground, given Health Department advice is that PFAS chemicals have “no consistent human health effects”? Is this health advice incorrect?</p> <p>5. What health advice is NBN Co relying on, regarding exposure to PFAS?</p> <p>6. Please outline whether there any alternate routes that the fibre can travel, to deliver the NBN to the major centres of Medowie, Tanilba Bay, Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage? Keeping in mind that the suburbs affected by this issue are to the north of the contamination zone, fibre is already present to the north-west of the PFAS contamination zone at Raymond Terrace, and to the north-east, at the Tomaree Peninsula in suburbs such as Nelson Bay.</p> <p>7. Please outline how NBN Co delivered fixed-line services to areas on the Tomaree Peninsula such as Nelson Bay, without going through the PFAS area at Williamtown? Is it possible to run fibre off the existing cables servicing the Tomaree Peninsula?</p> <p>8. Can NBN Co advise of an ETA for when the NBN is expected to be available for Williamtown, Medowie, Salt Ash, Tanilba Bay, Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage?</p>	05/11/2018 Written
228.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Subscriber payments Telstra or Optus	a) What is the typical time period between when a customer is migrated to the NBN and a subscriber payment made to Telstra or Optus?	05/11/2018 Written
229.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Process to recruit	b) Did the firm engaged to search for a new NBN CEO make a recommendation	05/11/2018

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230.	NBN Co	Urquhart	CEO FTTP overbuild	<p>to the Board? Or did they present an assessment of different candidates?</p> <p>a) Can NBN confirm whether it has overbuilt, or is planning to overbuild, any existing FTTN areas with FTTC or FTTP? If yes, where? And why?</p> <p>b) Was this notice issued by NBN Co or an NBN construction partner? If yes, please explain the circumstances.</p> 	Written 05/11/2018 Written
231.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Executive bonuses	a) What revenue target for FY17-18 were bonuses for members of the executive	05/11/2018

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			linked to FY revenue targets	committee linked to? b) What KPI weighting was attached to it? c) Did they receive the bonus for reaching the revenue target?	Written																		
232.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Fixed-wireless congestion	a) Please complete the following table: <table border="1" data-bbox="969 568 1888 738"> <thead> <tr> <th>Average busy hour speed</th> <th>% of total cells</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><3mbps</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3-6 mbps</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6~12mbps</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>12~25mbps</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Average busy hour speed	% of total cells	<3mbps		3-6 mbps		6~12mbps		12~25mbps		05/11/2018 Written								
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233.	NBN Co	Urquhart	FTTC/B	a) Have any existing premises that were planned or due to receive FTTB been re-categorised as FTTC since the previous Corporate Plan?	05/11/2018 Written																		
234.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Not Ready to Connect / Service Class Zero	Please provide a breakdown of premises not ready to connect by technology type. Provide the number of premises for each technology. <table border="1" data-bbox="969 935 1888 1169"> <thead> <tr> <th>Technology</th> <th>Number of SCO premises</th> <th>% of RFS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FTTP</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTC</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTN</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FTTB</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HFC</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Technology	Number of SCO premises	% of RFS	FTTP			FTTC			FTTN			FTTB			HFC			05/11/2018 Written
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235.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Mr Scott Morrison	a) Can NBN confirm there is more Fibre to the Curb deployed in Scott Morrison's electorate than any other electorate in the country?	05/11/2018 Written																		
236.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Copper purchases	a) How many metres of new copper has NBN purchased to date?	05/11/2018 Written																		
237.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Internal Rate of	a) If NBN market share dropped to 65 per cent, would this push the IRR to below	05/11/2018																		

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			Return	2 per cent?	Written
238.	NBN Co	Urquhart	50 Mbps take-up	a) Based on current trends, what proportion of end users does NBN expect to have 50 Mbps by 2020, 2021?	05/11/2018 Written
239.	NBN Co	Urquhart	FTTC	a) Can the FTTC equipment purchased by NBN Co from Netcomm support g.fast? b) How many of the Netcomm DPU units were ordered? What proportion of the FTTC footprint will they cover? c) Who is the current Chairman of Netcomm?	05/11/2018 Written
240.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Cell and tower counts	a) How many fixed-wireless towers have been deployed across the NBN network? b) How many fixed-wireless cells have been deployed across the NBN network based on the most recent information? c) How many fixed-wireless towers does NBN expect to have deployed by 2020?	05/11/2018 Written
241.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Endorsement of tweet	On 22 October 2017 the former head of NBN Corporate Affairs re-tweeted the following post: <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>karina keisler @karinakeisler · 22 Oct 2017 ▼ Posted without comment</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>NFI 97 @NFI97 People bitching about the NBN shouldn't be on the Internet. Their network isn't slow, they are. They bought cheap plans from cheap providers</p> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> 💬 4 ↻ ❤️ 1 ✉️ </p> </div>	05/11/2018 Written
242.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Copper lines	a) What proportion of FTTN connections are achieving speeds of less than 25	05/11/2018

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				Mbps after co-existence? b) Does NBN Co pro-actively contact these customers to undertake remediation? Or does it only respond to a complaint?	Written												
243.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Contract with Telstra	It has been widely reported NBNCo entered into a \$1.6 billion deal with Telstra for to support the NBN HFC rollout. At the time NBN was forecast to pass 4.0 million premises with HFC technology, which has since experienced cost blowouts and reliability issues. The most recent Corporate Plan reduced the number of premises planned to receive HFC to 2.5 million – a 37.5 per cent reduction on the figure in the 2016 Corporate Plan. a) What is the current value of this Telstra deal? Has it decreased? b) Is the totality of the Telstra HFC deal reflected in the CPP? c) Why does NBN Co continue to refuse to answer this question? d) If it is commercial in confidence why were details of the original Telstra deal published to begin with?	05/11/2018 Written												
244.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Cumulative revenue	a) Please provide cumulative revenue since the beginning of the project up to 1 July 2018.	05/11/2018 Written												
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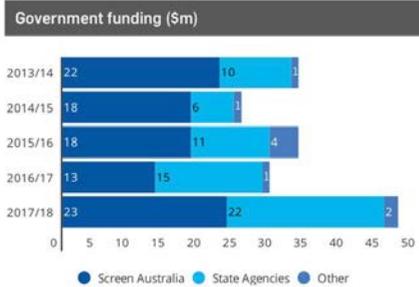
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247.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Subscriber payments	a) Please confirm forecast cumulative Subscriber Payments once all legacy users have been migrated.	05/11/2018 Written
248.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Not ready to connect	a) How many not-ready to connect FTTN premises have been converted to ready-to connect in FY18?	05/11/2018 Written
249.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Telstra pits	a) Who does NBN engage to undertake remediation of Telstra pits as part of the FTTC rollout? Its own contractors? Or Telstra? b) Who ultimately absorbs the cost for pit remediation – NBN Co or Telstra?	05/11/2018 Written
250.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Interest rate on private debt	a) Does NBN Co still consider it will be able to refinance \$21.4 billion in debt at 3.96 per cent?	05/11/2018 Written
251.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Regional broadband levy	Legislation proposing the establishment of a Regional Broadband Levy Charge was introduced on 22 June 2017 – within the 2017-18 financial year. This legislation is yet to be passed. a) Did the 2018 Corporate Plan incorporate revenue from the levy? b) Did the 2019 Corporate Plan incorporate revenue from the levy? c) Did the 2018 Corporate Plan assume a reduced corporate tax rate as was proposed by the previous Prime Minister? d) Was the decision to incorporate revenue from a proposed levy in a Bill which has not passed the Senate a decision of NBN Co or the Government? What accounting guidelines applied here? e) Are there any other unlegislated measures with financial implications that NBN have assumed in their 2019 Corporate Plan?	05/11/2018 Written
252.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Fixed wireless price hike	a) When did NBN Co first make the Department aware of the proposed \$65 wholesale price for 50 Mbps over fixed wireless? b) When did NBN Co first make the Minister or his office aware of the proposed \$65 wholesale price for 50 Mbps over fixed wireless?	05/11/2018 Written
253.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Calls to call centre	With reference to the NBN public-facing contact centre number:	05/11/2018

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				a) How many calls have been made to the 1800 687 6262 number in FY17-18? Please break down by month.	Written
254.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Micro-nodes	a) How many micro nodes have been deployed? b) How many premises are currently covered by a micro node? c) What is the average CPP for premises served by a micro node?	05/11/2018 Written
255.	NBN Co	Urquhart	NBN research with Alpha Beta – Connecting Australia report	Please refer to http://www.connectingaustralia.com.au/pdf/Connecting_Australia_Report.pdf a) Please provide a list of all the SA2 areas (or other statistical grouping) where NBN was available at the time of the Census in August 2016. Presumably, such a list would exist in order for the research to compare in social and economic impacts of NBN ready areas versus areas where the NBN was not available.	05/11/2018 Written
256.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Wholesale service levels	An ACCC media release on 11 September 2018 states: “NBN Co offered the undertaking after the ACCC gave it an interim access determination it proposed to make.” On what date did the ACCC present NBN Co with the interim access determined it proposed to make?	05/11/2018 Written
257.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Technology Choice - HFC	a) Has NBN re-purposed any of the existing fibre supplying HFC nodes within the ex-Telstra HFC network to provide GPON based FTTP to any premises? If so, how many premises have been serviced in this way? b) With regards to the Technology Choice Program Area Switch, NBN policy document BMS004306 states that an Applicant's financial contribution will include a "deduction of savings that would be incurred if the original planned technology is not constructed". Has NBN applied this aspect of policy to all Area Switch Build Quotes that have been generated since 28 July 2016 (Issue date for Revision 2.0 of this policy)? If not, from what date forward has NBN applied this aspect of policy to all Area Switch Build Quotes? c) With regards specifically to the method of calculation for "deduction of savings that would be incurred if the original planned technology is not	05/11/2018 Written

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				<p>constructed", do NBN</p> <p>a. deduct a standard amount based on the originally planned technology multiplied by the number of premises involved, or</p> <p>b. calculate the savings specific to each Area Switch application individually, or</p> <p>c. use some other method?</p> <p>If (c) please define the method of calculation. If the method of application is not consistent, please advise how many applications fit into each category (a) (b) or (c) from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018.</p> <p>d) For any Area Switch applications made since 28 July 2016 that did not cover a full "node" (for example, a MDU), resulting in the need for the originally planned technology to be constructed anyway to service other premises in the immediately surrounding area, has there been "deduction of savings that would be incurred if the original planned technology is not constructed" applied? If so, to what equipment or labour components does this correspond, given that the planned technology is being constructed anyway?</p> <p>e) Does the "deduction of savings that would be incurred if the original planned technology is not constructed" include any allowance for savings from avoiding the need to remediate issues with copper, in the event that a copper-based technology was the originally planned technology and FTTP is the target technology? If so, how is this calculated?</p> <p>f) If an area changes planned technology during the course of an Area Switch application, is the overall Build Quote calculated based on (a) the planned technology as at date of application, (b) the planned technology as at the date the Build Quote is issued, or (c) as at some other date? If the date applicable varies between Applications, please indicate the number of Area Switch applications that fit into each category (a) (b) or (c) from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018.</p> <p>g) If an area changes planned technology during the course of an Area Switch application, is the value of the "deduction of savings" included within the Build Quote calculated based on (a) the planned technology as at date of application, (b) the planned technology as at the date the Build Quote is issued, or (c) as at</p>	

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258.	NBN Co	Urquhart	Fixed wireless congestion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress has been made on fixing Fixed Wireless congestion? 2. How many cells currently have congestion issues? 3. How many cells have had congestion issues fixed in 2018? 4. When does NBN expect that all of the upgrades to Fixed Wireless to deal with congestion issues will have been completed? 5. What is the measure used by NBN to determine if a cell is congested? 6. Can you please provide the Committee with a list of locations of existing cells with Fixed Wireless Congestion issues? 7. What is the most recent Advocacy Score for fixed wireless? 8. What was the Advocacy score in each of the past 4 years? 9. Were the Advocacy figures for each technology reported in the last Corporate Plan? If not, why not? 10. Please provide the Advocacy Scores for each NBN technology for the past 4 years. 	05/11/2018 Written
259.	NBN Co	Urquhart	NBN business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When does NBN plan to launch its business grade satellite service? 	05/11/2018

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			grade satellite service	2. When was this product first announced and what is the reason for the delay in releasing it to customers?	Written
260.	NBN Co	Urquhart	NBN Multicast trials	<p>1. In January this year NBN announced a trial of “Multicast technology”. Can you give the Committee an outline of this trial went and what were the findings of the trial?</p> <p>2. Were any technical issues identified that need to be addressed? What were they?</p> <p>3. In NBN’s media release of 29 January 2018, NBN said that the national multicast product was to be released mid-year this year – why has this been delayed?</p> <p>4. What is the new date for the national product release?</p>	05/11/2018 Written
261.	NBN Co	Griff	Subcontractors	<p>In reference to the issue of subcontractors owed thousands of dollars for work they have completed on the NBN that has been raised in previous Estimates and in the Joint Standing Committee on the NBN:</p> <p>1) Does NBN acknowledge that there are continuing issues around subcontractors not being paid either adequately, or at all?</p> <p>2) Mr Morrow has previously stated that “<i>we do follow up with our primary contractors to be sure that they are treating their employees fairly and ethically</i>”. Does NBN follow up with primary contractors in relation to these types of payment issues? If not, why not?</p> <p>3) Has NBN received complaints from subcontractors about payment issues and does it keep a record of such complaints? Please provide the number of complaints received about payment issues for the last two financial years.</p> <p>4) Can you provide further detail around the performance guarantees NBN has with its contractors around safety – does this extend to safety around worker’s wellbeing?</p> <p>5) Mr Morrow previously stated that if there are payment issues, NBN would “<i>follow up with the contractors themselves to ensure that they are going through a fair process of dispute resolution</i>”.</p> <p>a. Has this occurred?</p>	05/11/2018 Written

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262.	Screen Australia	Hanson- Young	Australian Feature Slate	<p>b. If so, what were NBN's findings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the following graph (page 10 of the recently released 2017/18 Drama Report) regarding the Australian Feature Slate, can you provide details in each year (2013/14 through to 2017/18) as to what types of payments make up the 'other' category? • Can you provide a breakdown of each state and/or territory agency's contribution for the years listed?  <p>Financial contributions from government agencies fluctuate year-to-year in line with the production schedules of each film as well as budget allocations of each agency.</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Government funding (\$m)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Screen Australia</th> <th>State Agencies</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2013/14</td> <td>22</td> <td>10</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>18</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>18</td> <td>11</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016/17</td> <td>13</td> <td>15</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017/18</td> <td>23</td> <td>22</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Screen Australia	State Agencies	Other	2013/14	22	10	1	2014/15	18	6	1	2015/16	18	11	4	2016/17	13	15	1	2017/18	23	22	2	02/11/2018 Written
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