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1.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	McAllister & Wong	INSLM Budget	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You indicated that the budget is established in terms of positions. I think you said that it is full-time positions, which includes Dr Renwick's position. Is it expressed as a dollar figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> It is, yes—I do not have the exact figure with me, but I could provide that.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What we also want to understand is both the historic proportion of the PM&amp;C appropriation that is allocated to the office, and also over the forwards.</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> Certainly; I can get you—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How long will that take?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> I can get you, quite quickly, the current budget and next year's budget. It is about the \$800,000 mark. In terms of the history, I might need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay; \$800,000 for four staff?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> We will probably need to understand how you get to that.</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> I can break that down as well for you.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 57
2.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	McAllister	INSLM Budget	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Bryant, you commenced by saying that the budget was based on four full-time staff. In fact, it is calculated in relation to six full-time staff, but Dr Renwick has elected to fill only four of those positions and use the use the balance for the Australian Government Solicitor. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> I would have to check, but my understanding is that it is for four full-time staff and Dr Renwick's costs are on top of that. The budget for the financial year of 2016-17 was \$841,000.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> \$841,000?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> It was \$841,000. I will check this very quickly for you—I am hoping my team is checking it now for me—that that is the same for the 2017-18 financial year as well. But I will check, as well, the number of staff.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it possible to also see that broken down over the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Ms Bryant:</b> Yes, definitely. We can break it down by employees and suppliers. But I will say that, if there is any period of time that Dr Renwick feels that he needs more</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 58

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				resources, there is an ability within the internal budget process that we do within PM&C to review that based on Dr Renwick's needs. He would come into those midyear and at other points in time where we can review budget allocations within the department.	
3.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	McAllister	Ministerial Meetings	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it your intention to establish any regular ministerial meetings, or do you anticipate simply setting them up as required?</p> <p><b>Dr Renwick:</b> I am not sure, to be honest. Let me give some thought to that.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 59
4.				Question no longer applicable	
5.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Admiralty House - Construction Contract	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you tell me about the current value of the contract. What is the contracting structure? Is there a principal contractor? How are you managing that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> There is a construction contract. It is essentially for the building works, and that is \$2.795 million.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Who is that with?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Gartner Rose has been engaged to undertake those services.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So the \$3.5 million over three years includes the \$2.79 million.</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> It does.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And the additional?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> It is essentially for all the other sorts of consultants and contract services: architects, consultancies for kitchen design, heritage, archaeological works and project management.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you give us that breakdown on notice: who it is and the value of the contract—just to save time?...</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 64
6.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	National Women's Alliances	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Would we be able to get detail of that? It is no good to have a plan that you have costed around one amount of money, yet to make it effective you have needed augmentation that comes out of other budgetary processes.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> In terms of running it ongoing?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>McIntyre:</b> Our plan at the moment would be to fund that out of the department and not out of the alliances.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, pages 67 & 68

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				<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is this information shared across all the alliances, so there is no sense that one alliance is being favoured over another or something like that?</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> It is in its very early business case development. If it comes to fruition they would have quarantined areas that individual alliances could use for their own purposes, but we would also have shared space where we could collaborate between government and the alliances, and the alliances could collaborate with each other.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we get detail of that as it becomes clearer</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> Absolutely</p>	
7.				Question no longer applicable.	
8.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Gender Pay Gap	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I would think there would be key points beyond that at future G20s, where there would be the expectation that people would report on what had been achieved and they would share that knowledge. The model was that each country would have their own commitment and the overall idea was that all the commitments would be gathered into the G20 commitment. That is right, isn't it? Australia would put forward its own work but it would be expected to share that to help—</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> Correct. My understanding is, and correct me if I am wrong, that it is at the employment ministers' meeting that that feedback occurs.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I am really keen to know exactly what 25 per cent by 2025 means— 25 per cent of what, 25 per cent based on what? Is that going to be clearly identified in the strategy?</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> Yes. It has been clearly identified in the past. It is closing the gap by 25 per cent, so Australia's gap was 12 per cent. It means—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Based on figures for when?</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> Based on 2014 participation rates of men and women in the workforce. I would have to seek advice from my Employment colleagues, but that workforce is, I think, defined as 15 to 54. Again, they are global numbers. For us, that was closing that gap by three per cent.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 71
9.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Waters	1800-RESPECT	<b>Senator WATERS:</b> Thank you. Just regarding that tender process: there seems to be a lack of clarity—I am hoping you can disabuse me or perhaps or set the record straight. Who has asked for the review of the tender—is it the minister, the department or MHS?	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 73

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	Cabinet			<p>Does anybody know?</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> Review of the tender?</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes. The fact that they are even undertaking this exercise at all.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> So the current funding was coming to an end, and this is a normal government process to put new funding in place.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> The funding does not end for another two years, so I do not understand.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> Is that the funding for Medibank Health Services?</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> It is the contract that MHS then basically subcontracts down—and they do that at the moment to RDVSA, if I am getting that acronym correct. I understand that MHS is currently reviewing that subcontract.</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> It is not a government tender—</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> It is not the head contract, which is still on foot for another two years, so I am wondering why MHS are doing that and at whose behest.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> I can take it on notice but my notes say that the subcontract does expire on 30 June 2017. That is my understanding, but I can check that.</p>	
10.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Waters	1800-RESPECT	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Yes, but the solution is to give them some more funding so they can do the job. You do not need to contract it out to a private provider.</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> And—I have not got it with me and I am trying to get it for you now—we have provided additional funding, in particular in relation to the second action plan under the national plan. Specific additional funding was provided for 1800RESPECT.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> To MHS, though, or to—</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> We are trying to get that for you now.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> The extra funding was provided to whom?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> 1800RESPECT.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Who then gave it to MHS?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> I will need to find that out. That is what I am trying to get for you now.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 75
11.				Question no longer applicable.	
12.	Department of the Prime	McKenzie	2017-18 Budget	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Continuing on how the budget delivers for women, I just wondered if you could let us know what the government is doing to strengthen the	FPA Monday 22 May

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	Minister and Cabinet			<p>family law system.</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield-Dodds:</b> The government is investing in establishing parenting management hearings. That is one of the measures, which is designed to be a non-adversarial forum. It is a new forum to resolve less complex family law disputes between self-represented parties. It is trying to take people out of the high-impact system as much as possible. That is a \$12.7 million investment in the budget. The budget also provides nearly \$11 million to the Federal Circuit Court, the Family Court of Australia and the Family Court of Western Australia to employ additional family consultants. That is around assisting with the early management of cases where there are allegations of family violence or child abuse. That is designed to be a preventive measure. In the budget, the other key measure here is the commissioning of the Australian Law Reform Commission to undertake a comprehensive review of family law system—the idea, of course, being that subsequent budgets may pick up some of those recommendations that arise out of that review.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Did the report Senator Waters was quoting from go to the NDIS, to having a system like that fully funded and to the impact that that would have on any single mothers, who are typically the people left caring for children with a disability? If you could, take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	2017, page 79
13.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Timer Use Survey	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So the bureau of stats has actually indicated that is something they would like to do? I have asked them about that but they did come to the Office of Women to see if there was any support for that.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> We have got a working group around a number of women issues, and certainly data from the time use survey of 2006 is still being used. A time use survey is a very useful evidence base.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Minister, has there been any formal discussion with you about the need to have such a survey?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> There have not been formal discussions as such. But in relation to the survey itself, my understanding is they are looking at ways to facilitate a better use of technology to capture the data.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 80

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				<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Which is caught up in the whole decision.</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> Obviously we do not have the budget unfortunately to provide the money that they require.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> On notice, can the committee get some indication about what data sets are available and what are being used, particularly under this heading of 'women issues'—the various things around what you have to report, particularly the G20 commitment and also the SDGs.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> And CEDAW as well.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> If we could get a clear indication of what data sets exist and then what gaps there are. We will have a look at that as well.</p> <p><b>Ms McIntyre:</b> We can do that. Chair, Senator Moore did ask about the FTE of the workforce participation team. The current FTE is 3.75.</p>	
14.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	Flex-time arrangements at the Australian Tax Office	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Are you able to confirm for me how many hours have been accrued in the flex time arrangements at the Australian tax office?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> It is not a figure that I could provide. It would be a figure the ATO would need to supply.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Is it a figure you have?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Just explain to me why you would not have that figure.</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> The ATO would keep its own records of how much flex time had been accrued by employees. It is not a figure that the APSC has. We would need to ask the ATO to provide us with that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> And you cannot do that?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I cannot do it at present, no.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> But you could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> We could ask them—sorry, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> That is a question that the ATO should be asked. It is not—</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> 'Should' is not the same as 'must'.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We would, normally, not answer agency-specific questions; we might be able to go one layer deep but we do not know what lies beyond that.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 92

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				<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> I will come to a deal. You can take it on notice and if it is not something you can provide me with on notice I will accept that; but you can just provide that in the response. Would you be able to quantify the cost of that to the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Spaccavento:</b> I have some figures here that might go part of the way, and I might be able to do some calculations on the fly if that might be of some interest.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> And if there is an error you can correct the record, of course.</p>	
15.	Australian Public Service Commission	Roberts	Remuneration	<p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> Would it be possible, on notice, to get the salaries of all people in the commission who are paid more than \$250,000 a year and all the entitlements?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> In our last annual report, we certainly published the bands and identified staff at various bands, and that would have, I think, identified \$250,000 in there. So that could be gleaned from the annual report. And we will put in our next annual report, on our website, the salary bands, and that information will be publicly available.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 94
16.	Australian Public Service Commission	Roberts	Staffing profile	<p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What is the current number of EL1 and EL2 public servants and the number of SES-level public servants in the Australian Public Service? How many were there five years ago, 10 years ago and 20 years ago?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We will take that on notice. We do not have that detail with us.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What percentage of total Public Service employees do each of the EL1-, EL2- and SES-level employees represent now and at each of the previous intervals I just mentioned: five, 10 and 20 years ago?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> What is the average annual wage of SES-level and EL-level public servants?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Again, we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERTS:</b> By what percentage have SES bands 2 and 3 wages grown in the last 10 years?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 95
17.	Australian Public Service Commission	Moore	Gender Equality Strategy	<p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> We have been talking to agencies about how they can do their own evaluations, which is important, because they have their own gender equality strategies. We have also been planning how we will do an APS-wide evaluation, which is important. There will be two elements. We will be looking at the quantitative side of</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, pages 98 and 99

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				<p>things, which is Ms Bull's group; the data that comes from both the census and APSED will inform that. So we will take an APS-wide view of what is happening in terms of the numbers of women in the workforce not only across the APS but also in particular agencies.</p> <p>But we will also be looking at the census results to look at the experience of men and women in the workplace in their access to flexible working arrangements, at data about employee engagement and whether there has been any shift. What we are looking at is the impact of the strategies that have been implemented. In addition to that, the departments have undertaken the diagnostic tool that the Workplace Gender Equality Agency provides on its website. We have actually run some workshops on that to try and help agencies to know how to use that diagnostic tool.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Has that been completed by all agencies now?</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> Departments have all done them. Agencies are at various stages of doing that. That was to try and set a baseline of where we can start to see some progress to measure during the course of the strategy. We will certainly be able to do an evaluation of the progress of departments from their baseline at the midpoint and at the end. And agencies will be relying more on them to provide information to us. We have a number of different ways we get that sort of information from agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> On notice, could you tell me the number of different ways. Can I get the number of different ways that you get that information as well. So at the end of this calendar year, we should have the halfway review pulling that all together?</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> Yes.</p>	
18.	Australian Public Service Commission	Moore	Balancing the Future Strategy	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Step d of the Balancing the Future strategy states: The APSC will review and develop training on the differential impact of gender in mainstream policy development. Has that occurred?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I do not have that information off the top of my head. I will see if anybody has it here.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You can take it on notice. Is the Office for Women involved with the work?</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 99

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				<p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes, we work very closely with the Office for Women.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is that under the workplace task force that we heard about earlier? Is that the 3.76 ASL workforce task force which is under the G20? Is that the bit of the Office for Women that work with you on this or is it another bit of the Office for Women?</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> I could not say which allocation we talk to.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Does the G20 task force have a particular role, seeing that this is all within that aspect?</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Take that on notice if you can work that out. We are getting some of the data on notice by the end of the year. Can I get on notice some detail on what you are doing and how you are going with the evaluation strategy?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We are just developing that at the moment so it might not be a completely full answer.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> What you can provide will be good. Through the whole document, does it refer to the SDGs within the framework of the SDG model?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Within individual agencies, I am sure that is happening. It has not been a focus of a discussion that I have been involved in yet but there are a lot of things happening that we are not centrally managing.</p>	
19.	Australian Public Service Commission	Wong	ATO – Chief Operating Officer	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But you do not know the title they use in the ATO. So you will take that on notice, the position of your counterpart, yes? Can you find that out?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> It is, essentially, the chief operating officer.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The COO equivalent, and you have some conversation prior to the weekend—after the story has broken?—</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 101
20.	Australian National Audit Office	Xenophon	Replacement Antarctic Vessel audit	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ... I find those findings very disturbing, and I think that there is a potential cost for that icebreaker contract of some, I think, \$1.912 billion over the next 34 years. It is also quite critical in terms of RFP contract principles and the difference between RFP and RFT. In relation to that contract, has your office looked at whether the contract has a termination clause, because of the significant variations between the RFP</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, pages 126

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				<p>and the RFT contracts; and has your office considered whether there is a breakpoint calculation that allows the Commonwealth to terminate the contract and take a different direction that represents a much cheaper option for the taxpayer and, with it, potentially, a much greater degree of local content?</p> <p><b>Dr Ioannou:</b> I do not think I have the answer to the specifics at my fingertips. We will probably have to take the more specific question on notice.</p>	
21.	Australian National Audit Office	Xenophon	Future Submarine Project	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> When you do an audit, you look to the confidentiality provisions and make an assessment as to whether the confidentiality claims are in order—I think that is the case. I will not go into details of Senate standing order 9, but an order for production was made with respect to the submarine design and mobilisation contract. In response, the minister tabled a heavily redacted contract. Can you please, on notice, check the tabled document to see if the redactions made by the minister are wholly and exclusively consistent with the agreed confidentiality clauses and provide your determination to the committee, or has that already been done?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> I am going to take that on notice, if you do not mind, because we will be planning another confidentiality audit. We have one left in the current standing. We have not done it in relation to that contract, but it may be something that we do.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Obviously, your work program is your work program but, given this is \$50 billion, that the minister has made a number of assertions and this is something that I jointly co-sponsored with Senator Carr, the opposition shadow industry minister, it concerns me that it was heavily redacted. I wonder whether you had a role in determining whether those redactions were in accordance with the Senate procedural order for entity contracts. Could you take that on notice, please.</p> <p><b>Dr Ioannou:</b> Yes</p> <p>Written Clarification from Senator Xenophon:</p> <p>‘Examine the confidentiality provisions of this contract and advise whether the confidentiality is in order’</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 126

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				‘Examine the tabled contract and advise whether the redactions are in accordance with the agreed confidentiality clauses in the contract.’	
22.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Kakoschke-Moore	Defence Abuse Response Taskforce	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> One of the issues with the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce was the two cut-offs being applied to victims—the first in relation to when abuse occurred and the second in relation to the deadline by which it had to be reported. I would strongly caution against any deadlines being applied, but that is something for you to consider. In terms of the framework, that will consider eligibility requirements and the amount of reparation that can be paid?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Are you able to give any indication, at this stage, as to what the maximum payments amounts would be under the scheme?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> We only have an estimate from the budget measures, which is \$19.5 million over four years from 2017-18. Beyond that, no.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Do you know how that amount was arrived at?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Have you sought that information?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Will you?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> In your framing of the eligibility criteria, will you be doing any modelling about how many people you expect to come forward to make claims under the scheme?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Will the results of that modelling be publicly available?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> Could I take that on notice, perhaps? It is very early days. I think it would be unfair to speculate.</p> <p><b>Mr Manthorpe:</b> And we are working with the other relevant agencies, so we do not want to commit to either an outcome or provision of information that is subject to discussions with them. But we will bear in mind your request.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 134

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23.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Kakoschke -Moore	Defence Abuse Response Taskforce	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> When is your next scheduled meeting with the Department of Defence? Is that your main point of contact within the government?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> The Department of Defence and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are important government stakeholders in this.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> When is your next meeting with them?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> There are a range of meetings. It is an ongoing series of discussions.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> But none have been scheduled?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> Not that I know of, but it is an ongoing series of discussions.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> How many meetings have you had so far, since the announcement was made?</p> <p><b>Mr R Walsh:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Manthorpe:</b> I can say to you that, even in the two weeks that I have been in my role, there has been a series of discussions. I am not sure about how many meetings, but there is quite urgent work and quite a high priority being given to working through the details of all of this.</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, page 135
24.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	McAllister	National Disability Insurance Scheme funding	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right, so Defence, VET and NDIS. I know you have received additional funding for the NDIS function. Is that an ongoing increase to your funding?</p> <p><b>Mr Manthorpe:</b> Yes, there is an increase over the forward estimates for that. It is \$1.247 million in 2017-18 and a similar amount in the out years, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Sorry, \$1.217—</p> <p><b>Mr Manthorpe:</b> The \$1,247,000 is the NDIS quality and safeguards commission establishment element that is being provided to the Ombudsman's office in 2017-18, and there is a similar amount into the out years, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is the amount the same, or does it decrease in the out years? I guess I am asking: is there a one-off and a larger amount provided for establishment but then it drops back?</p> <p><b>Mr Manthorpe:</b> Given the time, and rather than fossick through papers, we might just take that on notice, if that is alright?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> If you would. You may be able to tell me this now, but on page 236, table 2.1.1, it lists the total expenses for program 1.1. In the current financial</p>	FPA Monday 22 May 2017, pages 136 & 137

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				year, they are projected to be \$35 million, they jump to \$40 million and drop back to \$26 million in the out years. I wonder if you can explain that kind of volatility in the funding in that line item.	
25.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Organisation Chart	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Do you have an organisation chart for the DTA?  <b>Mr Slater:</b> Yes, we do.  <b>Ms O'Loughlin:</b> Yes.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Could you table that here?  <b>Mr Slater:</b> I do not have it with me, but—  <b>Ms O'Loughlin:</b> We can arrange that for you. It is obviously on our website, but we can get a copy for you.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So the organisation chart that is on the website reflects the current arrangements after the MOG?  <b>Ms O'Loughlin:</b> I believe that is correct. I would need to double check. As Radi said, we are at a point at the moment of accommodating in the organisation some of the new responsibilities coming out of the budget as well, but we will make sure that you get the most up-to-date version.  ...  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Nonetheless, it would be good to get a status update about how people are presently organised. Would it be possible to get a personnel breakdown of the personnel involved in each of those branches and a description of the function of each of those branches within the structure, on notice?  <b>Mr Slater:</b> It can be provided.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 6
26.	Digital Transformation Agency	Wong	ICT Projects	<p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> There are 56 projects over \$10 million and 294 critical business systems. When we asked the agencies for their projects over \$10 million we also said other investments that they would have that they would not categorise as a project—an ongoing activity, a business-as-usual system or a system under \$10 million that they would count as critical to the operation of government and the delivery of the services of their agency. So we had that split. In terms of the dollar value of those, we are still working through the analysis but they are the raw numbers.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you have at least the aggregate figure for the 56 that you have</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 8

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				<p>given me?  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> I do not have it at hand.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you get that please?  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> Absolutely.</p>	
27.	Digital Transformation Agency	Wong	Centrelink ICT Project	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to tell me how many responded to the RFI?  <b>Mr Del Rio:</b> That question would be best directed to the Department of Health.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you aware?  <b>Ms O'Loughlin:</b> I do not have it in my pack. We could probably get information from Health and provide it to you during the day. I would say that Health were very pleased with the response that came from the market. Traditionally a lot of these projects have been done in a waterfall fashion—big project, 10-year time frame, benefits do not come in until year three or four. What they are attempting to do with this process is to have more agile delivery, which is what the DTA proposes as well and is a key objective of how we are working with departments—more agile delivery, more engagement of small and medium-sized players and earlier benefit delivery. That is guiding that project.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 14 & 15
28.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Contractual Provisions - Recruitment	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Does the contractual arrangement go to compliance with existing laws?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will look—  <b>Senator WONG:</b> 'Don't skim off the tax office's component.'  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will certainly consider the arrangement that we have with Hays and any other contractors that we find, and see whether this issue is adequately covered.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay, but why don't you, on notice perhaps, explain to me what you say are the current contractual provisions which might go to these issues?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes, we can do that.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 24
29.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Messaging Apps - Protocol	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you have protocols for whether or not you and Dr Kennedy can communicate on one of those platforms?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Our staff use a variety of communications, including instant messaging, text messaging, email and other messaging apps.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> So they might use WeChat, WhatsApp or Wickr?</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 30

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				<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> They may well. I will determine whether or not there is anything more specific in terms of guidance. I am not aware of that, but we will find that out.</p>	
30.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Invitations to the Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> The question was: what process is followed to determine which events the Prime Minister will agree to attend and those which he will decline?  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> You are asking me about a process that would exist within the Prime Minister's Office, and I do not personally know what that process is.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> But you are here representing the Prime Minister. What criteria are considered—  <b>Senator WONG:</b> You can take it on notice.  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> Do you want me to take it on notice?  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I would like you to take it on notice. Thank you. What criteria are considered when determining whether an event is worthy of the Prime Minister's attendance?</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 37
31.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Invitations to the Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I am asking whether there are criteria that the Prime Minister or his office takes into account, when he is deciding or they are deciding when he will attend an event or when he will not attend.  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> The nature of it is, as I heard the question, the availability of the Prime Minister.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What happens if the Prime Minister cannot attend? Does he, straight out, decline to attend? Are there other options, other processes put in place?  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> It will all depend on the circumstances.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> But he could send a representative to attend.  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> In an appropriate case, he could and does.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Or perhaps send a message, for example.  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> In other cases he may do that as well.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What percentage of invitations does the Prime Minister accept?  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could you take that on notice? There must be a log of invitations.  <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know. You are speculating as to what the procedures are.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could you check with the Prime Minister's office as to whether</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 38

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				<p>there is a log of invitations which are kept in his office. I imagine any well-run office would—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> You want me to inquire of the Prime Minister's office whether a log of invitations is kept? I will do so.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I am trying to assist you, Senator Brandis. From there, what is the percentage of invitations that he accepts? And therefore, also, what percentage of invitations does the Prime Minister decline and what percentage does the Prime Minister send a representative to? Also, what percentage does the Prime Minister provide a message for? I would also like to know how often Mrs Turnbull attends functions with the Prime Minister. What are the standard staffing arrangements for events attended by Mr Turnbull? I would like a breakdown in terms of departmental staff and personal staff.</p>	
32.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Official Functions – Accompaniment	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I am not making that assumption, Ms Kelly. How regularly is he accompanied by other ministers or by coalition senators or members?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I am not aware of that, but we can take that on notice. We will not be able to come back today on that. That is something we will have to take up with the Prime Minister's office.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 38 & 39
33.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Official Functions - Guests	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I might come back to that a bit later. Besides the obvious security considerations, what other issues are considered before a guest is permitted to join the Prime Minister at a function?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will need to take that on notice. As I said, Ms Ganly's evidence is that our only involvement is in relation to events hosted by CERHOS.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> If you could take that on notice. Are there any written guidelines in place?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> In relation to vetting of individuals?</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I could not speak for the AFP, so again we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> If you could provide a copy to the committee. Are there any checks in place to ensure that nobody who could politically embarrass the Prime Minister is going to try to attend an event with him?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not think we can add anything to our previous answers, but we are happy</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 39

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				<p>to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thank you. Who is responsible for vetting guests who attend functions with the Prime Minister? Is that the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We have some involvement if they are hosted by CERHOS. But other than that we do not have involved in that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> If I could just clarify: you are not answering the question about whether it is the Prime Minister's office, but simply observing that it is not PM&amp;C that has responsibility for this question?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you able to advise whether it is the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We can certainly take that on notice.</p>	
34.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	2017-18 Budget Night	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could I ask Senator Brandis, representing the Prime Minister: could you please advise whether the Prime Minister or his office had any knowledge of or involvement in inviting Mr Jedlica to a budget night event?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take that on notice. I do not know the answer. Because we have already heard that the invitations were issued by the Treasurers' office, then I imagine the answer is no, but just to avoid any possible confusion, I will take the question on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can we go back? I can read it back in the <i>Hansard</i>. I basically want to know, whatever function it was—and we know he was there, because it has been reported; I do not think there is any issue with that—which function did he attend, at whose invitation, and what was the Prime Minister's or his office's knowledge of his attendance?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice, but we do not know anything about this, I am sorry to say.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 49
35.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Kitching	Official Functions - Guests	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Yes, and I am going to ask Senator Brandis if he could ensure, or whether there is a way of guaranteeing, that a similar incident—I am referring to the incident for Mr Howard, where vetting was not in place and a person convicted of a</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 50

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	Cabinet			<p>range of violent crimes was permitted to attend a function with the Prime Minister and other members of parliament. Is there any thought of turning your mind to guaranteeing that a similar incident could not occur in the future?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I am not quite sure what all that means. But if you are saying what has been learned from this alleged incident with Prime Minister Howard—who I might parenthetically say has not been Prime Minister for a decade—in all the years since, we could take that on notice.</p>	
36.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	2017-18 Budget Night	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> None of the premises in this question are accepted because nobody knows who Mr Jedlica is. He did not attend the function that you have described, as we have told you—</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Do you think you should have known more about him?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> therefore your entire question is constructed on a series of false assumptions.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> No, it is not. Do you not think the point is that you should have known more about this guest before he was photographed with the Prime Minister in a selfie? I was hoping that the department or the Prime Minister's office may have considered these types of allegations about Mr Jedlica's past as part of its own vetting processes. I was hoping you would be able to confirm those processes, but I see it is not the case.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> So these are processes to identify whether somebody nobody has ever heard of was at a function that he did not attend.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> But was invited to a function with the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Okay, I will try and work something out.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I would like to know—again—who signed him in. I will leave it at that.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 51
37.				Question no longer applicable	
38.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I have a couple of follow-up questions on the Sustainable Development Goals. I know Ms Hatfield Dodds has been hanging out for these questions. We spoke at the last estimates about the issue around the working groups and the secretary's group that are working together. Your department, through yourself, takes</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 54

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				<p>leaderships on the domestic elements of SDG and DFAT takes ownership of the international ones. I followed up and found out that there have been two meetings of the senior officers' group. Can you give me an indication of how many meetings the working groups, that are feeding off that central group, have had?</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I know that the working group that reports to the deputy secretary's group has met at least twice. I think it might have met more times.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I can take it on notice.</p>	
39.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It seems there needs to be a new approach, because there still seems to be some view that it is a DFAT issue. Whereas I feel quite certain that when I ask similar questions to DFAT next week they will be clear that their responsibility is the foreign affairs element. At this stage—</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> DFAT are taking the lead responsibility in terms of the global reporting responsibilities simply because it is an international instrument. But you are right, I think, it will be fair to say that DFAT and PM&amp;C are leading the process, and coordinating and driving the process. But it is bringing together, I think, 17 departments from across the public service to do the work in a coordinated way.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can I get another update of that, because the question on notice gave me 15 departments.</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I have 17. I would be happy to table that list if that is helpful?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I will just put it on notice, because the 2030 agenda is an ongoing process, is it not? So we have some time.</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> It is a 15-year agenda, and Australia will report two or three times in the reporting period.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 55
40.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> My understanding is that there is a particular focus on business and that there has been movement around business engagement with the SDGs. That was in the September forum last year. I think there has only been a couple of major fora. On notice, how many meetings or gatherings have there been that have looked at the SDGs—not the internal meetings but the public meetings? I am aware of two that were held in 2016 which had a focus on business.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 56

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				<p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> Are you referring to the forums that were pulled together and run by nongovernment—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes, but my understanding is government attended.</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> Yes, government did attend.</p>	
41.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Lodgement of Additional Estimates Questions on Notice	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. I would like to understand why it is that these questions remained in the Prime Minister's office awaiting filing for the period of time.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I am sure it was because very careful consideration was being given to them.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you please take it on notice and get a better explanation than your opinion.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, I am sure that is the reason, but if you want me to take it on notice—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I do wish you to take it on notice. Why has the Prime Minister's—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> But the answer is that there was consideration—no doubt careful consideration—being given to them by the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Why does the Prime Minister not want to disclose this in the time frame the Senate has required?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, that is not true.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, if that is not true, I would like you to take it on notice, please.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have already said I will.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 57 & 58
42.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Meetings - Catering	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Surely you must budget for some allocation? You must have some budget for what it costs to run the cabinet meetings.</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I can find out for you if we set aside a specific budget. It is a minimal amount of around \$14,000 per year.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to know what is budgeted for any year by Cabinet Division for provision of catering to the cabinet and how much has been spent in each financial year since September 2015. Can we do that?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> Yes, we can.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 59
43.	Department of the Prime	Wong	The Former Member for	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take those questions on notice, but I can provide you with some assistance. I am advised that Mr Whiteley has a position under the MOP(S) Act in the</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page

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	Minister and Cabinet		Braddon, Mr Brett Whiteley	<p>office of Assistant Minister Taylor.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. So he is not in the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> He is in Mr Taylor's office.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has he ever been employed by the Prime Minister in the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Not that I am aware of. No, I am told he has not.</p> <p><b>Senator POLLEY:</b> [inaudible]</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator POLLEY:</b> Take that on notice and what office he works out of.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> If, as I am advised, he is a MOP(S) Act staffer then obviously he is engaged under the conditions prescribed by the MOP(S) Act.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You will take those questions on notice, will you?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> They were taken on notice.</p>	61
44.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you, Minister, on behalf the Prime Minister assure the parliament that Dr Gillespie is in fact not disentitled to sit in the House by virtue of section 44?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can tell you this. Dr Gillespie has sought advice from a very senior member of the New South Wales bar. I am at liberty to say that that was Mr Guy Reynolds SC, who you and those who are familiar with the legal profession would know is a very senior Sydney silk. Mr Reynolds's opinion is that Dr Gillespie does not have a section 44 problem. I have not written any advice in relation to the matter, but I can tell you that I discussed the matter with Dr Gillespie and I formed the preliminary view that his arrangements were nowhere near a section 44 problem because of the indirectness of the interest.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You also previously thought that payment of salary was required for the section 44 issue to arise. That was a comment you made in relation to Mr Ruddock. They Day decision demonstrably indicates that that is not the correct reading of the law.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> In fact, the Day decision was made on the basis of the adoption of submissions that were put to the High Court on my instructions.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But I am making the point: did the advice from the so-called senior silk—</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 62 & 63

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				<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> It is not a so-called senior silk. Mr Reynolds is one of the most respected barristers in Sydney.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Fine. I notice you have not given the assurance on behalf the Prime Minister that I have asked.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can only tell you what the legal advice is.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am asking you as the representative of the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister assure the parliament that he is of the view that Dr Gillespie is entitled to sit in the parliament?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can tell you that that is the Prime Minister's view, and it is my view.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On what basis does the Prime Minister have that view?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> On the basis of the legal advice that Dr Gillespie has received and, in my own case, on the basis of my own judgement of law.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So Dr Gillespie provided that advice to the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I believe so.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When was that provided?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps you can—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> When we say, 'Provided the advice to the Prime Minister,' I know Dr Gillespie has advised the Prime Minister of the advice. Whether it has been physically provided, I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps you could find that out.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was the advice prepared before or after the Day decision?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Were you aware of the advice before or after the Day decision?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not recall the date on which I became aware of the advice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to understand, apart from your opinion and your views, what steps the Prime Minister has taken in order to assure himself of Mr Gillespie's eligibility.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take that on notice. If there are particular steps leading to that</p>	

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				<p>conclusion that are appropriate to put before the committee, I will inquire and take the matter on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You have given evidence that he has had a chat to him, he has spoken to him.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have taken that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But you have already given evidence that the Prime Minister has discussed it with Dr Gillespie and you have given evidence that he is of the view that he is eligible. Are you aware of any other steps that the Prime Minister has taken?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I will take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has advice been sought by the Prime Minister independently of the advice sought and paid for by Dr Gillespie?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Not that I am aware, but I will take that on notice as well.</p>	
45.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	PFAS Taskforce - cost	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> In your NPP, Ms Tressler, what did you assume for the cost of this task force?</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> I do not have the precise amount here for that one.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Maybe you can give that on notice, but approximately over the forwards?</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> In the order of around \$700,000 for a full financial year, from memory.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 66
46.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	ASEAN Taskforce	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Are you able to provide me with a breakdown of the \$37 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Merrifield:</b> Not at this stage. It is still a long way off. The \$37 million revolves around the expenses you would expect from the visit to Australia of 10 leaders.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> We keep saying that, so I want to get some estimate of that. You must have had to break it down for the purposes of getting the money in the budget. How much are you estimating? I am happy for you to qualify it, but I want to get some sense of how much is accommodation, how much is—what does it comprise? I am asking you to give it to me in written form. Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr Merrifield:</b> We can provide a breakdown in written form.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Are security costs included in that, Ms Tressler?</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> Yes. I can give you the category of costs, just not the breakdown.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 67

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47.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Housing Affordability Taskforce	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In terms of the supplementation, you named a range of initiatives to be funded by this additional money. We have previously been advised that there is a housing affordability task force chaired by PM&amp;C. Is that still ongoing?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I can answer that, Senator. The answer is that the task force is no longer ongoing. It was in the lead-up to the budget.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> When was that created? When did it kick off?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> We can find that out for you. It ran for about six months before the budget.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think we may have been advised previously that it was in December, but I cannot quite recall.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> That would be about right, but we can find out for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Yes. My question was not really about individual departments and implementation; it was about coordination of effort. Your evidence is that there was a whole-of-government position brought forward in the budget. There has obviously been quite a robust public debate about the adequacy of that, but nonetheless that was the government's intention. We are now in implementation phase. Who is responsible for coordinating implementation of the housing package within government?</p> <p><b>Mr Gruen:</b> As part of the budget package, decisions were made about the different aspects of it and which departments would be responsible for them. I can get further information on that if you would like me to.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think that would be good, because it concerns me that there was obviously a gap in coordination that led to Prime Minister and Cabinet being asked to step in and fill that gap and play a coordination role. There is now no obvious answer to the question: who is coordinating housing policy in government?</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 68 & 69
48.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Release of Documents – Correspondence to Former Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are there any other conditions around the release of the material?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> No, I do not believe so. I think those are the standard conditions that we would apply to a former Prime Minister or minister.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are they documented in any memorandum or are they codified in any way?</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 71

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				<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> They are in a letter that goes to the recipient prior to the provision of the information.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So a letter would have been provided to Mr Abbott on this occasion?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it possible for the committee to obtain a copy of that letter.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I think we might just need to consider that. That would not be in the usual course, but we will consider that.</p>	
49.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Smith	Australian Flag	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Are we able to put the issue in some context? How many national flags are issued annually?</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> We might have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> Yes. I do not know the answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Or issued, as opposed to purchased. For example, as a federal parliamentarian, flags are made available to me, are issued to me. It is hard to track the number of Australians who might be out buying Australian flags from their local merchants.</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> We can certainly take that on notice. We would have to source that information from the Department of Finance, who administer the Constituents' Request Program through which senators and members can request flags for constituents.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> In the parliamentary precinct, how are the Australian national flags disposed of?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> You would have to ask the Department of Parliamentary Services. I am not aware.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> How are they disposed of outside the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> I am afraid I do not know how our department disposes of our old flags either. I would need to speak to my colleagues in the corporate area.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 75
50.				Question no longer applicable	
51.	Department of the Prime	Siewert	Commonwealth Redress Scheme	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Is the Prime Minister, and I may need to ask the minister here, taking an overview of the redress scheme?	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page

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	Minister and Cabinet		for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse	<p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could, that would be appreciated. You will probably need to take this on notice too: has the Prime Minister met with any of the survivor organisations or any of the institutions that have been involved in this process?</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I think I should take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I have got one final question—although sometimes I say that and the answer leads to another one, so I apologise in advance! Once the scheme is operational and people are receiving compensation under the scheme, has a decision been made as to whether that would rule them out from taking any action under the common law?</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> I am really sorry, but I do not know the answer to that question. I do know that question either has been considered or is under consideration. I am sure the Department of Social Services will be able to respond.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Sorry, that did lead to one more question! In terms of the previous taskforce that was previously operating, which we discussed at the estimates before last, that decision was not taken as part of that process?</p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> That is what I believe to be the case. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	77
52.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Function - 23 August 2016	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I would like to know whose advisers were there.</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> There were three advisers present. We do not have in front of us their names but we will take it on notice and endeavour to find out who those three advisers were. I would be quite surprised if it was not the case that it was one adviser for each, but we will determine that for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> Excuse me, Senator, I can confirm it was one adviser each at that meeting. I do not have their names as yet, but I can confirm it was one adviser each.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 80
53.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Wong	Summer Reception – Kirribilli House	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I just ask one question. You might have covered this, Ms Kelly. The invitation list for the business community—</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We have just had that discussion with Senator Kitching, and we have</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 82

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	Cabinet			<p>undertaken to try to break it down by category.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, I heard that bit. But who prepared it?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> The guest list was drawn up between CERHOS and the Prime Minister's office. Generally, what happens is that—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Who in the Prime Minister's office were you engaging with?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I will find out from CERHOS who they were engaged with. They are monitoring the hearings at the moment. But that is normal practice—we pull together names that have attended previous years as well.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I wonder, on notice, if you can see if you could provide those persons on the list who are added by the Prime Minister's office. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	
54.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Summer Reception – Kirribilli House	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What controls did the Prime Minister put in place to ensure that none of the Liberal Party officials or politicians solicited any donations or attendance at any fundraising events during this function at Kirribilli House?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Did the Prime Minister issue any written directions?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Can a copy of those directions please be produced?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> That would follow.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 82
55.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Paterson	Attendance of Functions at Kirribilli House & the Lodge	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> You may need to take this on notice, but could you please check whether, under the term of the previous government, any known Labor Party officials attended functions at Kirribilli House or the Lodge. I am thinking, for example, George Wright the former national secretary of the Labor Party.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We can certainly make that inquiry. It might be quite a difficult and large task but we can certainly determine whether or not that is able to be done.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 83
56.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Attendance of Functions at Kirribilli House & the Lodge	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Ms Kelly and Ms Ganly, how many other occasions have officials from either the federal secretariat or any state or territory secretariats of the Liberal Party attended functions at either The Lodge or Kirribilli House since Mr Turnbull has become Prime Minister? I am happy for you to take it on notice.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 84

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				<p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> We would be able to assist with official functions that had been hosted and for which we have the guest list. However, we would not be able to provide the information regarding any time they were there where it was sustenance or under other arrangements. So it would be only for official functions for which we hold the guest list.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> The ban on fundraising at the official establishments first came into effect with Kevin Rudd when he became Prime Minister in 2007—is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We do not know that. We will look into the history of it. Neither of us go back that far.</p>	
57.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Official Function – Official Visit of the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Shonzo Abe	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Well, she was very late notice for that. So they went from Kirribilli back over to the other side, to Point Piper. Are you able to provide fully itemised details given that must have been an official hosting function?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> Yes, it certainly was.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> And are you able to provide the guest names for that? How many people attended?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I will confirm that, but I believe that one was just the four. It was Prime Minister and Mrs Abe, and Prime Minister and Mrs Turnbull. But I will confirm. Occasionally—in fact, at that one I believe that the Australian ambassador was also in attendance, as was the Japanese Ambassador to Australia. But I will get the guest lists for that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> That would be good, thank you.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 85
58.				Question is no longer applicable	
59.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kitching	Official Function – Official Visit of the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Shonzo Abe	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Did guests or the Prime Minister arrive—let us say going from Kirribilli over to Point Piper—using the Prime Minister's \$95,000 private jetty?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I will find out how they travelled. I believe the travel may have been on the water.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> If you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> Certainly.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 86
60.	Department of the Prime	Wong	Official Establishments	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you update question on notice 34—or keep the same baseline and do it to date? Not now, but on notice. That is, the next round and we would have a	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page

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	Minister and Cabinet			cumulative figure. <b>Ms Ganly:</b> Yes. <b>Senator WONG:</b> I thought it would be easier if we used those questions from Senator McAllister and me, which are there as the baseline. If you just add to it as a cumulative figure, that might be easiest with the same sort of details. <b>Ms Ganly:</b> Certainly. <i>(note: Relates to PM34, Additional Estimates 2016-17)</i>	86
61.				Question no longer applicable	
62.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Function on 21 October 2016 – Hosted by the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Tehan's event might have been paid for by his department, although at that stage he was Minister Assisting the Prime Minister. <b>Ms Ganly:</b> I would have to check whether Cyber Security met the costs or whether it was minister Tehan's— <b>Senator WONG:</b> How do you know about it then? <b>Ms Ganly:</b> Because we went out to all the divisions and asked for information regarding functions.	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 87
63.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Snowy Hydro Project	<b>Senator WONG:</b> So, the Prime Minister's department became aware of an announcement which was subsequently indicated to be \$2 billion and has now been increased, nine days before the announcement was made by the Prime Minister. <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> In terms of that specific proposal, yes. I think what I would add is that there had been and has been a series of advice provided to cabinet and the government around the energy market generally, including gas, electricity and the security needs of the electricity market. So, there have been a series of discussions and advice provided to government over a period of time around the overall needs of the electricity sector. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Did any of that advice contemplate a \$2 billion project? <b>Mr Yeaman:</b> Certainly that advice incorporated and covered the need for ancillary services within the National Electricity Market. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Did any of that advice contemplate a Snowy Hydro project of the scale and ilk that was then announced?	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 88 & 89 & 90

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				<p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I would have to go back and check the precise detail. There had been a number of discussions around potential projects that could support the security of the National Electricity Market. But that proposal itself, Snowy 2.0, was 7 March. Our first visibility of that was 7 March.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Were there any costings associated with the submission that went to cabinet on the Snowy 2.0 project?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I do not recall; I would have to check it.</p>	
64.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Snowy Hydro Project – The Treasury Involvement	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Part of the reason that I am asking is: I think at the previous estimates Treasury gave us evidence that they had formed a new group to deal with these questions. I am wondering whether that group was engaged in this process.</p> <p><b>Ms Pearce:</b> We are engaged with that new group now. I could not tell you whether back in March—I think we might have been moving between teams around this, but I would have to check.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Perhaps you could check for me before the night is out. If it was possible to get that information before this evening finishes up, that would be great.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 91
65.				This question is no longer applicable	
66.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Communication s Expenses	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> In calendar year 2016, in the narrower category of market research, you said you spent \$34,000. What did you spend in 2016-17 within that category?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I will have to make that inquiry. I am not sure that I am going to be able to definitively get all of the areas in the department to come back for this evening, but we can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Can you tell me the quantum, and on what issues or subjects the department commissioned such research?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We can.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. I do want to know who you are getting to do stakeholder research, then. What else did she—I just want to get the lexicon agreed so we can then just get onto the detail.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 98

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				<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Perhaps we can ask the expert and see whether or not we can get her to provide something.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That would be great. Excellent.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What is the cost centre called?</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> I can come back to you on that particular—</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So they might record it under another code, which is why you did it manually. Okay, so the figure you gave me for the 2016-17 costs to date, is that only associated with the code or has that been done manually to verify that people have inputted it where they need to report it.</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> I do not believe we went out and asked for input, but we had a look at AusTender and we had a look through the cost centre, so we could use the approach that Elizabeth talked about, which is writing to division heads and asking if there is anything that has been missed—that part of the process was not done.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What was the 2016-17 figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> It was \$34,760.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I seem to have written it down somewhere else. No, that is a 2016 figure—that is a calendar year.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not know that we have—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you give me the 2016-17—</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not think we did.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I have a thing here were I have 2016-17 and an arrow, then a blank bit. But that is because you have not given it to me?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We took it on notice. To be consistent with 140, we will go and interrogate the cost code, and then, in addition to that, as I have also now learnt from Ms Tressler, we will then go out to all parts of the department, which we have not, apparently, done for 140.</p>	
67.	Department of the Prime Minister and	McAllister	Infrastructure and Project Financing	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is the intention to recruit against the standard Public Service employment framework?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I think that will ultimately be a matter for the CEO, once in place, to</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 108

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	Cabinet		Agency	<p>determine who they want to recruit and whether they need to ask for any special provisions, but, at this stage, we would expect that the officers employed would primarily, apart from the contractors I mentioned, be APS officers.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What was the dollar figure that you provided annually for contractors?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> I have not provided a dollar figure for the contractors. It is part of the \$4.2 million, so the \$4.2 million includes the 14 APS staff and provision for five contractors.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Does it include anything else?</p> <p><b>Mr Yeaman:</b> It also covers running costs, accommodation and the other elements of running an agency. I do not have a specific breakdown of those costs in front of me, but I could seek a breakdown if you are after particular elements.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I would appreciate that. A breakdown of the line items for the organisation's budget for this year and next year would be appreciated. Was that some additional information?</p>	
68.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Launceston City Deal	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I just have a few quick questions about Launceston. I understand that an industry forum was to take place in 2017. Is there a date for that industry forum?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> Senator, when you say 'an industry forum', do you have further information on that?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I understand that it is on page 31 of the Launceston City Deal.</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> Yes, this is the Regional Industry Forum, which will inform the Regional Economic Development Strategy, which will focus on opportunities to improve labour market participation. The forum will include participants from all levels of government. Yes, that forum will be held in 2017.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> No date as yet?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> I would have to check on that and get back to you.</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> There may be a date for that. We will just take it on notice and check.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> All right.</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> There was a recent meeting of all three levels of government to talk through implementation, so it is quite possible that a date has been set, but we will need</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 112

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				<p>to check.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In terms of the Regional Economic Development Strategy, I understand that there was an offer of data support. Have datasets been provided by the Commonwealth to support that project?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> Again, I would have to check that. I am aware of the commitment, but we just need to check.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I understand there is also a commitment to undertake a survey of local businesses. Has that been commenced?</p> <p><b>Ms Wiley-Smith:</b> This is a survey that will run annually from 2017 to 2022. I would have to check to see if it has commenced yet, but I just note that this agreement has only just been signed.</p>	
69.				<b>Question no longer applicable</b>	
70.				<b>Question no longer applicable</b>	
71.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Funding for the US Studies Centre	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Sorry to be jumping around a lot, but I am at the end of my questioning. Thank you very much, Ms Hatfield Dodds. I am just wondering if PM&amp;C has received a request for additional funding for the US Studies Centre.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Mr McKinnon might be better placed to answer that.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I am not aware that we have, and I should be had we done so. I will take that on notice and make sure that answer is correct.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, pages 119 & 120
72.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Broadband Performance Monitoring Scheme	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. I have a question about a different measure, which is the decision to establish a \$7 million broadband performance monitoring scheme. Are you aware of that measure?</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> Not off the top of my head.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I am interested in understanding whether a regulation impact assessment has been completed on that measure.</p> <p><b>Mr Poels:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Usually in the process, portfolios would have come to us for a preliminary assessment and we would have made an initial judgement about whether one is appropriate or not. But I can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay, that is fine.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 120

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73.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Dodson	Divestment of Leases	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> So should I take it that, in cases where you buy a property with stock on it, when it comes to the divestment the lease is transferred but the stock is retained by the ILC, and the question of the divestment has a range of factors that goes to the divestment of the lease? What is involved with divesting the herd?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> I would have to take that on notice and come back to you with more details. To be honest, there is only one property that I can think of at the moment that we are dealing with where stock was actually purchased with property, so I would have to come back to you on some broader examples. In that instance we are looking at a variety of options. They would include some transfer of stock to the group, whether it is through a joint venture arrangement, through a leasing arrangement or through some type of equity. We do, though, take a broader view around the level of ILC investment and the actual benefit to the group. In most instances, the greater level of investment has been in capital infrastructure, and that is typically where the greatest benefit return is to the group in terms of growth from the point of acquisition to investment and then granting a group a property that is typically valued at far more than what it was when the ILC purchased it. I hope that answers the question.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> In part it does. Maybe you need to dissuade me from the view that the purchase of these properties initially was for a particular group and the purchase included the stock, and now there is a policy position where the divestment of the lease takes place but the stock—the commercial dimension—does not take place. What is the arrangement for the stock to be transferred to the people for whom this whole enterprise was purchased? That is what I am trying to get to.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 6
74.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Dodson	Divestment of Leases	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> How many properties are waiting to be divested by the ILC?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> Fifty-one.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> How long have they been sitting there?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I can get you a list of the 51 properties and the dates they were acquired.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Okay. Can you give me also some indication—you have mentioned the number of things: governance, capacity and so on. But can you give me some indication of what is holding up that process of</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, pages 7 and 8

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				divestment to whomever—the individual areas that you are talking about? That would be useful as well. And what are you doing to try to expedite that process? Obviously this whole fund was set up to benefit Indigenous people. Properties were bought. If they are not being divested then the capacity for those people to get the benefit of that is being limited. And now we have a new system, it seems, where the stock associated with those properties is now put into a different category where people have to find the financial resources in order to buy back that stock that was initially bought, subject to the improvements et cetera. If you could give me some answers on that, I would be very happy.	
75.	Indigenous Land Corporation	McCarthy	Women's Refuge	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Mr Maher, in your opening statement you mentioned that you have \$7 million in additional funding—is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> Yes, that is right—for the women's refuge.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Can you elaborate a bit on that?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> That was a land acquisition that the ILC made in partnership with the Western Australian government. The group, by securing the \$1 million land component from the ILC, was able to secure major capital works investment from the Western Australian government, which saw the building of a state-of-the-art women's refuge in Western Australia that has the capacity to increase the organisation's intake, so the number of client interactions has been significantly increased. It is a very different model. It is a family model that allows women to take their sons, and particularly older sons, when they take their families with them into the shelter.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many women are we talking about in terms of the care and beds?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 8
76.	Indigenous Land Corporation	McCarthy	Northern Territory Real Jobs	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Those 150 jobs—where would they be located?</p> <p><b>Ms Lindsay:</b> All throughout the Northern Territory. They are mainly ranger and agribusiness jobs.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could we have a list of those jobs and where they are located?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> You can. There is a paper that has just been written for me recently which we can forward.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 9

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77.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Divestment of Property	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Why was that, when they had approached you with a divestment approach? Why did you reject it and then go out to the community? Is that what you do with all properties that you seek to divest?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> We have not had a commercial tenant seek divestment of property in the past. I would have to take on notice the due diligence exercise and the factors that the board took into consideration when it made the decision.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could—if you could take us through, step by step, the time line and the process in that thinking, because I find it strange that they approached to divest and you said no but then you went out seeking a divestment approach.</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> About saying no—what I understand is that they did approach us and as a matter of probity it was opened up to others that may have been interested as well, rather than just going to the first people that came to us for divestment.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> There is some tension in middle Redfern about whether a commercial organisation like the congress would be those people who you would divest that land to. The tension lies between a number of other organisations who did not have the capacity at the time of the original offer to be able to take over. But they have now. It was the view certainly of those other organisations that this should not be divested until such time as they had the capacity to be able to compete, which they are doing now. So it was really the appropriateness of the nature of that permanent divestment that was the question.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 11
78.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Siewert	Divestment of Property	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> My understanding is that there is a difference between what ILC were paying as rent—and I understand what you have just said: it was a lower than normal commercial rate—and the new tenants' lower rate. Why is that?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> Again, it is because the congress were in the building on a purely commercial lease arrangement, whereas the incoming tenants will be in there as part of a formal divestment strategy.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Which is what ILC had also asked you for.</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> The congress.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> But we did not provide it because of the reasons I have indicated: there were other groups who were local to New South Wales and to Redfern and to</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 11

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				<p>Sydney, and they claimed, and I think rightly so, that in terms of a native title type divestment they were the ones that should be divested to. Organisations like Tribal Warrior, as you would understand, are the beneficiaries. So the reason that there is a differential in the rent arrangements is simply because the rent arrangements were not rent arrangements; they were part of a divestment arrangement. They are transitional divestment arrangements under which they would receive much lower rent and then it would be divested. So it is a poor comparison. One was considered a commercial arrangement; the other is a transition to divestment, and obviously as part of that process there would be much lower rental invoices.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could take on notice that explanation, that would be great. Is the building fully occupied?</p>	
79.	Indigenous Land Corporation	McCarthy	Real Jobs Program - Voyages	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> You have seven employees, yet you have 35 positions. What has happened to the remaining positions? Do they go to other Indigenous people, or are they left open until you can fill them with Anangu?</p> <p><b>Ms Lindsay:</b> I will provide as much information as I can and then we will provide you with more information on notice. The Real Jobs Program is part of that 150 that we were talking about earlier, in the Northern Territory. We have a model where we enter into an agreement with a group, Voyages being the same, where we provide funding for some positions. In the case of Voyages I do not know the exact—</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> It is 16.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 13
80.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Dodson	Funding of the National Congress of Australia's First People	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I have three fundamental questions, just to get clarity around the congress. First, can you tell me what, if any, funding is provided to the congress for its core operations? Second, can you tell me what funding is provided to the congress in the transition that you said was very generous—so what is the quantum of all of this? Third, what is the funding in relation to the consultations for the Redfern Statement forums that the congress has been engaged, as I understand it, to undertake? There is a lot of discussion around the congress and a lot of confusion. We just need some monetary figures—</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> One and three can be answered at another—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> so that we know what we are doing.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 14

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				<p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> One of the three can be answered at another aspect, because I can assist that ILC do not have that. But in terms of the translation—</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> The second question was the quantum of the relocation package.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> I can take it on notice to get you the full breakdown, but there has been over \$180,000 in rent abatement provided to congress. There is a \$65,000 relocation and rental assistance package provided.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you give us what is the relocation—</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> We will send this to you.</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> And then, in addition to that, there has been over a number of years significant below-market rent, which on average has been around 40 per cent below market rent. So we can do some calculations on that and give you a total picture of the amount of financial assistance given to congress over the number of years.</p>	
81.	Indigenous Land Corporation	McCarthy	Ayres Rock Resort – Maraku Arts Stall	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Can I hand this over to you to take on notice or to respond to. Are you aware that Maraku Arts has operated a market stall at the resort to sell locally produced art and craft for the past four years? Indeed, since the resort took over, are you aware that under the contract it is unable to sell any items above \$200 because it is thought that this would be in competition with products sold in the resort's galleries?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> I am sorry, Senator, I am going to have to take that one on notice. I am not aware of the detail of that at all. I apologise.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 15
82.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Contractual Arrangements	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Minister, maybe to satisfy some of my anxieties—because they are not satisfied by the financial transfers that are taking place here—is the contract available for our purview?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I will seek advice, only because it is a legal contract. I could not, off the top of my head, imagine why we would not be able to provide that. It is a pretty straightforward—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> No, it is public money, so I am just interested.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Indeed, but it is still subject in this environment to commercial-in-confidence matters. I do not imagine that that will be the case, but I will have to check. If that is not the case, of course we will provide that.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 18

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				<p>...</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I take the minister's word that he will check out whether the contract can be made available to us. Presumably the minister has got the message that we need to see that as soon as possible because we need to be assured what these arrangements are.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Given that I have indicated that it should be very similar, if not identical, could we provide the last contract to you, Senator Dodson? That should be able to be provided immediately.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> It would give you some broad—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Give me the breadth and the scope—thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We should be able to do that today.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Thank you.</p>	
83.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Indigenous Businesses	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Sorry, Senator—you said 51 per cent Indigenous employment. How many in that procurement scenario are Indigenous? How many Indigenous businesses are there?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> There are 708.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> And that is right across the country?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> That is across the spectrum of Australian business. One would assume, and I do not have the number to hand, so perhaps I can take it on notice—that is just those on AusTender, so the contracts above \$10,000.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 19
84.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Replacement of Registrar	<p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Of the Australian Public Service. Can I just add to that. Whilst I am a great admirer of the wonderful work that the registrar has done, I have informed him that he will be replaced by an Indigenous person, and he has kindly offered to ensure that the transition is to an Indigenous commissioner. That is a difficult piece of work to do—not only the task that he does now but also the fact that part of his task is to work himself out of the job, so I commend him for that.</p> <p><b>Mr Beven:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What is your time frame on that?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I would have to take that on notice. It is the end of the—</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 24

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<b>85.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Budget Paper No. 4 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations Unclaimed Money Account	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Professor Anderson or Mr Tongue, I want to go to Budget Paper No. 4 to query a few things that I was unsure about. On page 121 of Budget Paper No. 4, under 'Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio', there is a section there for 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations Unclaimed Money Account'. Could you walk me through what that is and what comes under that?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Senator, I think I will need some assistance on unclaimed money.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So 87 is the number there. What is that?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Can I take that on notice please and see if I can get you an answer very quickly?</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Okay; I have a few other questions on that page.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Sure.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 28
<b>86.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> So tell us about the \$8 million there?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> This relates to quite a number of projects that are quite old now.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How old are they?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> At least 10 years old. There are a small number of projects that we are still working with the organisations involved in these projects to bring to fruition.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Who are the organisations?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I would have to take that detail on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Yes. But there are, for instance, issues that arise in the context of a project—for instance, land tenure has not been secured, and that might be a condition of the grant. I think there are a handful of projects that are still working through, so there is a small balance in an account while those project details are sorted through.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Is that balance the \$8 million or the \$3 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Three million is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What about the \$8 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Okay, that would be good. Could you identify the projects as well, and where they are located around the country—I assume they are around the country.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 28

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				<b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Yes.	
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90.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Community Development Programme	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> My question is really about if people have raised the nature of the program being draconian?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Yes. There have been some quite specific examples provided of stores having a downturn in their turnover as examples of why people are going hungry. These are serious matters. We have investigated all of those matters and we have found on every occasion that there is no clear evidence to support the supposition that this is causing those problems. Usually, not on all occasions, we are able to demonstrate that the downturn has been duplicated in an upturn in alternative stores. So the total amount that has been expended in that process has not caused that. But we have also looked carefully at the actual breaching events. I could perhaps provide a page on notice, but we would see that it is in the 90s that a full exemption is granted because people comply. So whilst the numbers are high, people comply. We inherited a program with seven per cent of people engaged in it. Since this balance compliance process, we now have 67 per cent. That number is unsurprising due to the RJCP's significant failure—and I say that because 60 per cent of people left and went onto passive welfare. That is what I inherited. I think, by and large, there has been a huge net benefit to people who are no longer on passive welfare and are engaged positively in community activities.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 35
91.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Lines	Community Development Programme - Regional data of non-compliance fines for remote participants	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Can you tell me how many fines for non-compliance have been imposed on remote CDP participants, particularly in this quarter?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> I think we provided the most recent data via the question on notice process, but I am more than happy to run through that again if you wish.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> If you provided the answers on notice—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> It is the last quarter. I think we have only had up to December 2016.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> That is correct. The next release of data is due from the Department of Employment in July. The current data we have relates to the October to December period</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 35

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				<p>for last year.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So when you say by jurisdiction, if you provide that for Western Australia, can you provide it by remote communities?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> We do not break down the data into region or release it publicly due to commercial-in-confidence, and to protect the jobseekers.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Can you release it to the Senate?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> We have not in the past, because it is around the performance of our providers—commercial-in-confidence information—and also around the protection of the privacy of the jobseeker.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I am asking: can you?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> We would be interested in regionals.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> We will be happy to take that on notice.</p>	
92.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Community Development Programme - Evaluation	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I wanted to go firstly to the comments that you made, Minister, about checking out store data. Have you got anything that you got informally in terms of a formal evaluation of the, as you said, anecdotes of the stores? If you have, can you provide that? If not, why was it not written down?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> Where we received very specific examples of a particular store, or a community or an individual has suggested that there has been a drop in store sales that has resulted perhaps from the penalties, we have certainly undertaken an investigation of that specific instance.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice and provide where you have done that.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> We can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> In terms of the evaluation process, will the interim report contain in-depth methodology, including the questionnaires that were asked of participants?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> I would need to check on that as to whether that is the intention of the evaluators, but I do not see why it should not.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could check on that and perhaps ensure that it is or is not the</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 36

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				<p>intention.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> And, if it is not the intention, I would be more than happy to provide that to the committee on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. Thank you for the questions on notice. I had asked for—this is for the employment outcomes—this regionally and, while you did provide a list of where some of the outcomes were, you did not provide the detail of the number of outcomes. I have just heard what you have said, and you said that in your response to the questions on notice. If we are going to do a proper evaluation of this process, it is only fair that we get to see where these outcomes are regionally. I asked that particular question on purpose so that we could see whether they are in the most remote areas or where they are spread. So you gave them for Western Australia, New South Wales et cetera—I am sorry, I just do not buy the commercial-in-confidence response, because that enables the government to hide behind where this may be being successful or not.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> What we will do is: we will follow the rules of this committee and provide you with a reason about commercial in confidence, if that is your wish, and that is a requirement of the committee that was outlined by the chair when we started.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> Certainly; and we will look at scope, too. We will look at what we can provide you with while also retaining the privacy of the individual jobseekers.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We will do our best to provide all the information we can but, if we are restricted, it is not because we make that choice; it is that it is a commercial arrangement between someone else.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> It is the requirements that you write into the contracts and, as I said, it does not enable us to do our job.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Well, we can do what we can but, in a partnership, we require the permission of the other party to be able to release it. That is a normal commercial process. That is recognised by the Senate and that is why it is in the standing orders. As I have indicated, we will do our best to provide all the information we can, as we always do, but it is quite a serious matter that is outside of our hands. We will check on that commercial in confidence and, as such, we will provide what we are able to.</p>	
93.	Department of	Siewert	Community	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> In terms of the outcomes, and I will be really interested to see the	FPA Friday 26

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Development Programme - Outcomes	<p>most recent table, in the table that you did provide—and, again, thank you—in the questions on notice, the vast majority of the outcomes were casual outcomes. Is that still the case?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> Yes, that is correct. The most recent data supports that.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> This is probably a really stupid question. So they do not then go over the 26-week outcomes? Whether somebody is casual, but on-and-off casual—are you able to measure that? Or is it once off for one day?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> I think we might need to look into that and how that is measured. It is possible that some of the 26-week outcomes do relate to that, but we tend to measure job outcomes in terms of the degree to which someone is off income support, essentially, and the length of time that they are off income support.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Do you have further detail on those? In other words, are they one day? Are they a couple of days? Because they do blow out the job placements, and it could be only a one- or two-day job.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> We will see what we can pull together on that.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. In terms of this table, again the casual figures do not turn up, do they, in the overall outcomes?</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> It really would depend, I think, on the nature of the casual role. If, like you say, it is a short-term role, then obviously an individual would not reach the 13- or the 26-week mark. But there may be some instances where they do. There is that mixture of part-time, full-time and casual work. Particularly in remote communities, where work can be quite intermittent at times, you would expect a higher level of casual and part-time roles to be available to people.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could provide that breakdown that would be really appreciated. Thank you for the various explanations you have provided in terms of the serious compliance issues; I do now have that in my head. Minister, as to your comments where you said there is a very high percentage of non-compliance; that compliance failures have been waived—that just relates to the serious complaints, doesn't it? It does not relate to the 'No show, no pay', which is the vast bulk of the compliance failures.</p>	May 2017, page 37

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94.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment-progress update	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Sorry, the remote—?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Remote Aboriginal Investment. It is known as the NTRAI—formerly the SFNT.</p> <p><b>Ms Donegan:</b> They have a three-year target that started in 2015-16, of 1,009, but I do not have a latest update on that one. I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 43
95.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Remote Indigenous community funding	<p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> So for WA, that is \$214 million; for South Australia, it is \$26.8 million; for Queensland, it is \$245.1 million; and for the Northern Territory, it is \$290.3 million. As the minister outlined, basically the way the program works is there is a capital allocation for building and refurbishing new houses. There is also what we call an outcomes bucket, which is a bucket of money where we pay based on specific outcomes. Property and tenancy management is one of those outcomes, as is Indigenous employment, business procurement, home ownership and participation in training activities. Effectively, what we did with the renegotiation of the partnership was to put some specific milestones against those outcomes.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Is that readily available? Could you provide that to us?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 43
96.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy	Asbestos Issues in Northern Territory Communities	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Terrific. Thank you. Can I take you to asbestos, please. Minister, you would be aware, of course, of many media reports regarding legacy asbestos issues in the Northern Territory communities. You said the issues around legacy asbestos were urgent. Have you spoken to your Northern Territory counterparts about sharing the responsibility of cleaning up legacy asbestos waste in remote communities?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I would have to check exactly what the nature of that conversation has been, but we have certainly made them aware over a very long period of time about the safety issues as they come to bear. I have done things like say to occupational health and safety that this is an issue, whether it was in Tennant Creek or whether it was Yuendumu recently or, more historically, in Croker Island. I have done those things. Yes, in fact it is their entire responsibility, and I have reminded them of that. But we</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 46

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				<p>have been involved, because we know the extent to which there is an expectation, particularly in remote areas, that we would help out where we can. We have helped out in the past specifically with some of those matters.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Has anyone from the communities got in touch with your office about legacy asbestos?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I would have to take that on notice, but, to my recollection, not directly. People have spoken anecdotally when I have visited communities, particularly in the Western Desert. In one particular Western Desert community, there has been an issue where somebody has found that, underneath part of the existing footpath, there appears to be material that has turned out to be asbestos. That has been reported. Immediately, on all occasions, the Northern Territory government have moved to ensure that it has been excluded. I understand that in that case there is a plan to place a concrete footpath over that area.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Have any recent studies been done to determine what communities have legacy asbestos issues?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I understand there was one done. I will just have to find out how long ago. It was not recently, but I think one was done.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I have some information for you. Some funding was provided by the Commonwealth under the Stronger Futures partnership, now called NT RAI. The Australian government provided \$45 million over four years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 for asbestos removal in remote Australia, especially in the Northern Territory. As I understand it, that funding to the Northern Territory has now been fully expended. I am not aware of any recent discussions about additional contributions to do with asbestos, but there were some in the past.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Did you receive a report as to where that funding went and what happened?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> I would have to take that on notice. It is some time ago that that finished.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> They would all be conditioned, and there will be a report somewhere.</p>	

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				<b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Thank you.	
97.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke - Moore	Higher Education	<p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> The consultation on the higher education package occurred as normal through our usual budget processes and cabinet processes. We were in contact at officer level with department of education colleagues and provided comments on proposed changes of various types. The matter would have come forward for deliberation by ministers as part of the cabinet process prior to being announced in the budget.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Were any of those comments specifically directed towards the impact that these changes would have on Indigenous tertiary students?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> That would be the area that we would focus on when we provide comments. We provide comments on policies across government, and our focus is always on potential impacts on Indigenous people and communities.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> What potential impacts were identified during these discussions?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> We would have provided some input on proportions of Indigenous students who might have been in various student categories, but I would need to provide on notice any more information about that.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> If you could, that would be helpful. I would also like to know whether there were any special measures put in place, or discussions about putting in place special measures, for increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 47
98.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke - Moore	Proposed Changes to Higher Education Modelling	<p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> I think what has been put to me is not so much that they are having face-to-face tutorials online but that there are programs that are being used that are only giving very generic feedback rather than the highly specialised and individualised feedback that was available when face-to-face tutoring was happening as a matter of course through this funding. I will have a closer look through those guidelines before I speak to you again in a few months time. I want to go back to the conversations that you had with the department of education around the proposed changes to higher education. I understand that there were some conversations and that perhaps some advice was given, and I hope that on notice you might be able to provide</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 48

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				<p>me with some details of that advice. I would also like to know if you have conducted any modelling about the proposed changes. Was any modelling conducted?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> We did not conduct any direct modelling, no.</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Were you requested to?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> Given that this was a cabinet proposal brought forward by another department, it would be unusual for us to be requested to do so. I do not recall any such request.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</b> Based on that quite impressive amount of information you hold about Indigenous tertiary students, could you on notice perhaps provide me with some information about how these changes will impact tertiary students?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> We could provide you with information about the demographic characteristics, but I do not know that we necessarily could provide advice about exact impacts. But we will have a look at what we can provide.</p>	
99.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Education Funding Announcements	<p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> Only two of the components had been previously announced: the Brisbane Broncos' Beyond the Broncos Girls Academy funding and the AFL Cape York House for Girls funding.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. That is very helpful. On notice, would it be possible to get a breakdown of this announcement that would essentially allow us to update the table that you provided earlier, Mr Tongue. What I am looking for is the profiling of each program, so that we can move it from the unallocated into the allocated, essentially.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Would you like that as part of the same table?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I would like it broken out separately so we can see what the profiling is for each of these programs, but in the same format as the table, so that they can talk to each other. I want to ask very quickly—and I will be very direct about it—about the balance of funding for men and women in this package and more broadly for young Indigenous men and women. My concern is, as you probably know, that the gender breakdown in education spending for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 49

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				<p>students is really skewed, and in this package again there is significantly more money going to men than women. I am just trying to understand the overall figures.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Sawyers:</b> In this package there is \$40 million going to Clontarf Foundation, which is specifically funding for boys. There is \$41 million—</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is that in addition to funding that Clontarf has already received?</p> <p><b>Ms Sawyers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It says for two years. Does that, essentially, extend that program?</p> <p><b>Ms Sawyers:</b> Yes, it does—well, I would need to that on notice. But my understanding is that funding was already available for Clontarf Foundation and this funding is allowing the existing students to continue and also providing some funding to allow new students. There is \$40 million in the package for Clontarf Foundation and \$41 million in the package that is specifically for activities that will support young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. Obviously, there are many programs which are not gender specific but, of those programs which are gender specific, under 2.2, could I have a breakdown of those across the forwards, please, on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> Sure.</p>	
100.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	STEM Scholarship Fund	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Does the girls STEM academy exist already, or is it going to be a new institution as well?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> It is new.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it going to be an actual teaching institution—what is it going to do?</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> Essentially, it will be designed to provide scholarships and other forms of support to encourage young Aboriginal girls and women to pursue careers in the STEM sector.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I would love to explore that further. If there was any further</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 50

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				information you could provide to us about the STEM scholarship fund, we would appreciate it.	
101.				Question no longer applicable	
102.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	IAS Funding	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I want to talk through the Enhanced Research and Evaluation in Indigenous Affairs measure on Budget Paper No. 2 at page 139.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> It is a new program. To be clear, that table is at the end of April. The new program commenced with the budget—or commences next year; sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It will have the \$2.6 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> It will have \$2.6 million, and the money has been shaved off each program.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. At what point will we be in a position to get an update on the table overall, which incorporates the education announcements and this budget announcement, which is not shown in this table?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I am happy to work to provide that to you as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I will place it on notice. If it were able to be provided earlier than the end point of the notice period, that would be much appreciated.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We will note that.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, page 51
103.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Replacement of NPARIH with NPRH	<p>a) What was the reason for ending the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) and replacing it with the National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH) /Remote Housing Strategy)?</p> <p>b) Why was the NPARIH replaced with the NPRH before the review of the NPARIH was concluded?</p>	Written
104.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NPRH Funding	Why is there no funding allocation in the 2017 Budget papers under the NPRH or any other agreement or instrument for remote indigenous housing beyond 2017- 18?	Written
105.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	State Advice of NRPH Funding	<p>a) Have the participating States been advised that there will be no funding allocation under the NPRH beyond 2017-18?</p> <p>b) Have those States formally responded to the Minister or the Department about the lack of funding beyond 2017-18?</p>	Written

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				(i) If so, please provide copies of those responses.	
<b>106.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NPRH 2017-18 Budget commitments	In terms of the NPRH 2017-2018 what is the State-by-State breakdown of the Federal Budget financial commitment for new housing in remote Indigenous communities?	Written
<b>107.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NPRH funding use and restrictions	a) Is it possible for the participating States to use funds received under the NPRH for non-Indigenous remote programmes or projects? b) If not, what are the safeguards to ensure that the NPRH funding may only be used to meet the aims and objectives of Outcome 2?	Written
<b>108.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NPRH funding targets and measures	a) Are there targets included in the NPRH for the improvement of remote indigenous housing? b) How will those targets be measured and reported on? c) Will on-going funding under the NPRH be contingent on States meeting those targets?	Written
<b>109.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	New national funding agreement for NPRH	Will there be a new national funding agreement for remote indigenous housing to replace the NPRH in 2018? If so, when will the new agreement be announced?	Written
<b>110.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Remote indigenous local government funding NHIF	a) What proportion of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF) grant fund will be budgeted for remote Indigenous local governments? b) Please provide examples of the types of remote local government infrastructure for which financial assistance will be available under the NHIF.	Written
<b>111.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Remote Indigenous Local Governments NHIF grant fund eligibility	Will remote Indigenous Local Governments be eligible to apply to the grant fund under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written
<b>112.</b>	Department of	Cameron	NHIF grant	What will the application criteria for grants under the National Housing Infrastructure	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		application	Facility be?	
<b>113.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NHIF grant conditions of use	What will the conditions governing use of grants under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility be?	Written
<b>114.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Remote Indigenous Local Governments NHIF concessional loan eligibility	Will remote Indigenous local governments be eligible to apply for concessional loans under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written
<b>115.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NHIF concessional loan conditions of use	What will the conditions governing use of concessional loans under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility be?	Written
<b>116.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Remote Indigenous Local Governments NHIF equity investment eligibility	Will remote Indigenous local governments be eligible to apply for equity investment under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written
<b>117.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	NHIF equity investment conditions of use	What will the conditions governing equity investments under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility be?	Written
<b>118.</b>	Department of	Cameron	Promotion of	How will the Department or the Minister make remote Indigenous local governments or	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		NHIF	other eligible indigenous organisations aware of the availability of the grant funds, the concessional loans and the equity investments?	
<b>119.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Close the Gap Report 2017 – NPARIH reporting	<p>1) The ‘Close the Gap Report 2017’ does not report on targets relating Indigenous housing set under the NPARIH for 2015-16 , but instead refers to unreferenced metrics for 2014-15. What is the reason for this?</p> <p>a) Why was this error was not detected and remedied before the report was published?</p> <p>b) Will you publish and addendum with the 2015-16 statistics? If not, why not?</p>	Written
<b>120.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous households living in houses of unacceptable standard 2015-16	In light of the omission of current statistics in the Close the Gap Report what percentage of Indigenous households were living in houses of an unacceptable standard in 2015-16?	Written
<b>121.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Indigenous households living in houses with major structural problems 2015-16	In light of the omission of current statistics in the Close the Gap Report please advise what percentage of Indigenous households were living in dwellings with major structural problems in 2015-16?	Written
<b>122.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cameron	Very remote Indigenous households living in houses with major structural problems	In light of the omission of current statistics in the Close the Gap Report please advise what percentage of very remote Indigenous households were living in dwellings with major structural problems in 2015-16?	Written

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			2015-16		
123.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy youth program funding	Does the Government intend to continue funding existing youth programs beyond the six month extension?	Written
124.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Operation of Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding	Will extensions to funding periods before longer term decisions on funding are made always be the way IAS funding operates?	Written
125.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy youth program – SROI research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A recent SROI analysis by the Nous Group demonstrated that youth programs are effective supports to youth in remote Indigenous communities, with \$4 returned for every dollar invested. It also demonstrated that they contribute substantially to closing the gap, providing support to keep Aboriginal youth out of contact with the criminal justice system, improving health, school/education and employment outcomes. Given their proven value, would it not make sense to give greater funding certainty to these programs?</li> <li>b) This same SROI research from Central Australia pointed to youth programs in the region being jeopardised by patchy funding against often confused and competing funding priorities. Does the Government acknowledge that this is an issue?</li> <li>c) What steps are being taken to harmonise and clarify the funding objectives for IAS funded youth programs in this region?</li> </ul>	Written
126.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	CDP - 13 and 26 week outcomes	In the document provided during the hearing titled ‘CDP Employment Placements and Outcomes’ the 13 and 26 week outcomes are broken down into full time and part-time outcomes. Please provide a breakdown of the 13 and 26 week full time and part-time outcomes into ATSI and non-Indigenous.	Written
127.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprise	<p>Please provide details of spending from the \$25 million per annum committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprise development in CDP areas in 2015-16 and 2016-17, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many enterprises have been funded and in what locations?</li> </ul>	Written

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			development in CDP areas spending	b) How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations have received funding to support enterprise development, and what percentage of the overall expenditure has gone to Indigenous organisations? c) How many jobs have been created to date? d) How much has been spent on consultant fees associated with administration of the fund in each year?	
<b>128.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Access to CDP Youth Engagement Strategy funding	What steps do providers now need to take to access the funding the Government has offered to each of the 60 CDP regions?	Written
<b>129.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	CDP Youth Engagement Strategy provider expectations	What expectations does the Government have around CDP providers coordinating and working with existing agencies who are experts in the field?	Written
<b>130.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	CDP Youth Engagement Strategy support for existing programs	Will CDP providers be able to resource and support existing programs or are they required to set up a new parallel program?	Written
<b>131.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	CDP Youth Engagement Strategy submission time	Given CDP providers have only had a very short period of time to submit their plans and access this money, have providers really been given sufficient opportunity to meaningfully involve existing youth services and to develop quality programs?	Written
<b>132.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children program funding extension	Noting the extension of funding to the five SCfC funding agreements that are due to expire on 30 June 2017, will the extension be at existing levels?	Written
<b>133.</b>	Department of	Siewert	Jobs for	How will the department ensure that the transition of some programs from the	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Families Package transition	Department of Education will not impact on services? a) What guidelines/arrangements has the department put in place around supporting this transition? b) Will services be required to meet new or changed objectives as a part of this transition?	
<b>134.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	PMC Budget Based Funding services – funding agreements	Minister Birmingham has indicated that BBF Services will be offered 3-5 year funding agreements under the new arrangements; will this apply to the BBF services that transition to PM&C funding?	Written
<b>135.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert & Watt	Northern Territory – Alcohol Management Plan approval	After seven years of the Commonwealth Alcohol Management Plan policy, there is only one in place in the Northern Territory. Why has only one AMP been approved by the Minister?	Written
<b>136.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert & Watt	Northern Territory – Alcohol Management Plan assessment	How many AMPs policies for the Northern Territory has the Government assessed since 2010?	Written
<b>137.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Commonwealth resources – Alcohol Management Plan NT	Is this the most effective use of Commonwealth resources to reduce alcohol harm in the Northern Territory?	Written
<b>138.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Cities Division funding and spending	1) Please provide a breakdown of how much funding the Cities Division will receive for each year over the forwards. a) Please provide a breakdown of how this funding will be spent in each year over the forwards. 2) Please provide a list of any procured expertise since the previous Senate	Written

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				<p>Estimates, including the costs associated with each.</p> <p>3) Please provide a list of any contractors and associated costs since the previous Senate Estimates.</p> <p>4) Please provide a list of all staffing changes, including overall numbers, date, since the last Senate Estimates.</p>	
<b>139.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	City Deals	In a media release from the Assistant Minister dated 11 November 2016, it says: City Deals will encourage state and local governments to share goals to innovate on building design and design of open spaces, ways to reduce urban heat and noise, and to better use public transport to reduce emissions and improve liveability. Please detail what steps you are taking in each of the City Deals – Townsville, Launceston, Western Sydney, NT, to achieve this. Who is on the executive board for each of the City Deals? Please provide a list; names, positions etc.	Written
<b>140.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Townsville City Deal	<p>a) How many staff from the Cities Division are allocated to work on this City Deal?</p> <p>b) Who is in charge of inter-departmental communication to ensure targets are met for this City Deal?</p> <p>c) Please provide an update on what progress has been made with this City Deal since the last Estimates.</p> <p>d) Will the Townsville City Deal be NWI (National Water Initiative) compliant?</p>	Written
<b>141.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Townsville City Deal Implementation Plan – Former Member for Herbert, Ewen Jones, on Stadium Committee	<p>a) What was the criteria/eligibility for this position?</p> <p>b) When was the position advertised?</p> <p>c) When was Mr Jones appointed?</p> <p>d) What is the role/job description?</p> <p>e) What are the targets required to be fulfilled by someone in this position?</p> <p>f) How much is this position paid?</p> <p>g) Does this position receive any bonuses? Is this position eligible for any bonuses?</p> <p>h) Is this position paid more to sit on any committees? For instance an audit committee?</p> <p>i) Can this position claim for travel? If so, are there any limits that can be claimed?</p> <p>j) If travel has occurred and travel claim is eligible, how much has the position</p>	Written

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				<p>claimed for travel?</p> <p>k) How many trips has Mr Jones claimed travel for?</p> <p>l) Can you provide the detailed remittance for these trips?</p>	
<b>142.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Townsville City Deal Implementation Plan – Development Corporation for Townsville	<p>a) What steps have been taken towards creating the Development Corporation for Townsville?</p> <p>b) What funding has been identified?</p> <p>c) What funding has been allocated?</p> <p>d) Who is on the board of the Development Corporation for Townsville?</p> <p>e) How much is each board member paid?</p> <p>f) Are board members eligible for any bonuses? What is the value of those bonuses?</p> <p>g) Are Board members paid to sit on board committees? For instance an audit committee?</p> <p>h) Who is on these committees and what are their roles?</p> <p>i) How much are the members of these committees paid?</p> <p>j) Can the Board claim for travel? If so, are there any limits?</p> <p>k) How many employees does the Development Corporation for Townsville currently employ?</p> <p>l) How many employees does the Development Corporation for Townsville intend to employ?</p> <p>m) What are the terms of reference?</p>	Written
<b>143.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Townsville City Deal Implementation Plan – International Education & Training Destination	<p>1) As an international University, why was James Cook University initially excluded from this section of the Cities Deal?</p> <p>a) James Cook University has since been advised that it will be included in this section, can you please provide the timeframe of when the university is expected to be invited to participate?</p>	Written
<b>144.</b>	Department of	McAllister	Launceston City	a) How many staff from the Cities Division are allocated to work on this City	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Deal	Deal? b) Who is in charge of inter-departmental communication to ensure targets are met for this City Deal? c) Please provide an update on what progress has been made with this City Deal since the last Estimates.	
<b>145.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Launceston City Deal – Launceston combined sewage and stormwater system	a) What if any estimates have been supplied as to the likely cost for proceeding with the various options identified in the Launceston Sewage Improvement Plan? b) Have there been any estimates supplied with respect to the likely cost of upgrades to Launceston's combined sewage and stormwater system? c) What governance issues with respect to the operation, or control of the sewage treatment facilities within Tasmania have been identified as a barrier to either funding or financing of upgraded sewage treatment facilities identified in the Launceston sewage improvement plan? d) What does the government consider to represent "accountable investment" in the context of the aim to reduce pollution in the Tamar estuary?	Written
<b>146.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Launceston City Deal – continued support to schools extending to years 11 and 12	a) What barriers does the Commonwealth consider exist to accessing continued education within the catchment of Launceston College and Newstead College, which are both standalone education facilities providing years 11 and 12 and vocational training? b) What courses have been identified as priorities for the schools that choose to extend to years 11 and 12 in order to improve education and employment opportunities and build the skills base of the community? c) What surveys and/or market testing had been undertaken in order to determine the likely demand for youth who may wish to engage with the proposed new Australian Army Cadet facility and training program in Launceston's northern suburb?	Written
<b>147.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and	McAllister	Redevelopment of Launceston's University's	Has there been any consideration, as yet as to the use of that campus for defence and/or other manufacturing purposes in association with the Australian Maritime College's research and/or training function?	Written

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	Cabinet		Newnham campus		
<b>148.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Higher education benefits of investment in submarine and surface destroyer construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What role or roles did the Minister consider the Maritime College might fulfil from its Newnham Campus, or elsewhere in those projects?</li> <li>b) What role does the government see the AMC playing in the establishment of the Maritime technical College in Adelaide?</li> <li>c) Does the development of a maritime cluster associated with the Australian Maritime College fulfil the objects of the Launceston City Deal?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>149.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Western Sydney City Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many staff from the Cities Division are allocated to work on this City Deal?</li> <li>b) Who is in charge of inter-departmental communication to ensure targets are met for this City Deal?</li> <li>c) Please provide an update on what progress has been made with this City Deal since the last Estimates.</li> <li>d) Given that the Townsville City Deal and the Launceston City Deal only involve one council, but the Western Sydney City Deal involves eight, what consideration has been given to putting in place a governance framework to ensure the successful implementation of this City Deal?</li> <li>e) What involvement does the Commonwealth have in preparing this City Deal? What meetings will representatives from the Cities Division attend? Please provide a schedule for 2017.</li> <li>f) What meetings will the Assistant Minister attend in regards to this City Deal? Please provide a schedule for 2017.</li> </ul>	Written
<b>150.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Northern Territory City Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In response to a question at Senate Estimates it was advised that no funding had been allocated to a NT City Deal. Can you confirm this is still the case? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the timeframe for developing the NT City Deal? When is it expected to be signed?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Who is responsible for the NT City Deal in the Cities Division?</li> <li>c) Which local councils will be included in the City Deal?</li> <li>d) How many staff from the Cities Division are allocated to work on this City Deal?</li> <li>e) Who is in charge of inter-departmental communication to ensure targets are met for this City Deal?</li> </ul>	
151.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Regional City Deals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A media release from the Assistant Minister dated 9 November 2016 states, 'The Commonwealth is encouraging state and local governments to develop joint proposals for regional City Deals to make cities more productive and liveable.' However, in Senate Estimates, Dr Kennedy advised that alignment with the Regional Growth Fund was required to 'not create confusion for people in the regions around separate processes and activities.' Dr Kennedy also advised that 'we would not have been in a position to be collaborating or negotiating on other City Deals, or we will not be in a position to do that, till towards the second half of this year.' Have any steps actually been taken to 'encourage state and local governments to develop joint proposals for regional City Deals'? Please advise what these steps are.</li> <li>b) Please outline the Commonwealth's involvement to date in encouraging these joint proposals for regional City Deals.</li> </ul>	Written
152.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Cities Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What was the process for deciding the membership of the Cities Reference Group? Was this the Minister's decision?</li> <li>b) When will the next meeting of the Cities Reference Group be held? Is there a meeting schedule for 2017? If so, please provide.</li> <li>c) Which Ministers attend these meetings? Do representatives from other Departments also attend? Please provide details of names, relevant department etc.</li> <li>d) What are the responsibilities of the City Reference Group</li> <li>e) Who has access to the online portal – the Forum? Does the Minister interact with members of the Cities Reference Group using this portal? What level of interaction does it facilitate?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) What is the standard process for dealing with feedback provided by members? Is the Minister informed?</li> <li>g) What process is in place to ensure ongoing communication between meetings?</li> <li>h) Is it the case that committee members are informed about decisions after they are already decided, or is it the case committee members are consulted in advance? Please details the decisions taken where committee members have been consulted, and the decisions taken where they have not been consulted.</li> </ul>	
<b>153.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Research, reports & publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) State and local governments have a number of datasets available to them, and often have significant pieces of research that have been conducted. What processes are in place to avoid duplicating research? Is research on relevant topics shared across the different levels of government? Who is responsible for ensuring there is no duplication of research?</li> <li>b) What research has the Department of PM&amp;C conducted in regards to issues affecting Australia's cities since the last estimates? Who is responsible for this research?</li> <li>c) Will the Cities Division release any research, reports or publications in 2017?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>154.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	National Cities Performance Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) When will the National Cities Performance Framework be released?</li> <li>b) How will the National Cities Performance Framework intersect with the City Deals program? Will there be any relationship between the two?</li> <li>c) What will be the focus areas of the National Cities Performance Framework?</li> <li>d) What will it assess?</li> <li>e) Which cities will be included?</li> <li>f) What research has been conducted for this Framework? Has the Cities Division used research from any other department in developing this Framework?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>155.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Cities – Interdepartmental communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How regularly do officials from the Cities Division meet with the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development?</li> <li>b) What inter-departmental meetings are scheduled for 2017 that are for the specific purpose of coordinating City Deals? Please provide a list.</li> </ul>	Written
<b>156.</b>	Department of the Prime	Moore	National Women's	An email shared with Labor by the Office for Women (9 February 2017) about the Minister's decision on the recommendations of the KPMG Review in the National	Written

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	Minister and Cabinet		Alliances – women with disabilities	<p>Alliances said:  The Minister has asked us to preserve a bucket of WLDS funding (around \$50,000 annually) for the procurement of services and projects that will support collaborative work in this space between disability advocacy groups and the Women’s Alliances. We will work closely with the Alliances in order to identify and develop potential projects and partners.</p> <p>a) For how many years will the \$50,000 annual funding be provided?  b) Will the first \$50,000 be allocated in the 2016-17 or 2017-18 financial year?  c) When will this funding be allocated by?  d) What will the process be for allocating this funding?  e) Will the funding be delivered through a competitive grants round? If so, when will the grants round open and when will funding be distributed by?  f) Will the funding be delivered through the usual Women’s Leadership and Development Strategy Grants application process? If so, will any further guidelines be provided by the Office for Women about the nature of ‘services and projects’ to be procured?</p>	
157.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	National Women’s Alliances – grants round	<p>a) How many grant applications were received for the establishment of the CALD women’s alliance?  b) When was/will the successful applicant be informed they have been awarded the grant?  c) Who sat on the assessment committee for the National Women’s Alliances grants round?</p>	Written
158.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Workforce participation	<p>Finance and Public Administration Committee Estimates heard on Monday 22 May:  <b>Senator Moore:</b> <i>The Balancing the Future Strategy states:</i>  ...the Government is taking action to boost women’s workforce participation by:  c. Examining the tax and transfer system and its impact on women.  Which department or agency is undertaking this work?  <b>Ms McIntyre:</b> <i>It would either be Treasury or Employment, depending on which measure it was, but tax and transfers is Treasury. (transcript pp. 68-69)</i>  <b>Senator Moore:</b> <i>Minister, either your government is undertaking modelling on effective</i></p>	Written

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				<p><i>marginal tax rates or it is not. At this point in time has anyone in government been asked to undertake this work?</i></p> <p><b>Ms Hatfield-Dodds:</b> <i>While the Office for Women has not done the modelling on EMTRs, we know that the Department of the Treasury has done modelling on EMTRs. When Treasury were asked whether this work was being done at the Economics Committee Hearing on Monday 29 May, Treasury replied:</i></p> <p><b>Mr M Brennan:</b> <i>It is not underway that I am aware of, within the Treasury.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Why has the Government's commitment, stated in the 'Balancing the Future' strategy (released April 2016), that 'the Government is taking action to boost women's workforce participation by examining the tax and transfer system and its impact on women and their families' not begun?</li> <li>b) Is there a department or agency that has responsibility for this work?</li> <li>c) Could the Office please confirm which department or agency has been tasked with undertaking this work? Who requested that the department or agency undertake the work? Via which channel?</li> <li>d) When will this work commence?</li> <li>e) When will this work conclude?</li> <li>f) Will the work be conducted as a review of the impact of the tax and transfer system on women or as ongoing analysis on the impact of changes to the tax and transfer system on women?</li> <li>g) Will any outcomes of this examination be publically released?</li> <li>h) Why did the Office for Women state they knew the Treasury was doing modelling on EMTRs when the Department of the Treasury confirmed they were not?</li> <li>i) Why was the Office for Women's Workforce Participation Taskforce unaware of the status of one of the Government's four key commitments (listed in the Balancing the Future strategy) to boost women's workforce participation?</li> <li>j) Please provide the dates of any meetings the Office for Women have held with the Treasury to discuss how EMTRs impact women's workforce participation.</li> </ol>	
159.	Department of	Moore	Workforce	1) Given that the Office for Women's first stated priority is 'strengthening	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		participation taskforce	women's economic security including women's workforce participation', and the Government has publically committed to examining the tax and transfer system and its impact on women, why did the Office for Women's Workforce Participation Taskforce not request or provide advice to Treasury prior to the release of the Budget about the impact of the Budget's tax and transfer measures on women and their workforce participation?  a) Does the Office for Women's role 'to coordinate policy across government' include ensuring that Government commitments relating to the Office's current priorities are being carried out? b) Why had this not occurred in this case?	
<b>160.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Workforce participation – childcare spending	a) Is the Office for Women aware of the impact on female workforce participation resulting from the Government's additional \$2.5 billion of spending on child care? b) What is the estimated impact on the female workforce participation rate of the Government's additional \$2.5 billion spending on child care? c) Which department produced this figure? d) How has this figure been calculated?	Written
<b>161.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Workforce participation – universal access to preschool	1) The Office for Women media release 'Delivering opportunities for Australian women' states: The Government will inject almost \$430 million to support universal access to preschool for all four year olds... By providing high quality early education, parents will have greater opportunity to work'.  a) Has the Office for Women received advice from the Department of Education or the Treasury on the female workforce participation impact of the \$430 million continuation of funding for universal access to preschool? b) Will the one year continuation of funding for universal access to preschool boost the female workforce participation rate from current levels?	Written
<b>162.</b>				<b>Question no longer required</b>	
<b>163.</b>	Department of	Moore	Balancing the	Step 3d of the 'Balancing the Future Strategy' states: The APSC will review and develop	Written

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	the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Future Strategy	training on the differential impact of gender in mainstream policy development. a) Has this work begun? b) Is the Office for Women involved with the development of this training material? c) When will this training material be rolled out in APS departments? d) Has the training be delivered in any departments yet? e) Will the training be delivered in all APS departments? f) Which departments will the training be delivered in?	
<b>164.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Gender Analysis	During the estimates hearing on 22 May 2017, the Office for Women outlined the process for its input into Budget measures: The Office for Women, like every part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, sees almost every cabinet submission—certainly every cabinet submission it is cleared to do—as it goes on its way through to cabinet and so is able to express a view on every single one. Generally, there are constraints. There are a lot of cabinet submissions going through, so the office tends to target advice and target analysis of budget measures or policy measures that are going through to cabinet. Does the office provide input on the development of Budget measures through any other channels?	Written
<b>165.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants	1) If an application for a WLDS grant meets all of the application criteria, does it automatically receive funding? 2) According to Question on Notice PM204 (2016-17 Additional Estimates): a) In 2015-16 20 applications to the WLDS grants were unsuccessful – how many of these applications met the funding criteria? b) In 2016-17 51 applications to the WLDS grants were unsuccessful – how many of these applications met the funding criteria?	Written
<b>166.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Australian Institute of Company Directors - functions 2016-	At the 2016-17 Supplementary Estimates, Amanda McIntyre said the Australian Institute of Company Directors was provided funding to host four functions in 2016-17. In response to a question on notice at Additional Estimates in March 2017, they said that only one of the four events had been held. a) What amount of funding was provided to host the four events?	Written

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			17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Have any further events been hosted since then?</li> <li>c) If yes, when were these event/s held? What were the event/s? Who was invited to the event/s? What was the cost of each event?</li> <li>d) If no, are any further events scheduled?</li> <li>e) If there are no further events scheduled, has the funding been used for another purpose? What purpose?</li> </ul>	
<b>167.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women staffing	<p>Could you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The budgeted ASL, how many of these positions are currently filled and whether staff are permanent or on contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) As of February this year, 5 of 30 budgeted ASL were vacant – have these positions now been filled?</li> <li>b) The rate of staff turnover in the Office for Women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Since the beginning of the 2016-17 financial year</li> <li>(ii) Since 28 February 2017</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>c) The rate of turnover for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet since the beginning of the 2016-17 financial year</li> <li>d) The current organisational chart of the Office for Women – has this changed since the chart provided in response to Questions on Notice at the last estimates?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>168.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Commission on the Status of Women staff attendance cost	What was the total cost of sending Ms McIntyre and Ms Farrell to the Commission on the Status of Women?	Written
<b>169.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Minister Cash attendance to CSW2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What was the cost of sending Minister Cash to CSW2017?</li> <li>b) Did any advisers attend along with Minister Cash?</li> <li>c) What was the cost of the adviser/s attending?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>170.</b>				Question no longer applicable	
<b>171.</b>				Question no longer applicable	

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173.				Question no longer applicable	
174.	All PM&C Agency	Farrell	2016-17 market research spending	For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)?	Written
175.	All PM&C Agency	Farrell	Market research contracts 2016-17	<p>For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The subject of the market research;</li> <li>b) The supplier;</li> <li>c) Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts;</li> <li>d) The total value of the contract;</li> <li>e) The term of the contract (time);</li> <li>f) The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic;</li> <li>g) The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process;</li> <li>h) The date the supplier was engaged;</li> <li>i) Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process;</li> <li>j) Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list;</li> <li>k) Whether the Minister, or the Minister's Office, requested that the research be conducted;</li> <li>l) Whether the Minister approved the decision to conduct market research;</li> <li>m) Whether the Minister approved the contract with the supplier;</li> <li>n) Whether the Minister or the Minister's office was consulted on questions asked;</li> <li>o) Whether the Minister or the Minister's office received a copy of the market research;</li> <li>p) If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other);</li> <li>q) If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency,</li> </ul>	Written

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				<p>did Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made;</p> <p>r) At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other departments or agencies consulted?</p> <p>s) At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted?</p> <p>t) At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how?</p> <p>u) At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change?</p> <p>v) Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier?</p>	
176.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bilyk	Functions hosted by Ministers/Assistant Ministers	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a) List of functions;</p> <p>b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</p> <p>c) Function venue;</p> <p>d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>e) Details of any food served;</p> <p>f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g) Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written
177.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian Public Service	Bilyk	Departmental and portfolio agency functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a) List of functions;</p> <p>b) List of attendees;</p> <p>c) Function venue;</p> <p>d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p>	Written

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	Commission			e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
<b>178.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian Public Service Commission	Bilyk	Departmental laptops	1) How many laptops are currently on issue to staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio? a) Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 2) How many new laptops were purchased by the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing laptops for staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? 3) How many laptops did the Department and agencies in the portfolio have to be replace due to damage in calendar year 2016? a) What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 4) How many laptops were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? a) What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?	Written
<b>179.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian Public Service Commission	Bilyk	Senior Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's (Commissioner's) office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries (Deputy Commissioners), been upgraded since 1 March 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written
<b>180.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	1) Have the facilities of any of the Department's (APSC's) premises been upgraded since 1 March 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)?	Written

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	Public Service Commission			a) Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	
181.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian Public Service Commission	Bilyk	Departmental and portfolio agency vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written
182.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  Australian Public Service Commission	Bilyk	Departmental and portfolio agency credit cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.</li> <li>2) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?</li> <li>3) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</li> <li>4) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</li> <li>5) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?</li> <li>6) How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?</li> <li>7) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2016? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What was the total value of those purchases?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8) How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>a) Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>9) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level?</p> <p>a) What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>10) Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes?</p> <p>11) Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>12) Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>	
183.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Houses built since beginning of Remote Housing Strategy	How many houses have been built, in each jurisdiction, since the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing was converted to the Remote Housing Strategy?	Written
184.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Refurbished houses since beginning of Remote Housing Strategy	How many houses have been refurbished, in each jurisdiction, since the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing was converted to the Remote Housing Strategy?	Written
185.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Remote Housing Strategy progress	Can you explain where the program is in regards to meeting its targets?	Written
186.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	NPARIH and Remote Housing Strategy review	The Remote Housing Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) and the Remote Housing Strategy was due to report to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs early 2017. When will the findings of the Review be made public?	Written

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<b>187.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	2017-18 Federal Budget commitments	What is the 2017-18 Federal Budget State-by-State breakdown of the yearly financial commitment for new housing in remote Indigenous communities?	Written
<b>188.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Housing Infrastructure Facility grant use	What are the conditions governing use of grants under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written
<b>189.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Housing Infrastructure Facility grant fund budget	What proportion of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility grant fund is budgeted for remote Indigenous local governments?	Written
<b>190.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Housing Infrastructure Facility concessional loan use	What are the conditions governing use of concessional loans under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written
<b>191.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Remote Indigenous local government eligibility for equity investment – National Housing Infrastructure Facility	Are remote Indigenous local governments eligible to apply for equity investment under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility? If so, what are the conditions governing equity investments under the National Housing Infrastructure Facility?	Written

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192.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Asbestos discussions with NT	What discussion have taken place with the Northern Territory regarding the cleaning up legacy asbestos waste in remote communities, given the NT has expended all the funding provided under the Stronger Futures partnership?	Written
193.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Asbestos in remote communities funding	The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency recently released the report "Remote Australia - the asbestos legacy"? This report identifies the high costs of the removal of asbestos as one of the challenges in asbestos management in remote communities. How much funding has been set aside to deal with this?	Written
194.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Remote community asbestos education	Are there plans for a new education campaign in remote communities regarding asbestos? If so, what are they?	Written
195.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Asbestos health checks NT remote communities	What health checks have been done in Tennant Creek, or any other NT community, as a result of concerns about exposure to degraded asbestos?	Written
196.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	IAS funding – Community Development Program	What is the total funding provided under the IAS to providers to deliver CDP?	Written
197.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	2017-18 Budget – remote Australia employment and participation model	<p>a) As part of the Budget a new employment and participation model for remote Australia was announced. What is the timeline for the consultations for this new model? Who will be consulted? Budget for consultations? Can you provide a copy of the consultation model?</p> <p>b) Do you intend to use last year's Discussion Paper on the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 in these consultations?</p>	Written
198.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Dodson	Job seeker penalty for failing to meet	The Department's website says the changes being proposed; introduce one immediate penalty for the job seeker failing to attend a mutual obligation they have agreed to attend. This No Show penalty would be calculated hourly, not daily as per the current	Written

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	Cabinet		mutual obligations	arrangements, and would be reflected immediately in the job seekers income support payment. a) Has this proposal been discussed with providers? b) When was this discussed? c) What has been the response from providers? d) Currently remote job seekers are being penalised at a rate that exceeds that of other job seekers. Has the Department conducted any research into why? e) Has the Department conducted any research into what effect this disproportionately high rate of penalty is having on remote communities?	
<b>199.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Fines for non-compliance – remote CDP participants	How many fines for non-compliance have been imposed on remote CDP participants in the Sept-Dec 2016 quarter?	Written
<b>200.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Income support payment CDP suspension	a) How many instances were there of payments being suspended for 8 weeks? And how many individuals had their payments suspended during this quarter? b) How many individuals have re-engaged with CDP after having payments suspended?	Written
<b>201.</b>				Question no longer applicable	
<b>202.</b>				Question no longer applicable	
<b>203.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Federal Government contribution to Torres Strait Island Regional Council for administration	What financial contribution does the Federal government make to Torres Strait Island Regional Council to directly compensate for the administrative burden on local government as day-to-day managers of Traditional Visitor movements?	Written
<b>204.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Federal Government contribution to Torres Strait	What financial contribution does the Federal government make to Torres Strait Island Regional Council to directly compensate for the infrastructure and services impacts on local government as hosts of Traditional Visitors?	Written

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			Island Regional Council for infrastructure and services		
<b>205.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Change the Record Coalition justice target report	Can the Department explain their understanding of the Change the Record Coalition most recent report on justice targets?	Written
<b>206.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National justice targets	What does the Change the Record coalition, the Productivity Commission and the UN Special Rapporteur say about national justice targets?	Written
<b>207.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Justice targets – COAG	Does the Minister see any role for the Turnbull Government to set targets in COAG to address incarceration rates, domestic and family violence, and rates of children in out of home care?	Written
<b>208.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Additional Close the Gap targets	Is the Department looking at the possible addition of any new targets, to the current close the gap targets? What consultation and funding will be dedicated to reaching these outcomes?	Written
<b>209.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Closing the Gap evidence – PWC report	With the PWC (Price Waterhouse Coopers) report released this year on Closing the Gap on Indigenous incarceration, can the Department provide evidence of working towards closing the Gap regarding this report?	Written
<b>210.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Closing the Gap COAG negotiation	What is the basis for the minister not accepting that a Closing the Gap target on justice could be negotiated through COAG knowing that the states and territories are involved in negotiating the current targets? Is a justice target being considered?	Written
<b>211.</b>	Department of the Prime	Dodson	National Congress of	1) What funding has been provided, for what period and purposes, to the National Congress of Australia's first People?	Written

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	Minister and Cabinet		Australia's First People funding	a) How much of this is base funding and how much is fee for service?	
<b>212.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Congress of Australia's First People relocation	a) National Congress has had its lease revoked, what is the minister and the Turnbull government doing to assist the Congress to relocate? b) Are the minister and the Department aware of whether a permanent premise has been found?	Written
<b>213.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	National Congress of Australia's First People Redfern Statement Dialogues assistance	Given that the minister has engaged the Congress to assist with the Redfern Statement Dialogues, how is the minister intending that they do this work without any funding or any accommodation?	Written
<b>214.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Response to letter from leader of the opposition	What was the minister's response to the letter from the leader of the opposition dated 11 April 2017 regarding the funding of the National Congress of Australia's first People?	Written
<b>215.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	ABA grant to Machado Joseph's Disease Foundation	What are the resulting total legal fees, awarded court costs and IAS program outlays to the Commonwealth arising from the Minister's decision to attempt to overturn the ABA grant to Machado Joseph's Disease Foundation?	Written
<b>216.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Cape York Partnership	In response to Question reference number 190, question 8 in Attachment A received from Questions on notice- Additional estimates 2016-2017, can you provide detail of total funding amount per program per annum?	Written
<b>217.</b>	Indigenous Land Corporation	Dodson	Voyages Resort	What actions is the ILC taking to increase the local Anangu workforce at Voyages Resort? What is the budget to support these activities?	Written

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<b>218.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Townsville City Deal Implementation Plan – Townsville Entertainment Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has any funding been allocated to the feasibility study/business case for the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre?</li> <li>b) Has any finance or funding been identified for the business case?</li> <li>c) Has any finance or funding been identified for the construction of the Entertainment and Convention Centre?</li> <li>d) Who is on the business case management team?</li> <li>e) What was the selection criteria/eligibility for members to join the business case management team?</li> <li>f) Who selected the business case management team?</li> <li>g) Which stakeholders have been engaged by the business case management team?</li> <li>h) What information has been provided by the Local Council and/or the business case management team to the Federal Government regarding the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre?</li> <li>i) Is the refinement of the feasibility study/business case on track to completion in the third quarter of 2017?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>219.</b>	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	Xenophon	Record Management	When there is a change of Government does IGIS retain all of your files or are they archived in some way?	Written
<b>220.</b>	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	Xenophon	Incoming Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Does IGIS provide an incoming Prime Minister or Attorney with an Incoming Government Brief? In written or verbal form?</li> <li>b) Is there any legal restrictions or convention in providing an incoming government minister any IGIS past reports, should they request them?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>221.</b>	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Functional Efficiency Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) When will the Functional Efficiency Review that included the DTO/DTA be released?</li> <li>b) What were the review's key recommendations?</li> </ul>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Is the DTA currently undertaking actions based on that report?</li> <li>d) Has the review been considered by cabinet? When will it be reviewed?</li> <li>e) How does the government justify the restructure of an entire agency</li> <li>f) without the review even going to cabinet or being made public?</li> <li>g) Did Dr Alexander see the Functional Efficiency Review?</li> <li>h) Did he brief the then-CEO on it?</li> <li>i) Has he seen the recommendations of the Functional Efficiency Review?</li> <li>j) Were any other reviews of the then DTO conducted before the restructure was announced? Can we be provided with those reviews?</li> </ul>	
222.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Former CEO - DTA	Did the Assistant Minister recommend to PM&C that the Mr Shetler be removed as CEO, or was that a decision made by PM&C and relayed to the Assistant Minister?	Written
223.	Digital Transformation Agency		Ministerial Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What were the liaison or consultation platforms established between the Assistant Minister and the DTO CEO, to keep the Government apprised of progress on DTO projects?</li> <li>b) Why wasn't an answer supplied to the question on notice about how many times the Assistant Minister Mr Taylor met with Mr Shetler before his departure?</li> <li>c) From the time Mr Taylor was appointed Assistant Minister for Digital Transformation in February 2016 until Mr Shelter's departure in October 2016, how many times did the two meet bi-laterally?</li> </ul>	

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				<p>(i) Was it just twice in roughly nine months?</p> <p>d) How often did the Assistant Minister meet with the acting CEO Nerida O’Loughlin? On what dates did she meet the Assistant Minister?</p>	
224.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	DTA New Functions	<p>a) Can you provide a Budget and breakdown and org chart covering each of the areas of the DTA’s operation?</p> <p>b) Mr Slater told the committee on May 23: “I do not see the role of the DTA as going in and taking over a project.” Does that mean the DTA will not play a critical role in fixing ICT projects as needed? What roll will it have in that regard?</p>	Written
225.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Stopping the business case for the re-development of GOV.AU	<p>a) Was the DTO directed by government to proceed with the GOV.AU build ahead of the formal acceptance of the GOV.AU business case? Was this a Cabinet decision or Ministerial decision?</p> <p>b) Why was that question not answered on notice after the March Senate Estimates hearing?</p> <p>c) Is it true that the GOV.AU business case was to be considered but then withdrawn from consideration a mere 30 minutes before the standard deadline for Cabinet submissions?</p> <p>d) Why was this question not answered on notice?</p> <p>e) Who made this decision? Was it the Assistant Minister that stopped the GOV.AU business case proceeding?</p> <p>f) Is it true the only agency or department forcefully against the GOV.AU project</p>	

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				<p>was Finance? Was PM&amp;C in support of it?</p> <p>g) Why did Government ministers wait till the last minute to communicate the decision to pull the business case from consideration?</p> <p>h) Why was three-quarters of a million dollars spent on a project before Ministers or executives intervened to stop it? Isn't that a huge waste of taxpayer money?</p> <p>i) Was the Finance Minister or Assistant Minister advised about the budget impact of not proceeding with considering of the business plan and continued GOV.AU build considering \$764,000 had already been spent on it?</p> <p>j) What was the \$764,000 spent on once it wasn't being directed to the GOV.AU business case?</p> <p>k) In the answer to question on notice 176 the DTA said "Consideration of the GOV.AU business case would be a matter" for the Digital Transformation Committee. Was it evaluated by that committee? When? What was the outcome of their assessment? If it wasn't, when will it be evaluated?</p> <p>l) In February 2017 Estimates Ms O'Loughlin said the "decisions were made to consider an alternative faster and more cost-effective approach" to improving online services, rather than GOV.AU. Who made that decision?</p> <p>m) The same response to the questions on notice says that while GOV.AU isn't proceeding the DTA is still trying to reduce the number of government websites. How many fewer websites does the government have since the GOV.AU project was stopped?</p> <p>(i) What other websites are being worked on for merger or decommissioning?</p>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) How many fewer websites will the government have by the end of the year?</li> <li>(iii) How much funding is dedicated to this new project? How many staff are allocated to it?</li> <li>(iv) Who is in charge and responsible for the new project? What experience do they have in delivering platforms of this kind? When will it be delivered?</li>   <li>n) What’s happened to the people (internal) that were associated with both the development of the GOV.AU website and the business case?</li>   <li>o) What is the average estimated cost of developing and maintaining a government website?</li>   <li>p) During the February 2017 Senate Estimates, Ms O’Loughlin said “50 per cent of Australians who look up government information services online experience a problem” How did you come up with that figure? Can you provide any research?</li>   <li>q) An answer to question on notice number 176 says “Matters relating to financial expenditure and budget impact of projects are managed by the Agency and not the Finance Minister or the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation.”</li>   <li>(i) Is it appropriate that nearly \$1 million was spent on this project that didn’t yet have an approved business case and was then shelved?</li>   <li>r) In the previous Estimates hearing this committee was told “The work we have done on GOV.AU... has all been reused.” How was it reused?</li> </ul>	
226.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Overview of ICT Spending in Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Can you list which projects amount to the \$9.3 billion ICT spend announced by Angus Taylor in Fairfax Media on 27 March?</li>   <li>b) Where any new ICT projects included in this years’ Budget? What were they?</li> </ul>	Written

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				How much did each one cost?	
227.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	DTA Digital Investment Management Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What sort of evaluation is the DIMO doing on ICT projects as part of the review of all ICT spending above \$10 million? What is it measuring and testing?</li> <li>b) In the February 2017 Senate Estimates Ms O’Loughlin said the DIMO would look at “how much is being expended; what is the risk around each of those projects”. What is the DIMO doing to assess the projects against those criteria?</li> <li>c) How many of the 92 government agencies have responded to the information request for the review by the DTA? List the ones that haven’t.</li> <li>d) When will the assessment of all ICT expenditure be finished? Will it be made public?</li> <li>e) Has the DIMO provided an interim report on ICT spending and projects to the Digital Transformation Committee or the Assistant Minister?</li> <li>f) What is the budget of the Digital Investment Management Office over the forward estimates?</li> <li>g) Was the decision to set up the PMO (as the DIMO was first named) approved by Cabinet or DTC?</li> <li>h) Can you provided the aggregate value of the 56 ICT projects above \$10 million that have already been identified as part of the review?</li> <li>i) Can you list and define the categories that will be assigned to the projects as part of the review?</li> <li>j) Can you provide the category designation – out of engage, monitor and observe</li> </ul>	Written

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				– for each of NAPLAN online, ATO website crashes and the Centrelink robo-debt project?	
228.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	NAPLAN Failures	a) Why didn't the DTA work with the Department of Education and Training on the NAPLAN online program? b) Has the Department of Education engaged with the DTA since the May 23 Senate Estimates hearing? c) What is the DTA's view on why NAPLAN online had to be delayed and cancelled? d) What is the DTA's remediation advice for the NAPLAN online roll out? What needs to be done and when does the DTA believe there will be a resolution to the service problems?	Written
229.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Whole-of-government digital platforms	a) A media release from the Assistant Minister after the Budget said funding from the Modernisation Fund would be used to fund development of four whole-of-government digital platforms. How much money was allocated? b) Is a platform called "Tell Us Once" one of the platforms that will be developed? Can you explain what that platform's purpose is? c) When will it be completed? Who will use it? Who has asked for it? d) What are the other three platforms that will be built by the DTA using that Modernisation Fund money? Can we see overview, time table and purpose on each of the products? e) The digital identity project just doesn't seem to be making any headway. At what point does the DTA expect successful development, implementation and roll out of that project? What is the DTA's role in that project?	Written

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230.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Digital Capacity (attracting and retaining talent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does the government need to set up a fund to invest in attracting digital talent?</li> <li>• Is there not enough talent available currently? Why?</li> <li>• Is the training not adequate to develop talent in Australia?</li> <li>• Will the replacement of 457 visas make the process of attracting top international talent harder?</li> <li>• Are there any specific areas/skills that will be targeted using this funding?</li> </ul>	
231.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Cyber security advisory function	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many staff will be involved in the DTA's cyber security advisory function? Will it have a specific name?</li> <li>b) We recently had a world-wide ransomware attack called "WannaCry". Who follows up after an attack to find out what went wrong and what can be done to prevent repeat attacks?</li> <li>c) Who implements the learnings from those follow ups?</li> <li>d) Is the new advisory arm within the DTA going to start overseeing those processes?</li> </ol>	Written
232.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	New DTA CEO Gavin Slater and vacant Chief Digital Officer role	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Who was involved in the process to find and select the DTA's new CEO? How many people were interviewed before Gavin Slater was appointed?</li> <li>b) What is his salary package? Is the CEO on a contract? For what term?</li> <li>c) Is there a system of review for the new CEO's performance?</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>d) What parts of his CV were considered to overlap with the requirements of being the CEO of the DTA? What projects was he was involved in stood out to warrant his selection?</p> <p>e) Did Mr Slater begin work on 1 May as indicated in the Assistant Minister’s press release on the matter?</p> <p>f) In October 2017 Estimates a commitment was made to fill the vacancy of Chief Digital Officer. Has that been filled?</p> <p>g) Who, or which organisation, paid for the ticket that was used by the DTA CEO to attend the Liberal Party Budget night dinner on 9 May 2017?</p>	
233.	Digital Transformation Agency	McAllister	Digital Marketplace	<p>a) During the last Estimates this committee was told: “Last week, we launched an expanded digital marketplace, which is in beta stage and represents a new model for government procurement. It is end-to-end digital, bringing together sellers and buyers, making transactions easier and faster—and still compliant with Commonwealth procurement rules.” (Hansard page 129.) Is it true that the marketplace doesn’t have the procure-to-pay facility? Is it really an end-to-end digital process without that facility?</p> <p>b) What is the product roadmap for the digital marketplace? Is there enough funding to this financial year to complete the roadmap?</p> <p>c) What is the complaints process for people applying for work through the digital marketplace?</p> <p>d) How many complaints have been received?</p> <p>e) How many of them were from SMEs?</p>	Written

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234.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Kakoschke -Moore	Alleged misuse of social media by ADF members	<p>1 – What communication have you had with the Australian Defence Force in regards to this issue?</p> <p>2 – Have you briefed them on the complaints that have been made to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman?</p> <p>3 – Do you have regular meetings with the Australian Defence Force and the Department of Veterans Affairs?</p> <p>4 – How often do these occur?</p> <p>5 – Did your office investigate this issue of social media?</p> <p>6 – If an issue emerges as a theme does the office note it as an area of interest?</p> <p>7 – If a theme is found to be regularly occurring, would the office start an investigation into that issue?</p> <p>8 – What would this process entail?</p>	Written
235.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Kakoschke -Moore	Question reference number 123 on notice from Estimates February 2017	<p>Question reference number 123 on notice from Estimates February 2017 also noted the following as concerns that had been raised with your office.</p> <p>Between 1 July 2016 and 31 March 2017, the most common issues people report to the Defence Force Ombudsman are in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ADF’s internal complaints mechanism, Redress of Grievance</li> <li>• veterans’ access to the disability pension</li> <li>• career in the ADF</li> <li>• discharge from the ADF</li> <li>• service delivery in Defence agencies (including the Department of Veterans’ Affairs)</li> <li>• pay and conditions in the ADF</li> <li>• health care and medical services, and</li> <li>• disability compensation.</li> </ul> <p>1 – Have these issues been raised with ADF and DVA?</p> <p>2 – Have any investigations commenced on any of these issues?</p>	Written

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236.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Kakoschke -Moore	SeMPRO	1 – Do you ever refer people to SeMPRO? 2 – If so how many people have you referred? 3 – If not, why not?	Written
237.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke -Moore	Housing and Homelessness	The December 2016 COAG Communique notes that ‘Leaders agreed that improving housing affordability and addressing homelessness are key pillars of improving social and economic outcomes.’ 1 – Were any recommendations made regarding how this would be achieved? 2 – The Communique also notes that ministers and treasurers will improve efforts to ‘provide sustainable funding for homelessness services’. As the co-host of the meeting, can your office give any insight into the discussions regarding sustainable funding? What proposals were made?	Written
238.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke -Moore	DVO Database	1– Have you had any feedback on the ‘Interim DVO information sharing system’ since its introduction in November 2016? 2 – If so, what feedback have you received? 3 – How long will it be in place for?	Written
239.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke -Moore	Grants and Funding	1 – How much has the office for women budgeted for grants programs over the new budget period?	Written
240.				This question is no longer applicable	
241.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Kakoschke -Moore	Indigenous Rangers Program	1 – What are the details of the total funding for the Indigenous Rangers Program in the forward estimates? 2 - What is the funding per annum? 3 - Does funding for this program continue beyond the forward estimates? 4 - The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has given a public commitment to extend contracts for this program for two years from June 2018. Will that commitment now be revised to extend the contracts for at least the period of the forward estimates?	Written

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				5 - Given the impressive outcomes from this program, has the Department conducted any modelling to determine the benefits of expanding the program?	
242.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Plutus Payroll	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When you say companies from whom you obtain staff, are they labour hire? Can you tell me the nature?</p> <p><b>Ms Tressler:</b> Since the news has broken we have found that we have nine ICT contractors indirectly associated. They contract with us through other organisations such as Hays and others. I could get you a full list.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 22
243.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong and McAllister	Acting Deputy Prime Minister	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> As you know, there is no constitutional recognition of the office of Deputy Prime Minister, or indeed, for that matter, Prime Minister. The constitution only recognises ministers. So from a strict point of view it might be thought that this is an extra-constitutional title but what it does is designate that the occupier is the second the minister of the Crown for the time being.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On your assertion, then, does that mean that Mr Joyce could appoint anybody in the ministry—even an assistant minister—to be Deputy Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know the answer to that question. Let me take it on notice and I will consider it.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. Are there further question on the matter we were dealing with?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In the period 1 to 7 April when Mr Joyce used this instrument, was he in the country?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know. I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We understand he was on leave. We cannot take it any further than that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Perhaps you can get back to us later in the day, if that is possible.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will confirm what Ms Kelly's understanding was. The answer was given a little tentatively, but I am sure Ms Kelly can confirm that and give you a firm answer.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes, we will endeavour to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 53

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244.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	MoU with Bupa	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think there have been essentially two agreements: one under the auspices of the Business Council and the APSC and then this second one, which is a direct relationship. Are the obligations contained in the MOU in relation to this second agreement different in material ways from the obligations that were contained in the original agreement?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> The change of which I am aware was that, for the first year, under the APSC program, it was substantially at the department's expense. Under this direct agreement, it is now substantially at Bupa's expense. I will get the exact breakdown of that.</p> <p>..</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> .... On the question of amounts of money paid, I would like to have the opportunity to talk to the individual in question first, before that is provided. But I am happy to table the MOUs.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May, 2017 Pages 74 and 116
245.				<b>Question no longer required.</b>	
246.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McCarthy and Dodson	Funding Agreement	<p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> ... In relation to the existing funding agreement, we are actually seeking IBA's permission and legal advice with respect to releasing that funding agreement to the committee. But, given this may need to be agreed by their board, I expect that we might need to provide that to you on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Could you just repeat that last sentence again? I had problems hearing.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> Sorry—with respect to the funding agreement, for this financial year, we are speaking to IBA to seek their agreement to provide a copy to the committee. They may need to seek agreement from the board, so I do expect that it might take a little while, and we may need to provide it on notice rather than today in the committee.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Yes, it would be good to receive that</p> <p>...</p> <p>Minister, as to the comment made, about: 'It may take some time to get responses from the IBA board in relation to our request for information in relation to contracts,' is this going to impact on the execution of your intentions to respond and facilitate the expenditure of this budget to achieve your objectives?</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017, Page 33

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				<p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I think the question of the response was more about my offer to have this year's, this current contract, because we said it would be very close in nature to a contract that has yet to be dealt with. But the advice was that we would have to seek the IBA's support in releasing that publicly. I do not think that will take long. It will not have an impact on those other matters.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I got the impression from Ms Williams that it may take <i>Blue Hills</i> periods.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> No. I had indicated that we would try to get that today.</p> <p><b>Ms N Williams:</b> Sorry if I provided that impression. What I was suggesting is that I am not confident that we would be able to get it to you today, but we should be able to get it to you, if the board agrees, as soon as possible. So it should not take any time.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Thank you for clarifying that, because I get a bit anxious when someone says it may take a bit of time.</p>	
247.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Rosie Anne Fulton	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I would like to ask a question on notice. It is a little while before we have our next estimates but could you take on notice that if you do find out further information, you could provide the committee with advice?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> When I hear back from the Minister for Health, I will inform the committee about that and I will provide a copy of the letter to the committee.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you very much.</p>	FPA Friday 26 May 2017 page 51
248.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Rhiannon	One Nation profiteering	<p>On 23 May 2017 there were media reports that the Prime Minister was considering a police investigation into One Nation following the leaking of a recording where Senator Pauline Hanson is heard speaking to her chief of staff about how illegal profits could be made out of the coming federal election.</p> <p>(a) Did Mr Turnbull receive advice from the AFP?</p> <p>(b) Is the AFP conducting an investigation into this matter?</p>	Written
249.	Australian Public Service Commission	Rhiannon	End of year PAYG summaries for	1. Can you please provide copies of the group certificates/end of year PAYG summaries for each SES officer at the APSC (with home addresses and tax file numbers redacted) for FY2013/14, FY2014/15 and FY2015/16;	Written

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			SES	<p>or</p> <p>2. a summary, rounded to the nearest dollar, of the remuneration given to each APSC SES officer for the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.</p>	
250.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	McAllister	Funding to Bupa	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. Is Bupa currently in receipt of any direct funding from PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I cannot answer that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In the form of a contract, a grant or any other kind of engagement?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I cannot think of how that could be so, but I can make that inquiry and see whether we are able to determine that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Thank you. I accept that you will need to take this on notice. If you could provide the total funding that has been received by Bupa in government contracts over the last four years, that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can only speak in relation to PM&amp;C, but I will certainly do that in relation to PM&amp;C.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> We might come back to that once you are in a position to table the MOU.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> If you are moving on to a different topic, I might go to Senator Smith.</p>	FPA Tuesday 23 May 2017, page 46
251.	Australian National Audit Office	Roberts	Cost-benefit-analysis for Budget	<p>1. Have you considered providing the authority and resources to the ANAO to check cost-benefit-analysis (CBA) re budget ... that has been produced, for at least major policies, by the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) ... as guided by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) and checked by the Productivity Commission (PC) re economics?</p>	Written
252.	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Roberts	Parliamentary Budget Office	<p>1. Has the following been considered – ie providing the authority &amp; resources to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) to implement &amp; manage a budget expenditure transparency portal like that advocated by the Australian Taxpayers' Association (ATA)?</p> <p>2. Has the following been considered – ie providing the authority &amp; resources to the</p>	Written

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				<p>PBO to implement &amp; undertake dynamic tax modelling based on Laffer Curve principles like the American Heritage Foundation’s TaxBrain ... noting that such modelling shows that economies grow and create greater tax revenue when tax rates are significantly reduced?</p> <p>3. Has the following been considered – ie providing the authority &amp; resources to the PBO to implement &amp; undertake, for at least major policies, cost-benefit-analysis (CBA) ... perhaps as guided by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) ... and checked by the Productivity Commission (PC) &amp;/or Australian National Audit Office (ANAO)?</p>	
253.	Australian Public Service Commission	Roberts	Support an efficient and high-performing public sector	<p>Given that the public sector doesn’t face the economic incentives to be efficient and effective, is it the case that serious reforms are needed such as:</p> <p>A) reducing the size and influence of the federal bureaucracy; and</p> <p>B) removing permanent tenure – ie the number one disincentive?</p>	Written
254.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Gallacher	Base Contamination - Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Taskforce	<p>Regarding the taskforce referenced in answer to question reference number 196 from Finance and Public Administration additional estimates 2016-17 “A taskforce has been established in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&amp;C) to oversee and coordinate the whole of government response to per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination at Commonwealth owned sites and affected communities”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the role of the taskforce?</li> <li>2. What is the scope or the terms of reference of the taskforce?</li> <li>3. What other Commonwealth agencies are represented on the taskforce?</li> <li>4. Are any state or territory entities represented on the taskforce?</li> <li>5. When and how often does the taskforce meet?</li> </ol>	Written

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				<p>6. Has the Taskforce considered any requests for compensation from business owners in Williamstown, Oakey or any other sites affected by contamination for losses following the PFAS contamination?</p> <p>7. Has the taskforce directed any compensation claims to be paid?</p> <p>a) If so, how many?</p> <p>8. Has the Taskforce formulated a recommendation regarding the buyouts of homes of residents affected by the PFAS contamination?</p> <p>a) If so – When is it likely to be acted on?</p>	
255.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Sterle	Prison to Work COAG initiative	Can you confirm and detail how the Government is investing in transforming the lives of inmates, in juvenile detention and adult prisons?	Written
256.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Overseas travel	<p>Last time the Office appeared before the committee at the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2016, His Excellency and Lady Cosgrove had recently returned from two trips to South America, principally for the Olympic and Paralympic Games but in the case of the first trip, also including a number of state visits. Please detail any overseas travel that has been undertaken by the Governor-General since that time.</p> <p>How many of these trips were as the result of invitations?</p> <p>How many were at the request of the Commonwealth Government?</p> <p>How many were of His Excellency's own initiative?</p>	Written
257.	Office of the Official	Wong	Overseas travel	<p>What is the process for approval of travel by the Governor-General?</p> <p>Is approval required from Executive Council or a minister?</p>	Written

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	Secretary to the Governor-General			Is funding for travel at the sole discretion of the Office of the Official Secretary? Does it come from the office's overall budget, or is there a separate fund?	
<b>258.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Domestic Travel	For 2016-2017, can the Office indicate how Their Excellencies have divided their time between the different states and territories of the Commonwealth? How are schedules for domestic travel prioritised? Is it a result of invitations received, or does the Governor-General or the Office plan travel to particular places at particular times and then seek to establish a program?	Written
<b>259.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	State Visits	Can the Office indicate how many state visits to Australia have been hosted by the Governor-General since 1 July 2016? What countries have been represented? Who is responsible for issuing invitations to foreign heads of state to visit Australia? Are they invited in all cases, or do some invite themselves?	Written
<b>260.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Order of Australia	What determines how many awards of the Order of Australia Medal are made each year? Is it based on a percentage of nominations received?	Written
<b>261.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Order of Australia	Given the evidence to the committee about the separation of nominations into high and low categories, comprising nominations for Companion, Officer and Member of the Order of Australia and Medal of the Order of Australia respectively, on how many occasions for the: (a) 2016 Australia Day honours; (b) 2016 Queen's Birthday honours; (c) 2017 Australia Day honours; (d) 2017 Queen's Birthday honours; Did the Council of the Order of Australia subsequently change the award from being one initially sorted for consideration for a high award to be a low award; and from being one	Written

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				initially sorted for consideration for a low award to be a high award?	
<b>262.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Order of Australia	With reference to evidence about the benchmarking process, for the awards of Member of the Order of Australia and the order of Australia Medal, is there a comparison made to ensure that someone who receives the medal has a résumé similar to other medal recipients, and that no members are appointed with a lesser résumé than someone who is awarded the medal? If not, how can the secretariat be sure decisions are being made fairly and in a way that is appropriately reflective of a nominee's contribution?	Written
<b>263.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Order of Australia	Following the announcement of awards, is there any way for nominators to seek review if they feel the person they nominated has not been appointed at the appropriate level? What about if they resubmitted a nomination for reclassification, or further scrutiny?	Written
<b>264.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	Honours and Awards	How many nominations for the Public Service Medal were received from South Australia in advance of the selection and announcement of the 2017 Queen's Birthday honours?	Written
<b>265.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	2015-16 Annual Report	With reference to the performance results on pages 9 and 10 of the 2015-16 Annual Report, is the Governor-General the sole arbiter of the quality of the performance of the Office? Are there any objective measures of performance that the office is required to meet or is it just that the Governor-General is satisfied?	Written
<b>266.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Wong	2015-16 Annual Report	With reference to official activities hosted on page 15, is there a benchmark for the number of official activities hosted at Government House in Canberra and Admiralty House in Sydney in any given year? What about number of visitors, and number of school tours? What feedback is compiled from attendees at functions, visitors and school groups about the quality of the service provided?	Written

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267.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Seating Plans	Can an update to 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice 85, requesting current seating plans for Cabinet, and Cabinet committees, be provided.	Written
268.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Estimates Topics List	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consistent with the Information Commissioner decision Penny Wong and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [2016] AICmr 6 (29 January 2016), can the topics list for briefs created in preparation for the Additional Estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee in February 2015 be provided.</li> <li>2. Consistent with the Information Commissioner decision Penny Wong and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [2016] AICmr 6 (29 January 2016), can the topics list for briefs created in preparation for the Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee in May 2015 be provided.</li> <li>3. Consistent with the Information Commissioner decision Penny Wong and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [2016] AICmr 6 (29 January 2016), can the topics list for briefs created in preparation for the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee in October 2015 be provided.</li> <li>4. Consistent with the Information Commissioner decision Penny Wong and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [2016] AICmr 6 (29 January 2016), can the topics list for briefs created in preparation for the Additional Estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee in February 2016 be provided.</li> <li>5. Consistent with the Information Commissioner decision Penny Wong and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [2016] AICmr 6 (29 January 2016),</li> </ol>	Written

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