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1	Parliamentary Budget Office	25/10/2021		Claire Chandler	long and complicated requests	<p>Of the numbers that you read out for the last two-and-a-bit financial years of the 46th Parliament, how many of those costing requests would have been long and complicated?</p> <p>How many priority requests have you received this year that've been urgent or high?</p> <p>I think it would be interesting to get them for all the financial years that we've discussed—being within the 46th parliament so to speak. Obviously, the increasing number of requests that you're receiving, the complexity of the requests, all impacts on your ability to meet the KPIs that you've discussed. I know that you can't go into the nature of what those requests look like—for obvious reasons—but I'd be interested to know whether you would be willing to break down, for the committee, the requests that you've received from House of Representatives members versus senators. Is that something you could do for the committee?</p> <p>Again, you might take this one on notice as well, but whether you would be able to break down, for the committee, what the request by those groupings that you've described as well?</p>	Hansard	6, 7	10/12/2021
2	Parliamentary Budget Office	25/10/2021		Janet Rice	2019 Post-Election report	<p>Dr Helgeby: I think you're asking a question about the 2019 election—Senator RICE: Yes, that's right.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: and the report published then. I don't think we have a copy of it with us—not the full appendices. We can take it on notice.Senator RICE: Okay. I mean, I've got a copy of it here. Essentially, in terms of the Liberal Party's commitments, they say that under the Infrastructure Investment Fund/Urban Congestion Fund they're spending \$495 million, but there's only \$210 million that is listed in your budget impact. I just wanted to clarify that that's because the rest of it—the other \$385 million—is considered to be within existing government program allocations.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I will take that on notice, but I would make a general observation that the PBO costing is at a point in time. Governments, when they come into government, continue to make decisions. So, we would have costed something that was available to us in 2019.</p> <p>Senator RICE: But it's after the election. This is the post-election report.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes. It comes out about 30 days after the election. And obviously there'll be nothing in there that goes to subsequent decisions</p>	Hansard	8	10/12/2021
3	Parliamentary Budget Office	5/11/2021		Claire Chandler	Number of requests, context of request	<p>a. FY2019 b. FY2020 c. FY2021 d. FY2022 (to date)</p> <p>2. If possible, could the PBO break down those costing requests by: government, opposition, and crossbench requests?</p> <p>3. Have requests for information to the ATO and Treasury increased or decreased in FY2021 and FY2022 (to date) compared to FY2019?</p> <p>4. How many requests were made by the PBO to the ATO and Treasury for data beyond what is shared regularly (regular data and model sharing for instance which happens as a matter of course)?</p> <p>5. Of the PBO's requests for information to the ATO: a. How many requests were related to revenue measures b. How many of those requests involved costings from the Opposition, crossbench and independent members of Parliament?</p> <p>6. Of the PBO's requests for information to the Treasury: a. How many requests were related to revenue measures b. How many of those requests involved costings from the Opposition, crossbench and independent members of Parliament?</p> <p>7. The 19/20 annual report states: "Throughout 2019–20, the majority of policy costing and budget analysis requests have been for costing complex policy proposals and very few simple requests, such as capped costings. The complexity of the requests we have received has required new models or modifications to existing models to cost the policy options requested." What is the definition of 'complex policy proposals'?</p> <p>8. In this context, how many complex policy proposals costings requests have made to the PBO for the following:</p>	Written		10/12/2021

4	Parliamentary Budget Office	25/11/2021		Claire Chandler	Public release of PBO Costings	<p>www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-02/38b-in-jobkeeper-went-to-companies-where-turnover-did-not-fall/100586310</p> <p>a. Did the Member for Parliament who requested the analysis, the Member for Fenner, request the analysis be kept confidential?</p> <p>b. Did the analysis include a 'costing' or 'costings'?</p> <p>2. PBO guidance 02/2017 states: "... where the parliamentarian (or their party) makes a confidential request to the PBO releases the full underlying PBO response document, the PBO will adopt the practice of publishing that document on the PBO website".</p> <p>The document released by the Member for Fenner to the ABC has not been published on the PBO website (as at 18 November). Is this because the Member for Fenner released only selected parts of the PBO analysis to the ABC?</p> <p>3. If the analysis/costing has been partially provided to the media by the Member for Fenner without the full PBO analysis being made available, is the PBO now considering releasing the full costing in the interests of transparency and clarification?</p> <p>4. Has the PBO communicated with the Member for Fenner or his office to discuss the possible full release and publication of the PBO analysis/costing? If so, what was the response from the Member?</p> <p>5. Does the PBO agree that it has a public transparency obligation to clarify their analysis or answer questions about analysis which has been partially released by a Member of Parliament?</p> <p>6. Is it the PBO's practice that the public release of analysis/costings</p>	Written	#####	10/12/2021
5	Department of Parliamentary Ser	25/10/2021	DPS1	Katy Gallagher	Viewing timeframe	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: How are you going to check up on that? Do you have a timetable that you want people trained by? Were staff given that information—say, 'You need to complete this in'—</p> <p>Ms Saunders: Within a certain period of time—I'm not sure, but certainly there's a tracking system that has been implemented. So, staff are required to complete a form to say that they've done it, and the security branch will be closely monitoring that. Senator GALLAGHER: Does the security branch sit under your area, Ms Saunders? Ms Saunders: Yes, they do.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: But you don't know whether you've set a target for when you want staff trained in this procedure?</p> <p>Ms Saunders: It is as soon as possible, but I can find out that date for you</p>	Hansard	pp.13	10/12/2021
6	Department of Parliamentary Ser	25/10/2021	DPS2	Katy Gallagher	Viewing the video	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: How long does the training take? And are people doing it during work time?</p> <p>Ms Saunders: I'll find that out for you.</p>	Hansard	pp.13	10/12/2021
7	Department of Parliamentary Ser	25/10/2021	DPS3	Katy Gallagher	After Hour Access	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: So you would have to consult with other building occupants, for example, the press gallery, as well as the appropriations and staffing committee?</p> <p>The President: I would suspect that that is the case. I would like to take it on notice to the degree that there is past practice in this area. I would assume that consultation was part of it, but I would like to take that on notice. Senator GALLAGHER: Okay, if you could—who you would be consulting and who the other building occupants are that you'd have to consult.</p>	Hansard	pp.20	10/12/2021
8	Department of Parliamentary Ser	25/10/2021	DPS4	Rex Patrick	Elected Technologies	<p>Senator PATRICK: There you go! To finalise this, can I get the dates that someone met with Elected Technologies? My understanding is that, from their perspective, no-one has.</p> <p>Mr Stefanic: I'll take that on notice, and we'll get you that.</p>	Hansard	pp.17	10/12/2021
9	Department of Parliamentary Ser	25/10/2021	DPS5	Kim Carr	Legal Proceedings	<p>Can the Department of Parliamentary Services please advise for the 2021 calendar year:</p> <p>a) How many legal proceedings has the department been engaged in?</p> <p>i) How many of these were criminal proceedings and how many were civil proceedings?</p> <p>b) Which sections of the department did each proceeding involve (e.g catering, Library, ICT)?</p> <p>c) What is the status of each proceeding the department is/was engaged in?</p> <p>d) Has the department engaged external agencies as part of those proceedings (e.g Comcare, AGS)? If so, please list who?</p> <p>e) Has any proceeding gone to hearing, mediation, settlement meeting/conference?</p> <p>i) Who represented the department (e.g which departmental officer(s) of DPS) at any such hearing, mediation, settlement meeting/conference?</p> <p>f) For each proceeding what was the legal cost born by the department?</p> <p>g) If a proceeding was settled:</p> <p>i) What was the settlement date?</p> <p>ii) What was the settlement cost borne by the department?</p> <p>iii) Did the department make any additional undertakings as part of the settlement?</p> <p>i) If so, what were the undertakings?</p>	Written		10/12/2021