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1	ASC Pty Ltd	Gallacher	Voluntary Redundancies	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would you be able to produce the figure on voluntary redundancies for the financial year to date? Do you know how much you've spent on redundancies in the financial year to date, and 2017-18 and 2016-17?</p> <p><b>Mr Cuthill:</b> I don't have that to hand, but that's something we can take on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would you not have even this year? I can understand not having the historical data, but—</p> <p><b>Mr Cuthill:</b> I know the numbers, as in the actual headcount, but I don't know the dollars.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In the financial year to date, what's the headcount?</p> <p><b>Mr Cuthill:</b> The headcount for voluntary redundancies is 67.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And forced redundancies?</p> <p><b>Mr Cuthill:</b> That is 101.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And you'd be able to produce those figures for the two financial years prior and the year to date?</p> <p><b>Mr Cuthill:</b> Yes. We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 39-40
2	ASC Pty Ltd	Gallacher	Number of Employees	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are you able to break it down between how many are based at Osborne and how many are at Henderson?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> I don't think I have that breakdown.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> I can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are you able to give us any further information about the breakdown of the various trades, roles and functions of employees based at Osborne and Henderson?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> I'll take that on notice as well and give you the breakdown.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Sorry, between Western Australia and South Australia, I can give you approximate numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> It's about 350 in Western Australia, in terms of total, and the rest remain in South Australia. That's the approximate breakdown. In terms of the trade, I would definitely have to take that on notice. I wouldn't want to speculate on that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay. But is the split about 350, subject to clarification?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes, and the remainder is in South Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are you able to break that up into contractors, subcontractors and—</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes, I can break that up. The numbers actually change, at any one time, depending on what type of work we're doing on what type of platform. The number of contractors is quite a dynamic number. It does change, quite considerably.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 46
3	ASC Pty Ltd	Gallacher	Recruitment – ASC Submarines	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is ASC submarines having any issues in recruiting skilled employees to replace those who've left?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October

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				... <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What is the average time taken to fill a vacancy? <b>Mr Whiley:</b> I would guess it is around three months. We do have stats on that, so I can take it on notice, but I would guess about three to four months.	2018, F&PA Committee, Page 46-47
4	Future Fund	McAllister	Nine and Fairfax Merger	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> ... When the Nine and Fairfax merger was being considered, was that declared to the Future Fund? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice. I'm very confident that an experienced board director and an experienced senior contributor in Australia for a very long time manages any conflicts as they arise—competently, appropriately and professionally. But in terms of the specifics, if you want to give me your questions, I'll take them on notice and pass them on and I'll make sure you get a timely answer.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 56
5	MO	Kitching	Meetings with Future Fund Chair	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Let's just start with how often you meet with him annually. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'd have to take on notice the frequency of meetings in recent times. The last meeting would have been about six or seven weeks ago, but of course we talk on the phone—even as required, too.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 56
6	Future Fund	Kitching	Quadrant	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could I go to a report in July that the Rockpool Dining Group had been underpaying staff. It was reported that the Future Fund is a significant investor through the Quadrant Private Equity No. 4 fund. How much has the Future Fund invested in that fund? <b>Dr Arndt:</b> As you point out, it's correct that we're an investor in Quadrant and our relationship to this situation is via them. I don't believe that we've announced the size of the investment—I'd be happy to take it on notice—but it would be in the order of a couple of hundred million dollars.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 57
7	Future Fund	Kitching	Stephen Gilmore	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> How long had Mr Gilmore been there? <b>Mr Neal:</b> If you want a precise answer I'll probably need to take that on notice, but my guess is eight years.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 58
8	Finance	Kitching	Energy Supplement	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'll go to the energy supplement. It was announced on 22 August last that the government would no longer be proceeding with its measure to abolish the energy supplement. ... Does this mean that the decision to no longer abolish the energy supplement was made prior to the 2018 budget? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> No. The decision was made shortly before it was announced, but we did make a provision in the contingency reserve. That is what a contingency reserve is for: to make sure that, should we be in a situation where we had to make that decision, we would be able to do so without a relevant impact on the budget bottom line. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Just from a budget perspective, it was not in the line 'Decisions taken but not yet	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 72, 73

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				<p>announced'?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We made a provision in the contingency reserve to be able to accommodate a future decision in relation to this, should it be required.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It's a discrete category. My question is, was this decision counted in the figures provided for that discrete category of decisions?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm going to take on notice the specific treatment at the time. My recollection is that we made a provision in anticipation of a future event, but on notice I will make absolutely certain that I give you the accurate information.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Was that a decision of cabinet?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> All budget decisions are ultimately a decision of cabinet. We've gone through the budget process on a number of occasions before. Obviously there are submissions that go to the Expenditure Review Committee. The Expenditure Review Committee considers items that come before the ERC. Of course that's a subcommittee of the cabinet. Ultimately, as part of the budget process, all relevant decisions are then made by the cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Do you know when, precisely, the decision was made?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	
9	MO	Kitching	Pension Qualifying Age	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> It was announced by the Prime Minister on the <i>Today</i> show on 4 September that the policy to increase the qualifying age for the pension to 70 was being dumped and that it would be taken to cabinet the following week. Were you aware that the Prime Minister would be making this announcement prior to it being taken to cabinet?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> When did you become aware of it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Were there other ministers aware of it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Was it ERC that was aware of it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take the details on notice. Ultimately, the Prime Minister made certain public statements that you're aware of. It was taken to cabinet in the way that it was publicly explained. In terms of the sequence, as one of the economic ministers I was one of the early members of the cabinet that were consulted, for obvious reasons. Beyond that, I'll take on notice the precise timing.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 74
10	Finance	Kitching	Unlegislated Savings Measures	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> On notice, can you provide a list of all unlegislated savings measures?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, we can.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> In that, could we also have the underlying cash balance impact over the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 74

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11	Finance	Kitching	5G Mobile Spectrum	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Have you received any advice or correspondence from the Minister for Communications and the Arts—if there is a reduction in the number of bidders, have you received any advice from the communications minister on what that might do to the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You're asking a hypothetical question. I'm not aware of any such correspondence, for starters, but I'm happy to take that part of it on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 75
12	Finance	McAllister	MYEFO and Decisions Taken But Not Yet Announced	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's true. Apologies if Senator Kitching has already asked, but I'm hoping you can provide an updated list of MYEFO measures that were decisions taken—sorry, a list of measures taken in—sorry. Bad question. You have previously provided a list of decisions taken but not yet announced—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We'll provide it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can you provide an update on that please, in the terms that were done for question on notice F030.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 76
13	Finance	McAllister	NBN Loan Extension	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, can I ask you about a separate, but related, question, which is the decision to extend the loan to the NBN until 30 June 2024. The previous arrangements saw the loan repayment being made in 2020-21, and I understand from the NBN corporate plan that the Commonwealth has now agreed to extend the loan. Who made that decision?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> It was a decision through the budget process in the usual way.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Through the budget process. So it was made in the preparation of the budget?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> In terms of timing, I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 83
14	Finance	McAllister	Assessment of NBN Financial Information	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I do have a few final questions about the NBN financing arrangements. Minister, you've indicated that you consider on balance that it was in the best interests of the taxpayer to extend the loan repayment date to 2024. What process was undertaken to arrive at that conclusion?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Every year in the lead-up to the corporate plan there's a level of engagement between NBN and shareholder ministers. In the context of the engagement between shareholder ministers and the board of NBN, we formed certain views that we then put through the normal Expenditure Review Committee process and the announcement was ultimately made, as you are aware.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did the Department of Finance assist in assessing the financial information provided by the NBN?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Did you engage any external assistance to do that, Ms Huxtable?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> Yes, we did.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Who was that, Ms Huxtable?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> Ernst &amp; Young.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Just them?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I believe so, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Do we have the value of the contract for Ernst &amp; Young?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 84

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				<b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We might have to take that on notice.	
15	Finance	McAllister	NBN – Peak Funding Requirements	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Have you been presented with any options where an extended NBN rollout timetable would reduce peak funding requirements?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take the specifics on notice to assess to what extent we can share these things with you. There are a range of options always. Decision-making by cabinet and through the Expenditure Review Committee invariably involves considering a number of alternative options so that you can make a decision on the best possible option for the future. Given that it goes to deliberations by cabinet and cabinet committees, I'm reluctant to go into content, but without confirming the specifics, in the broad, I'm happy to confirm that, when cabinet makes decisions in relation to these sorts of matters, invariably we do consider a range of options before making a final decision.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 85
16	Finance	McAllister	Finance Staff – Leave Balances	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What proportion of your staff would have a leave balance greater than four weeks?</p> <p><b>Mr Dilley:</b> I'd probably need to take that on notice. It's not significant. I would need to take that on notice, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In answering, could you also provide the absolute numbers and proportion of staff who would have a leave balance of more than eight weeks?</p> <p><b>Mr Dilley:</b> The eight weeks would equate to around the 40 days. That's where we try and maintain below that. We'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, perhaps those that exceed the 40-day threshold. If that is a dataset that is more easily accessible, I would be satisfied with an answer in those terms. For the shorter period of four weeks, if you are able to assemble an answer in that way, I would appreciate it.</p> <p><b>Mr Dilley:</b> Sure.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 90
17	Finance	Marshall	Reporting of Bullying or Harassment	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many inquiries go on to make formal complaints?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice. We have numbers of the volumes of calls that we receive on an annual basis, and there are many thousands. For the number of those that translate into formal complaints, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 91
18	Finance	Marshall	Formal Complaints Received	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many formal complaints did you have last year from staff against politicians?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I don't have that figure with me, but I can provide that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Is it hundreds? Surely you'd know that. For a complaint to be made, it would be something that actually registers with you. I hardly think this is the in the back drawer of information only to be opened when someone asks the question.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> No, but, as I said, it does depend on the actual nature of it. It could be a workplace health and safety issue—</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> I'm talking about bullying complaints. That's why I made this clear up-front. I'm talking about complaints by staff against their employing member of parliament. How many evaluations—I think that's what you call an investigation; is that right? How many evaluations of a complaint have been</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 91, 92

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				conducted in the last financial year? <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'd have to take that on notice. It would be a very small number, though, I would say.	
19	Finance	Marshall	Number of Bullying Complaints against Members of Parliament	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many members of parliament have had a formal complaint made against them for bullying? <b>Ms Jones:</b> Over which period? <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Well, I have been here nearly 16 years too long, so in my case it's 16 years. Someone brand new—the newest person here is Senator Paterson. You've only been here three years or four years. <b>CHAIR:</b> Two and a half years. How time flies when you're having fun! <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> In his case, it's 2½ years. <b>Ms Jones:</b> We would have to take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 92
20	Finance	Marshall	Evaluations/ Investigations	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many evaluations—is that what you call them? Do we call them evaluations or investigations? <b>Ms Jones:</b> Investigation would be the most formal process that we would undertake. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> I can't see the word 'investigation' in any of the policy documents; I only see the word 'evaluation'. Are you telling me there is a two-level process? I could be wrong; I'm not pretending to be an expert on the policies. <b>Ms Jones:</b> I'd need to check that. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Maybe you could take that on notice. If there are two levels, I'd like to know. How many evaluations/investigations supported, fully or in part, the complaint? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I'll take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 92
21	Finance	Marshall	Action Taken as a Result of Complaints	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> ... What actions were taken as a result of each complaint that was found either partly or fully supported? <b>Ms Jones:</b> We could take that on notice, although there will be some issues in terms of the confidentiality of that information. If we can provide it perhaps in a de-identified way, we could do that. But there will be issues, potentially, in relation to the privacy of both the complainant and the person against whom the complaint was made.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 92
22	Finance	Marshall	Participation in Evaluation/ Investigation	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> The policy recommends that the member of parliament should participate in an evaluation or investigation. How many times did a member of parliament not participate? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Can I clarify the time period— <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Initially, to try to coax some information out of you, I said 12 months, but I am actually talking about against each politician, so of course it's a different time period for each one. I'm not interested in members that have already left, so you don't have to go back through any historical, archived records. This is people live right now. <b>Ms Jones:</b> That would entail looking at a large number. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Is there anyone here who does the investigations? Who does the investigations? <b>Ms Jones:</b> Depending on the nature of the incident, we often use expert investigators that we engage for this	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 92

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				purpose, in the same way that the department often does that in relation to investigations for our own staff. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> All right, well let's come back to my question. The policy recommends that the member of parliament participate in any such inquiry, so in how many instances did an MP not participate? When I say MP, I mean MP or senator—members of parliament. <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'll take that on notice.	
23	Finance	Marshall	Complainants	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> ... How many complainants were terminated as a consequence of the investigation? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> But there were some, weren't there? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I couldn't confirm that at all. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many complainants were restructured out of their jobs? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I'd have to take that on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many complainants were made redundant? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to have to take that on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many complainants made a Comcare claim either before or after making a complaint about bullying? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 93
24	Finance	Marshall	Complaints Resulting in Inquiry - Members of Parliament	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many members of parliament had more than one complaint that resulted in an inquiry and that complaint was either partially or fully supported? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I couldn't provide an answer to that. We would have to look into the record of that and take it on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> I'd like you to tell me how many members of parliament had more than one and how many that is. <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'll take that on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Do you know if any have had more than six? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I couldn't answer that. I'm not aware of that, but we can look at that. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Are you aware of any members of parliament who have had multiple complaints and investigations that have either fully or partially supported the complainant? <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'd have to take that on notice. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Because you don't know or because you don't want to tell me? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I don't have that sort of data with me here. We would have to look into those records. <b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Do you know if there are any multiple complaints that have been partially or fully supported? <b>Ms Jones:</b> No, I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 94
25	Finance	Marshall	Comcare Support	<b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many employees or now ex-employees are still being supported on Comcare as a consequence of a bullying claim? <b>Ms Jones:</b> I don't have that information. That would have to be something I would take on notice.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA

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				<p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Have there ever been any other forms of payment or compensation made to a complainant?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I'm not aware of anything but, again, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Committee, Page 94
26	Finance	Marshall	Legal Action	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> How many legal cases have been brought against the department as a result of a bullying claim?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> In relation to MOP(S) Act staff?</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> At the very beginning, I said my questions were about this policy and MOP(S) Act staff in relation to parliamentarians. They wouldn't necessarily be. The employer is actually MOP(S) Act staff. I don't expect you to know the private business they might have with a parliamentarian. That would be quite different. So I'm asking about the department.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> In general, there is potential for the department to be joined in a matter but, as you've noted, in most instances, it would be a matter where the employing parliamentarian would be the person that an action was taken against. But we'd have to take that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> Just to be clear, in terms of those requests, are you looking for a particular time frame?</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Again, I'm looking at the effective record of each member of parliament, so the time frame will be different for each one. But I'm sure, just like there's a file on all your staff, there's a file on all of us that MOPS keep in relation to these matters. Surely? There is, isn't there?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We do keep records.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> But how long do those records go back? I don't know the answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Well, since day one, we come, we get paid, we have arrangements made. I'm sure there are files kept.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We'll have a look.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> No-one's suggesting there isn't, is there?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We keep records as a matter of practice.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> Of course.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> The issue is in terms of access to them, if we're talking members of parliament who have been in parliament for 15, 20 years. But, obviously, we comply with all Archives Act requirements so we can look into that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> I'm pretty confident the information's there. You've taken on notice how many legal cases have been brought. I want to know how many were settled before the conclusion of such cases, and for how much.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 94, 95
27	Finance	Marshall	Workcover Claim	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL:</b> I'd like to know how many people, after making an inquiry about bullying, didn't request an investigation or make a formal complaint, but, instead, made a WorkCover claim? Do you think you'll be able to do that?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA

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				<b>Ms Frazer:</b> I'll have to take that on notice, and check how the data is recorded as to whether we could make that connection or not.	Committee, Page 95
28	Finance	Farrell	Change to Employment Arrangements	<b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Okay. Because of the closeness to the dates, obviously, you haven't got that answer, so could I ask for this question to be taken on notice? To take up your point, Secretary, we're talking about people who have had their employment arrangements changed as a result of the removal of the Prime Minister. How many of those staff who have changed employers resigned; or been made redundant; or been terminated; or promoted; or changed to other roles within the government? If you could provide that information to us, I'd appreciate it. <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We can take that on notice and look at what we've got.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 97
29	Finance	Farrell	Severance Payments	<b>Senator FARRELL:</b> ... How many of the staff who received severance pay were in the office of the former Prime Minister, Prime Minister Turnbull? I guess you don't know the answer to that? <b>Ms Frazer:</b> Once again, Senator, we have to take that on notice. <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> How many of these staff who received severance payments were in the office of the former foreign minister, Ms Bishop? What was the total dollar value of these severance payments? I take it you would be able to provide that information to us? <b>Ms Jones:</b> We can take that on notice, but I would just note one thing, and I know that you're aware because this has come up in a slightly similar context; it's the issue around personal information.	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 97
30	Finance	Farrell	APS Employees Ceasing MOP(s) Act Employment	<b>Senator FARRELL:</b> You wouldn't classify that as a termination as such, though, would you? Those people would have continuous ongoing employment. Am I right then? <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> Yes. They're attached to a department or on a period of leave. They're employed under the MOP(S) Act and they return to their department or make other arrangements as APS employees. <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So I'm assuming that in that group it would be reasonably unlikely for a termination to have occurred because, for whatever reason, their services were no longer required, they didn't like what had happened or they didn't like the new minister that they had been allocated to. They would have just gone back to whatever department they came from. <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think they're a separate category of people. <b>Ms Frazer:</b> For the purposes of those Public Service employees, though, their MOP(S) Act employment is terminated and they return to Public Service employment. <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> If they happened to have been on the government payroll for the last five years, would they qualify for a severance payment along the lines of all other MOP(S) Act employees in those circumstances? <b>Ms Barons:</b> No. If they were an APS employee, they would return to the Public Service. <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Even if they were a MOP(S) Act employee and they've been terminated because their service is no longer required, they wouldn't qualify for a severance payment. <b>Ms Barons:</b> Correct. They go back to their Commonwealth agency. <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> All right. Does anybody know off the top of their head how many people are in that	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 99

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				<p>category?  <b>Ms Jones:</b> Across the various offices?  <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes.  <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'd have to take that on notice</p>	
31	Finance	Farrell	Government Staff Movements	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> ..How many government staff have been moved to other offices within the government as a result of the removal of the Prime Minister and the subsequent reshuffle—directly to the ministerial and parliamentary service and the Department of Finance? Without providing any individual names or private details, how many individual government staff have left the employment of government ministers, assistant ministers and members of parliament in the two months since the removal of the Prime Minister? How many sets of new staff employment framework documents were submitted by the government ministers and members of parliament in the two months since the removal of the Prime Minister?  <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We can take that on notice. What we would have is information in relation to where we were requested to prepare a contract for someone. In terms of any decisions that were taken elsewhere in government, we may not have visibility of that. Our role is to prepare and administer the contracts once an offer has been made.  <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes. I only want the information you are capable of giving me. Thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 100
32	Finance	Polley	Recognition of Parties	<p><b>Senator POLLEY:</b> I had one quick question relating to the recognition of parties. What are the criteria when someone like, for instance, Senator Pauline Hanson is classified as being a party? So is Senator Hitchens. What are the criteria that have to be met for a party? Is it just that you can establish a political party, make yourself the leader and get three additional staff? Is there a number of members or elected members that have to meet a criteria?  <b>CHAIR:</b> I think this has been raised in previous estimates. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think an independent senator or an independent senator in a grouping with others receives the same allocation; there's no difference.  <b>Senator Seselja:</b> I think it's in the tabled document.  <b>Senator POLLEY:</b> It is in the document, but some are recognised as leaders and others are just listed as their individual selves. To be a party leader, Senator Hinch is the only member, so why is he different from the other independents? Senator Hanson has had her members reduced so there are only two of them now, so—  <b>Ms Jones:</b> We could take that on notice, but my understanding is that the AEC plays a role in formally recognising parties. We can take that on notice, but it may also be something that they can assist this committee with later this evening.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 100
33	Finance	Farrell	Staffing - Special Envoys	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Are you able to find out what they're doing? Are you able to ask that question of Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott? What are they doing with two additional staff? We saw last week the confusion over the racist motion that was moved that was as a result of mistakes by staffing. Obviously, with four fewer staff, the Prime Minister's making some errors. Why has the Prime Minister given two extra staff to former Prime Minister Abbott and former deputy leader Joyce? Can you find out that for us?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 105

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				<p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> To the extent that it applies to the portfolio that I'm here representing, I'm very happy to take the question on notice.</p>	
34	Finance	Farrell	Staff Paid Above the Salary Band	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> ... But perhaps I didn't make myself clear enough when I asked the earlier question. The practice of the former Prime Minister, Prime Minister Turnbull, was to pay various staff more than the published salary bands. As you have just indicated, Ms Jones, that might come into two categories, but, either way, there's a group of people that are being paid above the published relevant bands through one mechanism or another. I'm asking, Minister: is the new Prime Minister, Prime Minister Morrison, going to continue with that practice of the former Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Look, I don't know the answer to that question so I will take it on notice for you, Senator Farrell.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you. The minister previously stated on notice that the figure in May was 26 staff that were being paid above the salary bands. What's the current number?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We will have to take that on notice, Senator. I don't know that number.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Without revealing personal details, can you tell us which minister's office these staff are located in? I know in the past the former Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull, would not release that information. What I'm really saying here is: will the new Prime Minister, Prime Minister Morrison, be a little bit more transparent and provide us with that information?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I just note that we'll take the question on notice and carefully consider what we can provide in response.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> While you're doing that, will the new Prime Minister be prepared to reveal how many people in his office are on the higher salary band? The previous Prime Minister wasn't prepared to do that.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think what I'm saying, perhaps too subtly, is that we, the Department of Finance, will take the question on notice and we will determine what we can provide in response.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 106
35	Finance	Farrell	Continuing Practice of Paying Above the Band	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> ... Minister, would you be prepared to ask the new Prime Minister whether he's prepared to change the practice of the former Prime Minister and follow the practice of that gold standard of Prime Ministers, Prime Minister Gillard, and release this information?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Well, I'm here in the capacity of representing the Department of Finance, so we'll take the question on notice, and the department will come back to you with an answer.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 107
36	Finance	Farrell	Salaries Above the Range – Aggregate Increase	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes, but an addition of two per cent of \$761,004 wouldn't equate to \$836,000, would it?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> No, not that alone, but that is obviously a factor that has contributed to that.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> A factor, yes, but the conclusion that you would draw from the difference between those two figures is that, in addition to the two per cent salary increase, the figure has in fact gone up over that three-month period.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> There is a difference in that total aggregate figure, and I think Ms Huxtable is correct that some of</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 107, 108

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				<p>that is attributable to the application of the two per cent pay increase.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I perfectly accept that proposition, but the two per cent doesn't explain the fact that the figure has gone up by that quantum, which is in addition to the two per cent increase.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think the evidence was that it partially explains it.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes, but in addition to the two per cent let's call it national wage rise or EBA rise, the figure has gone up by more than the increase in the EBA. It was confirmed on notice that the number of staff in this category was 26 and that did not change.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I don't know whether individuals may have changed. The number of staff may have stayed the same, but the individuals may have changed. I don't know the answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So it doesn't necessarily follow that everybody has got an increase over and above the two per cent EBA?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I would say that probably follows. What may not follow, though, is that we are necessarily talking about the same 26 staff members in February as in May. There may have been movements, ons and offs. I'm not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Let's think about this. The only way that we could get to that extra amount of money if the number of staff has stayed the same is that, if there have been replacement staff, they've come in at a higher rate of pay than the people they've replaced. I'm right, aren't I, that that's the only way you could get to a higher figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think we probably have to go away and have a look at it and see if we can provide you with any more information.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I am happy to be corrected on that, but it would seem to me that, as night follows day, that's how it would work. Can you tell us what the new figure is for this category?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think that's the one that we've taken on notice.</p>	
37	Finance	Farrell	Salaries Above the Range – Amounts	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> ...While you're taking questions on notice, without naming individual staff could you please provide us with the individual amounts that each staff member is paid above the established salary band? Minister, can you also confirm that, for each of these people who are being paid above the salary band, in either of the categories that Ms Jones referred to before, it requires the direct approval of the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> I'll take that on notice and get back to you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 108
38	Finance	Farrell	Salaries Above the Range – PM Approval	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can you also ask him, while you're talking to him, are all of the people who are currently above the band people who were appointed above the band by the previous Prime Minister or are they people he has appointed above the band?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> We'll take the question on notice and we'll see what we can get you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 108
39	MO	Farrell	Salaries Above the Range – PM Review	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> While you're doing that, could you ask whether or not the current Prime Minister, Mr Morrison, has reviewed the various approvals of additional salaries by the previous Prime Minister? In other</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October

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				<p>words, has there been a review by the new Prime Minister of these salaries that have been above band?  <b>Senator Seselja:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	2018, F&PA Committee, Page 108
40	Finance	Farrell	Bullying Between MOP(s) Act Employees	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Again, this might have already been covered by the questions Senator Marshall asked earlier, but how many investigations involving allegations of bullying between MOP(S) Act employees are currently under way? I think his questions might have related to a member of parliament and a MOP(S) Act employee. My question relates to allegations of bullying between two MOP(S) Act employees.  <b>Ms Jones:</b> We'd have to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 109
41	Finance	Farrell	Minister Wyatt's Office - Allegations	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> We know from a number of media reports of allegations of bullying in the office of Minister Wyatt. Can the department confirm that, as reported in the media, there was or indeed is an investigation into bullying in that office?  <b>Ms Jones:</b> In terms of a matter like that, obviously you would understand that it's particularly sensitive in terms of the specifics of an actual investigation. Whilst I acknowledge that there has been information in the media, there's been no direct information or confirmation from the department. In light of the personal issues involved, we would prefer to take that on notice. It is challenging for us to reveal any information in regard to investigations.  <b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> Is there an obligation on you to respect the privacy of MOP(S) employees?  <b>Ms Jones:</b> That is certainly an issue for us. We obviously understand the obligation to provide information to a parliamentary committee, which is why we generally take these matters on notice.  <b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> Surely, not to imperil the personal circumstances of employees that are under the MOP(S) Act.  <b>Ms Jones:</b> That's right.  <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We can take those matters into consideration. It has been a long-standing practice, and I know we have discussed it before, that in requests that relate to specific personal information, whether it be in respect of a member of parliament or a staff person, we don't provide that information due to the personal information related issues and privacy issues. But we certainly can take it on notice and we'll consider that.  ...  <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I wouldn't expect you to, Secretary. My next question I don't think fits into that category. So I think you could be free to answer this question. I understand the department has referred the matter to a law firm. Could you tell us which one and at what cost?  <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think you are a number of steps ahead of me, because I'm not confirming or denying media speculation in respect of that matter. We are taking that on notice. I think you're going down a path of assuming that that media speculation's been confirmed. I haven't confirmed or denied that.  <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> In the event that what I've said is true, I take it you would agree with me that that's in a different category than the other questions in relation to the individuals. It's a simple straightforward fact: who is the law firm and what is it costing to have the matter referred out to that law firm?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 109, 110, 111

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				<p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We'll continue to take the questions on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Could you also indicate to us how many other investigations into bullying by a MOP(S) Act employee have been referred to external counsel? Can I confirm that the investigation seeks to address matters of bullying dating back more than a year? Can I also ask how many of the minister's five chiefs of staff have been interviewed by Finance or outside counsel with respect to the investigation? How many staff have left Minister Wyatt's office since he was first appointed an assistant minister? How many of Minister Wyatt's current staff are on loan from the department, rather than employed under the MOP(S) Act? Is the Department of Finance concerned at the high level of turnover in Minister Wyatt's office? What is the total cost of any termination payouts in the minister's office? Have any staff indicated to the department or outside counsel that they've left the minister's office because of workplace bullying? Have any findings or interim findings been made with respect to the investigation? When do you expect any findings will be made? Has any action been taken by the Department of Finance with respect to the investigation? Has any advice with respect to the investigation been provided to Minister Wyatt or members of his office, either by the department or the outside counsel?</p>	
42	Finance	Smith	Advice and Support for MOP(s) Employees	<p><b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> Hypothetically, a staff member under the MOP(S) Act engages in an external review or mediation process run by a political party or run by a trade union. They're going through that process. They then contact you. You would answer their questions and assist them with information as part of their participation in that external review process.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> Hypothetically speaking. We wouldn't necessarily have visibility of that separate process, but, if they came to us in the context of any impact that that had on them as MOP(S) Act staff, we would look to support them.</p> <p><b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> Has anyone come to you looking for support, having been involved or currently involved in an external process?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think we're probably getting again into that periphery where it's—</p> <p><b>Senator DEAN SMITH:</b> I like consistency.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 111, 112
43	Finance	Farrell	Printing Arrangements – Minister Hawke	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Have you initiated an investigation into the printing arrangements of Mr Hawke?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think, consistent with the approach that we've taken in relation to other questions that might go to the particulars of a matter, we will take it on notice. In terms of providing information about whether or not there are any matters on foot, I think I can say at this point—</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think this is consistent with the discussion we were having not very long ago in respect of media speculation and individuals. We'll take it on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 113
44	Finance	Paterson	F M Printing	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> ... Is there any update on F M Printing? Have any MPs sought to submit invoices from them in recent years?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October

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				<p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I just want to check on that. It's been some time.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It has.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. That would be good. It would also be helpful—and I know you'd need to take this on notice, too—to know whether the department received any requests for information from the Victorian parliament about F M Printing, given that I believe the Victorian parliament was trying to recover some of the misspent funds, and also whether the department is aware of whether IBAC's inquiry is ongoing and whether the department has been cooperating with IBAC or is continuing to cooperate with IBAC, if that's an ongoing matter. Obviously I understand that if that's an ongoing matter you wouldn't be able to comment on the details, but if it's a concluded matter and the department had any correspondence with IBAC then I would be interested in that.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We can take that on notice. We did provide an answer to a question on notice I think from two estimates ago that covered those questions around the Victorian parliament and the IBAC inquiry.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> At the time, we had not been approached. But I can take it on notice to check whether there's an update.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> If I recall correctly—and this might be my faulty memory—I think at that point there had not yet been an approach in the Victorian parliament, and I think the department said that it wouldn't be appropriate to comment on an IBAC approach given that there was an ongoing investigation. That's why I phrased my previous question the way I did. If there's still an ongoing IBAC investigation, then I of course accept that the department couldn't provide any comment while it's ongoing. But if that investigation has concluded, then the department might be more in a position to assist.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	2018, F&PA Committee, Page 114
45	Finance	Farrell	Printing and Communications: Minister Dutton's Office	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So, that penalty applies. I refer to two documents here. I don't know whether you can see them from there, but they're Facebook posts by Minister Dutton on 11 June and 28 June. Both of the documents talk about the government's childcare policies. But, as you would be aware, as a result of a lot of publicity on this issue, Mr Dutton has a personal interest in childcare facilities. Are you able to tell us whether any taxpayer funds were used in the promotion and publication of these two documents?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I have to say I am struggling to see them on the system.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I have some copies there if the secretariat would like to circulate them.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think the answer I would need to provide is that we would need to take it on notice as to whether there was any claim for expenses associated with that material. The definition of e-material can cover Facebook advertising, but I'm not familiar with that particular material.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> We'll get it to you in a second, and then I'll ask a couple of questions. My question is, firstly, whether any taxpayer money was used in the publication of these materials. Now that you have seen the document, Ms Jones, do you happen to know?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 115, 116

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				<p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I have to say we receive certification in relation to many hundreds or thousands of examples of this type of material, so I wouldn't be able to answer at all here, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Okay. Given I've given you the documents, would you be able to check that as to whether or not taxpayers' money has been spent in respect that matter?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you—firstly, whether taxpayers' money was used to produce the document, whether taxpayers' money was used to distribute the material and whether taxpayers' money was used to promote the material. Could you answer those questions.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you, and also, given Mr Dutton's well-known interest in childcare operations, whether or not it's appropriate that he should be using taxpayers' money to promote childcare facilities.</p>	
46	Finance	Watt	Internet Provider: Minister Robert	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Who was his internet provider, by the way?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I don't have the name.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 117
47	Finance	Watt	Internet: Minister Robert	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I appreciate that that's the general practice, but I'm interested in this particular case, and a lot of other people are as well. Did the department ever engage with Mr Robert about the cost of his internet bill?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would need to take the specifics on notice. I think we certainly, over the course of a period of time, did discuss different aspects of his office expenses with him.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So the department did discuss with Mr Robert aspects of his home office arrangements?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would need to take the specifics of that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The amount that Mr Robert incurred has been listed as a dedicated data line. Did the department receive a request from Mr Robert to install this line for a purpose?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We'd need to take that one on notice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Did Mr Robert provide a reason to the department as to how such a significant amount was accumulated at taxpayer expense? You've already said that the department did engage with Mr Robert about, I think you said, his office arrangements, by which I presume you mean his home office arrangements as opposed to his electorate office arrangements.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So the department engaged with him. Was it on multiple occasions?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. The department engaged with Mr Robert about his office arrangements and the cost of those arrangements—is that right?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 117, 118

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				<p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I'd have to take that on notice because it may have been a broader engagement. Sometimes parliamentarians raise with us issues around the quality of the service that they're receiving and what alternatives might be available. That's where we sometimes support them in terms of being able to access plans that we administer ourselves.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. What I'm asking is whether Mr Robert ever provided a reason to the department for why he was incurring such a significant amount through his internet usage?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I'll take that on notice, Senator.</p>	
48	MO	Watt	SMOS Investigation: Minister Robert's Internet	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. The Prime Minister is on the record as having asked the Special Minister of State, Mr Hawke, to investigate the internet charges. Can you advise the committee what investigation occurred and what that investigation determined?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> In terms of the Special Minister of State's investigation, I think we'd have to refer that specifically to the special minister.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 118
49	Finance	McAllister	Role of Finance in SMOS Investigation of Minister Robert's Internet	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It would be helpful to understand whether the department provided any support to Mr Hawke to undertake this investigation.</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> The department provided some information to the Special Minister of State, but it was his investigation.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> On what date did the department brief Mr Hawke?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It appears that there is general agreement that Mr Hawke has been conducting an investigation into these questions. I'm trying to understand the role the department may have played in supporting Mr Hawke to conduct such an investigation. My original question was: on what date did the department brief Mr Hawke? I'm now asking: on how many occasions did the department brief Mr Hawke?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We could take that on notice for you, Senator. We were advised that the Prime Minister had asked the Special Minister of State to look at this issue—</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Who advised you, Ms Jones?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> Sorry, I shouldn't have said advised. We were aware because we saw it on the public record from the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So you became aware of it via a news story?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think I may have seen the Prime Minister on the TV. I would need to check that. I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 118, 119
50	Finance	Watt	Investigation Conducted by Minister	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> And this is the first time you've been aware of a minister conducting an investigation into one of their colleagues on their own, rather than the department conducting that investigation. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think that is correct, yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> How many times has the department conducted an investigation within that time?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee,

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				<p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I think there would be very few, but I'd need to take that on notice to be absolutely accurate.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you.</p>	Page 119
51	Finance	Watt	History of Minister Robert's Internet Charges	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. I don't think we're going to get much more into that bit. I understand that the \$38,000 that Mr Robert has repaid goes basically to his internet bills at home back to somewhere in 2016. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I believe so.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Do we know how far back in 2016?</p> <p><b>Ms Frazer:</b> No, sorry. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is there any reason that he has paid back amounts to 2016? Why was that year chosen, or did he just come up with that on his own?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I believe that that is the point at which the current arrangement was entered into. We can take it on notice, maybe, for the detail, rather than speculating.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay, if you could take that on notice. Has anyone looked at Mr Robert's home internet bills prior to 2016, to check whether he had been incurring exorbitant internet charges prior to that date? Has anyone looked at that?</p> <p><b>Ms Frazer:</b> Sorry, Senator. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Is the answer, 'No, no-one has checked'?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Aren't they all published?</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> I imagine they would be, but I haven't looked at them. I'm asking the department that prepares the reports.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> And has been supporting a minister in an investigation.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> So no-one can tell me why Mr Robert chose to pay back to some date in 2016 and no-one can tell me whether anyone has looked past that date to see whether he had been incurring these sorts of charges before then?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We can take that on notice. My understanding is that the particular date in 2016 reflects the start of the particular plan that he's been on up until now. I think it was looking at the specifics of that particular plan.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Okay. Can you take on notice for me what Mr Robert's home internet charges have been, let's say, for the last five years, please?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 121
52	Finance	Watt	Minister Robert's Internet Plan	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Thanks, Senator, that's fine. Again, you said that the department did engage with Mr Robert about his office arrangements, which included his home office arrangements, but at no point did the department ever suggest or ask that he change internet plan?</p> <p><b>Ms Jones:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 122
53	IPEA	Farrell	Travel Arrangements of Special Envoys	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes, but I'm specifically asking in respect of Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott, who have recently been appointed special envoys as part of all the shenanigans that went on in the government over the</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October

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				<p>change of Prime Minister. I'm asking: have they sought to access travel arrangements similar to ministers in their capacity as special envoys? We heard from Senator Seselja that they're running around doing all this business under their special envoy role. Have they sought to access travel allowance arrangements in those capacities?</p> <p><b>Ms Godwin:</b> I haven't specifically looked at those two individuals, so I couldn't give you a specific answer on that, but I'm happy to take that on notice and follow that through for you.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Ms Godwin:</b> The question is about whether they have access to that in their capacity in the special envoy role?</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Ms Godwin:</b> I wouldn't want to say something to the committee that I couldn't verify.</p>	2018, F&PA Committee, Page 123
54	IPEA	Farrell	Minister Keenan's Travel: USA October 2018	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can I ask a few questions on notice regarding his trip to the United States earlier this month? If you have this information, can you please provide the details and the purpose of the trip? What was the minister's date of departure and date of return? What destinations were visited on the trip, and for how long in each place? For each of the stops, can you provide the meetings attended for each day? What support was provided to the minister for the trip, by what departments? Can you please provide a full itinerary for the whole trip? Were there any additional aspects of the trip? Can you confirm that it was only the US that was visited on this trip?</p> <p><b>Ms Godwin:</b> I'm happy to take all of those on notice and provide you with information that we have.</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 125
55	AEC	Watt	Disclosures relating to Pauline Hanson's One Nation	<p><b>Senator WATT:</b> No—that is true. And disclosure returns have been updated?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Three amended disclosure returns.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> The ultimate conclusion was that Vicland had donated a plane to the One Nation party?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Not necessarily. Looking at the documentation I have here, Vicland lodged an amended organisation donor return for 2014-15 in relation to two donations made to Pauline Hanson's One Nation, totalling \$57,720,000. What I have in front of me is that that amended return is rent paid by Vicland for the party's office.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> That's separate to the plane?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> On 15 March 2018, the party lodged an amended return for the gift in-kind of \$30,375, which included a calculation on the dry hire rate for the Jabiru aircraft. Vicland lodged an amended organisation donor return for 2014-15 for two donations made to Pauline Hanson. Then, on 25 May 2018, Vicland lodged an amended organisation donor return for the 2015-16 financial year in relation to the amount of \$98,175, which is approximately the cost of the Jabiru aircraft.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> In layperson's terms, the updated disclosures were that Vicland had not previously disclosed two donations of the rent for the One Nation party, and they also had not disclosed the donation of the plane, but that has now occurred. The One Nation party has, presumably, declared that they received the donations?</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 129-130

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				<p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That's my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> You mentioned that Mr Ashby had also lodged an updated return?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That's correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> What was that for?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> I'm going to make sure after I've given the answers that I've given you the accurate information because—</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> The information I've got is, on 19 March 2018, James Ashby lodged an individual donor return for 2015-16 in relation to a donation to the Pauline Hanson One Nation party in the amount of \$30,375. A note on the return stated this was calculated using his logbook for the Jabiru aircraft, which was 243 hours at approximately \$125 per hour which came up to the \$30,375.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Again in layperson's terms, the result of your investigation was that Vicland had donated about \$57,000 in the payment of rent to One Nation that hadn't been disclosed. That's now been disclosed.</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> Vicland had donated a plane to the One Nation party, which it hadn't disclosed but now has disclosed?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WATT:</b> That was the \$98,000, I think it was. And Mr Ashby had donated his pilot services to the One Nation party and hadn't disclosed it, but it now has been disclosed.</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That had not been disclosed and now has been disclosed. I am just going to confirm all of that on notice to make sure that we are strictly accurate with that, because there are a number of threads to this process. Effectively, in layman's terms, there was an amount of money that had not previously been disclosed. We conducted an activity. That money has now been disclosed and has been declared by the party, and there is a prosecution of an entity related to Mr Ashby for not complying with the notice from the AEC.</p>	
56	Finance	Farrell	Special Envoy – Staffing Allocation	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So the Prime Minister can simply increase the number of staff to essentially backbench members of parliament under that provision? In other words, as a special envoy it is not like a minister is it, or even like a parliamentary secretary? It is not recognised under any legislative instrument of the parliament, am I correct there?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> These questions may be better directed to the Prime Minister's department rather than us.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> With respect, secretary, we are dealing with staffing allocations. This is the relevant area to deal with—</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> Yes. But I think the questions you are asking, aren't—we have already set out for you what the staffing allocations are and the provisions under the MOP(S) Act. I'm not aware of the response to your additional question.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> With respect, these are issues that relate to the staffing allocation and I'm asking questions of the minister in respect of the staffing allocations. He started to answer the question. I have been</p>	Hansard Proof, 23 October 2018, F&PA Committee, Page 102

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				<p>given some answers with respect to the relevant legislative instrument. Minister, did the Prime Minister specifically request that four of his allocated staff positions be transferred to Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you. Do we know whether these additional staff allocations were made at the request of Mr Abbott and Mr Joyce?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> No, I don't, but I can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can you tell us what the roles of these staff are in their capacity working for the special envoys?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> I think that would be a matter very much for the Prime Minister, so that would be a question to Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Do you know whether Mr Abbott raised the issue of staff directly with the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> No, I don't.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Could you find out for us?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Can you tell us whether Mr Joyce raised the question?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Again, I don't know, but I'm happy to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> And can you find out whether they raised the issue with the Prime Minister directly or perhaps through his chief of staff or someone else?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Have any of these staff who have been allocated to Mr Joyce been involved in Mr Joyce's campaign to unseat Mr McCormack as the Deputy Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Chair, I don't know what to say. I'm not qualified to answer.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Surely you've seen—</p> <p><b>Senator Seselja:</b> Also, I think he's asking these questions in the wrong portfolio.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Yes, I think there are a few issues with that line of questioning, one of which is that that doesn't sound like it relates to matters for the finance department.</p>	
57	Finance	Smith	Individuals Not Employed Under Section 22 PSA	<p>a. Over the past 24 months, how many individuals have been carrying out duties within your agency 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).</p> <p>b. How many of these individuals have been providing services to the Department for greater than 12 months?</p> <p>c. What was the reason for not employing these individuals under Section 22 of the Public Service Act?</p>	Written
58	Finance	Storer	Comcar Idling	<p>1. Is the department aware of the damaging effects car idling has on public health?</p> <p>2. Does the department currently have any policies which address Comcar idling specifically?</p>	Written

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				<p>3. Does the department have a policy on the health effects of idling for Comcar drivers?</p> <p>4. Does the department have any plans to introduce anti-idling policies for Comcar?</p> <p>5. Has the department undertaken any independent research which seeks to identify air pollution levels around Comcar zones, specifically the Senate and the House of Representatives entries?</p> <p>6. Education and awareness campaigns have been identified by experts as an effective tool in reducing idling. Does the department provide any educational resources or training to drivers about the health effects of idling?</p> <p>7. Has the department investigated the health and economic benefits of switching the Comcar fleet to electric vehicles?</p>	
59	Finance	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"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b>);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>• Any available photographs of the function; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written
60	Finance	Bilyk	Departmental Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b>);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>• Any available photographs of the function; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written
61	Finance	Bilyk	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b>inclusive</b>)?</p>	Written
62	Finance	Bilyk	Facilities Upgrades	<p>Were the facilities of any of the Department’s premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July</p>	Written

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				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 <b>inclusive</b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	
63	Finance	Bilyk	Staff Travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	Written
64	Finance	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?	Written
65	Finance	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?  Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in that period please be provided?	Written
66	Finance	Bilyk	Promotional Merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?  Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?  Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?	Written
67	Finance	Bilyk	Whole-of-Government Travel Spend	What was the cost of the whole-of-government travel spend in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	Written
68	Finance	Bilyk	Social Media Influencers	What was the Department's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?  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?	Written

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				Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	
69	AEC	Siewert	Third Party Annual Returns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many organisations reported under the amended s 314AEB of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i>, relating to annual returns by third party campaigners regarding the public expression of views on an issue that is, or is likely to be, before electors in an election?</li> <li>2. What was the total expenditure reported under this clause?</li> </ol>	Written
70	Finance	Waters	Printing and Communications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are MPs permitted to employ third parties to outsource their printing and communications? If so, are MPs required to produce competitive quotes?</li> <li>2. Is there any restriction, in any way, of a politician paying above and beyond market rates for a service, and then having that premium of public money paid back to their local branch in political donations?</li> <li>3. So if an MP pays a company \$200 to do \$100 worth of work, and then that company happens to donate \$100 dollars back to that MP's re-election campaign, the MP gets \$100, the company gets a tax deduction, and they're both within the rules?</li> <li>4. Does the Department of Finance or IPEA produce a list of approved printing service vendors in each state or territory? If not, is this something that you will consider?</li> </ol>	Written
71	Finance	McAllister	2017-18 Whole of Government Travel	For the 2017-18 financial year, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation and car expenses.	Written
72	Finance	McAllister	2018 Whole of Government Travel	For the 2018 calendar year to date, detail all travel for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation and car expenses.	Written
73	Finance	McAllister	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people are acting in SES positions?</li> <li>2. Are all of the SES positions ongoing? How many are temporary or non-ongoing? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many externals are acting or in SES positions?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What monitoring of Australian citizenship does the Department undertake as part of the employment process?</li> <li>4. How many non-Australian citizens are working in Finance (as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these held a security clearance?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. How many permanent visa holders are working in Finance (as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017)?</li> <li>6. How many temporary visa holders are working in Finance (as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017)?</li> <li>7. How many labour hire staff are working in Finance (as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017)?</li> <li>8. How many staff currently have security waivers from the Department?</li> <li>9. How many staff do you have employed on individual flexibility arrangements?</li> </ol>	Written
74	Finance	McAllister	Medical Research Future Fund	Table 2.2.1.2 of the Department's 2018-19 PBS states that: "Credits consist of uncommitted funds from the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF), plus further contributions consisting of amounts equivalent to the estimated value of health function savings published in the 2014-15 Budget adjusted for any subsequent	Written

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				<p>associated government decisions”</p> <p>For each year from 2017-18 to 2021-22, please provide a breakdown of MRFF investment credits showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credits from the HHF; and</li> <li>Credits from 2014-15 Budget measures, broken down by 2014-15 Budget measure and identifying the impact (if any) of subsequent Government decisions.</li> </ol>	
75	Finance	Farrell	MOP(S) Act Staff - Above the Band Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many MOP(S) Act staff are currently paid above the established salary bands?</li> <li>What is the current total per annum figure paid above the band to MOP(S) Act staff?</li> <li>How many individual MOP(S) Act staff have been approved for an above the band appointment (salary paid above the range) since the last federal election (2016)?</li> <li>How many individual above the band appointments have been approved by Mr Scott Morrison since he became Prime Minister?</li> <li>How many above the band appointments were approved by the previous Prime Minister Mr Turnbull since the last federal election (2016)? (please provide the number of individual staff approved)</li> <li>How many above the band appointments were approved by the previous Prime Minister Mr Turnbull from when he became Prime Minister in 2015 to when he resigned as Prime Minister in 2018? (please provide the number of individual staff approved)</li> </ol>	Written
76	Finance	Farrell	Staff Employment Statistics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff have been in receipt of severance payments since the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018?</li> <li>What is the total amount (dollar value) of those severance payments paid post 24th August 2018?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff who received severance payments were in the office of the former Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff who received severance payments were in the office of the former Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff have resigned since the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff have been terminated since the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018?</li> <li>How many sets of new staff employment framework documents were submitted by Government Ministers and Government Members of Parliament since 24th August 2018?</li> </ol>	Written
77	Finance	Farrell	Career Transition Payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff have been in receipt of career transition payments since the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018?</li> <li>What is the total amount (dollar value) of those career transition payments paid post 24th August 2018?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff who received career transition payments were in the office of the former Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull?</li> <li>How many Government MOP(S) Act staff who received transition payments were in the office of the</li> </ol>	Written

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				former Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop?	
78	Finance	Farrell	Office Accommodation – Former Senator Lambie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of the refurbishment of the office of former Senator Lambie in Burnie?</li> <li>2. What are the terms of the lease on former Senator Lambie’s Burnie office? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When did the lease commence?</li> <li>b. When does the lease end?</li> <li>c. How much has been spent on rent in the year 2018?</li> <li>d. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on rent before the end of the lease?</li> <li>e. How much in other costs has been spent in 2018?</li> <li>f. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on other costs before the end of the lease?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
79	Finance	Farrell	Office Accommodation – Former Senator Martin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of establishing Senator Martin’s temporary office at Level 1, 21 Best St, Devonport?</li> <li>2. What are the terms of the lease for Senator Martin’s temporary office at Level 1, 21 Best St, Devonport? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When did the lease commence?</li> <li>b. When does the lease end?</li> <li>c. How much has been spent on rent in 2018?</li> <li>d. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on rent before the end of the lease?</li> <li>e. How much in other costs has been spent in 2018?</li> <li>f. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on other costs before the end of the lease?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What is the total cost of refurbishing Senator Martin’s new office in southern Rooke St, Devonport?</li> <li>4. What are the terms of the lease for Senator Martin’s new office in southern Rooke St, Devonport? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When did the lease commence?</li> <li>b. When does the lease end?</li> <li>c. How much has been spent on rent in 2018?</li> <li>d. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on rent before the end of the lease?</li> <li>e. How much in other costs has been spent in 2018?</li> <li>f. How much does the Commonwealth expect to spend on other costs before the end of the lease?</li> <li>g. Does the lease include a termination clause effective 1 July 2019 to ensure the Commonwealth does not have to pay excess rent if Senator Martin is not re-elected at the 2019 general election?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Was there any cost associated with setting up Senator Duniam’s office in Macquarie Street, Hobart after he took over the lease from the former Senator Stephen Parry?</li> <li>6. How much was spent in leasing costs for the Commonwealth for the period between former Senator Stephen Parry vacating the office and Senator Duniam taking over the lease?</li> </ol>	Written
80	Finance	Farrell	Administration Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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)?</li> </ol>	Written

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 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)</li> <li>3. 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?</li> </ol>	
81	Future Fund Management Agency	Waters	Consideration of Investment	<p>The Future Fund’s website states that there are two groups excluded from investment, military cluster-weapons manufacturers and tobacco, “on the basis of Australia’s international convention commitments or direct involvement in the manufacture of tobacco products.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Future Fund consider other international agreements when considering investment? For example, does the Fund consider Australia’s obligations under the UNFCCC and its Paris Climate Agreement?</li> <li>2. Does the fund invest in any fossil fuel companies – coal, oil or gas mining companies?</li> <li>3. Were the climate impacts of those companies’ operations considered by the Future Fund?</li> <li>4. Does your approval process include a social impact assessment?</li> </ol>	Written
82	Future Fund Management Agency	Waters	Social Impact Assessment	<p>I see that the Future Fund has invested in a number of companies that run casinos, online betting and manufacture pokie machines; Star Entertainment, Tabcorp, Crown Resorts, Tatts and Aristocrat Leisure. (Source: Future Fund Board of Guardians' proxy voting in Australian listed entities in 2017/18) Was the social impact of these companies considered when the investment decision was made?</p>	Written
83	Future Fund Management Agency	Waters	Investment Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does the Future Fund create and review their screening tools? Do these tools measure adverse effects of your projects on human rights, including gender impacts?</li> <li>2. What stakeholders are consulted in the process of reviewing investment guidelines?</li> <li>3. Do you have a plan for making sure you are investing in companies with gender-balanced boards?</li> </ol>	Written
84	Future Fund Management Agency	Waters	Investment Decisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many of the companies that the Fund has invested in are also significant donors to the Liberal, National and Labor parties. Is there anyone in your organisation with responsibility for transparency or checking on any perceived or real conflicts of interest that may arise?</li> <li>2. Are there any efforts to correlate data about political donations and investment decisions?</li> <li>3. What protocols are in place to ensure that donors to political parties don’t receive favourably investment treatment by the Future Fund?</li> </ol>	Written
85	IPEA	Waters	Printing Expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does IPEA investigate any of the money laundering practices reported in the media recently, for example in this article: <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/aliceworkman/alex-hawke-liberal-donor-printing">https://www.buzzfeed.com/aliceworkman/alex-hawke-liberal-donor-printing</a></li> <li>2. Are printing expenses audited for value for taxpayer’s money?</li> <li>3. Are MPs required to give consideration to value for money, when engaging services using taxpayer</li> </ol>	Written

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86	Finance	Waters	Change of Prime Minister	Regarding the recent change of Prime Minister, how much did the change of Prime Minister and resulting Ministerial reshuffles cost the taxpayer, including pay out of staff redundancies, advertisements for new staff, reprinting business cards, changing ministerial office suite nameplates, updating websites, creating incoming briefs for new ministers, and holding a by-election in Wentworth?	Written
87	Finance	Ketter	Structural Payments	<p>1. On Page 3-1 of Budget Paper number one of this year's budget, it states that '...the budget balance is expected to move into structural surplus predominantly as a result of reductions in structural payments'. Can you outline or explain which payments are being reduced – or cut – to create this structural surplus? Which specific budget measures can you point to are causing this?</p> <p>2. Will the Government's decision to drop the measure to increase the qualifying age for the pension to 70 have any effect on this? If so, what's the effect, can it be quantified?</p>	Written