

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

## Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates, 27 February and 2 March 2018

## Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio

Senate No	Program. Division or Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written question	Date received
1	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Rhiannon	Productivity Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Productivity Commission submitted its report on the regulation of Australian agriculture on 15 November 2016 following a direct request from Treasurer Scott Morrison. When will the Government be responding to the Commission's 29 recommendations?</li> <li>2. The Productivity Commission found that the Australian Government's approach to animal welfare policy and standards development to be lacking in key areas such as independence and transparency, its scientific basis, and in its failure to properly consider community values and expectations. What is the Australian Government doing to rectify these identified deficiencies?</li> <li>3. The Productivity Commission stated that "an independent body is the best option for delivering balanced farm animal welfare</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>standards and outcomes for the benefit of the Australian community and the agriculture sector” (p.234), as it will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote greater national consistency in animal welfare standards;</li> <li>Take a more proactive approach to setting animal welfare policy, addressing animal welfare issues before they become national incidents;</li> <li>Provide a source of excellence in policy advice on animal welfare.</li> <li>Does the Government acknowledge the benefits identified by the Productivity Commission?</li> </ol>		
2	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Rice	Industry RD&E Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What RD&amp;E strategies are in place to support RD&amp;E activities in plant, animal and other industries?</li> <li>For each of these strategies, what is the responsible agency and has a coordinator been appointed to implement each of them?</li> <li>What funds have been allocated to implement each of the strategies over the last three years?</li> </ol>	Written	
3	Animal Health Australia	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo mass mortality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Curran, who reported on previous mass mortality events, is clear that the cause kangaroo mass mortality events is not malnutrition or lack of food, plant poisoning, parasites, genetic causes or any identifiable virus or bacteria. He has described “massive haemorrhaging” among other symptoms that do not include starvation from drought:</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>a. Has Dr Curran been asked for the outcomes of his own testing and post-mortem investigations by either NSW departments or by Animal Health Australia? If not, why not?</p> <p>b. In recent senate estimates I was advised the cause of the 2016 mass mortality event is drought. Have there been any government tests to support that statement?</p>		
4	Assurance and Legal Division	Senator McCarthy	Legislative requirements of the FOI Act	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Thank you, I certainly understand the distinction. Has the secretary of the department provided information to the new minister about legislative requirements of the FOI Act?</p> <p><b>Ms Briscoe:</b> That was part of the training provided to the staff of the ministers office.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What was included in that training?</p> <p><b>Ms Briscoe:</b> I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	86 27/2/18	
5	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Gallacher	Stakeholders list	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> We're asking you for a list of your stakeholders. It couldn't be any plainer. So saying to go to a website is probably a little bit impertinent, I would suggest.</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> I'm trying to be helpful. The industry stakeholders we have are actually named individually on our website, so I'm referring you to a website there. Other than that, there's a generic group of Indigenous fishers, recreational fishers and people with a particular interest in the marine environment, who we would name as generically as that.</p>	55 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So we can't have a list on notice of your stakeholders?</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> I can.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> Senator Gallacher, it's probably worth mentioning, just to get that in context, that AFMA would consider their stakeholders to be recreational fishermen. If I had a list of recreational fishermen, I would be a very happy person, but it's just not possible.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If we both had it before the South Australian election, we'd probably win.</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> Indeed. You and I would probably agree. The point is that the stakeholder group is as generic as that, and we have no idea who is within that group.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> If you just put recreational fishers, that's fine.</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> I think I might have answered but I can take it on notice as well.</p>		
6	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Brown	Vacant positions	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How many vacant positions do you have?</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> As of right now? I might get John Andersen to answer, if he's got that at hand.</p> <p><b>Mr Andersen:</b> I'll have to take that on notice as to the exact number currently. It fluctuates quite regularly. So I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	57 27/2/18	
7	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Hanson	Fishing licences in Queensland	<p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> How many fishing licences are in Queensland—are held by Queenslanders?</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> We would have to take that on</p>	60 27/2/18	

				<p>notice.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> Has it reduced over the years?</p> <p><b>Dr Findlay:</b> It certainly has. There's been a large reduction of licence holdings in Australia. If we go back to when AFMA first formed there were 2,000 to 3,000 licences held. These days we have something like 600 companies that we deal with. In terms of the exact numbers in Queensland, I would have to take that on notice.</p>		
8	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Hanson	Fishing	<p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> Even for the restaurants and everything? So it's not illegal to have fishermen going out and getting a catch around Norfolk Island and then selling to the restaurants?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> I'd have to take that on notice, because there are issues that are outside our portfolio—for example, with food safety and those sorts of things—that we'd have to check on. While there's a fishing aspect of this, there's also a food safety aspect of this when you're selling to restaurants anywhere in Australia, and that includes Norfolk Island.</p>	61 27/2/18	
9	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator McCarthy	Darwin Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During senate estimates AFMA officials said that staff in the Darwin office had declined over time, what is the reason for the decline?</li> <li>2. How many staff previously existed at the Darwin office?</li> <li>3. How many staff remain at the Darwin office?</li> <li>4. What is the cost of lease at the Darwin</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>office?</p> <p>5. Has the cost of the lease decreased with the reduction of staffing numbers?</p> <p>6. Please provide costings of leases in the Darwin office over the last 6 years</p> <p>7. Given that QLD, WA and the NT operate joint fisheries management arrangements with the AFMA why is Mooloolaba being considered a relocation site but sites in WA and NT are not?</p>		
10	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Whish-Wilson	Commercial fishing licenses	<p>1. Has the Government bought out any commercial fishing licenses in the Coral Sea since it commenced the Review into Commonwealth Marine Reserves, and/or does it have any plans to do so.</p> <p>2. If so, please give details - which fishery(s), licences, operators etc.</p>	Written	
11	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Tuna sold in Tokyo	<p>1. Does the AFMA monitor the prices of Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market? Why/why not?</p> <p>2. Does the AFMA monitor the prices of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market? Why/why not?</p> <p>3. What is the average annual price for an Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market?</p> <p>a. Can you please provide annual price data for the last ten years?</p> <p>4. What is the average annual volume of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market?</p> <p>a. Can you please provide annual volume data for the last ten years?</p>	Written	

				5. What is the average (per fish) weight of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market? a. Can you please provide annual average weight per fish data for the last ten years? 6. What is the record price for an Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna sold at Tokyo's Tsukiji market?		
12	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Tuna price in Tokyo	1. Does the price of Tuna at Tokyo's Tsukiji market influence AFMA decisions on commercial fisheries management? 2. Does the price of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna at Tokyo's Tsukiji market influence AFMA decisions on commercial fisheries management?	Written	
13	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Annual export value	1. What is the current annual export value of the Australian Tuna industry? 2. What is the current annual export value of Australian Southern Bluefin?	Written	
14	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Australian tuna industry	1. What is the estimates current annual value of the Australian Tuna industry? 2. How many full time jobs does the Australian Tuna industry support directly? 3. How many full time jobs does the Australian Tuna industry support indirectly?	Written	
15	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Australia Southern Bluefin industry	1. What is the estimated current annual value of Australian Southern Bluefin industry? 2. How many full time jobs does the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna industry support directly? 3. How many full time jobs does the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna industry	Written	

				support indirectly?		
16	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Annual(worldwide) export value	1. Can you please provide the annual (worldwide) export value of the Australian Tuna industry for the last ten financial years? (from 2007-08 to 2016-17) 2. Can you please provide the annual (worldwide) export value of the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna industry for the last ten financial years? (from 2007-08 to 2016-17)	Written	
17	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Annual value exported to Japan	1. What is the annual value of all Australian Tuna exported to Japan? 2. What is the annual value of all Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna exported to Japan?	Written	
18	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Annual value of exports for ten financial years	1. Can you please provide the annual value of Australian Tuna exported to Japan over the last ten financial years? (from 2007-08 to 2016-17) 2. Can you please provide the annual value of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna exported to Japan over the last ten financial years? (from 2007-08 to 2016-17)	Written	
19	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Australian Tuna stocks	1. How are (all) Australian Tuna stocks monitored and evaluated? 2. How much money is allocated to monitoring and evaluating Australian Tuna stocks? 3. How are Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna stocks monitored and evaluated? 4. How much money is allocated to monitoring and evaluating Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna stocks?	Written	
20	Australian	Senator	Australian tuna stocks	1. Can you please provide data on (or	Written	



	Fisheries Management Authority	Keneally	over the last ten years	estimates of) Australian Tuna stocks over the last ten years? 2. Can you please provide data on (or estimates of) Australian Blue Fin Tuna stocks over the last ten years?		
21	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Licenses to export Australian Tuna	Please provide a list of companies or individuals that have been granted licenses to export Australian Tuna? a. Can you provide details on the length of the license? b. Can you provide details on any restrictions on the volume or number of fish?	Written	
22	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Licenses to export Southern Blue Fin Tuna	Please provide a list of companies or individuals that have been granted licenses to export Southern Blue Fin Tuna? a. Can you provide details on the length of the license? b. Can you provide details on any restrictions on the volume or number of fish?	Written	
23	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Tuna fisheries impacted by changes to Marine Park Management Plans	How will tuna fisheries be impacted by changes to the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans, compared to the earlier (2012) Marine Park Management Plans? a. What changes have been introduced that would affect tuna fisheries? b. What changes have been introduced that would affect Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries? c. Why have these changes been introduced? d. What changes have been introduced that	Written	

				<p>would affect Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries?</p> <p>e. What changes have been introduced to allowable fishing depth that would affect tuna fisheries?</p> <p>f. What changes have been introduced to allowable fishing depth that would affect Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries?</p> <p>g. What changes have been introduced to allowable fishing areas that would affect tuna fisheries?</p> <p>h. What changes have been introduced to allowable fishing areas that would affect Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries?</p> <p>i. What changes have been introduced to allowable long line fishing that would affect tuna fisheries?</p> <p>j. What changes have been introduced to allowable long line fishing that would affect Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna fisheries?</p>		
24	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Australian fishing industry	<p>1. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry make submissions on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p> <p>2. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry attempt to meet with anyone in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person regarding the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p>	Written	

				3. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry meet with any staff in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person regarding the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?		
25	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Australian fishing companies and Marine Park Management Plans	1. Did any Australian fishing companies make submissions on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? 2. Did any Australian fishing companies attempt to meet with anyone in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? 3. Did any Australian fishing companies meet with any staff in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?	Written	
26	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Foreign fishing companies and Marine Park Management Plans	1. Did any foreign fishing companies make submissions on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? 2. Did any foreign fishing companies attempt to meet with anyone in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? 3. Did any foreign fishing companies meet with any staff of in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?	Written	
27	Australian	Senator	Foreign officers and	1. Did any foreign diplomats, consulates,	Written	

	Fisheries Management Authority	Keneally	the Marine Park Management Plans	<p>honorary consulates, foreign trade offices, diplomatic missions, or similar representatives of foreign states make submissions on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p> <p>2. Did any foreign diplomats, consulates, honorary consulates, foreign trade offices, diplomatic missions, or similar representatives of foreign states attempt to meet with anyone in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p> <p>3. Did any foreign diplomats, consulates, honorary consulates, foreign trade offices, diplomatic missions, or similar representatives of foreign states meet with any staff in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?</p>		
28	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Peak bodies and the Marine Park Management Plans	<p>1. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry make submissions on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p> <p>2. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry attempt to meet with in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</p> <p>3. Did any peak bodies associated with the Australian fishing industry meet with any</p>	Written	

				staff in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?		
29	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Keneally	Federal lobbying register and Marine Park Management Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did any person or entity who identified as being on the federal lobbying register attempt to meet with anyone employed in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans?</li> <li>2. Did any person or entity who identified as being on the federal lobbying register meet with anyone employed in the Agriculture portfolio (or an associated Minister's office) in person on the new (2017) Marine Park Management Plans? When?</li> </ol>	Written	
30	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	AFMA moving to Mooloolaba	<p>QoNs relate to comments made by the former Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce on 1 February 2018 about moving AFMA to Toowoomba. In response to a question about the government's decentralisation push, Barnaby Joyce said "and now we've got Fisheries, they want to go to Mooloolaba, so do I."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At what stage of planning is the Department at regarding moving some component of AFMA to Mooloolaba?</li> <li>2. What justification has been put forward for the potential relocation of AFMA?</li> <li>3. Has an independent business case been prepared on relocation of AFMA to Mooloolaba?</li> <li>4. When is the business case due?</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>5. Will the business case be made public?</p> <p>6. Does the Department know how much the move will cost? If yes, how much?</p> <p>7. How many staff currently work for AFMA?</p> <p>8. How many of those staff are based in Canberra?</p> <p>9. How many staff will be affected by this potential move?</p> <p>10. Have the staff been surveyed about the proposed move?</p> <p>11. Can you provide the results of that survey?</p> <p>12. What percentage of staff are willing to move to Mooloolaba?</p> <p>13. Will any financial incentives be offered for staff willing (or not willing to move) to Mooloolaba in the same way that sign on bonuses have been paid to staff in APVMA?</p>		
31	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Staffing breakdown	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can we get a breakdown of the positions, starting date and current salaries for those already there?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll take that on notice. I don't have that to hand.</p>	62 27/2/18	
32	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Public service guidelines	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Have you had to go over and above the normal Public Service guidelines?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll have to take whether there are actually guidelines on this on notice. I don't believe that there are actual guidelines. I think these are matters for each agency and department to come up with an individual policy on. But I can tell you that ours are broadly consistent with those of other agencies and other departments.</p>	63 27/2/18	

33	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Fringe benefits tax	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would that incur fringe benefits tax? It would, wouldn't it?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'd have to check. I can take that on notice.</p>	64 27/2/18	
34	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Regulatory scientists	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Thank you. How many of the 240 regulatory scientists who applied in the last round have been hired and will be relocating to Armidale?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> The majority of those positions for regulatory scientists were advertised to be based in Armidale, so a number of those people have taken positions in Armidale. Some of them are spending a little bit of time in Canberra before they relocate to Armidale, but those positions were made quite clear to candidates that they were based in Armidale and that those staff who are successful will move to Armidale if they haven't already.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So was there a number that you mentioned in there?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'd have to take it on notice. I don't have the exact number out of that bulk recruitment round with me here.</p>	66 27/2/18	
35	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Travel to Armidale	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> How often do you travel to Armidale and where do you stay?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I can provide you with my travel, if you like, over the last few months. I've been on leave for the last three weeks, so I haven't travelled to Armidale. In preparation for here and having just gotten back from leave, I obviously didn't travel last week. It's been some weeks since I've been in Armidale.</p>	66 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you could give us on notice an understanding of how often you've travelled to Armidale and where you have stayed?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> Certainly.</p>		
36	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Staff members travel to Armidale	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Maybe you need to take this on notice: how often do other staff members travel to Armidale and what are the arrangements? Are they on TA, do they tell you where they're staying or do they acquit it in a normal way?</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Could we have on notice how often people have travelled and where they have stayed.</p>	67 27/2/18	
37	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Chair	Travel	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I don't have to worry about the motel, that's all done, all paid for in advance. She may have gone to a budget motel and you'll do what: pay her for just what she paid at the budget motel or, when she fills out the form, will you give her \$250?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll have to check the details.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. I just wanted know if we anticipate we're going to want receipts and movements of every hotel.</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll check the detail of exactly how that works.</p>	68 27/2/18	
38	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Accommodation in Armidale	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Where was that at?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> That's at a range of accommodation providers in Armidale. We don't have a preferred supplier and some of that choice is left up to staff.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Could you provide that</p>	68 27/2/18	



				breakdown on notice? <b>Dr Parker:</b> I'm happy to provide that on notice. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Thank you.		
39	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Set menu and itemised cost	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> The old estimates favourite: was it a set menu and can you provide an itemised cost for the dinner? <b>Dr Parker:</b> I can on notice, certainly.	69 27/2/18	
40	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Undergraduates	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do you think it would be pertinent to know that? <b>Dr Parker:</b> I can find out. It is one of the places where we would look to source employees from.	69-70 27/2/18	
41	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Re-establishment of external advisory board	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> To rephrase that, have you discussed with the department or the government re-establishing an external advisory board? <b>Dr Parker:</b> I have had discussions with some members of the department, as I would assume the department does with a whole range of stakeholders when formulating policy. But, as I said, the details of how they formulated policy and what advice they formulated to the minister is a matter for the department. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> When did you have discussions and with whom? Was that at the secretary level? <b>Dr Parker:</b> No, it wouldn't have been with the secretary. I don't think I'd have a record of every time I would have discussed it with them. Often these are just over the phone, get a view – that sort of thing – but they would	70 27/2/18	

				<p>have been with officers within the area in the department that has responsibility for policy at the APVMA.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If you have made notes of when you had the discussion and with whom, it would be helpful if you could provide that.</p>		
42	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	End of lease	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are the premises that you will vacate in Canberra at the end of a lease cycle?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I haven't got the dates in my mind and I don't have them on a piece of paper, but we are coming towards the end of the lease. Again, I'll provide the exact timing on notice for you.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are you up for any make-good on your exit of the premises you currently have?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> Sorry; I didn't hear that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is there a make-good clause? Do you have to return it to—</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> Again, I'll provide that on notice. We are happy to provide the terms.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I'd appreciate that—the end of the lease and any specific clauses which may incur cost, like if you had to make it—</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> We are happy to provide you with the terms of the lease.</p>	71 27/2/18	
43	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Chair	Breakdown of the \$1 Million	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I'm going to ask you to take it on notice to give me a breakdown of the \$1 million—rent, desks, chairs. What I'm looking for is a residual figure, above the normal costs for</p>	73 27/2/18	

	Authority			rent of the premises that you will walk away and leave behind. That's what I'm interested in. <b>Dr Parker:</b> Certainly. We can provide that.		
44	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Agency costs	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In order to get real transparency—and this is a cost that will go back to the registrants of Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines, because its operating—when is that disclosed? Is it disclosed on AusTender as a successful conclusion? <b>Dr Parker:</b> Again, I'd have to take that on notice to give you exactly where that is. But we don't pay for the building.	73 27/2/18	
45	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Gallacher	Cost of long-term lease	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So when you're negotiating a long-term lease like this, you don't know what the going rate is for an A-grade building? <b>Dr Parker:</b> I said I'm not aware of any rates. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Somebody must be. <b>Dr Parker:</b> The people who are negotiating the lease may well be; I don't know. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes, and none of those are here today to answer that? <b>Dr Parker:</b> No, they're not. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps if you could take on notice that we would appreciate some advice on that. <b>Dr Parker:</b> Certainly. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Because, for most of the things that get scrutinised in public works, for argument's sake, there are rates that are applicable for a range of things. <b>Dr Parker:</b> Happy to take it on notice.	75 27/2/18	

46	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Vacancies numbers	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> So you are fully staffed. What about vacancies?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I don't have a vacancy figure for you. It would be at a point in time. I'm happy to provide it at a point in time, on notice.</p>	76 27/2/18	
47	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Regulatory scientists numbers	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> How many of those are regulatory scientists?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> Again, I'll need to take that on notice. I don't have the full number. My understanding is that it's about eight or nine, but I'll have to double check that for you.</p>	76 27/2/18	
48	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Survey results	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Given that your survey results are closing tomorrow, can we take on notice some of the results from that survey?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> The survey is personalised with people's names.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Obviously, we wouldn't want that level of detail.</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll bulk it up into how many are doing which one, but, in a small agency, if we only have one on a particular option, that could—</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> We're interested in the broad details.</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'll have a look at the results and I'll present it in a fashion that's useful for the committee, without necessarily impinging anyone's privacy rights.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I appreciate that, thank you.</p>	77 27/2/18	
49	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Costings	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> What's the cost per person who's going to be working away that way?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I have taken that on notice. I don't have that with me—exactly the cost. I'll take</p>	78 27/2/18	

	Authority			that on notice and we'll give you our best estimate, because some of the costs are costs that were already there with some IT stuff. But, yes, We'll give you that answer.		
50	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Staff numberings	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> How many staff are we talking about for the review functions of the Manufacturing Quality and Licensing Section?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> Again, I'll take it on notice. I don't have the exact numbers for that particular unit.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Order of magnitude.</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I think there are half a dozen, 10. It's not a big area. But I'll take it on notice for the exact numbers</p>	78 27/2/18	
51	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Brockman	Approval process	<p><b>Senator BROCKMAN:</b> Is it the same approval process that a stand-alone chemical would go through? Is it a different process?</p> <p><b>Dr Parker:</b> I'd have to take that part on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BROCKMAN:</b> I'm happy for you to take this on notice as well. When you're looking at something like an expression of a naturally occurring protein that's also a pesticide, do you take into account the displacement of other chemicals, or is it purely a safety and efficacy question from your point of view?</p>	79 27/2/18	
52	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Griff	Glyphosate	<p>1. Re <b>glyphosate:</b> Please provide citations for all peer reviewed published scientific evidence that was considered in making the decision in 2016 to permit pre-harvest applications of glyphosate to barley.</p> <p>a. If evidence other than peer reviewed published scientific evidence was</p>	Written	

				<p>considered in this decision, please provide a list of the source and/or sources of this evidence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Did Monsanto or related entities have any communication with APVMA/Office of Chemical Safety regarding the APVMA report of March 2017 “Final Regulatory Position: Consideration of the Evidence for Formal Reconsideration of Glyphosate” (the Report)?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please identify the nature of any such communication.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Which of the studies assessed in the Report were not undertaken or sponsored by Monsanto?</li> <li>4. Has the APVMA reviewed the Report in light of release of the Monsanto documents relating to glyphosate litigation in the USA that, in March 2017, were ordered to be unsealed by District Judge Chhabria?</li> <li>5. Are there any toxicity tests available that can take into account Parkinson’s disease as an endpoint for the purposes of a ‘no observed adverse effect level’ (NOAEL) determination?</li> <li>6. Re <b>glufosinate</b>: Given the recent ban in France on glufosinate, is the APVMA intending to undertake a reconsideration of glufosinate?</li> </ol>		
53	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary	Senator Sterle	Time taken on applications	What is the current average time taken to finalise item 1 or 2 applications?	Written	

	Medicines Authority					
54	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	Business plan	Has there ever been a previous year that the business plan has declared an operational performance target of less than 100% of the APVMA's statutory timeframes? a. If so, can you confirm when and what the operational performance target was that year(s)?	Written	
55	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many staff, or full-time equivalents, are employed by the APVMA as at 27 February 2018?</li> <li>How does this compare with 18 months ago, prior to the decision to relocate the APVMA was announced?</li> <li>How many staff does the APVMA need to be optimally staffed?</li> <li>How many actual vacancies does the APVMA currently have?</li> <li>Have any positions that became vacant since the decision to relocate the APVMA was announced been determined as surplus to requirement?</li> </ol>	Written	
56	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA staff number	Your response to Question on Notice No. 26, dated 24 October 2017, confirmed that the APVMA employs one SES staff member per 42.2 non-SES staff. Why does the APVMA need such a high ratio of managerial and senior level staff, when compared with the Department (1:51) and the rest of the APS (1:56)?	Written	
57	Australian Pesticides and	Senator Sterle	Regulatory scientists	Of the regulatory scientists that indicated they were either willing to move, or would	Written	

	Veterinary Medicines Authority			consider moving to Armidale in the staff survey reported in the Ernst & Young cost-benefit analysis from 2016, a. how many are still employed by the APVMA? b. How many have relocated, or requested to be relocated to Armidale?		
58	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA's staff travel policy	Can you provide a copy of the APVMA's staff travel policy?	Written	
59	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	Accommodation in Armidale	Can you provide historical evidence that staff have been offered a choice of accommodation venues when required to travel to Armidale?	Written	
60	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	PowerHouse hotel	1. What is the total monetary value of the APVMA's expenditure on accommodation, dinners and meetings at the PowerHouse Hotel in Armidale since the relocation was announced? 2. What is the total monetary value the APVMA's expenditure on accommodation venues in Armidale, other than the PowerHouse Hotel, since the relocation was announced?	Written	
61	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA Financial reserves	1. What is the official APVMA financial reserves policy? a. How was it established? b. What is it made up of – specific components? c. How is it in line with similar	Written	



				commonwealth entities?		
62	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA application fees and levies	1. How do the APVMA application fees and levies compare to the costs on industry of regulators in the USA and Canada? a. Does the AVPMA receive the same percentage contribution from general revenue as its counterpart agencies in those jurisdictions do?	Written	
63	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	Advance Diploma Government (Regulatory Science) course	1. Which provider delivers the Advanced Diploma in Government (Regulatory Science) for APVMA staff? a. How much is the provider being paid to deliver the course per cohort? b. How many cohorts per year? c. Is this program funded by cost recovery or government appropriation? d. Please provide a copy of the key performance indicators and syllabus. e. Have participants been asked for feedback about the quality and usefulness of the course (either by the APVMA or the course providers)? f. Has feedback been favourable? g. Has any negative feedback been received? If so, what was it?	Written	
64	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Sterle	Statutory obligations	Your response to Question on Notice No. 30, dated 24 October 2017, was that the APVMA has not sought legal advice regarding whether it is lawful for the APVMA not to seek to achieve 100% of its statutory obligations regarding timeframe performance. Have you sought legal advice since that time to	Written	

				<p>determine whether it is lawful for the APVMA to declare an intention not to meet its statutory requirements?</p> <p>a. If so, is it lawful for the APVMA not to seek to achieve 100% of its statutory obligations regarding timeframe performance?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>		
65	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	Chair	Documents	<p><b>Ms Slack-Smith:</b> We obviously want to be helpful and cooperative with the committee but we need to be mindful of the nature in which it was undertaken. We're happy to table the interview notes from Mr McCullough now. I'm happy to give them to the committee.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> No, not if you want them—</p> <p><b>Ms Slack-Smith:</b> We've got nothing to hide so we're—</p> <p><b>Mr Story:</b> I'm happy for mine to be public as well.</p>	22 27/3/18	
66	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	Chair	Advice regarding clause 12.4	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Let me read this bit to see if we're on the same page: 'Australian Wool Innovation, AWI, sought and received advice from our external lawyers, Herbert Smith Freehills, in relation to the inclusion of clause 12.4 in AWI's constitution. This advice is privileged.' And so it wasn't supplied.</p> <p><b>Mr McCullough:</b> But then it goes on to say, 'However, there's a summary of this—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I appreciate there's a summary of it.</p> <p><b>Mr McCullough:</b> So you want the entire advice?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr McCullough:</b> We'll take that on notice and</p>	23 27/2/18	

				have a discussion. I'm not sure why the rest of it wasn't provided, but we'll have a chat.		
67	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	Chair	Board member	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Mr Merriman, you just indicated that a board member raised it and had expertise in the field. I'm asking you who the board member is.</p> <p><b>Mr Merriman:</b> Well, I would have to guess—without the notes.</p> <p><b>Ms Slack-Smith:</b> We're happy to take that on notice, but it would have been a recommendation for the—</p>	25 27/2/18	
68	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	Chair	Board minutes	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Okay. So I'm going to refresh our request for questions on notice, and we want all of the board minutes relevant to this question on notice that you were given back at the last estimates.</p> <p><b>Mr McCullough:</b> Okay</p>	28 27/2/18	
69	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	Senator Rhiannon	Five years of financial data on trends	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you; that's very useful. That's for 2016-17. Can you provide on notice that data for the previous five financial years so we can see the trends?</p> <p><b>Mr McCullough:</b> We can get that for you on notice.</p>	32 27/2/18	
70	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Aquadeed	Provide an update on the progress of the Aquadeed. Can you outline the expected benefits for Queensland producers and fishers?	Written	
71	Biosecurity Animal	Senator Rice	Aquatic pests emergency response deed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress towards completing an emergency response deed to respond to marine pests is well advanced.</li> <li>2. Given that most potential marine pest have an environmental impact, what consultation has taken place with non-</li> </ol>	Written	

				government community and environmental interests in the development of the deed? At what stages of the deed development process has this consultation taken place? Will any public consultation take place before the deed is finalised?		
72	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo mortalities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In recent Senate Estimates session Dr Martin stated the department was aware of reports of kangaroo mortalities a mass mortality event in NSW in late 2016. Please provide the details known by the department including dates, numbers and species, localities of dying kangaroos. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When was the time window of these mass mortality event? Late 2016 or has it happened right up to 2018 as claimed by the department and media?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please provide details of other mass mortality events reported in Australia since 2000.</li> <li>3. Dr Martin indicated “we have spoken to our colleagues in the NSW Department” about the issue. When those conversations were had and what is the extent and outcomes of those conversations? What departmental officers/roles were consulted? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please detail the resources and effort put into investigation the reported 2016 event.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
73	Biosecurity Operations Division	Senator Brown	Hourly rate	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> That \$198 rate: has that changed? What was it in 2014-15?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> I'm sorry, I don't have that</p>	121 27/2/18	

				<p>figure at hand.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> It's obviously been—I won't say 'obviously'—it looks like it may have been reduced.</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> I'm not sure an hourly rate was being applied in the same way that it is now.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Okay. I'm not going to labour the point. You've given me the amounts, but can you provide the hourly rate, or whatever other way it was determined, on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> Certainly.</p>		
74	Biosecurity Operations Division	Senator Sterle	Celebrity speaking	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I would have no doubt, since the flare-up with Don Burke, that you would have. But prior to Don Burke, are you aware of any other celebrities that were identified? You might want to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I can assume I know the answer, but it's unfair to suggest that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can you tell us whether any celebrity spokespeople have been paid to make promotional videos?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> In relation to that particular engagement with the Celebrity Speakers group—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Well, we could break it up with that one, and overall whether any celebrities have been paid.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Over time there have been lots of celebrities who are paid to speak and promote biosecurity, some a long time ago, when Steve Irwin, indeed, was speaking.</p>	81 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So in terms of Mr Burke?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I don't believe that he's been funded in the past to do any work promoting biosecurity. I'd need to check.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You can take that on notice, if it's easier? Would you know if Mr Joyce asked the department to create the role?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No, he didn't</p>		
75	Biosecurity Operations Division	Senator Sterle	Celebrity Speakers	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I think I can safely ask you, without any fear of pre-empting anything: you've had no involvement in—the department had nothing to do with the engagement of Mr Burke, the suggestion of Mr Burke or even mentioning Mr Burke's name?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> We engaged Celebrity Speakers to find celebrities to do some community promotion and engagement work for us. They came back to us with Don Burke's name—and I'll check whether there were other names provided to us, which I've undertaken to come back and tell you.</p>	82 27/2/18	
76	Biosecurity Operations Division	Senator Sterle	Celebrity speakers	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Celebrity Speakers and Mr Burke were engaged on 23 June, which we do know. Can you tell us why no promotional material had been produced by 6 December—almost six months later?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I'd have to take that on notice and tell you.</p>	82 27/2/18	
77	Biosecurity Operations Division	Senator Sterle	Action Plan (Herbarium Samples through the Mail pathway)	1. The Action plan (reference Answer to Question Number 161 – Budget Estimates May 2017) provided progress as of 16 June 2017; have the actions, including the BICON conditions, noted as being “In	Written	

				<p>Progress” been completed?</p> <p>2. Have there been any further incidences of erroneous destruction of plant specimens?</p> <p>3. Will there be a review of the process improvements implemented after 12 months of operation?</p> <p>4. How will the success of the review be determined?</p>		
78	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Rice	Myrtle Rust	<p>1. What action has the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources taken to reduce the spread of myrtle rust in Australia, and specifically to ensure that myrtle rust does not reach south west Western Australia?</p> <p>2. What action has the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources taken to reduce the threat of future strains of myrtle rust arriving in Australia?</p>	Written	
79	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Sterle	Lucerne chaff products to Chinese markets	Can the Minister provide an update on any efforts being made to ensure Queensland Lucerne chaff growers can export their products to Chinese markets?	Written	
80	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Sterle	Free Trade Agreement	Provide an update on negotiations about Free Trade Agreement protocols for the import of blueberries into China, specifically, when Queensland blueberry growers might expect access to the Chinese market.	Written	
81	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Rice	Future strains of myrtle rust	What actions has the Department of Environment and Energy taken to reduce the threat of future strains of myrtle rust arriving in Australia?	Written	
82	Biosecurity Policy and	Senator Rice	Red fire ants	In July 2017, federal, state and territory agricultural ministers approved \$411M over	Written	

	Implementation Division			ten years to eradicate red fire ants from south east Queensland. Could the Department please provide a copy of the full 10-year plan for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program in South East Queensland that was endorsed by the national, state and territory governments in 2017?		
83	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	Biosecurity strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could the Department please provide the names of current industry-based biosecurity strategies?</li> <li>2. Is there any strategy for environmental biosecurity?</li> <li>3. When will the biosecurity strategy for invasive ants be completed?</li> </ol>	Written	
84	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	National Environmental and community RD&E strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The National Environmental and Community RD&amp;E Strategy 2016-2019 was adopted by the National Biosecurity Committee in March 2016.</li> <li>2. The strategy recommended: "a national committee, with well-defined terms of reference and sufficiently empowered to make national-level recommendations on priorities and strategies that are in the national interest, be established to implement this strategy' (page 40).</li> <li>3. Has the committee been established? If not, what alternative mechanism has been setup to implement the strategy?</li> <li>4. Has a coordinator been appointed to implement the strategy?</li> <li>5. Which government agency is responsible for implementing the strategy?</li> <li>6. What action has been taken on each of the</li> </ol>	Written	



				<p>priority areas identified in Table 9 'RD&amp;E priority areas for the sectors covered by this strategy'?</p> <p>7. What funds have been allocated to each of the priority action areas over the last three years?</p> <p>8. What funds are available over the next three years for research and development into invasive ant biosecurity beyond what is already allocated for the red fire ant eradication response for south east Queensland?</p>		
85	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	Contingency planning	<p>1. Which agency is responsible for contingency planning for environmental biosecurity risks? Within that agency, which senior executive officer is responsible?</p> <p>2. How many contingency plans are finalised for industry-based (plant and animal health) biosecurity risks?</p> <p>3. For each of the industry-based contingency plans, what resources have been spent over the last three years on implementation and what resources have been allocated for the next three years?</p> <p>4. How many contingency plans have been finalised for environmental biosecurity risks? Could the Department please provide a list of these plans?</p> <p>5. For each of the environmental contingency plans, what resources have been spent over the last three years on implementation and what resources have been allocated for the</p>	Written	

				next three years?		
86	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	Staff resources for environmental biosecurity	<p>The Department of Agricultural and Water Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy recently completed a stocktake of effort on environmental biosecurity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could the Department provide a list of the full time equivalent staff resources allocated directly to environmental biosecurity?</li> <li>2. Which senior executive officer in the department is responsible for environmental biosecurity?</li> </ol>	Written	
87	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	SEantor Rice	Norfolk Island myrtle rust	<p>Last year the department confirmed that myrtle rust was detected on Norfolk Island. Can you provide details of what action has taken since it was detected and why this action (or decision not to act) was taken?</p>	Written	
88	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	Numbers of imported air containers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the IGAB review report, it noted that the total number of air containers has not been recorded since 2008. The IGAB review said that the Australian Government 'should look to address this information gap.' (page 120).</li> <li>2. Could the Department please outline what action the government has taken or intends to take to address this information gap?</li> </ol>	Written	
89	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Rice	Surveillance strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could the Department please provide a list of the industry-based biosecurity surveillance strategies in place? For each of the strategies, what resources have been spent over the last three years on implementation and what resources have</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>been allocated for the next three years?</p> <p>2. Could the Department please provide a list of the environmental biosecurity surveillance strategies in place? For each of the strategies (or if there are none, for surveillance activities applicable to environmental biosecurity), what resources have been spent over the last three years on implementation and what resources have been allocated for the next three years?</p> <p>3. If there are no surveillance strategies in place for environmental biosecurity, how are surveillance priorities determined and what are the surveillance priorities?</p> <p>4. Is there a contingency plan in place for new incursions of invasive ants such as red imported fire ants?</p>		
90	Compliance Division	Senator Brown	Staffing and budget allocation	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> In 2014, the department answered a written question from Senator Sterle saying that two FTEs are committed to assessing compliance with the due diligence requirements of the regulation. At the budget, to 'assess compliance with due diligence requirements of the regulation' is \$426,000 for the 2014-15 financial year. At the time, the forward estimates budget to 'assess compliance with due diligence requirements of the regulation' was \$376,000 for 2015-16, and \$383,000 for the 2016-17 financial year. What is the staffing and budget allocation for the 2017-18 year and the forward estimates? I perhaps could have just said that question!</p>	104 27/2/18	

				<b>Mr Mackay:</b> Currently, we have three FTEs involved in conducting compliance assessments in relation to illegal logging. As to the actual budget, I would need to take that on notice.		
91	Compliance Division	Chair	investigations	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Mr Quinlivan, has anyone in your department, when they receive information in this form, opened a file and commenced an investigation?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Would you be able to take that on notice and let us know?</p>	129 27/2/18	
92	Compliance Division	Senator Rhiannon	Biosecurity costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to biosecurity on Norfolk Island please provide the total amount of money spent to date on processes involved in importation of new fruit, vegetables, flowers and foliage into Norfolk Island, including specifically each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. operational protocols</li> <li>b. department staff travelling to Norfolk Island</li> <li>c. Due Diligence processes</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How was this project was initiated and by which Department?</li> <li>3. Was that project identified in the Department's budget program?</li> <li>4. How much money has been allocated to the necessary community education component of the biosecurity changes and when is that work due to commence?</li> <li>5. What is the cost of ongoing provision of implementation of the biosecurity processes associated with importation? If</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>these are public funds, please specify.</p> <p>6. How are these charges being recovered?</p> <p>7. What funding is being allocated to immediately respond to any new introduced pest or disease not currently present on the island?</p>		
93	Compliance Division	Senator Rice	Consultation on biosecurity	<p>1. Could the Department please provide a list of formal mechanisms and consultative committees established for consulting with industry interests about biosecurity?</p> <p>2. Could the Department please provide a list of formal mechanisms and consultative committees established for consulting with the community and non-government environmental interests about biosecurity?</p>	Written	
94	Compliance Division	Senator Sterle	Biosecurity protocols	Provide an update on the progress of work on biosecurity protocols to ensure a repeat of the communication breakdown about Operation Cattai / whitespot in prawns does not occur in the future?	Written	
95	Compliance Division	Senator Rhiannon	Norfolk Island Biosecurity	<p>1. In relation to biosecurity and the importation of new fruit, vegetables, flowers and foliage into Norfolk Island:</p> <p>a. What is the departmental process by which this project was initiated, and where in the department's budget program can this project be identified?</p> <p>b. Please detail the total monies spent to date on the project including:</p> <p>i. Processes including risk assessment management, operational protocols, departmental staff travel etc</p> <p>ii. Community education and the</p>	Written	

				<p>iii. timeline for that work</p> <p>Expected ongoing costs for the implementation of these processes, and how these charges are to be recovered if at all?</p> <p>2. What are the immediate protocols and associated funding allocated to immediately responses to new introduced biosecurity threats on the island?</p>		
96	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Kitching	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 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><u>inclusive</u></b>);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided</li> </ul>	Written	
97	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Kitching	Media monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2017?	Written	
98	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2017?	Written	
99	Corporate	Senator Kitching	Promotional	What was the Department's total expenditure	Written	

	Strategy and Governance Division		merchandise	on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2017?		
100	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Business plans	The APVMA's business plan indicates the operational performance target is 70%. Do any other agencies, overseen by the Department, have official operating targets in their business plans that publicly state that the agency has no intention of attempting to achieve their full statutory requirements? If so, which ones?	Written	
101	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Governing Boards	Provide a list of all fully cost-recovered Commonwealth statutory regulatory agencies that have Governing Boards in place.	Written	
102	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Corporate Plan	On pg 3 of the Corporate Plan it states that "there is also a renewed focus on our capability, looking ahead over the reporting periods of this corporate plan and beyondbryce. Our consultations with staff, managers and stakeholders has identified key areas where we need to improve. In coming years we will be working to strengthen our policy capability, realise the potential of our staff and continue to invest in good systems to support our operations and decision making". a. How many consultation meetings were undertaken with staff, manager and stakeholders and over what time period? b. Provide a list of stakeholders who were approached to participate in consultations and how many stakeholders took up the offer to participate in consultations?	Written	

				<p>c. Provide a list of key areas where the department needs to improve?</p> <p>d. Provide a list of other areas that were identified as areas needing improvement?</p> <p>e. How will the department address areas identified as needing to improve?</p>		
103	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Staffing numbers	Provide a list of where staff are based in Australia and breakdown of numbers of staff in each of those areas.	Written	
104	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA CEO appointment	On 15 November 2017, Dr Parker's appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the APVMA for a five-year term, effective 13 November 2017, was announced. Has Dr Parker's previous permanent employment with the Department ceased, or does he still hold the position?	Written	
105	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Brown	Dairy farmers participation in the Focus Farms Program	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How many dairy farmers have participated in the Focus Farms program?</p> <p><b>Mr Halliday:</b> I'd have to come back on a question on notice, but Focus Farms did start in Gippsland. It was started by funding from the Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation in Victoria. I think originally there were about three farms that were selected, and it's been so successful that we've now got 12 to 13 farms on a national basis. Here is a little bit about the program: A farm will apply to their regional development program. We have these RDPs in every region. They'll go through a selection process. It's primarily a two-year program. The funding is about \$20,000 to</p>	19-20 27/2/18	



				\$30,000 per farm. Once a farm gets selected, there are about 20 to 25 farmers and advisers who then are the support network for that farmer. That support network with an adviser then goes to that person's farm on a regular basis—it's generally monthly—and gives support to that individual farmer. Then every six months that farmer has an open day, and all the farmers in that region then can participate in an open day. It's been tremendously successful, and that's why we've now got it rolling out on a national basis.		
106	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Brown	Farmers contracted to Murray Goulburn	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> You've indicated that you haven't got the figures about how many farms have participated, so could you take that on notice. I'd also like to know how many of those farmers were contracted to Murray Goulburn and any other information you can provide.</p> <p><b>Mr Halliday:</b> We can do that. But it's been a tremendously successful program. We continue to roll it out.</p>	20 27/2/18	
107	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Farmers and farmer organisations	The dairy industry is an industry with a very high average age including its farmers and farmer organisations. How is the Department helping farmer organisations develop the skills of younger dairy farmers both to take over farms and take on leadership positions in the industry?	Written	
108	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	DA levy	As the DA levy is drawn from farmers all around the country do you ensure the major threats to smaller dairy states such as Queensland are adequately resourced and	Written	

				organised.		
109	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Cattle ticks	Cattle ticks are a major threat and cost to dairy farmers in Queensland. Do you resource new acaricide research for farm tick control, eradication improvements or measures to reduce acaricide resistance or programmes to ensure neither ticks or treatment resistance are introduced into new herds?	Written	
110	Exports	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo population	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Cunningham of the Department advised in Senate Estimates that there has never been seen a decline in kangaroo populations including through periods of severe drought. How this is possible given shooting continues through drought and is additional to the 100% juvenile mortality and up to 60% adult mortality confirmed by the science?</li> <li>2. Does the Department check the actual survey count data per shooting zone or does it rely on the collated state-wide extrapolations provided by each shooting state?</li> <li>3. Which states and shooting zones have Population Estimates increases been caused not by more kangaroos but by the addition of new zones, extra or changed survey transects, increasing correction factors, additional species in a zone, or changing methodologies?</li> <li>4. The Chair of the Committee Senator O'Sullivan advised he would provide the survey results for a property at Mataburra.</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>a. May I please have those results, including the methodology, raw count data and transect points.</p> <p>b. The Chair also indicated that survey counted a density of barely more than 1 kangaroo per hectare which is a grazing pressure of about one third of one sheep (35kg dry wether) per ha. Is this a low or high density of kangaroos per hectare?</p>		
111	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo processors	<p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> For Senator Rhiannon's benefit, I've just received advice from one of Australia's most respected kangaroo processors to say that he will provide Senator Rhiannon, tomorrow morning, with a very detailed explanation of everything that takes place in their laboratory before any of their animals are exported, and the whole process through which their animals are dealt with from the field to the point of export.</p> <p><b>Senator Rhiannon:</b> Thank you. Will that come through estimates?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> I'm more than happy to make it available to anyone, but we'll provide that information for you and he said he'll make sure it's a very detailed explanation. Obviously, they're watching you tonight</p>	112 27/2/18	
112	Exports Division	Chair	Number of kangaroos	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I'll get it to you. My question is about the natural population—what I regard as an unnatural population—the number of kangaroos in this country today versus what the natural population would be without the things I talk about: cultivation, pasture</p>	113 27/2/18	

				improvements and water reticulation. Do you know anything of that? <b>Dr Cunningham:</b> I think it would be best if we took that question on notice or, perhaps, referred it to our colleagues.		
113	Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Regulation Impact Statement	Has the regulation impact statement (RIS) on the management of export quotas been completed? If so, provide a copy of the final RIS, If not, when is the final RIS expected to be finalised?	Written	
114	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Review of Australian Standards for Export Livestock	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please outline the role of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Review of Aust Standards for Export Livestock?</li> <li>2. Please outline the role and responsibilities of the independent Chair of the Committee?</li> <li>3. Do the responsibilities of the independent Chair include acting in an impartial and objective manner? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What measures are in place to ensure this is complied with?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How was the independent Chair appointed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who made appointment?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Have all members of the Technical Advisory Committee submitted conflict of interest disclosures? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide those submissions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. What are the requirements or restrictions of the Technical Advisory Committee with respect to media and public comment relating live exports?</li> <li>7. Will an independent scientific review of</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>relevant peer-reviewed literature be commissioned as part of the ASEL review?</p> <p>a. If yes, who will be conducting the scientific review?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>		
115	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Misleading live export mortality reporting	<p>1. Last year Vets Against Live Export wrote to Dr Mark Schipp, the Chief Veterinary Office, pointing out that government and exporters had downgraded the deaths on High Mortality Voyage 65 from 4.36% to 2.51%. The investigation report was consequently corrected and rewritten to show the fact of 4.36% mortality. This correct figure was clearly documented also on the Masters Report which is the basis for the Parliamentary Report. However this has not been reflected in the Parliamentary Report:</p> <p>a. Why has the Parliamentary Report not yet been corrected to reflect the fact of 4.36%?</p> <p>b. Please provide a date by which it will be corrected.</p> <p>c. Why did the government choose to provide a misleading and factually incorrect lower mortality rate for that voyage in the Parliamentary Report?</p> <p>d. Is this a deliberate attempt to mislead the Australian parliament and the public?</p>	Written	
116	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Live exports to China	<p>1. Please detail precautions that have been put in place to ensure that cattle transported from an Australian summer to</p>	Written	

				<p>winter in China could cope with their trip and the end destination?</p> <p>2. Please provide documentation pertaining to the requirements for such precautions.</p>		
117	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Export of donkeys and donkey body parts	<p>1. Which Australian abattoirs are being considered for being 'export registered' following the signing of the Joint Statement last year?</p> <p>2. How long does the process take to make for an Australian abattoir to become 'export registered' so it could supply donkeys or donkey parts to China?</p> <p>3. Which Australian abattoirs are currently approved to slaughter donkeys?</p> <p>4. What factors would prevent a species from being deemed suitable for live export?</p> <p>5. Will the government consider getting advice from experts in donkey behaviour before agreeing to approve their live export if any application for live export is made?</p> <p>6. If the government is considering the live export of donkeys to China to supply the ejiao trade, would they consider first consulting with The Donkey Sanctuary in order to fully appreciate the humanitarian and animal welfare impacts of this trade?</p> <p>7. International online auction site eBay has recently committed to removing donkey skin products from its offerings after being fully informed about the implications of the trade by British based charity The Donkey Sanctuary. What risk assessment</p>	Written	

				<p>is carried out by Australia with regard to the possible effects on relationships with the 15 countries who have banned the trade, if Australia were to become one of the first countries to actively support the ejiao trade?</p> <p>8. China's official National Health and Family Planning Commission has advised consumers that ejiao is "not worth buying" and despite its many health claims is "just boiled donkey skin"; "is not a good source of protein" and that its health claims were at best overstated. What is the interaction by the Department with Australian or Chinese health authorities with regards to supporting or allowing any trade in Ejiao?</p> <p>9. With regard to Australia's signing of the <i>Statement on Enhancing Inspection and Quarantine Cooperation</i> with China's Foreign Minister, what consideration did the government give with regards to the support or promotion of global donkey trade in respect of issues of animal welfare, unsustainability and the destruction of people's livelihoods that has resulted around the world due to the growth in this trade?</p> <p>10. Please provide a copy of the <i>Joint Statement on Enhancing Inspection and Quarantine Cooperation</i> document?</p>		
118	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Mass mortality event	Is it correct that kangaroos from the western NSW shooting zones were still being shot for human and pet consumption in late 2016	Written	

				when the latest mass mortality event was being reported?		
119	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo and Asian markets	Please provide an update detailing the activities to open up the Asian market, especially China, including the costs of those activities, and details of meetings, introductions or events the Australian government has facilitated to support the commercial kangaroo industry?	Written	
120	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Macro Meats in Paris	Please provide details of the resources or support given to Macro Meats' opening of premises in Paris in order to convince French decision-makers to consume more kangaroo products.	Written	
121	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Imports to open or increase imports of kangaroo products	What countries are currently being lobbied to open or increase their imports of kangaroo products?	Written	
122	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Industry influence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Assistant Minister for Agriculture took advice via an sms from a kangaroo processor businessman saying that he would provide me with his own detailed explanation of the whole process through which kangaroos are dealt with from the field to the point of export. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That document was promised by the next morning on 28 February, with the Assistant Minister guaranteeing she would provide that information. Please provide that information.</li> <li>b. Was the message from Ray Borda of Macro Meats? If not, who was it from?</li> <li>c. Did any member of the Committee, the Department or the Assistant Minister</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	



				<p>advise the kangaroo processor to log on to that particular late Senate Estimates session in which I was asking questions about the kangaroo industry?</p> <p>2. Presumably the kangaroo processor was not happy with the Department's responses to my questions to interrupt the Assistant Minister in the middle of a Senate Estimates session.</p> <p>a. Why did the kangaroo processor have the Assistant Minister's mobile number?</p> <p>b. Is it normal Senate Estimates procedure to have an Assistant Minister not only take a private businessman's message about Senate proceedings currently underway, but put on the record that business interests will provide a senate estimates answer to a question rather than the Department?</p> <p>c. Does the Department refer questions about commercial kangaroo slaughter asked in the Senate to any representative of the industry for feedback or input?</p>		
123	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Acetic Acid	<p>1. In 2017 October Estimates (QoN 88) the Department advised that kangaroo carcasses and products are <i>not</i> allowed to be doused in Acetic Acid in Australian processing plants.</p> <p>Yet in May 2015 (QoN 102-4d) the</p>	Written	

				<p>Department advised that it is expected exported kangaroo meat will be treated with Acetic Acid on a regular basis and that <i>“the use of acetic acid in Australia is permitted under the Australian Food Standards Code”</i> and more recently in (Estimates Feb 2016, QoN 128) that Acetic Acid is used on kangaroo carcasses, in compliance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code for meat for human consumption.</p> <p>The industry itself has recently confirmed the use of Acetic Acid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please clarify, is Acetic Acid used on kangaroo carcasses, and at what stage is it used?</li> <li>How does the government regulate the use of acetic acid on kangaroo carcasses?</li> <li>Is there a limit on the amount of Acetic Acid per kilogram allowed under the ANZFS Code please? What is that amount?</li> <li>Can you confirm previous advice that kangaroo meat is not tested for any levels of Acetic Acid?</li> </ol>		
124	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Testing of kangaroo carcasses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department’s Dr Cunningham advised in Senate Estimates that every single kangaroo carcase is checked for contamination. However previously (May 2015 Estimates, QoN 102) the Department advised sampling frequency for E.coli, coliforms and TVC is just 1 sample per 330-</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>600 carcasses or every 500 cartons. And that for Salmonella it is just 1 sample every 3,000 carcasses as per AQIS Meat Notice 2010/02.</p> <p>a. Please clarify, is every single kangaroo carcass tested for these pathogens as stated by Dr Cunningham, or is the AQIS sampling frequency still correct?</p> <p>b. Is it still correct that all four pathogen swabs can be taken from just the one carcass?</p>		
125	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Export country testing	<p>1. The department has previously advised that most importing countries depend on Australian testing of kangaroo meat and do not do their own testing. Can you advise which countries continue to depend on Australian reporting of contamination, and which rely on their own testing?</p> <p>2. The Netherlands reported another 7 cases of contaminated kangaroo meat: Please advise what the Netherlands testing regime is.</p>	Written	
126	Farm Support Division	Senator Brown	Key stakeholders	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> On notice, if you can, can you give me a list of the key stakeholders that you engaged with?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> Yes, I think we can. I'm not sure if we've got it here with us now, but we can certainly take that on notice and provide it to you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> And, also, what consultation was conducted and how it was conducted.</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> Yes.</p>	103 27/2/18	

127	Farm Support Division	Senator Brown	Farm Business Concessional Loans Scheme	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How many of the 2,196 farmers have applied under the new Farm Business Concessional Loans Scheme?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> Senator, I can't tell you that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Would you take that on notice for me?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> We can take it on notice, yes.</p>	103 27/2/18	
128	Farm Support Division	Senator Brown	Breakdown of state and territory	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Of the 180 that's allocated to states and territories, how much of that has been loaned out?</p> <p><b>Ms Cully:</b> \$64.4 million.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> And on notice, can you break that down by state and territory?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> We can.</p>	103 27/2/18	
129	Farm Support Division	Senator Rice	Cattle Council	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Can you tell us the other six, then? Which were the six that weren't recommended by the panel?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Was the Cattle Council one of the 21 applications that was recommended by the panel?</p> <p><b>Ms Standen:</b> I'll have to take that on notice. I don't have the information in front of me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> You don't know at all? No-one here behind you knows?</p> <p><b>Ms Svarcas:</b> I believe that the Cattle Council was recommended but we'd have to confirm that on notice.</p>	91 27/2/18	
130	Farm Support Division	Senator Rice	Recommendations of the panel	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Could you take on notice the recommendations of the panel compared with the final grants that were issued by the minister? The panel made its</p>	91 27/2/18	

				recommendations in August. They were recommendations to Deputy Prime Minister Joyce?		
131	Farm Support Division	Senator Rice	Additional criteria	<b>Senator RICE:</b> On notice, could you tell us the additional criteria you are using in your selection of the board?	93 27/2/18	
132	Farm Support Division	Senator Brown	Breakdown of the \$11 Million	<b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> On notice—or maybe you are able to give it to me now—can you give me the breakdown of what that \$11 million is for? <b>Mr Hutchison:</b> Yes, it is broadly available to the department. The department holds the appropriation this year. I'll take on notice in more detail in terms of how we're spending that money for the establishment. But yes, we can take that on notice.	98 27/2/18	
133	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Staff working on the Regional Investment Corporation	How many staff within the Department are currently working on establishing the Regional Investment Corporation?	Written	
134	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Regional Investment Corporation	During estimates hearing Senator Rice asked a question about the RIC being up and running by 1 July, Mr Quinlivan answered the question but Mr Hutchison seemed to disagree with Mr Quinlivan. Senator RICE: Mr Quinlivan, you said that the appointments are going to be imminent once you've had your discussions with the ministers. When do you expect the board to be able to convene in its first board meeting, given the time constraints of having the RIC up and running by 1 July? Mr Quinlivan: I'd expect that the to-be-appointed board members would be wanting	Written	

				<p>to engage as soon as possible after their appointments were announced. Their actual legal appointments will take effect from—1 July?</p> <p>Mr Hutchison: Ah, no—</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: They won't be able to employ people and so on until 1 July. But we'll be looking to appoint them and have them working in that capacity as soon as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the answer provided by Mr Quinlivan why did Mr Hutchison disagree with Mr Quinlivan's answer?</li> <li>2. Based on Mr Quinlivan's answer will the department be appointing staff who will work in the RIC?</li> <li>3. Has the department commenced work on establishing a temporary short-term taskforce to assist with the establishment of the RIC?</li> <li>4. Will staff in the taskforce be required to be based in Orange</li> </ol>		
135	Finance and Business Support Division	Chair	Auditing	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> My interest would be that, if for example a grain grower pays a different levy at a different levy point because of a different function—it might be the purchase of seeds. I've no idea how the levies are struck. Will the new system allow you to provide an audit, if you like, to see whether someone's trading over here and not paying their income tax over there? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Ms Wilkie:</b> I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not sure, and I'm not sure how what you're proposing in terms of the audit processes</p>	54 27/2/18	

				compares to what the department currently does with the auditing processes.		
136	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Kitching	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b><u>inclusive</u></b> )?	Written	
137	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Kitching	Facilities upgrades	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 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><u>inclusive</u></b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written	
138	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Kitching	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2017?	Written	
139	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Managing Farm Risk Programme	1. What is the current funding envelope for the Managing Farm Risk Programme? 2. What has been the underspend against the initial budget? 3. What are the current objectives for the Managing Farm Risk Programme?	Written	
140	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Farm Cooperatives and Collaboration Pilot Programme	1. What is the actual spend of the \$13.8 million initially allocated to the Farm Co-operatives and Collaboration Pilot Programme? 2. What has been the underspend against the initial budget?	Written	

				3. What will happen to the pilot programme once the pilot programme ceases to exist on 30 June 2018?		
141	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Levies administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a list of the current 110 levies and 75 commodities (information from annual report pg26) that the department is responsible?</li> <li>2. Provide a list of the 18 levy recipient bodies and amount of levies funding provided to each of the recipient bodies in 2016-17?</li> <li>3. Provide an update of the program of work aimed at further improving levies policy, processes and legislation?</li> </ol>	Written	
142	Finance and Business Support Division as well as agencies under the PGPA Act	Senator Kitching	Departmental functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 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; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	
143	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator McCarthy	Dates when offices opened	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you give me the dates when those offices opened?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> The Perth office—I would have to estimate this. My estimates are that the Adelaide and Toowoomba and Dubbo offices would have opened in the order of two to 2½ years ago, and the Perth office about three to</p>	44-45 27/2/18	



				<p>3½ years ago.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Would you like to take that on notice to get the correct dates?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> Sure, thank you. I'll take that on notice.</p>		
144	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator McCarthy	Staffing number	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you take on notice the breakdown of the staffing numbers for those four offices. If we go back to Adelaide and Toowoomba, the current lease arrangements—</p>	45 27/2/18	
145	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Gallacher	Staff member breakdown	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps, on notice, you can put the staff and—</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> You want the staffing numbers in each?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Sure—otherwise we'll all move to Adelaide! It's cheaper than Toowoomba!</p>	46 27/2/18	
146	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator McCarthy	Staff member breakdown	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Yes, I think you've taken that on notice. You gave a total of 43 staff, so can you just break down where the 43 staff are located?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> Sure, we can provide that.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Three in Melbourne, three in Dubbo, and then—</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> No, there's actually only one in Dubbo. There are three in Melbourne. I think it's best if I take on notice how many are in the other offices. I'd be making an estimate, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you also let me know if there are any Indigenous staff in those numbers?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> Yes, I can do that.</p>	46 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many staff members relocated from Canberra to either Dubbo or Toowoomba?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> The early establishment of those offices was before I became the MD, so I'd have to take that one on notice as well, sorry.</p>		
147	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Leyonhjelm	Levy payers	<p><b>Senator Leyonhjelm:</b> It is interesting that you mention that. Have you thought of asking levy payers for their views on things for which, to date, until the presence of the database made it possible, it was difficult to do that. I know you have your consultation groups but, obviously, that only reaches a limited number of grain growers. I hear more complaints about lack of consultation from grain growers than any other sector. There's clearly potential for more consultation. What do you think the potential will be, or how will you use the database, in that context?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> I think you're right. We commission very comprehensive surveys of our grain growers and we do ask them specific questions in regard to their attitude towards the levy, for example. I would have to take it on notice what the actual feedback is but at least 80 to 85 per cent is positive towards the grains levy. We could get more specific data in regard to that with the grower register—we could get better quality data, one could argue.</p>	50 27/02/2018	
148	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brockman	Strategic direction	<p><b>Senator BROCKMAN:</b> going beyond the farm gate, would you need a change to your rules in order to do that? Are you currently limited as to what you can spend taxpayers' money and</p>	54 27/2/18	

				<p>levy payers' money on? Would you need to go back to government if you wanted to change your strategic direction?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> I think the current legislation allows us to be involved in marketing to some extent, doesn't it? I'd have to check on that. I should know that question. But really, we are largely constrained within R, D and E. So to be doing broad scale promotion, I think you're right—we would need a change of our structure.</p>		
149	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brockman	Northam rural R&D for-profit project	<p><b>Senator BROCKMAN:</b> Finally, I'm hoping for an update on the Northam rural R&amp;D for-profit project that we talked about in the last estimates round. You were in the process of finalising contracts, I believe. Can you give me a quick update on that one?</p> <p><b>Dr Jefferies:</b> My understanding is that that arrangement is bedded down. It's led by Murdoch University in partnership with CSIRO, and I think, though I'll have to check, the agriculture department in Western Australia. It is focused on alternative legume species in pasture in cropping systems. It's essentially to improve the sustainability of farming systems around there—alternative sources of nitrogen other than nitrogen fertiliser, or cheaper; disease management and weed management through the application of leguminous pastures in rotation with, in Western Australia, primarily wheat.</p>	54 27/2/18	
150	Landcare Australia	Senator Brown	When did Landcare Council seek to exist	<p><b>Senator Carol BROWN:</b> So when did the Landcare Council seek to exist?</p>	6 27/2/18	

				<b>Mr I Thompson:</b> I would have to take that on notice. It's around 2015. It's about the same time as the dates you're talking about there.		
151	Landcare Australia	Senator Brown	Goals and objectives of Landcare Australia	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> This is for anyone: do we still have as its goal increasing participation and growth of Landcare? Do you have some sort of document about your goals and objectives?</p> <p><b>Ms Matykiewicz:</b> Yes, we do. In terms of our service delivery contract with government to provide the services that you've just mentioned, such as promotional activities, we do have a contract in which it has specific metrics and milestones that we are required to meet. I don't have the specific details with me today, but they definitely are in place.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> So I can get a copy of that?</p> <p><b>Ms Matykiewicz:</b> Yes.</p>	7-8 27/2/18	
152	Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator McCarthy	Discussion of targets with previous minister	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Has MLA discussed this target with the previous agriculture minister or the current minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> With the previous minister, yes, and with the department. We haven't had an opportunity to update the current minister yet.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> When did you discuss it with the previous minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Through briefings prior to announcements, and we obviously did updates with all stakeholders to understand what the objective was and what the intent of the objective is.</p>	9 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What about discussing it with the department or the minister's staff?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> So, yes, we gave the minister's staff updates prior to the announcement. It was dates and so forth—I'd have to take it on notice—and what was done, but, fundamentally, what was in the release that we gave at the AGM was given to the minister's office. Understand, too, that when we framed it at the AGM around being carbon neutral it was to also provide confidence to our industry that MLA is aware of competition to the red meat sector from things like Petri dish red meat—red meat grown in laboratories—and protein vegetable burgers and so forth. Some of the claims that they're making to compete against red meat are around environmental damage, water usage et cetera. So, when we did it at the AGM, we framed it in the context that there are many outcomes from having a target like carbon neutrality.</p>		
153	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Hanson	Boundaries	<p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> That's the outline of the Murray-Darling Basin. You'll see where the arrow is down at the very bottom. That's the area that I'm talking about. The area with the two arrows. It's quite a large area. It may not be half the size of Tasmania, but it is quite a sizeable area. The obvious topography, including creek flows, in those maps indicate that the south-east is in the Murray-Darling Basin. Would you say that that is the case?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> To answer that question accurately,</p>	26 2/3/18	

				I'm going to have to take that one on notice, I'm afraid. The definition of these boundaries has been in place for quite some time. I understand that Mr Pyle has been prosecuting this case for quite some time as well. Really, it is a matter for—I guess it's a matter between the state government, as to what it sets its water resource planning boundaries at—		
154	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Hanson	Lower Coorong	<b>Senator HANSON:</b> Are you aware that, prior to the construction of the drains, most of that fresh water went into the lower Coorong? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> In terms of the definition of 'most'—this is the difficulty, Senator Hanson, of answering a simple question like that. I don't know what the relative volumes were in terms of 'most'—more than 50 per cent? Like I was saying, I'd have to take this on notice.	26 2/3/18	
155	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Hanson	Water flows	<b>Senator HANSON:</b> For the record, the data does show that. Has the MDBA quantified the water flows? I'm aware of one calculation using rainfall and evaporation records in the area that shows an estimated 4,000 gigalitres historically flowed into the huge natural wetlands and into the Coorong. <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I'd have to take that on notice. I'm personally not familiar with that, but whether or not in the past—in the earlier days of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission or prior to my joining the MDBA—people looked at that, I would have to check; I'll have to take that on notice	28 2/3/18	
156	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Gallacher	Timeframe	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can we put that in the time frame? It's met three times commencing	30 2/3/18	

				when? <b>Mr Binning:</b> I'd have to take on notice the precise date, but late January would be my recollection.		
157	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Gallacher	Water resource plans	<b>Senator Gallacher:</b> You mentioned that there would be interim recommendations and a full report. It appears as if it's commenced, it's working; when could we expect to see the interim recommendations? <b>Mr Binning:</b> To clarify, the Matthews review sought options that could be implemented immediately and options that would be of a more enduring nature and would be embedded in the water resource plans that were described to the committee earlier. I can take on notice when that 90-day time frame expires, but it will be some time, I'd imagine, in late April or early May. At that time it is expected that there'll be an announcement around the implementation of interim measures, but I'd emphasise that ultimately that's a matter for the New South Wales government.	31 2/03/2018	
158	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Patrick	Modelling	<b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Can you please provide the committee with a detailed explanation of how we got from 20; what modelling took place between there, if any; and any decisions that were taken that got us between the 20 and the four, and the other points within? <b>Mr Binning:</b> I'm happy to take that on notice.	44 2/3/18	
159	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Hanson	Ngarrindjeri Nation Sea Country Plan	The Ngarrindjeri Nation Sea Country Plan of 2007 contains allegations that the drains and barrages built by the South Australian	Written	

				<p>Government over the years has led to the “decline in the health, wildlife and other resources of the lakes and the river, made worse by the deliberate introduction of exotic species, such as the European carp and destructive farming practices such as dairy farming, irrigation, land clearing and cattle and sheep grazing” (p15).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide information regarding these allegations and the impact on the region from the barrages and farming practices?</li> <li>2. The Ngarrindjeri Sea Nation contends they were never consulted on the changes. If this is incorrect can you give details of the consultation processes entered into with them?</li> <li>3. What reasons can you give for not acknowledging that the Southeast of South Australia is in the Murray Darling watershed and that the drainage system and the barrages built by South Australia has caused the environmental damage? Are there other options for fixing the problems caused by the barrages and farming practices other than expecting the other states to contribute vast amounts of water?</li> </ol>		
160	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Northern Basin	Can the Department/MDBA provide an update on the workings of the NSW Interagency Working Group on Environmental Water? How will that restore stakeholder confidence in the MDBA?	Written	



161	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan	What exactly is the problem with the Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan? a. Why hasn't it been changed?	Written	
162	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan	Has the MDBA or department been in contact with the NSW government about the issue of the Barwon-Darling water sharing Plan? a. If yes, what is the latest information about removing the ability of irrigators to legally take water for the environment	Written	
163	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Northern Basin Review	Part of the contention around the Northern Basin Review is the impact on the Lower Darling and South Australia of the proposed changes to sustainable diversion limits (SDLs). 1. What is the MDBA's current estimate of the impact of reducing the Northern Basin's water recovery target from 390 gegalitres (GL) to 320 GL on flows at Menindee and the South Australian border? 2. Can you explain why the estimates of these impacts changed several times in late 2016 and then seem to change again in late 2017? 3. Why did the final scenario change? Why was the favoured scenario in November 2016, after four years of science, revised down only weeks later and then down further still?	Written	
164	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	605GL projects	1. How is the MDBA making sure that participants and projects are audited and the water will deliver the results it is meant to? 2. How often will these audits take place?	Written	

				<p>3. What will happen if we discover that the projects aren't delivering for the environment as intended?</p> <p>4. Can these audit processes be strengthened?</p>		
165	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Hanson-Young	The Northern Basin Review	<p>1. The initial report of the <i>Northern Basin Review: understanding the economic, social and environmental outcomes from water recovery in the Northern Basin</i> suggested that the impact on flows into South Australia from the proposed 70 GL reduction in water recovery targets would be 20 GL. Was the embargoed report circulated to anybody outside the Murray-Darling Basin Authority?</p> <p>2. If so, could you please provide a copy of any written correspondence regarding the embargoed report to persons not employed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, as well as any covering letters?</p> <p>3. What date was the Scenario K model run taken to the Authority Board?</p> <p>4. When was Scenario K first made publicly available?</p> <p>5. What date was Scenario K first requested, and by whom?</p> <p>6. What date was Scenario K first run?</p>	Written	
166	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Patrick	Over Land Flow licences	<p>1. Has the Murray-Darling Basin Authority agreed that Over Land Flow (OLF) licences (or Floodplain Harvesting Licences) could count towards the water recovery targets in a valley?</p> <p>2. What date was this agreed by the Authority</p>	Written	

				<p>Board?</p> <p>3. Has the Murray-Darling Basin Authority quantified how much an OLF licence contributes to each river in the Northern Basin valleys?</p> <p>a. If so, has this been published and where?</p> <p>4. What is the modelled irrigation used for Low Bidgee Supplementary licences under the baseline model run?</p> <p>5. Are the Low Bidgee Supplementary licences purchased by the Commonwealth in the Nimmie Caira agreement counted towards the water recovery target in the baseline model run?</p>		
167	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Patrick	Letter from Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	<p>Referring to the unsigned letter from the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (Mr Papps) to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (Mr Glyde) that was tabled at Senate Estimates:</p> <p>a. Did Mr Glyde (or his staff) receive a copy of the unsigned letter?</p> <p>b. On what date was the unsigned letter first received?</p> <p>c. By what means was the unsigned letter received? (e.g. email, post, by hand etc.)</p> <p>d. What actions were taken in response to the unsigned letter? (e.g. correspondence was entered into, meetings were held, telephone conferences were held etc.)</p>	Written	
168	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Patrick	Barwon Darling	Was the report released by Minister Littleproud on 07 March 2018 relating to flows in the Barwon Darling the only such work that has been carried out in that region? If not,	Written	

				please provide details of other such work.		
169	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Patrick	List of unpublished documents	Please provide a list of all unpublished reports/studies/ generated by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority since January 2014. Please include works that did not make it to a final version.	Written	
170	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Northern Basin	<p>The Senate gave an Order for Production of Documents on the correspondence around these changes. (Motion No. 708 on 13/02/18). The MDBA did not provide any documents in response to this order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. So is it correct that after four years of science these numbers were changed repeatedly at the last minute, no internal or external correspondence, including any correspondence to the Authority Board?</li> <li>2. Did the Minister, or the Minister's Office, in any way instruct / direct / influence the MDBA to change their estimate of the flows into South Australia?</li> </ol>	Written	
171	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	Fruit fly	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Okay. How many have you run that relate to fruit fly?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I'm not certain of that. I would have to take it on notice.</p>	34 27/2/18	
172	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	Recommendations from simulation in Tasmania	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Can you explain to me, then, if there were recommendations coming out of that simulation in Tasmania, how you know what happens to those recommendations and whether they've been implemented by the Tasmanian government?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> My staff would follow that up in relation to the engagement in the project.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Are your staff here</p>	34 27/2/18	

				<p>so they can tell me?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Are my staff where?</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Is there anyone here that can answer my questions? Do you have any other Plant Health Australia staff here?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> We have staff in Canberra, but, unfortunately, at the moment they're scattered all over the place doing what they're supposed to be doing, so I'm sorry about that. We'll have to take it on notice.</p>		
173	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	Simulation from Tasmania	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Before I do that: Mr Fraser, you indicated that you haven't got the information in terms of the outcomes or recommendations coming out of the simulation from Tasmania. I think you said you'd take that on notice for me. Was that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Did you say you would take that on notice for me?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> I'd appreciate it if you could take that on notice, as well as any of the information, outcomes and recommendations, and also whether the recommendations had been implemented by the Tasmanian government. Could you just take all that on notice?</p>	36 27/2/18	
174	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	National fruit fly research, development and extension plan	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Within this plan, what was identified? Do you know what the highest priorities were that were identified?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> No. I'm sorry, I can't give you details around that.</p>	37 27/2/18	

				<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Can you take that on notice for me, please? Are you able to tell me which governments identified those priority areas? I don't know how it works for you.</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I'll try and find out the process they worked through.</p>		
175	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	Extension plan	<p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> Fruit fly was identified by the horticultural industries across Australia as being one of the highest-priority pests that were impacting most particularly on our ability to maintain and achieve export markets. The overall objective of the plan, which was an integrated, multifaceted plan, which Mr Fraser has obviously been intimately involved with, was to ensure that we had all the protocols necessary in place so that we were able to expand the opportunities for the export of our horticultural products. The fruit fly strategy was very much focused on ensuring that our international markets were satisfied that the Australian processes that were in place to deal with myriad different types of fruit fly were sufficient and would have the confidence to enable us to export our fruit and vegetables. That was the purpose of the strategy, but bear in mind that it becomes very, very complex underneath that because we have different types of fruit fly in different places. We have areas in Australia, like Tasmania and South Australia's Riverland, which are considered to have a pest-free status. There is also a series of protocols that needs to be undertaken or has to have been achieved to meet those pest-</p>	37 27/2/18	

				<p>free requirements in our international markets. This is a very, very detailed and highly integrated and complex project that is ongoing. It impacts on different states in different ways, as you point out. Tasmania has only recently been impacted by outbreaks. I'm more than happy to provide you with a copy of the National Fruit Fly Strategy and the implementation plan which will give you an idea.</p> <p>The strategy was about dealing with the implications of fruit fly. The states themselves, because of the differing statuses within the states, deal with fruit fly on the ground should an incursion occur. In states like Victoria, as you rightly point out, fruit fly exists fairly readily across the whole horticultural areas. Then you've got the added complication that Queensland fruit fly is an Australian endemic pest. It occurs naturally in Queensland. It's a very complex strategy, but we'd be more than happy to provide you with that strategy so that you can see for yourself.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> I appreciate that, and thank you for that information, Minister. I just want to go back to the extension plan. My understanding is that subthemes were identified. Is that correct, Mr Fraser?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> It could be surveillance and diagnostics. That could be right.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> But you're not able to tell me what they are?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I don't have the details in front of</p>		
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				<p>me—no.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> How soon can I get those details?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I'm not quite sure. I'll have to go back and see what the status is and then I can inform you and send it to you, if possible.</p>		
176	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	National Fruit Fly Research, Development and Extension Plan?	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> That's the chair's ruling, and I'm not going to argue with the chair. I don't think it's a good idea, but I'll just continue. Mr Fraser, can you just explain to me—and I'll go back again now—what involvement Plant Health Australia had with the National Fruit Fly Research, Development and Extension Plan?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> As part of the National Fruit Fly Strategy Implementation Committee—I think we're a member on that. That committee asked the CRC to pull together an overarching compilation of the R&amp;D that was actively being pursued at the time.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Did you have people involved in that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Probably.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Your own people?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I can't recall, but we probably did.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Mr Fraser, with those, if you don't have even a modicum of clarity, just take the question on notice, because it won't aid it.</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I'm not sure. I don't know.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Then just take the question on notice. Just tell the senator you'll take the question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Otherwise we'll ask you</p>	40 27/2/18	



				to go away and find out and come back later. <b>CHAIR:</b> Yes. <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> So you've taken that on notice, Mr Fraser? <b>Mr Fraser:</b> Yes.		
177	Plant Health Australia	Senator Brown	Industry members	<b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Are you able to provide a list of your industry members? <b>Mr Fraser:</b> Absolutely. <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> On notice, then? <b>Mr Fraser:</b> Yes, no problems at all.	41-42 27/2/18	
178	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Brown	List of grants	<b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Are we able to get a list of the grants that are administered by the department? <b>Mr I Thompson:</b> All current grants administered by the department? <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> That relate to Landcare. <b>Mr I Thompson:</b> They're all listed on the departmental website. We could give you that. The current round of grants hasn't been announced yet, so there haven't been any grants for Landcare for quite a few months. The current round is still being considered. <b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Thank you.	8 27/2/18	
179	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Discussion with the former minister regarding APVMA advisory board	<b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can you tell me what date these discussions took place? <b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> It was some written advice, and that followed some conversations that I'd had with him and his office. I can provide you with a date of that written advice, but I'd have to take it on notice.	80 27/2/18	
180	Sustainable Agriculture,	Senator Rice	Recovery Plan	<b>Senator RICE:</b> From your perspective again, what engagement have you had with the	100 27/2/18	

	Fisheries and Forestry Division			<p>environment department on the preparation of that recovery plan?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> As I said before, we've been invited to a couple of working group meetings and that—</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> When are they?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> Sorry, I don't have any briefing on that. Can I take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Yes. So there was just a couple. Have they been in recent times?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> They were last year as far as I remember. We'll include the dates in the question on notice.</p>		
181	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Steele-John	Landcare funding	<p>Why, when school kids have been one of the major target audiences of Landcare funding, are state schools ineligible to apply but independent/Catholic schools are eligible? The eligibility criteria has recently changed to exclude all government bodies, which has made state schools ineligible.</p>	Written	
182	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Streamlining the regulation of agricultural and veterinary chemicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown of how the \$17.1 million will be allocated and spent to improve farmers' and other users' access to agricultural and veterinary chemicals?</li> <li>2. On pg 27 of the annual report there is a statement that "Further information on progress on White Paper measures is provided"? Where is this information actually provided and what is this further information on the progress on White Paper measures?</li> <li>3. Does this information relate to streamlining the regulation of agricultural and veterinary</li> </ol>	Written	

				chemicals.		
183	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Patrick	CPTPP	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> What level of effort was involved in that—full-time FTE and the time frame behind that advice?</p> <p><b>Mr M Thompson:</b> I'll start to address that question, and my colleague Ms van Meurs might come in with further details. We work closely with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the negotiation of all free trade agreements, including the CPTPP, and we have a good working relationship with that department. That includes making data available—often from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences—on current trade flows to the countries that might be involved in the FTA, but also having officers directly involved in the negotiations. I'm talking in general terms now, but including the TPP and also having our agricultural counsellors in locations around the world who are co-located in Australian embassies and high commissions providing advice into those negotiations and back to us about the nature of those. I think your question was specifically about the number of FTE involved. We might have to take that on notice. That negotiation's been going for quite some time, as you appreciate.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> If you simply say that the CPTPP is essentially a continuation of the TPP—I'm not necessarily going to split hairs—and maybe an annual FTE number would be helpful. Maybe going back over a couple of</p>	106 27/2/18	

				years, if you could? <b>Mr M Thompson:</b> We'll make a stab at that.		
184	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Patrick	Pros and Cons - market	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Sure, and I'm not seeking to ask anything outside your area of expertise. Maybe you could provide that information. If you can think of anything that's a downside—</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think we've given you our best shot at an answer to that question.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> But, for example, there was a statement on beef quite specific as to the advantage—</p> <p><b>Ms van Meurs:</b> In the end, the industry understand that they are in a large, multilateral agreement and they've got some significant reductions in tariffs in various countries. Again, they know that they need to compete in that market, and they do very well, depending on the commodity you're talking about.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> The question was simply: you've made a point about beef; there is clearly cheese and other places; if you could lay those out, on notice, that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes. We can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> And, if possible, anything you can think of that is a downside—and I accept you might not find something.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> That would be appreciated.</p>	108 27/2/18	
185	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Kitching	Ministerial overseas travel	Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in	Written	

				relation to approval for overseas travel in calendar year 2017 please be provided?		
186	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	India tariffs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the government doing to effectively engage with Indian authorities to ensure Queensland producers are not adversely impacted by India's imposition of a 30% import tariff on chickpeas and lentils without notice?</li> <li>2. Further, given that India raised tariffs again, from 30% to 40%, following the visit to India by new Agriculture Minister David Littleproud in January, what assurances can be given that the Federal Government is making a difference for our Queensland chickpea producers?</li> </ol>	Written	
187	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Staff located around the world	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a list of the 16 countries around the world where the department has a presence and the number of staff in each of these countries.</li> <li>2. Provide a list of where the new agricultural counsellors are based, the cost of these new counsellors and will they continue to be funded?</li> </ol>	Written	
188	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Disruption to trade	Provide a list of where there was a disruption to trade during 2017-18 to date?	Written	
189	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Cattle & Red Meat Partnership	<p>60 million was committed to the Cattle &amp; Red Meat Partnership, how much of this has been utilised and over what years; and how much of the \$60 million is yet to be spent?</p> <p>What is the strategic plan for rest of the expenditure for the coming years?</p>	Written	
190	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Evaluation of outcomes	Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; or the Department of Agriculture and	Written	

				Water Resources conducted an evaluation of the outcomes achieved by the Partnership? a. Has this evaluation been made publicly available?		
191	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Next appointments to the Partnership	Can you outline the process for the next appointments to the Partnership for both Australian and Indonesian representatives and what their oversight role is for the \$60 million?	Written	
192	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Minister visiting Indonesia	Will Minister Littleproud be visiting Indonesia during 2018?	Written	
193	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Gallacher	Next appointments to the Partnership	Can you outline the process for the next appointments to the Partnership for both Australian and Indonesian representatives and what their oversight role is for the \$60million?	Written	
194	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Rhiannon	Californian legislators	The Australian Government planned to begin activities again try to influence Californian legislators to lift their ban on importation of kangaroo products. Please provide details as per question 1 in this regard, including which Ministers or department representatives have made contact with which Californian lawmakers, lobbyists or businesses in this regard.	Written	
195	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Rhiannon	Californian ban re kangaroo	1. The department has previously advised that Australian authorities would start lobbying to lift the Californian ban on imported kangaroo body parts after the US elections. Previously said would start working on CA ban after the US elections. a. Please detail meetings, events or correspondence where Australian representatives have carried out this work including who those people were	Written	

				<p>and with whom they have met and when.</p> <p>b. What funding has been provided to work on this, or to industry representatives, and for what specifically?</p>		
196	Water Division	Senator Gallacher	Departments awareness of sale	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just for transparency, when was the department aware that this potential sale was on the books, or was imminent? Has this been a process for six months or three months?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I think we'd have to take that on notice, so we don't inadvertently mislead the committee. We can get those dates for you. The other thing worth noting is that, of course, this project—not the sale, not the transaction that's been announced overnight but the Snowy 2.0 project—will be the subject of assessment under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, and we will have input into that process with our colleagues in the department of environment.</p>	5 2/3/18	
197	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Terms of reference	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> When do you think you will reach a final position on that, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> I would prefer to take that on notice. I'll certainly try and get you an answer to that before this hearing is concluded today.</p>	16 2/3/18	
198	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Police investigation	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Would you provide on notice the date that you first became aware of the police investigation that was going on.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I'm happy to take that on</p>	18 2/3/18	

				notice.		
199	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Order for Production 579	<p>I wish to modify my request to the Department in respect of documents called for at the Estimates Hearing to:</p> <p>Those documents provided to the Senate in response to Senate Order for Production 579 in an un-redacted form.</p> <p>It is my understanding that Assistant Minister might be inclined to provide the full documentation set with certain information that was originally redacted in an un-redacted form, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other historical sales prices (for areas where the sale was being considered) noting that these details should be publically available on state of federal sites anyway.</li> <li>• The independent valuations – prior to the completion of negotiations these would be commercially sensitive. Post negotiations, they have little meaning because the contracted purchase price becomes the only valuation that matter.</li> <li>• Licence details – it is not reasonable to delete licence details for licences that are now the property of the Commonwealth.</li> </ul> <p>It is my view ... having regard to the narrow terms of the 2003 Senate resolution on commercial in confidence claims and the complimentary advice to witnesses to Estimates that methodologies for valuations should also be released..</p>	Written	



				<p><b>ATTACHMENT B</b>  <b>Provision of commercial-in-confidence material to the Senate See also section 4.10 in the <i>Guidelines</i></b></p> <p>On 30 October 2003 the Senate agreed to the following motion on commercial-in-confidence material:</p> <p>That the Senate and Senate committees shall not entertain any claim to withhold information from the Senate or a committee on the grounds that it is commercial-in-confidence, unless the claim is made by a minister and is accompanied by a statement setting out the basis for the claim, including a statement of any commercial harm that may result from the disclosure of the information. Senate committees have not always pressed a request for material when officials have stated the grounds on which they consider material to be confidential-in-confidence. The Senate order set out above does not mean that officials should no longer indicate that they consider that material might appropriately be withheld. However, if the Committee presses its request, officials should refer it to the relevant minister. If the minister determines that a claim of public interest immunity should be made, the procedures set out at sections 4.4 to 4.11 should be followed.</p> <p>As a general guide, it would be inappropriate to disclose information that could disadvantage a contractor and advantage their competitors in future tender processes, for</p>		
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				<p>example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. details of commercial strategies or fee/price structures (where this would reveal information about the contractor's cost structure or whether the contractor was making a profit or loss on the supply of a particular good or service)</li> <li>b. details of intellectual property and other information which would be of significant commercial value</li> <li>c. special terms which are unique to a particular contract, the disclosure of which may, or could reasonably be expected to, prejudice the contractor's ability to negotiate contracts with other customers or adversely affect the future supply of information or services to the Commonwealth.</li> </ul> <p>The following information would normally be disclosed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. details of contracting processes including tender specifications, criteria for evaluating tenders, and criteria for measuring performance of the successful tenderer (but not information about the content or assessment of individual tenders)</li> <li>b. a description of total amounts payable under a contract (i.e., as a minimum the information that would be reported in the Commonwealth Gazette or, for consultants, the information that would</li> </ul>		
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				<p>be reported in an agency's annual report)</p> <p>c. an account of the performance measures to be applied</p> <p>d. factual information about outcomes.</p>		
200	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Purchase of water entitlements from Tandou Limited	<p>At the last Senate Estimates in October Mr Morris stated that 'from our perspective the Tandou purchase was an important part of delivering the basin plan', with a 'very broad range of benefits to us in terms of gap bridging water as well as helping to address issues around delivering the Menindee Lakes Project as part of the SDL adjustment mechanism'.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide an update on how the purchase has since contributed to/benefitted the delivery of the Basin Plan?</li> <li>2. Can the Department provide an update on the environmental health of the Tandou irrigation property?</li> <li>3. Does the Department investigate or monitor the health of surrounding regions?</li> <li>4. The Sydney Morning Herald reported on 21 February that the Kinchega National Park, which borders the Tandou property, has been subject to 'extended dry spells'. This puts at risk vegetation and species in the region, including 'golden perch and other fish', and 'black box and river red gums', citing Professor Kingsford, professor of environmental science at UNSW. Is the Department aware of any</li> </ol>	Written	

				concerns about the health of the region?		
201	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Menindee Lakes region	Has the Department consulted at all with NSW regarding plans to improve the health of the region, and the vegetation and species located there?	Written	
202	Water Division	Senator Sterle	450GL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are aware of concerns in Victoria that the 450GL will be difficult, but that is not a consensus. There are many farmers who have contacted Labor via Shadow Minister Burke and want the option of modernising. Can the Department/ MDBA confirm there are farmers in Victoria who want the 450GL guaranteed for their programs?</li> <li>2. Are there other farmers in the Basin who have contacted the government seeking on-farm infrastructure programs be initiated or indicating they would like an on-farm infrastructure project on their farm?</li> <li>3. Can the Department/MDBA provide an update on whether the COFFIE Pilot in South Australia on the 450GL is working?</li> </ol>	Written	
203	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the MDBA's/ department's response to the concerns raised by science groups regarding the 37 projects that will make up the 605GL of down water?</li> <li>2. What is the cost to water saved ratio for each of the projects? Can we have a list from least expensive to most expensive?</li> </ol>	Written	
204	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Constraints	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the most important constraints to remove in the system for water for the environment to be delivered?</li> <li>2. Is 80,000ML a day possible?</li> </ol>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. How much funding has been used to remove constraints (to date)?</li> <li>4. What progress has been made with these priorities?</li> <li>5. Can we get a timeframe for each priority (for when it will be finalised)?</li> <li>6. What about other issues / constraints related? Are there any blocks to removing constraints?</li> <li>7. How is the MDBA / Department managing third party impacts?</li> </ol>		
205	Water Division	Senator Hanson-Young	OPD 708	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I refer to the Senate General Business Notice of Motion 708 of 13 February 2018, ordering the production of documents relating to the Murray-Darling Basin. What correspondence was received by the Department of the Environment, Commonwealth Environment Water Office or the Murray-Darling Basin Authority from the Minister or the office of the Minister between 13 and 14 February regarding to the order for production of documents?</li> <li>2. Could you provide a copy of the entirety of what was prepared for the Order for Production of Documents by the Commonwealth Environment Water Office?</li> </ol>	Written	
206	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Eastern Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eastern Australia Agriculture has previously rendered various offers to sell water to the Commonwealth which were not accepted. When and what were those offers, and what was the Commonwealth's justification to reject those offers at the time?</li> <li>2. Eastern Australia Agriculture has</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>participated and sold water under the Healthy Headwaters Water Use Efficiency program. Was any of the water acquired through the Healthy Headwaters program sold back to the Commonwealth as part of this transaction?</p> <p>a. If so, how much?</p> <p>b. What was the price per megalitre paid for the water acquired through the Healthy Headwater program?</p> <p>3. Were the levees at Kia Ora decommissioned?</p> <p>a. Did the Department undertake any due diligence on the decommissioning of those banks?</p> <p>b. If so, what evidence was used to establish that the levees were decommissioned?</p> <p>c. What safeguards are in place to ensure that levees cannot be reinstated?</p>		
207	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Documents from Order of Production dated 16 November 2017	<p>In the documents released to the Senate through an order of production dated 16 November 2017, there is a document titled <i>'CEWO advice regarding a possible package of water recovery and storage access in the Narren River catchment'</i> dated 18 January 2017 (page 364). That document said <i>"Additionally, there are a number of questions identified below. Responses would provide important additional information to the CEWO that may be used in any refinement of this advice."</i> A large portion of that document was redacted.</p>	Written	

				a. What were the additional questions requested by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and what were the responses from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources?		
208	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Documents from Order of Production dated 16 November 2017	<p>In the documents released to the Senate through an order of production dated 16 November 2017 (page 426), there is a letter from Mary Colreavy, Assistant Secretary, Water Division, to Matthew Bickford-Smith at Eastern Australia Agriculture.</p> <p>1. The letter says: <i>"In subsequent discussions, you have also agreed to retire two water licences which you currently hold in relation to the impounding and dewatering on Lake Munya watercourse (41534Q and 59344Q) to DNRM.</i></p> <p>a. There is no other correspondence in relation to the retiring of these licences. Why not?</p> <p>b. Why wasn't the retirement of these licences included in the contract?</p> <p>2. The letter also says: <i>As indicated in your email and letter dated 5 April and 7 April respectively, the department understands that you agree to undertake decommissioning of storages relevant to the licences indicated above, in accordance with the decommissioning plan prepared by GL Irrigation, and to the satisfaction of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM), at your cost.</i></p> <p>a. The GL Irrigation decommissioning plan</p>	Written	

				<p>was not provided in the order for production to the Senate – why not?</p> <p>b. Is there an agreement around this plan?</p> <p>c. Where is the correspondence between the Department of Agriculture and Water resources and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines on this plan?</p>		
209	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Warrego Valley	<p>1. Did the commonwealth purchase water in the Warrego Valley in March 2017? In 2008, then Senator Barnaby Joyce criticised the Labor government's purchase of water in the Warrego Valley stating on Hansard: "that is going to have no effect whatsoever in solving the problems of the lower Murray-Darling, and especially the southern states."</p> <p>2. Does the Department/MDBA agree with Mr Joyce's 2008 claim that water purchases in the Warrego have no effect whatsoever on the lower Murray Darling and South Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If so, why did we purchase water in the Warrego last year?</li> </ul> <p>3. Can you confirm what price the Commonwealth paid for the Warrego water purchase and for what quantity of water?</p> <p>4. So this is a price of \$1,600 per megalitre. How does that compare to the price the Labor Government paid in 2009?</p> <p>5. So this 2017 purchase was approved by Deputy Prime Minister and Water</p>	Written	



				<p>Minister, Barnaby Joyce?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Has there been any explanation of why Mr Joyce changed his mind on this purchasing on water from the Warrego?</li> <li>7. Have water prices changed that much in the intervening years in the northern Basin, or the Warrego?</li> <li>8. Can you please why the MDBA or DAWR recommended the purchase price of \approximately \$1600 per megalitre?</li> <li>9. There have been questions around conflict of interest. What measures were put in place to ensure there was no conflict of interest?</li> <li>10. Did the Murray Darling Basin Authority assess the need to buyback water in the Warrego Valley? Hadn't the Warrego Valley already achieved a sustainable level of extraction?</li> <li>11. Documents obtained through the Senate suggest that the 2017 Warrego purchase was made to facilitate swapping water recovery in the Border Rivers region for this water recovery in the Warrego. Is that correct?</li> <li>12. Would such an arrangement require an amendment to the Basin Plan? Was this what was proposed in the Northern Basin Review amendment which was recently disallowed?</li> <li>13. Why was the Warrego water purchased when the legislative mechanism to offset the Warrego purchase against Border</li> </ol>		
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				Rivers target was not even in place?		
210	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Water purchase in the Condamine-Balonne	<p>1. In July 2017, the DAWR purchased 28.74 gigitalitres of water for \$78,891,300 from Eastern Australia Agriculture Pty Ltd from the properties Kia Ora and Clyde, in the Condamine-Balonne valley in Queensland. Is that correct?</p> <p>a. What is the average price paid for water licences in that section of the Condamine-Balonne Valley?</p> <p>b. What is the justification for paying \$78,891,300 for 28.74GL?</p> <p>2. Did this purchase included any negotiations around levee banks?</p> <p>3. Specifically, was the decommissioning of levee banks included as a condition of sale or included as a caveat in the sale contract?</p> <p>Advice to the Minister from the Water Acquisition and Markets/Water Division of the Department on 2 May 2017 said “The department has also explored the possibility of incorporating decommissioning works to address flooding in St George as part of the transaction.....The Commonwealth Environmental Water Office has advised that on the information provided they consider the proposed works would enhance floodplain and river connectivity.”</p> <p>The Limited Tender Evaluation for that purchase states, “The company has also agreed to decommission levees on its Kia Ora property at no cost.”</p>	Written	

				<p>4. Have the levee banks been decommissioned?</p> <p>5. What due diligence has the DAWR undertaken to ascertain whether the levee banks have been decommissioned?</p> <p>6. Does the department consider this transaction to be value for money if levee banks are not decommissioned?</p> <p>a. If so, please list reasons.</p>		
211	Water Division	Senator Patrick	Water held by Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	How much water does the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office hold that has derived from water efficiency programs, by valley?	Written	
212	Wine Australia	Senator Patrick	Submissions regarding CPTPP	<p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Did you provide an advice to government on the TPP arrangements?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> We were in dialogue with them through the negotiations.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Did you provide a written advice to government on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> It's been going for many years, but we have provided submissions in the past, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Could you look to providing the committee with a submission, in particular, relating to the CPTPP, because that's what's on the table now?</p> <p><b>Mr Clark:</b> Of course.</p>	18 27/2/18	