

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio

QoN No.	PDR No.	Division	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Comments
Corporate Services							
01	109	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century</i> Video - Timing	<p>Senator CONROY: I want to ask you about something that appeared on YouTube on the afternoon of the budget... This is <i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century</i>. Are you familiar with this, Mr Mrdak?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, that is a video production which the department prepared.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: ... Can I check on the timing of the release. I understand that it was released while the budget lockup was on. You might have been in your own lockup, if that is what you were doing, but I understand that this was made available during the afternoon of the lockup; in other words, before 7.30, when the projects were announced.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is my understanding, yes. It was released in the late afternoon on the day of the budget.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: At what time was it released?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check that. I do not have a specific time. My understanding is that it was late afternoon of that day.</p>	5 26 May 2014	
02	110	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century</i> Video - Costing	<p>Senator CONROY: It is quite a fancy little video. What did it cost to prepare?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think we are still settling the final costings of it. I do not have that information with me. I will take that on notice, if you do not mind.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I might be able to help you. With respect to the contract value—you can perhaps help us—there appear to be two video presentations on infrastructure investment, both with the same people here in Kingston—the trustee for SilverSun Pictures. One contract value was listed at \$35,000 and one at \$50,000. I am just trying to find out whether or not that is a combined \$85,000. It is from the tender website. You should be able to get Senator Johnston to call it up for you right</p>	6 26 May 2014	

					<p>now, if you would like.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As you know, what we publish on AusTender is the ultimate contract amount, but it may not be the final price. It would depend on—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So it could be higher?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, I do not think so. I think the contract price, from my understanding, would be lower. But I will take that on notice and come back to you as soon as possible.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Were there two contracts let or was it one contract for \$50,000 and one contract for \$35,000—or was it a combined \$85,000?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: From my understanding, there were two pieces of work commissioned. Firstly, the initial piece of work in preparing the video was done for the announcement by the government on the Western Sydney infrastructure package; that was prepared. Subsequently, it was decided to broaden the presentation to include what would be developed in the forthcoming budgets; hence we went back and did another contract with the company. I will get you the details of the actual costs, but my understanding is that it is less than the contracted amount provided for in the contract. I will get you the details of that.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay. But at this stage there is an \$85,000 combined figure for the production of this, given that the first part was preparation for the second part?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There are two separate contracts. Without having that in front of me—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: One piggybacks off the other; that is what you have described to me.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct. There was an initial piece of work done which was subsequently revised and extended with the additional contract.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So the initial one was \$35,000 and then the final one was \$50,000. Is the threshold \$80,000? On AusTender, it says \$80,000. I am just trying to work out what the actual—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get you the details of the actual expenditure. They are the maximum amounts under the contract. I will get you the actual details of the invoices, which I think we are just settling at the moment.</p>		
03	111	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century Video - Use</i>	<p>Mr Mrdak: The video is also being used as part of presentations that ministers are using for events that are being undertaken.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is a bit long; you would not use that whole thing.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It has been utilised for presentations—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Who have you tortured by making them watch all of that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check. Certainly I have utilised it for departmental presentations and I think ministers do intend to use it for audiences in the future.</p>	7 26 May 2014	

04	112	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century Video - Staffing</i>	<p>Senator CONROY: How many man hours or person hours went into it on the departmental side?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It was done over a period of several weeks. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	7 26 May 2014	
05	113	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21st Century Video - AusTender</i>	<p>Senator CONROY: In terms of the process of AusTender, how many tenderers were there?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: My understanding is that we went to a single procurement, a single firm.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So you just picked someone. There is an \$80,000 threshold, though, if you are picking just one. Isn't that the issue?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct. We went to a—</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: There were three quotes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am advised—I will take it on notice—that three firms tendered or quoted for the work.</p>	8 26 May 2014	
06	114	CORP	CONROY	\$60 Million Reduction – Framework	<p>Senator CONROY: Could you indicate where these savings or cost reductions were made by revenue increases or expense cuts? What is that split? What have you been able to come up with?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There are two processes underway. Firstly, we are required, by June this year, to have undertaken an audit of all of our regulatory activities and to have subjected them to a compliance cost calculation, which has been set using a framework determined by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. That gives us the ability to recognise what our total compliance costs on industry are across the portfolio. Secondly, we have been identifying pieces of legislation or regulation that we undertake to identify areas where we can make savings by effectively removing red tape or regulatory impost on industry. At the moment we have been focused on two key portfolios that have delivered significant regulatory reductions. They are the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations, and also the Maritime Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations where they have sought to reduce unnecessary regulatory compliance costs going—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are targeted regulatory reductions that do not impact on safety. That has been a fundamental concern of the government. From the department's perspective, we are looking at areas such as our motor vehicle compliance regulatory arrangements, our transport security arrangements and some of our arrangements in our aviation airports division where we impose regulatory requirements on industry. So we are undertaking—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Most of these areas that you have mentioned are completely new to me. I am going to ask you to explain a little more about the individual areas. First of all, I want you to start with the process. Could you just take me through this? You have said that PM&C have devised this process. Could we get a copy of the framework?</p>	10-11 26 May 2014	

					<p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I think it has been publicly set out, but I will take that on notice, if I may.</p>		
07	115	CORP	CONROY	AusTender – Bathroom Renovations	<p>Senator CONROY: On 22 April AusTender posted two contract notices of bathroom renovations. What can you tell us about those? They are valued at \$20,000, so I just wonder what you can tell us about a couple of loos.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not familiar with those. Can I take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The question is whether or not you are planning to be familiar with them.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No. I am not aware of any changes to bathroom arrangements with which I am familiar.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Perhaps during the course of the morning someone could come back to us and tell us what the \$40,000 in total—two times 20—is for.</p>	16 26 May 2014	
08	116	CORP	CONROY	Commission of Audit Report	<p>Senator CONROY: Did the department provide input to the government's Commission of Audit?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Did you do that of your own initiative or responding to a request?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We had a request from the Commission of Audit to which I responded.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Who made the request?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it was the chair of the Commission of Audit.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What was the nature of the department's input?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We provided information on the role and responsibilities of the department, our structure, information in relation to all of our programs and—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Bearing in mind that this is not advice to government.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And it has been made quite clear that it was not a government report; it was an orphan. Are we able to get a copy of your advice to the commission?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice. I do not have any difficulty with providing it, but I will take it on notice in terms of what arrangements the commission has put in place as to whether my submission was published along with others, if you do not mind.</p>	17 26 May 2014	
09	117	CORP	McLUCAS	Use of Special Purpose Aircraft on 31 January 2014	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Going to an answer to a question on notice which went to the use of special purpose aircraft, there was a trip on Friday, 31 January, to, I expect, Oakey airport and back; is that right?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, Senator.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Who was on that flight?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If it is the flight I recall, it was the Deputy Prime Minister and his office. ...</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So the DPM and his staff?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p>	18 26 May 2014	

					<p>Senator McLUCAS: How many passengers all together? Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. It was a relatively small number. From recollection, it was two staff and me. I will take that on notice.</p>		
10	129	CORP	CONROY	MyRegions Website	<p>Senator CONROY: I want to talk about the minor region website. What is the status of it at the moment? Mr Mrdak: The website remains in operation. We have currently got it under review to update it. I will just see if I have some details with me. My understanding is that the— Senator CONROY: Will you be identifying the \$350 million funding cuts through RDAF round 5? Mr Mrdak: Identifying them? Senator CONROY: Will you be putting up on the website that \$350 million of funding through RDAF round 5 will no longer be available? Mr Mrdak: I think all of the proponents have been advised of that. I am not too sure as to whether that is on the website. I will check that for you. Senator CONROY: I would consider that that is what an update is. You do not just update the good news; you update all of the news. Mr Mrdak: I would imagine that we have a statement on the website which sets out what projects are being funded under RDAF and the fact that RDAF 5 and 5B are not proceeding. I will check that, Senator. I will check that this morning. Senator CONROY: Do you identify that \$350 million of funding is no longer available, not just 'oh, this program has been ceased'? You identify the quantum? Mr Mrdak: I will identify the quantum. Certainly, the— Senator CONROY: No. I am asking if it does identify the quantum. Mr Mrdak: Again, I will check for you, Senator. ... Senator CONROY: What has been the delay in the update or is it now completed? Mr Mrdak: Again, I do not have the officers with me who are responsible for that. That is handled in our policy and research group. I will get an answer for you this morning in relation to the website status and where it is at.</p>	23-24 27 May 2014	
11	119	CORP	LUNDY	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 2. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. 	Written	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). <p>3. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 		
12	144	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your Department/Agency employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 	Written	
13	145	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state). 	Written	
14	120	CORP	LUNDY	Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another? 2. For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of staff employed before and after the transfer, b. Where the function was based before and after the transfer. 3. For each employee transferred please provide the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. Their APS classification. d. The wage of the employee before and after the transfer. e. The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer. f. A description of their position before and after the transfer. g. The dates of their transfer. h. An explanation for why the employee was transferred. i. Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra. j. Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer. 	Written	
15	146	CORP	LUDWIG	Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 2. Can you please provide details of the number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. How many of these people are employed in Canberra? 4. How many people did your Department/Agency employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election? 5. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013? 6. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election? 7. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age b. Their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer. c. Their gender. d. The area of the Department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. e. A description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 8. For every transferred employee please provide an explanation for their transfer? 9. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer? 10. Please provide all relevant dates. 		
16	121	CORP	LUNDY	Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these positions were ongoing? b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. The APS classification level of their position. e. Their wage. f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing). g. Where they were located. h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.). i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position before and after redeployment. d. The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment. e. Their wage before and after redeployment. f. Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment. g. Where they were located before and after redeployment. h. Please provide the reason for the redeployment. i. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment. j. Please provide all relevant dates. 		
17	122	CORP	LUNDY	Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 2. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? 	Written	

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18	147	CORP	LUDWIG	Redundancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many positions have been made redundant in your Department/Agency since the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these positions were ongoing? b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c. How many of these positions were situated in the ACT? 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the ACT? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the ACT? 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the ACT? 5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in ACT? 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 	Written	

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19	148	CORP	LUDWIG	Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your Department have been made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the ACT? 2. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the ACT? 3. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the Department because of this redundancy. d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e. Please provide all relevant dates. 	Written	

20	123	CORP	LUNDY	Contract Extensions – Non-Ongoing Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended? 2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)? 4. For every approved extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employees age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their APS classification level. e. Their wage. f. Where they are located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The length of the approved extension. i. The reason why the extension was submitted. j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 5. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC? 6. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee’s age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where they were located. f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. g. The length of the extension sought by the department/agency. h. The reason why the extension was submitted. i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC. j. Please provide all relevant dates. 7. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC’s approval? 8. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee’s age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Their position’s APS level classification. f. Where they were located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency. i. The reason why the extension was granted. j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval? 	Written	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval. l. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>9. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?</p> <p>10. For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Their position's APS level classification. f. Where they were located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The reason why the extension was not sought for their position. i. Please provide all relevant dates. 		
21	124	CORP	LUNDY	New Employees – Non-Ongoing Contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts? 2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval? 3. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC? 4. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates 5. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 6. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. 	Written	

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22	125	CORP	LUNDY	New Employees – Ongoing Contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts? 2. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval? 3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 4. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position’s APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 5. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 7. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? 8. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 		
23	149	CORP	LUDWIG	Hiring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people are employed in your Department on non-ongoing contracts? 2. How many people are employed in your Department on ongoing contracts? 3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your Department extended since the 2013 federal election? 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your Department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your Department without the Public Service Commission's approval? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates. 		
24	150	CORP	LUDWIG	Hiring – New Non-Ongoing Engagements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many new employees have been engaged by your Department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 2. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election? 3. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 4. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing 	Written	

					<p>contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>5. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>		
25	152	CORP	LUDWIG	Hiring – New Ongoing Engagements	<p>1. How many new employees have been engaged by your Department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>2. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>3. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of an ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>4. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>5. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>	Written	

26	153	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position. 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the Department/Agency funding the packages? 	Written	
27	154	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	
28	155	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister. 2. For each Minister list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification. 3. For each Minister list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification. 4. For each Minister list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification. 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment. 	Written	
29	156	CORP	LUDWIG	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did the Department/Agency spend on temporary or contract staff since 7 September 2013? 2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since 7 September 	Written	

					<p>2013?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed? 4. How much was paid for Agencies/Companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff? 6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of contract staff? 7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service? 		
30	157	CORP	LUDWIG	Communications Staff	<p>For all Departments and Agencies, please provide, in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location? 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? 4. How many are graphic designers? 5. How many are media managers? 6. How many organise events? 	Written	
31	158	CORP	LUDWIG	FOI Requests	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written	
32	159	CORP	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p><u>Consultations with Other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Department/Agency which was consulted; b. The document; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension. 	Written	

					<p>3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?</p> <p>4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office. <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE allocated to processing FOI requests? <p><u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department/Agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b. Require individuals to contact the Department/Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 2. If the Department/Agency has moved from a system of meeting its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? e. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? 3. Has the Department/Agency charged any for access to a document under 		
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					<p>section 11C(4)?</p> <p>4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; b. The amount charged for each document; c. The total amount charged; d. What is the highest charge that has been imposed. <p><u>With respect to FOI requests</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? 2. Of those, how many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Released in full b. Released in part c. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest d. Other (please specify) 		
33	160	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your Department/Agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your Department/Agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your Department/Agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 4. What publications does your Department/Agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the Department and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 	Written	

34	161	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which Agency or Agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Department/Agency from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which Agency or Agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses 	Written	
35	162	CORP	LUDWIG	Market Research	<p>List any market research conducted by the Department/Agency since Additional Estimates in February 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the total cost of this research. 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program. 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 	Written	
36	164	CORP	LUDWIG	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, ministerial and ministerial staff involvement in commissioning. b. List the approving officer for each item. c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost. b. List each item of expenditure and cost. c. List the approving officer for each item. d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising. 	Written	
37	165	CORP	LUDWIG	Prequalified Multiuse List Tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multiuse list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all prequalified or multiuse list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the Department/Agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in 	Written	

					<p>any of the firms on your panels?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Do any ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel 6. Has the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels? 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels? 		
38	166	CORP	LUDWIG	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the Department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 2. List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting. 	Written	
39	167	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February 2014? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written	
40	168	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<p>Has the Minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a Minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written	

41	169	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written	
42	170	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written	
43	171	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For Departments/Agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification. 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to Department/Agency staff? If yes, provide a list of what is provided across 	Written	

					the Department or Agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.		
44	172	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the Department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? b. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level. 	Written	
45	173	CORP	LUDWIG	Official Residences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since the Additional Estimates in February 2014. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended. b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function. c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. 	Written	
46	174	CORP	LUDWIG	Briefings for Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to non-Government parties other 	Written	

				Parties	<p>than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are briefings requests commissioned? What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information? 		
47	175	CORP	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What has been the total cost of building leases for the Department / Agency since Additional Estimates in February 2014? Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date the lease agreement is active from. Date the lease agreement ends. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? Location of the building (City and state). Cost of the lease. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Department / Agency. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February 2014. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date from which the lease agreement was active. Date the lease agreement ended. Why was the lease not renewed? Location of the building (City and state). Cost of the lease. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. Expected location of the building (City and state). Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 	Written	

					<p>4. For each building owned or leased by the Department:</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</p> <p>b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>		
48	176	CORP	LUDWIG	Legal Costs	<p>List all legal costs incurred by the Department/Agency since the Additional Estimates in February 2014:</p> <p>1. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external.</p> <p>2. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial).</p> <p>3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.</p>	Written	
49	177	CORP	LUDWIG	Land Costs	<p>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non-Defence Force base land is to be included)</i></p> <p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</i></p> <p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	Written	
50	178	CORP	LUDWIG	Taxi Costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date?</p>	Written	

					<p>Provide a breakdown for each business group in each Department/Agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>		
51	179	CORP	LUDWIG	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister office, please detail total meeting spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written	
52	180	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Additional Estimates in February 2014, detail all travel for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. From the Additional Estimates in February 2014, detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	
53	181	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Additional Estimates in February 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	
54	182	CORP	LUDWIG	Enterprise Bargaining	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the Department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please 	Written	

				Agreements	detail.		
55	183	CORP	LUDWIG	Existing Resources Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work programs or other tasks has the Department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each project or piece of work. 3. List the staffing assigned to each task. 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 	Written	
56	184	CORP	LUDWIG	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with? 	Written	
57	185	CORP	LUDWIG	Vending Machines	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014 has the Department/Agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List these. 2. List the total cost for these items. 3. List the itemised cost for each item of expenditure. 4. Where were these purchased? 5. List the process for identifying how they would be purchased. 6. What is the current location for these items? 	Written	

					7. What is the current usage for each of these items?		
58	186	CORP	LUDWIG	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, how many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, Department or Agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date the report was handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	
59	187	CORP	LUDWIG	Office Recreation Facilities	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014 has the Department/Agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List these. 2. List the total cost for these items. 3. List the itemised cost for each item of expenditure. 4. Where were these purchased? 5. List the process for identifying how they would be purchased. 6. What is the current location for these items? 7. What is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	
60	188	CORP	LUDWIG	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Does the Department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place. 5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7 2013? If yes, please detail. 	Written	
61	189	CORP	LUDWIG	Stationary Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each Department/Agency on the government (Ministers) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the Minister's Office. 2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written	

62	190	CORP	LUDWIG	Electronic Equipment	<p>Other than phones, ipads or computers, please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since the Additional Estimates in February 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the items. 2. List the items location or normal location. 3. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of Minister. If with an individual list their employment classification level. 4. List the total cost of the items. 5. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items. 6. List the date they were provided to the office. 7. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the Department. 	Written	
63	191	CORP	LUDWIG	Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The date they were ordered. b. The date they commenced. c. The minister responsible. d. The Department responsible. e. The nature of the review. f. Their terms of reference. g. The scope of the review. h. Whom is conducting the review. i. The number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review. j. The expected report date. k. The budgeted, projected or expected costs. l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names. b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent. c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item. d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement. e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them. g. If yes, for each, who selected them. h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, 	Written	

					<p>If yes, please detail what involvement it was. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the Department. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, what reviews are on-going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? e. If so, when? If not, why not? 		
64	192	CORP	LUDWIG	Report Printing	Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the Department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.	Written	
65	193	CORP	LUDWIG	Workplace Assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes. 	Written	
66	194	CORP	LUDWIG	Multiple Tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since the Additional Estimates in February 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written	
67	195	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, has the Department/Agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these. 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes. 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure. 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works. 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 		
68	196	CORP	LUDWIG	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, has the Department/Agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these. 2. If so, list the total cost for these items. 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure. 4. If so, where were these purchased? 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased. 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written	
69	197	CORP	LUDWIG	Office Plants	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, has the Department/Agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these. 2. If so, list the total cost for these items. 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure. 4. If so, where were these purchased? 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased. 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written	
70	220	CORP	LUDWIG	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	
71	199	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each Department/Agency, please provide the following information from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services; b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services; c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; d. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their 	Written	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. The names of all service providers engaged; and f. The location that this training was provided. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased; b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e. The total amount spent on the service; and f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the Department or Agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used; b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and d. Any costs the Department or Agency's incurred to use the location. 		
72	200	CORP	LUDWIG	Question Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the Department, Agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the Minister or their office? 4. Does the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 5. Provide each of the contents pages of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the Department for the week of 11 February 2014. 	Written	
73	201	CORP	LUDWIG	Functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since the Additional Estimates in February 2014. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function. 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function. c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function. d. A list of drinks consumed at the function. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. 		
74	202	CORP	LUDWIG	Red Tape Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the Department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target. 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit? 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the Department? 	Written	
75	203	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment – Departmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to Department/Agency staff since the Additional Estimates in February 2014. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items; b. List the purchase cost; c. List the ongoing cost; d. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment. 	Written	
76	204	CORP	LUDWIG	Hire Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each Department/Agency spend on hire cars from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each Department/Agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written	
77	205	CORP	LUDWIG	Boards	<p>Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. What travel expenses are provided; 3. What is the average attendance at board meetings; 4. How does the board deal with conflict of interest; 5. What conflicts of interest have been registered; 6. What remuneration is provided to board members; 7. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? 	Written	

					<p>9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings.</p> <p>10. What have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.</p>		
78	206	CORP	LUDWIG	Shared Resources following MOG Changes	<p>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the Department share any goods/services/accommodation with other Departments?</p> <p>2. What resources/services does the Department share with other Departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3. What were the costs to the Department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written	
79	207	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the Department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so:</p> <p>1. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>2. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Signage.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Logos</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Consultancy</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>3. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the Department?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>	Written	
80	208	CORP	LUDWIG	Contracts under \$10 000	<p>Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4000 and \$10 000 since 7 September 2013.</p>	Written	
81	209	CORP	LUDWIG	Unallocated Equipment	<p>1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the Department/Agency has in storage or unallocated to staff.</p> <p>2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	Written	

82	210	CORP	LUDWIG	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Minister's office as provided by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used. 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location. 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the Departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs. 	Written	
83	211	CORP	LUDWIG	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the Additional Estimates in February 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written	
84	212	CORP	LUDWIG	Senate Estimates Briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Department, Agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the Minister or their office? 4. Did the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made? 5. Provide each of the contents pages of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the Department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 	Written	
85	213	CORP	LUDWIG	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these 	Written	

					<p>been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? If so, which ones and why?</p>		
86	214	CORP	LUDWIG	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written	
87	215	CORP	LUDWIG	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each Department/Agency, please provide the following information from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services. 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). 4. The names of all service providers engaged. 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased. b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification. d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e. The total amount spent on the service. f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). 6. Where a service was provided at any location other than the Department/Agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used. b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d. Any costs the Department/Agency's incurred to use the location 7. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the Department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 8. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title. 		
88	216	CORP	LUDWIG	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b. Why were coffee machines purchased? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 2. Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, has the Department/Agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff usage? 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b. Why are coffee machines rented? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 		
89	217	CORP	LUDWIG	Printing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what companies were sued? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing? 	Written	
90	218	CORP	LUDWIG	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each Department/Agency? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? 7. Where are the cars located? 8. What are the cars used for? 9. What is the cost of each car from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 10. How far did each car travel from the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date? 	Written	
91	219	CORP	LUDWIG	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) 	Written	

					<p>have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 7. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since the Additional Estimates in February 2014? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 		
92	245	CORP	STERLE	Commission of Audit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Department make any submission with respect to change to the National Transport Commission? Please provide details if yes? 2. Did the Department make any submission with respect to change to the National Capital Authority? Please provide details if yes? 3. Did the Department recommend that any entities be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. merged, b. abolished, c. amalgamated, d. absorbed or e. otherwise restructured? If yes, please detail the entity and provide details? 	Written	
93	246	CORP	STERLE	Priorities	<p>The 2013-2014 Portfolio Budget Statement said in:</p> <p><i>1.1: Strategic Direction Statement of Section 1: Agency</i></p> <p><i>Overview and Resources</i></p> <p><i>That there were a number of issues including attracting appropriate levels of investment in Australia's infrastructure; dealing with the opportunities and challenges presented by the Asian century; projected population and demographic changes, and significant growth in demand on Australia's transport network; increasing Australia's productivity through transport and infrastructure policies and investments; developing and improving the resilience of Australia's major cities; and transitioning to a low carbon economy.</i></p> <p>None of these were mentioned in the 2014-2015 Strategic Direction Statement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was this reference removed? 2. Who decided to remove it? 	Written	

94	281	CORP	STERLE	Agency Cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since September, has the Department requested further savings from IA? If so, can you indicate your agency's response? Did you implement savings? If so, what were they? 2. Can you comment on how this will be reflected in the ordinary operations of IA? 	Written	
95	284	CORP	STERLE	Infrastructure Coordinator	<p>I understand that there is an interim Infrastructure Coordinator – John Fitzgerald.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current status of Mr Deegan? Is he still being paid? 2. Is it the case that there are two Infrastructure Coordinators at the moment – both being paid by IA? 3. How is that accounted for in the 2014-15 allocation? 4. What is the term of Mr Fitzgerald's appointment? 5. What is his package valued at? 6. As the position of Coordinator is proposed to be abolished under the Government's Bill, does Mr Fitzgerald's appointment account for this event? 7. Is there a cost to the Commonwealth if the position is abolished? 	Written	
Infrastructure Investment							
96	57	II	RHIANNON	Victorian Government – Transport Projects	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... The question was: has the Victorian government put forward any other transport projects?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That are not reflected in the budget?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Clearly, like all jurisdictions, they have a list of projects they would like to receive Commonwealth funding for, some of which—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you release those, please?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. They are clearly a long list of projects that each jurisdiction would like to see Commonwealth funding for.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	31-32 26 May 2014	
97	58	II	CONROY	M80 Ring Road Project	<p>Senator CONROY: I want to talk about the M80 Ring Road project. Are there any changes to the funding profile for the M80 project in Melbourne in the 2014 budget as against the 2013 budget? If so, can you outline the change? Mr Mrdak might want to take this, or probably Mr Jagers is able to read me a list of zeros.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The government has set a new profile, following discussions with the state of Victoria, in relation to the M80 project, yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So what is the new profile? 2013-14, please: what was it?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can give you the current profile. I am not sure that we can—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I can get you a whiteboard.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The current profile for the M80 project, in 2015-16, is \$129.08 million.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Just for clarification: that means that in 2013-14 it is zero?</p>	41-43 26 May 2014	

					<p>Mr Jagers: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And in 2014-15 it is zero?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And, just for completeness, what was it in last year's budget?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I do not have a breakdown of where it was last year, year by year. I do have an overall breakdown—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If Mr Jagers is able to give us a breakdown of the profile previously?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will seek to do that.</p>		
98	59	II	CONROY	<p>Black Spots Projects Previously Funded</p>	<p>Senator CONROY: Was the \$565 million for black spots projects previously funded?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There is an additional payment of \$200 million for black spots over two years, which has been announced as part of the budget. That forms part of the \$565 million but is additional to what was previously provided for—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So there was \$565 million previously?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, the \$565 million includes the additional \$200 million provided—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Includes the additional \$200 million?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Since MYEFO.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And is that different from the \$300 million for the bridges program, which was previously funded?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Yes, it is; it is different to that. Spots and bridges are different.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So you would say that the previous black spots program had only \$365 million in it?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think it was \$300 million. We will just check the details on that for you.</p>	46 26 May 2014	
99	60	II	LINES	<p>Roe Highway Extension</p>	<p>Senator LINES: ... There was a media release by the assistant minister on 19 May regarding the proposed extension of Roe Highway which indicated that the WA Minister for Transport and the assistant minister were to meet to begin planning and prioritising the project. But then the WA Treasurer, Dr Nahan, said in their estimates on 21 May, 'We have not agreed to go ahead with the project,' and the WA Premier, Colin Barnett, said on 22 May that there is no money in the state budget for the project this year. Can you advise of the status of your discussions with the state government?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, ministers have met at senior levels and discussed the project.</p> <p>Senator LINES: After 19 May, when they said they were going to meet?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: In the lead-up to the budget on 13 May—</p> <p>Senator LINES: They met?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: This was the subject of discussions. Subsequent to the budget,</p>	48-49 26 May 2014	

					<p>Minister Briggs has met, as have other senior ministers, with Western Australian ministers. We are working on the basis that this project is agreed and it will be a matter for the Western Australia government as to when it takes decisions on its contribution. As far as the Australian government is concerned, this project is agreed to go forward.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So, the assistant minister met with the WA people after the budget.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Who did they meet? Can you tell us who he met with in WA?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: My understanding is that the assistant minister has had discussions with both the Western Australian Treasurer and the Western Australian Minister for Transport.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So despite Dr Nahan saying there is no money and they have not agreed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The discussions as far we are aware have been on the basis that this project will proceed.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Mr Jagers, where are you reading those figures from? What was the source of those forward estimates?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I am reading them from my notes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are the budget figures in the budget papers.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Can you give me the dates that this meeting with Dr Nahan and the assistant minister went ahead?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice and get you those states.</p> <p>Senator LINES: It is strange that on 21 and 22 May the Treasurer and the WA Premier seemed to indicate there was no money and the project would not go ahead.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There are aspects of the project which remain to be settled in terms of the design and the like, but as I said the Australian government is proceeding on the basis that the project will proceed.</p>		
100	61	II	LINES	Roe 8 Project	<p>Senator LINES: Sorry if I confused you. What I am asking you now is: you told us you had done some design and costing work on Roe Highway to Stock Road and you had done High Street, and I think you mentioned Leach Highway. Of those sections which have been assessed, what percentage are they of the total project?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The largest component of the project is what is called the Roe 8 project, which is the connection between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road. There are also grade separations and widening on Stock Road, which are obviously a smaller component of it, and High Street. I do not actually have a percentage breakdown for you. I could maybe take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Could you get it today?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I am sure I can.</p>	51 26 May 2014	
101	62	II	LINES	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LINES: Infrastructure Australia have done some costings for parts of the project, and you went through those: Leach Highway, High Road, et cetera?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: Yes. That is only a small component of the project that is now being proposed.</p>	53-54 26 May 2014	

					<p>Senator LINES: Do you know what percentage of the project that you have done a business case cost ratio for is? You said 'tiny', does that mean 10 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: This is reported as a \$100 million project, so it is \$100 million as a percentage of the total project cost.</p> <p>Senator LINES: So, to use your words, it is tiny.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think I will take that one on notice. The original proposal on High Street has had some modification since IA has been assessed. There have been some improvements by the WA officials in the current design work. I will give you a breakdown of the proportion of that.</p>		
102	63	II	LUDLAM	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I am staying with Western Australia and staying with this project. I think Senator Lines has cleared up why there are different amounts of money quoted in different places. I am still trying to separate out for myself how much of the funding is for the Perth Freight Link. It was the first time that I had seen works all the way from Perth Airport, on the other side of Kenwick, all the way through to Fremantle conceived of as a single project. Works, as you are obviously aware, are well underway around the airport—around that so-called Gateway project. Do any of the funding appropriations that we have discussed so far relate to this existing works or have you netted that out of the \$925 million indicative?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The \$925 million does not include works like Gateway or the works on the Tonkin Grade Separations.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Good. For the purposes of this conversation, then, we can set that aside. That is committed; that is already underway. ...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: ... Let us talk about the \$925 million, is it possible to separate out how much of that is a Commonwealth commitment specifically to that stretch of freeway through the Beeliar Wetlands between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road? We will leave aside the rest of the High Street stuff for a second.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We will be able to provide the breakdown. I think I have taken that on notice.</p>	54-55 26 May 2014	
103	64	II	LUDLAM	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Is it your understanding that the segment of freeway that runs through the Beeliar Wetlands is proposed to be elevated? Or will it run across the terrain?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check with my officers as to how much detail we have.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We do not have an answer to that question at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is mad. If it is elevated it will be vastly more expensive. How do you come up with cost estimates if you do not know whether it is on the ground or up in the air? There is no way you can come up with any kind of project cost unless you know that basic detail.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: ...But let's just talk about the project itself. If you put it on pylons it costs you more than twice as much. So is it up in the air or is it on the ground?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think there are indicative proposals in terms of how the design would operate, and that has formed the basis of the advice from Western Australia</p>	56 26 May 2014	

					<p>about the costing.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Do those indicative proposals put this as an elevated freeway, or is it on the ground surface?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We would have to come back to you with the details on the costing.</p>		
104	65	II	LUDLAM	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Did the CBA that you saw measure the benefits—or the costs, I guess, to be fair—of the ecological services that are provided by a wetland, just through the five-kilometre corridor, again just sticking with Roe 8. Did it monetise the benefits to the native vegetation as a carbon sink or as a groundwater recharge area on surrounding land values, as a place of recreation that would be obliterated by this thing, or the lost heritage values to local Aboriginal mobs? Was that factored in?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I am not aware, I do not know.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Any of those things?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will check that and come back to you.</p>	59	26 May 2014
105	67	II	LUDLUM	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LUDLAM: ... So let us get to the question of the toll. My understanding is that some traffic modelling has been done for the project, basic traffic modelling to justify its existence at all. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Certainly, West Australia has done traffic modelling and we have done some traffic modelling ourselves.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Do you do that independently?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes we do.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is useful to know. Can you release what the Commonwealth has done or is that national security secret as well?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: It is still a work in progress.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice. We have done some indicative analysis, as Mr Jagger has indicated. We will take on notice whether that can be made available to the committee.</p>	59	26 May 2014
106	68	II	BACK	Urban Rail Projects	<p>Senator BACK: I know there are plenty of others now in the room wanting to ask questions so I will just finalise with urban rail projects. Where will those urban rail funds be spent in this year and the out years?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Wood: With the four continuing urban rail projects, there is the Perth Light rail Planning Study, which completes this year; Moreton Bay rail link in Queensland; Gold Coast light rail also due to complete this year; and a regional light rail link in Victoria.</p> <p>Senator BACK: That funding is out for how long?</p> <p>Mr Wood: With the regional rail link the funding completes in early 2016. It is a total amount of \$2.9 billion. The Gold Coast light rail completes this year. The funding was actually expended a couple of years ago; it was paid at the beginning of that program. For Moreton Bay the funding extends until December 2016, and the</p>	65	26 May 2014

					<p>Perth light rail, as I mentioned, funding completes this year and that funding has already been fully expended.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Do you have the total figure of all of those combined, without having to add it up; otherwise take it on notice, if you would?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I am not sure that we have the urban rail. We certainly have a total rail number.</p>		
107	69	II	CAMERON	NSW Infrastructure Funding	<p>Senator CAMERON: There is still a lot of controversy over whether putting that road infrastructure in is more important than getting rail links to that airport. Are you aware of that discussion as well?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I think it is not just supporting the western Sydney airport proposal. It is also quite a significant upgrade to support the southwest growth centre in that part of Sydney. Those road projects have also been selected as a way to ensure that that southwest growth centre, which is the next major land release in that part of Sydney, will also be supported by infrastructure before it takes place. I will get Mr Jagger to give you the final figure, but our calculation is that by state New South Wales has increased funding of about \$5.9 billion over the—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: In new projects?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: In new projects.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Does that include the \$2 billion loan and the \$1.5 billion to WestConnex?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It includes the budget treatment of the loan.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: The budget treatment?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Of the loan.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What do you mean the 'budget treatment'?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The way in which the loan is treated you basically have to account for the cost of that borrowing to the government, recognising that at some point in the future the intention is that loan will be repaid. Based on that treatment, the accounting treatment of that loan, we anticipate—and I will just check the figure—around \$5.9 billion is the additional Commonwealth spend in New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You can come back to me on that; I do not have a lot of time.</p>	67 26 May 2014	
108	70	II	CAMERON	WestConnex	<p>Senator CAMERON: ... When will the Haberfield to St Peters planning period stop and construction commence according to the business plan?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: Stage 3 is expected to commence around 2018 and be delivered by 2023.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you table that business plan and cost-benefit analysis?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: That is in the business case executive summary, which was publicly released by the Australian and New South Wales governments in September last year.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am talking about the business plan in making the decisions to build this thing.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take on notice what we can provide to the committee.</p>	68-69 26 May 2014	

109	71	II	O'SULLIVAN	Toowoomba Second Range Crossing	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: It is my understanding that the registration of interest process for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing closed on Friday, 7 March of this year. Can you advise how many submissions were received?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check whether we have that information with us.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will answer the first question in terms of the registration of interest.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: The registration of interest process was run by the Queensland government and not the Australian government. They received about 60. I would have to check the exact detail.</p>	70 26 May 2014	
110	72	II	URQUHART	Midland Highway	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you indicate the Commonwealth's funding profile for Midland Highway by project and how many projects are funded from the \$400 million?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We might be able to give you an indicative profile across the whole of the project, but we do not have a breakdown project by project yet, as Tasmania is still finalising its proposal to provide for the Commonwealth. I will just see if I can give you a breakdown. I think in 2013-14 it was \$5 million; \$25 million in 2014-15; \$50 million in 2015-16; \$50 million in 2016-17; \$30 million in 2017-18; \$40 million in 2018-19; and there will be additional funding to meet the \$400 million commitment over the 10-year program.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Sorry, how much was in 2014-15?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: In 2014-15 it was \$25 million.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So, the previous government announced a figure of \$500 million for the Midland Highway. Can you confirm where the extra \$100 million was in the budget and across the forward estimates?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That is correct. There was a different amount in the budget at PEFO. I cannot tell you where that money is.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Certainly.</p>	72-73 26 May 2014	
111	73	II	URQUHART	Midland Highway	<p>Senator URQUHART: What is the commitment from the Tasmanian government regarding the Midland Highway project?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I have not got a firm number from Tasmania.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Yes, I will.</p>	73 26 May 2014	
112	74	II	WHISH-WILSON	Hobart Light Rail Project	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Last year I asked a couple of times whether the Tasmanian government had put forward any formal proposals for a Hobart light rail project, and I think the words were that it was in the mix. This is going back mid last year. Could you give us a status update at all on that, if any, if ever it was considered as an infrastructure project?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Wood: There was correspondence between the previous minister with the Tasmanian government, but there was never a formal proposal. It was in the nature</p>	74-75 26 May 2014	

					<p>of a letter. A detailed proposal was not provided to the Australian government. I understand there has been work done in Tasmania on that project, but it has not been provided formally to us.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So the process is that they work it up to a certain stage then put it to you? Is that what a scoping study would be? Would that be done at a state level or would you take on—</p> <p>Mr Wood: That is really open to the Tasmanian government. If they wish to bring that proposal to the Australian government or to Infrastructure Australia they would bring it forward in that way.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So, it did not go beyond that stage then?</p> <p>Mr Wood: No. The Tasmanian government sought a small amount of funding for a scoping study, but that was not—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can you refresh my memory on how much that was?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I think it was in the order of \$200,000.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Roughly when?</p> <p>Mr Wood: It was \$190,000, sorry.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Close enough. When was that? When did they actually request that?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I do not have the dates with me. I will just check that.</p>		
113	75	II	EDWARDS	Planning Works for Major Projects in South Australia	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Can you provide on notice a list of all the planning works that the Australian government has contributed funding towards since 2007 for those major projects in South Australia?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Certainly.</p>	78 26 May 2014	
114	76	II	CAMERON	Annual Profiles – Projects in New South Wales	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me, across the forward estimates, the annual profiling for Tintenbar to Ewingsdale, Ballina to Woolgoolga, Sapphire to Woolgoolga, Frederickton to Eungai, Oxley Highway to Kempsey, Nambucca to Urunga, Warrell Creek to Nambucca Heads and Kundabung and Kempsey? Can that be provided?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Would you like us to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes.</p>	81 26 May 2014	
115	77	II	CAMERON	WestConnex	<p>Senator CAMERON: I will just come back to WestConnex. I had a quick look at your answer to question on notice number 114. This was last week that you gave this answer. It says that Infrastructure Australia has not received a detailed cost-benefit analysis on the WestConnex project. Has that changed from last week?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: It said that the New South Wales government states that WestConnex is a preliminary strategic BCR of greater than 1.5. Didn't someone tell me 2.5 when I previously questioned? How come it has jumped from 1.5 to 2.5 without you doing a strategic analysis of the business case or the cost-benefit analysis?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check if we are comparing like with like. I think we were</p>	82 26 May 2014	

					<p>talking there about the whole WestConnex project, the whole corridor, with wider economic benefits vis-à-vis WestConnex stage 1. I will just check with my officers whether that is the case. We might be talking about two different projects.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: That may be right. We did quote a benefit-cost ratio of 2.55, which is discount of about seven per cent but includes wider economic benefits. That is a piece of work completed by New South Wales.</p>		
116	78	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal Company	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Do you have a list of who is on the board?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: That is publicly available?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: That is publicly available.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can provide that for you.</p>	87 26 May 2014	
117	79	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal Hub	<p>Senator DASTYARI: ... It looks as if Qube has said that they are going to raise their own capital for the project to remove the need for government funding, according to the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> article. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not familiar with the Qube proposal in terms of what has been put to the company.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Can you take on notice whether the capital contribution was taken into account when the bid was considered and whether other proponents were able to offer their own capital fundraising?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. I will take that on notice.</p>	91-92 26 May 2014	
118	80	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal – Meetings with Qube	<p>Senator DASTYARI: So, you are saying that while obviously people from your department have met with Qube—and I understand they are a big company and there would be reasons to meet with them—are you aware of any other meetings with Qube and Mr Corrigan and the minister?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any such meetings or discussions.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Is anyone aware of any meetings?</p> <p>CHAIR: Minister, can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Yes.</p>	92 26 May 2014	
119	81	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal Company – Signing of Proposal	<p>Senator DASTYARI: This is a process and this is a proposal that you have been aware of for a long period of time. This is a matter that the Department of Finance had previously raised concerns about, which is why the tender process was established in a way it was processed. You are saying that, regardless of all of that, a decision has been made to give—and these are my words, not your words—a very significant donor to Liberal Party an exclusive period of negotiations for the next six months for a period that will end by the end of this year to build what is a several billion dollars net worth project and that they may get not only the building rights, they may get the managing rights and they own the lot of land beside it that allows them to integrate the whole thing into what is nothing other than an incredibly profitable venture.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I can only outline the facts that I put to you and simply to say that the shareholder ministers were provided with advice from Moorebank Intermodal</p>	92-93 26 May 2014	

					<p>Company, that is both the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Minister for Finance, and the government has agreed with the company's proposal to proceed in this way.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: So, when you said the government agreed, the advice came from Moorebank Intermodal Company and then that obviously got ticked off by the shareholding ministers—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It has gone to the shareholding ministers.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: The shareholding ministers and Minister Cormann and Minister Truss—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: So, has it been ticked off by the shareholding ministers yet?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The shareholding ministers have agreed to the strategy put forward by the company. The shareholder ministers raised a number of issues with the company's proposal, and there was a number of discussions and exchange of correspondence that took place with the company before the ministers were comfortable to sign off on the proposal.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Do you know when the minister signed off on this proposal?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But in the past week or two weeks?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It would have been in the last three or four weeks in the lead-up to the company's announcement.</p>		
120	82	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal Hub	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Are you aware of when Mr Corrigan and others purchased the land—sorry, not Mr Corrigan, Qube—adjacent to the intermodal site?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check. I think it was in—</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Around the 2000s.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Around middle of the last decade. I think around that time; it was part of a Defence asset disposal process.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Yes, and at that time had the idea of building a port terminal intermodal been publically floated?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check. The first announcement of consideration of the Moorebank site was around 2003-04 as the potential for that site to be developed as an intermodal facility. I would have to check whether the Qube purchase of the Defence site took place after—</p>	95 26 May 2014	
121	83	II	DASTYARI	Moorebank Intermodal Hub	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I think the answer to that was yes, but you are saying that the government—so once the Moorebank Intermodal made the request to government for permission—they are my words, I am sure there is more technical DP and C language—asked the government or the shareholding ministers for permission to go into exclusive negotiations, there was a series of questions and concerns that the government had and there was a process of to and fro of letters. Is that correct?</p>	96 26 May 2014	

					<p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I assume you are going to tell me that those letters and that correspondence is commercial in confidence?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice as to the status of those letters. Given they are letters from the ministers to the company I will take on notice whether the minister wishes to release those.</p>		
122	84	II	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Back to WestConnex. On what date did you receive the business case from the New South Wales government?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will see if my officers have that information with us, otherwise I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We will have to take it on notice.</p>	96	26 May 2014
123	85	II	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Even if you have got to take it on notice, Mr Mrdak, have you recommended that there should be actual changes to the physical location of the on/off ramps? Can you release the traffic modelling? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am happy to take that on notice, particularly in relation to traffic modelling. I do not know if I would call our questioning the recommendations but we have certainly asked the questions of the people developing the concepts over a period of time.</p>	98	26 May 2014
124	86	II	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... If you are talking about the access to the CBD that is actually a considerable change to the project, so when you say access to the CBD, what do you mean?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We are wanting to ensure that the exit points from the WestConnex to the CBD do not create traffic problems or exacerbate traffic problems and what we are looking to do is to find a more seamless way to ensure the connections from the west to the CBD.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So, what suggestions have you made to the New South Wales government about that very point?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Well, we have been looking at issues quite early on about where they have got their exit points, where the tunnel will effectively emerge, how it will then move traffic off that WestConnex M4 extension into the connecting roads in and out of the CBD.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide the committee with the details of the changes that you have suggested?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They have been done through discussions, I do not think there is any I can provide, as such. I will certainly take on notice what else we can provide you.</p>	98-99	26 May 2014
125	87	II	McLUCAS	Infrastructure Investment – Mackay Intersection	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Number 10 please.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: ... The Mackay Intersection Upgrade, stage 2, is a \$7.2 million commitment.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Where is that Mackay intersection?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Let me see if I have something on the Mackay Intersection</p>	101	26 May 2014

				Upgrade	Upgrade, stage 2. I might need to take that on notice. I do not have all the details on that intersection. Senator McLUCAS: How is that different from the ring road? Mr Jagers: I will see if I can find some details on that.		
126	88	II	McLUCAS	Infrastructure Investment – Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade	Senator McLUCAS: No. 23? Mr Jagers: The Cairns Southern Access Corridor, stage 3, is \$108 million. The Rockhampton Northern Access upgrade, stage 1, is \$96.8 million. Senator McLUCAS: How much was that? Mr Jagers: Rockhampton Northern Access upgrade, the first stage of that is \$96.8 million. The Tiaro flood immunity upgrade, \$85.6 million; the Salt Water Creek upgrade, \$82.4 million; pavement widening at various locations on the Bruce Highway, that is \$40 million. The Rockhampton Bypass plan and corridor preservation is \$52 million. Pavement widening in Caboolture to St Lawrence is \$78.4 million; and Townsville Northern Access Intersections upgrade is \$57.6 million. Senator McLUCAS: Is that the ring road joining onto the Bruce? Mr Jagers: I might just need to take that on notice to give you the details of that project. Senator McLUCAS: If you could also provide for me whether that is a variation from the program as previously agreed, because if it is that joining up that last little bit from the ring road to the Bruce, my understanding was that was going to be done a lot sooner than that. Mr Jagers: I will have to take that on notice.	103 26 May 2014	
127	89	II	McLUCAS	Infrastructure Investment New Projects – Black Spots	Senator McLUCAS: Black spots is number 10. What is the total there? Mr Jagers: It is \$241.8 million. There are overtaking lanes. Senator McLUCAS: Could I have the profile of that black spot money? Mr Jagers: I will have to provide that to you because I have that broken down in a number of different places but I do not have a full aggregate profile for that.	106 26 May 2014	
128	90	II	McLUCAS	Infrastructure Investment	Senator McLUCAS: Overtaking lanes? Mr Jagers: That is \$175 million; rest areas is \$25 million and strengthening and widening of \$96.6 million in the current program. They are ongoing. Senator McLUCAS: How much was strengthening and widening? Mr Jagers: It is \$96.6 million. Senator McLUCAS: Are you telling me that you have not got the profiles with those four? Mr Jagers: They are split into sections of each two sections on the Bruce, so it would be a bit difficult for me to provide those right now. Senator McLUCAS: But you can do that? Mr Jagers: We can do that. Senator McLUCAS: You can amalgamate them up? Mr Jagers: I can add them up and provide them to you. Senator McLUCAS: Thank you.	106-107 26 May 2014	

129	91	II	McLUCAS	Infrastructure Investment – Mackay Ring Road Study	<p>Mr Jagers: ...The last one is the Mackay Ring Road Study. It has an Australian government contribution of \$10 million. The final money for this financial year for that work—</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Is it all in 2013-14?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I think the final amount is. I am not sure if there was some before. If that is not correct then I will take it on notice.</p>	107 26 May 2014	
130	92	II	GALLACHER	South Road Darlington Interchange Project	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you indicate the Commonwealth's funding profile for the South Road Darlington Interchange project? I believe it was agreed on Saturday night. Was it signed off on the weekend with the Prime Minister and the Premier?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Over the weekend, yes. They had a meeting on the weekend which formalised the arrangements with the contribution of the two governments.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do we know how much goes in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 out of that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just see if we have got those figures. We will take that on notice and see if we can get back to you as quickly as possible this evening.</p>	112 26 May 2014	
131	93	II	BACK	Bunbury Harbour	<p>Senator BACK: ... The second relates to the Bunbury Harbour and particularly any funds being allocated for the ring roads around the harbour to improve access? ...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If you do not mind we will take them on notice.</p>	116 26 May 2014	
132	94	II	BACK	Port Link Project	<p>Senator BACK: ... The third was whether there was any update at all on the Port Link project, which is the project with Kalgoorlie at the hub, Esperance to the south going right through to the northern ports? ...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If you do not mind we will take them on notice.</p>	116 26 May 2014	
133	95	II	BACK	Busselton Regional Airport Expansion Project Stage IB	<p>Senator BACK: Regarding the extension of the runways at the Busselton airport in the south west of WA. If you are not aware—although you might be—there is already some fly-in fly-out activity taking place with Rio Tinto and one other major company. They want to increase it significantly as there is a huge demand in that area. The economics of substantially increasing the number of fly-in fly-outs, I am told by the local government, is the equivalent of the tourism dollar in that south west corner. Are there any funds allocated to or is there capacity for federal support to that project?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any funding allocation to the Busselton airport development. The Australian government has set up in this budget the stronger regions program. Projects such as that may be projects that could be considered as part of that program. That program commences in 2015-16. That program has \$200 million per annum nationally. It is very much geared towards economic infrastructure, albeit looking initially at regions of economic disadvantage. We would have to look closely at that project, but I am not aware of any commitment at this stage.</p> <p>Senator BACK: The second one was concluding the ring-roads around the port</p>	123-124 26 May 2014	

					<p>of Bunbury to improve—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check—Mr McCormick may be able to give you some more information about Busselton.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Under the Community Development Grants Programme we do have a \$500,000 commitment to the Busselton Regional Airport terminal expansion project.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BACK: If you have the information, what is the time frame for that? Is it next financial year? The year after? Otherwise, if you could provide it on notice, that would be fantastic.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We will have it; we just need to locate it.</p> <p>Senator BACK: On notice is fine, Mr McCormick.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BACK: ... Mr McCormick, were you able to get me a figure?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Sorry, I do not have the dates for that.</p> <p>Senator BACK: That is okay. We will get that on notice.</p>		
134	96	II	GALLACHER	Criteria for Black Spot Funding	<p>Senator GALLACHER: ... Can you tell me what the criteria for Black Spot funding are?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get that for you. There is a series of criteria as to what projects qualify. As you are aware, there are state assessment committees that then rank projects against those criteria. Rather than confuse myself and you, I would prefer it if I can take that on notice and give you the guidelines, if that is all right. It does talk about ranked projects based on level of accident, incident and the like, which I will get for you.</p>	22 27 May 2014	
135	98	II	ACTING CHAIR (Sterle)	East West Link Project	<p>ACTING CHAIR: ...Can I just clarify something while you are at the table, in terms of road funding. It follows on from a newspaper article today, Mr Mrdak. I want to clarify something regarding the East West Link project. We are very well aware that the Victorian government's budget papers, strategy and outlook, at page 48 states that these surpluses incorporate Commonwealth grants of \$1.5 billion for the East West Link, eastern section, and a further \$1.5 billion for the East West Link, western section. In today's Age it is reported that Infrastructure Australia officials have told us that \$1 billion will be allocated for the western section by the end of the financial year—of which I am very well aware; that was what came out yesterday—with the remaining \$500 million to be held back until 2018-19. I am just trying to find out if the newspaper got it right, if we are reporting it all right and whether any clarification needs to be put forward, in that I believe the funding cannot be in two places at once. Can you clarify exactly where this funding is located, Mr Mrdak?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I and my officers do not have the spreadsheets with us. I will take that on notice. But I think the essence of the evidence that you got yesterday was that there is a payment this financial year, which is the \$1 billion.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: So 2014-15; that is the \$1 billion?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: 2013-14.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: 2013-14 is the \$1 billion.</p>	31-32 27 May 2014	

					<p>ACTING CHAIR: 2013-14, I am sorry, yes; this year.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think you have accurately reported the year in which the rest of the balance of east west 2 is available, but I will confirm that for you, if I could.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: If you could confirm that, and I just want to know whether the half a billion for stage 2 of the East West Link has been transferred to the Victorian government or whether it is still sitting here in Canberra.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.</p>		
136	99	II	CONROY	Community Development Grants	<p>Senator CONROY: ... How did the government make its decisions around which projects would be included in round 1 of CDG?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The government has committed \$342 million to CDG. That is 301 projects, I am advised; 231 were projects identified by the government as government commitments when they came—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So 231?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: 231 projects, which are government election commitments.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: There is no process that they go through?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They were government commitments when they came to office.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Irrespective of whether they met any criteria?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: All of the projects are assessed by the department to ensure viability—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And yet miraculously all of them meet your criteria?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, we go through an assessment process. As you know, we have obligations under the Financial Management Act in relation to the expenditure of Commonwealth funds. They have to meet those criteria. That assessment takes place. We provide—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Which of the 231 commitments did not meet the criteria at first? Let us just put it that way.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information with me. I would need to take that on notice. Unfortunately, this is handled in our infrastructure area, which we dealt with yesterday.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I only have some top level detail, which I can give you. I am happy to take on notice further questions. I am advised that, of the 301 projects, 231 are commitments by the government when they came to office. Fifty-seven were formally uncontracted but committed Regional Development Australia RDAF projects. They were uncontracted at the time of the caretaker period but commitments have been made which the government has proceeded with. Also, that CDG incorporates 13 previously uncontracted community infrastructure grant projects which, again, were commitments which were uncontracted. The program is now up and running. I can get you some details. Details of all of the projects are on our website. I can get you some details in relation to the assessment process of each of those.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So they notionally have been funded even though they have not met your criteria?</p>	25 27 May 2014	

					<p>Mr Mrdak: The 231 is the number of commitments that the government has made. I will come back to you with details against those as to which ones have been contracted at this stage.</p>		
137	100	II	CONROY	Community Development Grants	<p>Senator CONROY: ...Could you give us an indication, under round 1, how many of the electorates are held by National-Liberal Party members?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that. I would have to take that on notice in terms of the allocation across electorates. There is not a round per se. The 231 are commitments of the government on coming to office. The program is not subject to funding rounds.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: But you will take on notice which electorates the grants are in?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes. We will see whether we can provide that information.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Particularly the 231, but I am happy to have all 301—you said?</p>	26-27 27 May 2014	
138	107	II	PERIS	Tiger Brennan Drive	<p>Senator PERIS: Has Tiger Brennan Drive been altered from what was allocated in the 2013-14 budget, what is the starting date of construction for the section between Woolner Road and Berrimah Road and what is the expected completion date?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get that information for you.</p>	115 26 May 2014	
139	108	II	CONROY	Programs Ceasing – Budget Review	<p>Senator CONROY: Are there any regional development programs, tasks or activities that were undertaken by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport in 2013-14 that will not be undertaken in 2014-15? I am guessing there must be some.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: There were decisions taken by the government in terms of the future of some of the grant rounds in the amalgamations and changes in the middle of those grant rounds and some that will no longer be continued.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you identify them for us?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: At MYEFO last year, the government announced its Community Development Grants Program and its decisions in relation to the former RDAF programs. The RDAF programs have effectively come to an end and the projects that are continuing have been absorbed into what we call the CDG—the Community Development Grants Program.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Are there any others that arise out of the MYEFO change, the budget?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, apart from the ones that have been announced and, as I said, that will terminate. There are two programs that I am aware of which have been terminated: one is the maritime skills program, which will not continue; and the other one is the Tasmanian wheat freight program. I will just check with my CFO. They are the only two programs that I am aware of that are not continuing.</p> <p>Ms Prothero: According to what I have here, yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Are you worried about what you have there? If the CFO is</p>	16 26 May 2014	

					worried, I am worried. Mr Mrdak: I think I have captured them all but, if I have not, I will come back to you. But the only two programs ceasing that I am aware of are sustaining Australia's maritime skills and the Tasmanian wheat freight scheme.		
140	134	II	GALLACHER	The Solutions for Moorebank Documents	Senator GALLACHER: Is it possible to get a look at that policy document, the solutions for Moorebank? Mr Mrdak: The Moorebank business case was published and we can get you a copy of that.	53 27 May 2014	
141	143	II	WHISH-WILSON	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Australian Government Innovation and Investment Fund, (it is listed as a project under the Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan)? Is this just a name change from the Tasmanian Innovation and Investment fund or is it new? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What types of projects will this fund? Have any projects been selected to be funded? b. Will all the money from this fund be directed into Tasmania? 2. Some of the money is going as grants to private companies. Are there any obligations on these companies for receiving the money? Does the money have to be used for certain projects? This was sold as a job creation package, is there any obligation for them to hire more staff? 3. Who is in charge of ensuring this? What mechanisms are in place? Will people from the Department be visiting individual businesses? 4. Is there funding under this package for evaluation of the projects in the coming financial years? 	Written	
142	231	II	RHIANNON	Transit Times for Freight Trains	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any reduction in transit time for the Brisbane-Sydney freight trains and for the XPT over the past three years due to various track upgrades undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, by how many minutes ? 2. Is any reduction in transit time for the Brisbane-Sydney freight trains XPT planned over the next twelve months due to various track upgrades undertaken by the ARTC ? May I please have details? 3. Has there been any reduction in transit time for the Melbourne-Sydney freight trains and for the XPT over the past three years due to various track upgrades undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, by how many minutes? 4. Is any reduction in transit time for the Melbourne-Sydney freight trains XPT planned over the next twelve months due to various track upgrades undertaken by the ARTC? 	Written	
143	232	II	RHIANNON	Pacific Highway Upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department explored with the ARTC the prospect of shared corridors with road and rail for further Pacific Highway upgrades? May I have details and outcomes of any such discussions? 2. The 2012 finding of Infrastructure NSW State Infrastructure Strategy - 	Written	

					<p>Transport Page 43 states that: “Given competing priorities for NSW and Commonwealth Government funds, the high cost and relatively limited benefits of these remaining sections raises questions about the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relative merit of prioritising busier sections of the Pacific Highway corridor for upgrade sooner, (in particular from the F3 to Raymond Terrace 40,000 vehicles per day) • appropriate scope of works and priority for those sections with relatively light traffic.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Department's response to this? b. Does the Department agree with this statement? c. In what way does the Department differ from this statement? 		
144	233	II	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to a previous Question on Notice it was confirmed that a detailed cost benefit analysis for the WestConnex project had not been received. Since Infrastructure Australia was established, how many infrastructure projects have been financially supported by the federal government without the federal government having access to a detailed cost-benefit analysis? 2. In previous Estimates answers it has been confirmed that Infrastructure Australia lacked the information required for the Department's skilled economists to test the analysis of the assumptions in the business case for both WestConnex and East West: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is this still the case? b. How many other projects that the federal government has financially supported, has this been the case for? 3. Following up concerns regarding AECOM's traffic modelling for the WestConnex – the Department has confirmed it has been unable to verify those projections. Has the federal government funded any other roads projects that have been submitted to Infrastructure Australia where the Department has not been able to verify something as critical as traffic modelling? 	Written	
145	234	II	RHIANNON	Victoria Government and Rail Infrastructure Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What submissions has the Victorian Government made regarding funding for rail infrastructure projects? 2. Will the government table the business case or any cost-benefit documentation on which it is basing its Budget decisions, to provide transparency for its decision to allocate this funding to the proposed East West Link? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When? 	Written	
146	247	II	STERLE	Project Savings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been project savings from the 2013 Budget reallocated from Nation Building projects since September 18? Can you list each project? And the size of the savings? 2. For each of the projects in the previous question, can you outline what was done with those savings? Reallocated to other projects – if so, which? 	Written	

147	248	II	STERLE	Projects Funded	In a similar manner to your answer to Senator Edwards following the previous Estimates (answer 46, February 24), please list all infrastructure projects funded by budgets from 2008-9 to 2013-4, inclusive, that were or are on the IA priority list.	Written	
148	249	II	STERLE	Project Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which officer in the Department oversees project agreements with the States for infrastructure projects? If more than one, please outline their position title and responsibility for project agreements. 2. Please outline which States the Department has reached agreement with respect to project agreements and funding profile. For those States, which projects remain outstanding? 3. Have you reached full agreement on 2014-5 funding with any State or Territory yet? If so, which? 	Written	
149	250	II	STERLE	M80	Please indicate where the \$249M taken from the M80 allocation in 2013-4 has been reallocated to.	Written	
150	251	II	STERLE	Pacific Highway	When the Department says that Pacific Highway will be completed by the end of the decade, is it referring to December 31, 2019?	Written	
151	252	II	STERLE	WestConnex	Has the Department satisfied itself that the project will reduce car travel times by 40 minutes between Parramatta and Sydney Airport? If so, can you indicate when road users will see that benefit?	Written	
152	253	II	STERLE	WestConnex – Stage 1	<p>Please indicate the funding profile for this project for the following by year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2013-4 2. 2014-5 3. 2015-6 4. 2016-7 5. 2017-8 6. 2018-9 7. 2019-20 8. 2020-1 9. 2021-2 10. 2022-3 11. Later years 	Written	
153	254	II	STERLE	WestConnex – Stage 2	<p>Please indicate the funding profile for the concessional loan on this project – that is, how the \$2 billion loan will be allocated across the following by year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2013-4 2. 2014-5 3. 2015-6 4. 2016-7 5. 2017-8 6. 2018-9 	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. 2019-20 8. 2020-1 9. 2021-2 10. 2022-3 11. Later years 		
154	255	II	STERLE	Bruce Highway	<p>Please outline the funding profile, as at the 2013-4 Budget for the following Bruce Highway projects, for the following by year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2013-4 2. 2014-5 3. 2015-6 4. 2016-7 5. 2017-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooroy to Curra Section A • Yeppen Flood Plain Upgrade 	Written	
155	256	II	STERLE	Bruce Highway	<p>The Department's website lists 5 of the 16 ongoing Bruce Highway projects funded in the 2014/15 Budget announced by Minister Truss as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrade Southern Approach to Cairns (Fed contribution \$150m) 2. Upgrade the Southern Approach to Mackay (Fed contribution \$49m) 3. Burdekin Road Safety Audit (Fed contribution \$16.8m) 4. Calliope Crossroads (Fed contribution \$105m) 5. Upgrading of Southern Approach to Gin Gin (Fed contribution \$20m) <p>The Department's website also says the status of these 5 projects is 'Completed'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much funding for each of the above projects is included in the 2014/15 Budget, and what is the spending profile each year? 2. How much of the \$6.7 billion package for the Bruce Highway is allocated towards these 5 completed projects? 	Written	
156	257	II	STERLE	Cape York Package	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is the total funding amount for the Cape York Region Package only \$208.4 million, when it was announced as \$210 million – where is the remaining \$1.6 million? 2. If the remaining \$1.6 million has been allocated to another project, who made this decision and why? 3. What is the spending profile for these funds during the following years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2014/15, b. 2015/16, c. 2016/17, d. 2017/18 and e. 2018/19. 	Written	

157	259	II	STERLE	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department confirm that all of the projects announced by Minister Truss on 23 October 2013 in his press release will still be honoured? 2. Can you please explain the funding allocation across the forward estimates? Why is this less than \$100 million? 3. Can the Department confirm how many of the projects remain uncontracted? 4. Some projects are still undergoing 'due process' and cost-benefit tests. Can you please outline the current process that the Department is undertaking for each project? 5. Can the Department explain why only six projects have been announced to date? Can the Department determine if there has been anything holding up the process? How many departmental people have been assigned to this work? 6. For the projects that remain uncontracted, what is the current process being undertaken to move these to a signed contract? 7. Is the Department aware of any projects which could, for any reason, be rejected? 8. Which Minister has the final responsibility for this program? 	Written	
158	260	II	STERLE	Community Development Grants Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the Government make its decisions on which projects would be included in round 1 of the CDGs? 2. Why were the projects included in round 1 of the CDGs given priority? 3. Can the Department confirm if formal contracts have been signed by round 1 proponents of the CDGs? 4. Who was responsible for making those decisions, was it Minister Truss or Minister Briggs? 	Written	
159	261	II	STERLE	Oakajee Project (WA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the funding profile for the \$339M of Commonwealth funds towards this project for each of the following years <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013/4 b. 2014/15, c. 2015/16, d. 2016/17, e. 2017/18 f. 2018/19 g. later years? 2. Please indicate what is the status of WA Government funding for this project. 	Written	
160	262	II	STERLE	Main Road St Albans Grade Separation Project (Vic)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is this project being funded? Are there savings from other projects being allocated to this project? 2. If so, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What size are the savings? b. Where are the savings being made? 	Written	

161	263	II	STERLE	Milestone Payments	<p>I refer to the Assistant Minister Briggs' speech to the Australian Automobile Association on March 25 2014 in which he said the following with respect to aligning payments to the States with project milestones:</p> <p><i>"...we are already working with state governments to develop agreements whereby commonwealth funding will be paid upon projects being built or key milestones being achieved. The Treasurer has also indicated states will need to use funding or lose specific allocations in the future as well as an audit of state government infrastructure spending"</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you indicate progress on this issue, and how this commitment will be delivered in a transparent manner? 2. What new steps is the Department taking to uphold the Assistant Minister's commitment? 	Written	
162	39	II	CONROY	East West Link 1	<p>Senator CONROY: Before we do that I have one question from Victoria. I just wanted to confirm that the Victorian government has not provided the full business plan for East West Link 1 yet. You indicated earlier that you were still at the iteration phase. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: That is right. Infrastructure Australia has not received the full business case.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Mr Mrdak, is that consistent with your understanding? I know it is an election commitment. I get that, but have you seen the full business case?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will check with my officers. I think Mr Fitzgerald's advice is correct.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So if Mr Napthine in a press conference this afternoon said that you have got the full business case, who would be wrong?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will check on that with the officers. I will come back to you this evening.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: The government has seen the east-west stage 1 on the eastern section of the business case. We do not have a business case for east-west 2.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I accept that, but the business case that has been sighted is not the full business case that has been indicated by Infrastructure Australia and Mr Mrdak.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: As I understand it Infrastructure Australia has a version of the business case.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Yes, but not the final business case?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I do not believe so.</p>	110 26 May 2014	
163	285	II	STERLE	CEO Selection Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assuming the Bill were passed, what process is envisaged for appointment of the new IA CEO? 2. Will that be an open process? 3. Will the Minister oppose the Board implementing an open process? Does the Minister expect this? 	Written	

164	270	II	STERLE	Asset Recycling Fund	Has the Department met or had any correspondence with any WA Minister or Agency to discuss which assets may be sold off for the Asset Recycling Fund program? If so, when and which WA assets were discussed?	Written	
165	291	II	STERLE	Interim Productivity Commission on Public Infrastructure	<p>You would be aware that a key point is that processes surrounding project selection need to be improved:</p> <p>Draft PC report (released March 13) – “The overriding message of this draft report is the need for a comprehensive overhaul of processes in the assessment and development of public infrastructure projects. “There are numerous examples of poor value for money arising from inadequate project selection. “Without reform, more spending will simply increase the cost to users, taxpayers, the community generally, and the provision of wasteful infrastructure”.</p> <p>Can you advise on how specific processes around new project selection in the 2014-5 Budget have improved, including for specific projects in the “Growth Package”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Problem identification 2. Consideration of options 3. Evaluation of alternatives 4. Consideration of cost-benefit 5. Assessment of business case 6. Assessment of financing options 	Written	
166	282	II	STERLE	IA Chairman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise if the newly appointed Chairman of Infrastructure Australia is being remunerated? If yes, how much is Mr Birrell being paid? 2. Can you advise of the former Chairman was remunerated? 	Written	
167	283	IA	STERLE	New IA Board	<p>The proposed Bill will replace the existing IA Council with a newly constituted IA Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will this change incur additional costs? If yes, how much more? 2. If more, why additional costs with no extra positions proposed for the Board than the Council? 3. Are IA Council members paid? 4. Will the new Board members be paid? 5. Do you expect changes in Board remuneration against Council remuneration? 6. How much have you budgeted for this? 	Written	
			STERLE	National Partnership Agreement on Asset Recycling	<p>With respect to that Agreement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the Commonwealth determine that a project to be funded “demonstrates a clear net positive benefit”? (section 16 (a) of agreement) 2. How is “clear net positive benefit” to be defined? 3. Will a BCR be required prior to a funding decision? 	Written	Transferred to Treasury

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Will the Australian taxpayer be provided with a BCR and reasons for a decision to fund (or not fund) a project? 5. Will it be transparent? 6. How will the Department be involved in deciding projects to be funded? 7. How will Infrastructure Australia be involved? 8. Is there any guarantee that either the Department or IA will be involved? 9. What will be the Department's role? 			
			STERLE	Asset Recycling Initiative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you indicate what role, if any, the Department had in allocating the profile of funding from the Asset Recycling Initiative in the forward estimates? 2. Would you agree that the Commonwealth anticipates about \$26 billion in asset sales over the forward estimates (the allocated payments of \$3905M are for the 15% incentive payment – this implies \$26 billion in asset sales by the States in the next four years?) 3. What role did the Department play in deriving this figure? 4. What role did the Department play in allocating sums across the forward estimates? 5. Can you indicate which States and assets were included in forming this assumption? 6. How did this assumption come about? 7. What evidence was used to back up these estimates? 8. In fact, it is possible that this Fund will never be used – it's totally up to the States isn't it? 	Written	Transferred to Treasury	
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168	29	IA	EDWARDS	IA Lunch	<p>Mr Mrdak: In response to a question from the Senate on notice, my advice is that Infrastructure Australia have advised that one of the items for expenditure under 'hospitality' was a lunch hosted by Mr Deegan in January for the shadow minister.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: What was the purpose of that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I have no information on that. I only—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Were there other people involved?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information. I am only aware from the answers supplied by Infrastructure Australia that they had hosted Mr Albanese to a lunch in January.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Would you be able to find out who attended that lunch?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: And the purpose of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So, being unusual, we would like a bit of information around that meeting—why, who was there, how much, where it was and over what period of time it was conducted.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, I will take that on notice.</p>	4-5 26 May 2014		

					<p>CHAIR: Take that question on notice. Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>		
169	105	IA	CONROY	East West Link – Stage 1	<p>Senator CONROY: Has IA done any independent calculation of a BCR for any part of East West stage 1? Mr Fitzgerald: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	21 26 May 2014	
170	28	IA	CONROY	East West Link	<p>Senator CONROY: I am now asking about Infrastructure Australia. You say you have only been there a few weeks. Can you reassure the public that alternatives were considered by Infrastructure Australia—you probably were not here; you may not be able to do this so Mr Roe might be able to help—and that the East West Link is the best option to address the problems it solves? Were there other alternatives, Mr Roe?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You did or you did not consider alternatives to building the East West Link—not user charges, but you did or did not consider whether this was the best or the only option to solve the traffic problem that Mr Fitzgerald identified?</p> <p>Mr Roe: Yes, alternative options would have been considered as part of it.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Roe: A range of options would have been considered as part of that project analysis. I was not directly involved in that project analysis, so I would need to come back.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay. I am happy to come back.</p>	29-30 26 May 2014	
171	30	IA	CONROY	East West Link Stage 1	<p>Senator CONROY: ... What advice, if any, did Infrastructure Australia give the government in relation to the \$1.5 billion allocated to stage 1 in the budget? Did you give the government any advice about the \$1.5 billion? Mr Mrdak: Sorry, are you referring to stage 1 or stage 2? Senator CONROY: Stage 1 at this stage. Ms O'Connell: In stage 1 there was a commitment from the government in terms of its election commitments; so not in the context of this budget. So stage 1 was committed to as part of election commitments. Senator CONROY: In relation to the government's election commitment, have you given them any advice on stage 1 other than it is in its 'real potential' stage? Mr Fitzgerald: I am not aware that IA has provided any advice to the government.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So we will not try to torture you with your in-depth understanding yet. But thank you. You said no, Mr Roe? Mr Roe: I am not aware of Infrastructure Australia providing any advice except for what is publicly available on the infrastructure— Senator CONROY: Sure. Other than you, would anybody else proffer the advice? I appreciate you say 'I am not aware', which is all true, but would it come from someone else other than you, advice to the government? Mr Fitzgerald is not in a position to give us a comment. Would someone else in IA have been responsible</p>	33 26 May 2014	

					<p>for that?</p> <p>Mr Roe: Normally within the office it is the infrastructure coordinator that deals with the office and provides information.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you can take it on notice and see whether any information—</p> <p>Mr Roe: The Infrastructure Australia council as well.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Other than you, if there is anyone else—Mr Deegan previously or anyone?</p> <p>Mr Roe: Yes.</p>		
172	31	IA	CONROY	East West Link Stage 2 – Business Case	<p>Senator CONROY: When did you receive it, the stage 2 business proposal, shall we call it, because I do not think 'case' really meets it? It may have been before you arrived so you may not know—</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: No, since I arrived.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Oh, since you arrived, okay.</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: Approximately two weeks ago.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Excellent. So that was what, days before the budget?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: I would have to take that on notice. I cannot remember exactly the date.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: How many pages was it?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: Again, I would have to take it on notice.</p>	35	26 May 2014
173	106	IA	CONROY	East West Link - BCR	<p>Senator CONROY: Mr Roe, I want to ask you about 0.5 versus 0.8. You indicated that 0.5 was on the broader east-west corridor. I think those were your words. ...</p> <p>Mr Roe: I recall that there was a 0.5 number in an earlier submission when there was a discussion—so it was at a very high level.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You were indicating to me that was on the full project rather than either stage.</p> <p>Mr Roe: That is my understanding. I can take it on notice to check those facts and get back to you.</p>	36	26 May 2014
174	33	IA	CONROY	Melbourne Rail Crossing Project	<p>Mr Roe: For the Melbourne rail crossing project that Senator Conroy mentioned, could I just take on notice whether we have received a submission on that?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Sure. If you are able to come back to us before you finish today, that would be great.</p> <p>Mr Roe: I will.</p>	47	26 May 2014
175	34	IA	LINES	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LINES: Mr Roe, you have indicated that you have seen some of the business case for the Perth Freight Link project. You said Leach Highway, is that Leach Highway to Stock Road?</p> <p>Mr Roe: That is right. ...</p> <p>Senator LINES: How many pages is that business case?</p> <p>Mr Roe: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	52	26 May 2014

176	35	IA	LINES	Perth Freight Link Project	<p>Senator LINES: Did Infrastructure Australia calculate the BCR?</p> <p>Mr Roe: No, we assessed the benefit-cost ratio.</p> <p>Senator LINES: That someone else gave you? That the department gave you?</p> <p>Mr Roe: The Western Australian government provided it, yes.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Was that their own work? Did they use consultants?</p> <p>Mr Roe: I am not sure. I can ask the Western Australian government.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Do you do any analysis of the BCR or do you just accept what you are given?</p> <p>Mr Roe: We undertake analysis of cost-benefit analysis and information presented.</p> <p>Senator LINES: To make sure that there are no errors?</p> <p>Mr Roe: Yes, to check its robustness. We do that at quite a detailed level.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Is that work that IA does itself?</p> <p>Mr Roe: That is work that we conduct with the use of consultants.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Who do you use for those consultants?</p> <p>Mr Roe: I need to take that on notice, for which consultant was used for this project.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Could you get back to us today?</p> <p>Mr Roe: I can ask, but otherwise I will take it on notice.</p>	54 26 May 2014	
177	36	IA	McLUCAS	Toowoomba Second Range Crossing Rail	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Whilst Mr Jagers is finding that, was the BCR calculated at an amount, a figure? Are you at that point yet?</p> <p>Mr Roe: I understand that the BCR in the August 2012 submission was above one to one. I am not sure of the precise figure.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So 2012 BCR was one to one?</p> <p>Mr Roe: It was above. I wish I could be exact but it was above, so for each dollar you invest in the project there was an economic return of above \$1.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If you could be more specific on notice, Mr Roe, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Roe: On notice I can give you the BCR.</p>	109 26 May 2014	
178	37	IA	STERLE	Infrastructure Projects being Evaluated	<p>Senator STERLE: Can you tell us how many infrastructure projects Infrastructure Australia is currently evaluating?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: No, I cannot. I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Could you take that away and also put a costing to what they are worth as well? I might as well put it all on notice: what projects there are if there is a list available, a state-by-state breakdown and the value. ...</p> <p>...</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Just before you do, if you could let me know which projects had cost-benefit analyses next to them when you put the list together, I would appreciate it.</p>	122-123 26 May 2014	
179	38	IA	RHIANNON	Benefit-Cost Ratios	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Mr Mrdak, in previous answers you have confirmed that the Victorian government has stated that the benefit-cost ratio of the East West Link</p>	30 26 May 2014	

					<p>if the so-called wider economic benefits are not included is 0.8 to one. Has IA ever recommended funding for a project with a benefit-cost ratio of 0.8 to one or even lower?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to look at the IA categorisation. I am not as familiar with all of the projects. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can anybody else help us here? It is one of the things that is obviously surprising—that something that has such a low ratio is still on the books.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can anybody else pick it up? Mr Fitzgerald?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: No, I cannot.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Mr Roe?</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: I think we should take that on notice, if it involves projects.</p> <p>Mr Roe: So the question—</p> <p>Mr Fitzgerald: No, we will take it on notice.</p>		
180	235	IA	RHIANNON	Categories of Projects and Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can it be confirmed the Brisbane Cross-River Rail Project was listed as “ready to proceed” under the Infrastructure Australia priority list and the Melbourne Metro was in the “threshold category”? 2. Do these categories reflect that these projects were assessed by Infrastructure Australia to be in a more advanced stage and more worthy of federal government assistance at this stage, than projects in the “early stage” and “real potential” categories? 3. Can it be confirmed that the East-West Link was in the “Real potential” category and the WestConnex project was in “early stage”? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If this is incorrect may I have confirmation of what category they are in? 4. Prior to this federal budget how many projects from either of those two categories, “Real Potential” and “Early stage” had gone on to receive federal assistance? 5. Can it be confirmed the only project in Infrastructure Australia’s “Ready to proceed list” to receive federal government financial assistance in this recent federal budget was the Pacific Highway Corridor Upgrade? 6. In Infrastructure Australia’s priority list is included the Benefit Cost Ratio for in the summary for all projects in the “Threshold” and “Ready to proceed categories”, this would indicate the importance of that figure in terms of the projects viability. Does the Department agree that these are important figures in terms of determining which projects the federal government should financially assist? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, why not? 7. Can you provide any other scenario where the federal government has previously given some financial assistance for a project that has been recommended as “ready to proceed” by Infrastructure Australia, but then scrapped funding? 	Written	

181	274	IA	STERLE	BCRs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please outline the Infrastructure Australia's preferred method for calculating a project BCR. 2. Please list the 22 or 23 factors taken into account, and show how they are weighted (transcript May 26, p45). Is a BCR template able to be provided? 3. Are alternative BCR methods employed? Please outline these methods. 4. Please list all projects that have had a BCR assessed by IA. Please list the preferred BCRs for each. 5. Please list the projects that are currently having BCRs assessed by IA. 6. How does IA standardise its processes to assess project merit – does it have a standard method for deriving and comparing BCRs? 7. How does IA calculate “productivity-enhancing” for infrastructure? 	Written	
182	275	IA	STERLE	WestConnex	Has IA independently satisfied itself that the project will reduce car travel times by 40 minutes between Parramatta and Sydney Airport? If so, can you indicate when road users will see that benefit?	Written	
183	276	IA	STERLE	Hobart Airport – Runway Extension	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infrastructure Australia said in previous Estimates hearings that a prior proposal for the Hobart Airport project was rejected by Infrastructure Australia because there were unresolved issues with other federal agencies, including the research agencies attached to Antarctica. What were these issues? Have they been resolved? 2. If they're unresolved, could the outcome impact on the provision of the \$38m? When are you expecting these issues to be resolved? 	Written	
184	277	IA	STERLE	Packenham-Cranbourne Rail Line (Vic)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has IA seen a full business case for the Packenham-Cranbourne Line yet? If yes, has it been properly assessed yet? 2. Has IA assessed a BCR for the Packenham-Cranbourne Line yet? If yes, what is the BCR? 	Written	
185	278	IA	STERLE	Priority List	<p>The IA website currently indicates the following: “Following the implementation of the tax loss incentive for designated infrastructure projects, the priority list will now be updated in March, July and November each year. This heralds the next step in the accountability of infrastructure assessment in Australia”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is IA committed to publishing regular updates of the priority list? 2. When will the next priority list be published? 3. Is the current version December 2013? 	Written	
186	279	IA	STERLE	Reporting	If IA is restructured according to the Government's Bill, then IA will need to provide separate accounts under the CAC Act. Is that correct?	Written	
187	280	IA	STERLE	Resourcing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Budget for IA in 2014-5? 2. What additional allocations will be made if IA is established as a CAC Act entity? 	Written	

					<p>3. Has IA requested additional resources? 4. If so, what is the response?</p> <p>The Explanatory Memorandum to the IA Amendment Bill indicates the following allocations to IA after restructure – can you confirm these allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014-5: \$12.126M • 2015-6: \$12.224M • 2016-7: \$12.303M <p>These are increases of less than 1% a year.</p> <p>5. Do you believe that IA can achieve its proposed new mission within this resourcing?</p>		
188	286	IA	STERLE	Asset Recycling Fund	<p>1. Has Infrastructure Australia met or had any correspondence with any WA minister or agency to discuss which WA assets may be sold off for the Asset Recycling Fund program? 2. If so, when, and which WA assets were discussed?</p>	Written	
189	287	IA	STERLE	Asset Recycling Initiative	<p>1. What involvement has IA had in the development of this initiative? 2. Was IA consulted? 3. What role does IA expect to have in this Initiative?</p>	Written	
190	288	IA	STERLE	ACIL Allen Consulting Audit	Can you advise on progress with the ACIL Allen Consulting audit of nationally significant infrastructure? Is this work complete? When does IA expect to publish it?	Written	
191	289	IA	STERLE	GHD Audit of Infrastructure in Northern Australia	Can you advise on progress with the GHD audit of infrastructure in Northern Australia? Is this work complete? When does IA expect to publish it?	Written	
192	290	IA	STERLE	Freedom of Information	<p>I note the IA FOI disclosure log is vacant.</p> <p>1. Is this correct? 2. Is it the case that IA has so far released no documents in 2013-4? 3. How many FOI requests has IA received in 2013-4 so far? 4. How many have resulted in full or part release of material? 5. Does the Department handle FOI currently? 6. Who will handle FOI if IA is corporatised?</p>	Written	
Australian Rail Track Corporation							
193	264	ARTC	STERLE	QR Negotiations	<p>1. Can you advise on the status on your discussions with QR re purchase of railway assets? 2. Are these ongoing? 3. Is it likely there will be an outcome this financial year?</p>	Written	
194	265	ARTC	STERLE	Dividends	1. Does ARTC pay dividends to the Australian Government?	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How long has it been doing so? 3. Can you provide the dividends paid to Government over those years, by year, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2001-2 to 2010-11 (10 years) b. 2011-12 c. 2012-13 d. 2013-14 4. Has the Government requested an increased dividend from ARTC in the 2014-5 financial year? 5. Does ARTC have an outlook or expectation re future dividend payments to government? If so, what is it? 		
195	266	ARTC	STERLE	Privatisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is ARTC undertaking any work or projects that arise or relate to a potential decision to privatise ARTC? 2. What work/projects and what are the costs? 3. Has ARTC expressed a view about the potential sale of the business? If yes, what? 4. Has ARTC expressed a view about the timing of any sale? If yes, what? 	Written	
196	267	ARTC	STERLE	Capital Works	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise of the profile of your spending across coming years for capital projects over \$20M in total value, by project, for each of the following years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-4 b. 2014-5 c. 2015-6 d. 2016-7 e. 2017-8 f. Years beyond 2. Are any of these new projects? Which? 	Written	
197	268	ARTC	STERLE	Inland Rail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise of the profile of your spending on Inland Rail, for each of the following years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-4 b. 2014-5 c. 2015-6 d. 2016-7 e. 2017-8 f. Years beyond 2. How has the profile changed from the 2013-4 financial year? 	Written	
198	269	ARTC	STERLE	WestConnex	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has ARTC expressed a view on the non-connection of Westconnex with Port Botany? 2. Does ARTC have a view on this matter? Is so, what is it? 	Written	

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199	03	STP	BACK	Freight Movement	<p>Senator BACK: Would you be able to estimate, just in approximate percentage terms, what proportion of freight is moved on road-rail-land transport up and down the coast and around Australia and what proportion currently would be moved by sea?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: I would need to get the specific numbers for you. If I could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BACK: In doing so, I would appreciate knowing what the trend has been and of course whether or not as a result—and maybe wait until after 31 May, which is only a couple of days' time—under the different options what the predictions would be. Are we likely to be seeing an increase in sea transport? We have obviously all been talking here about congestion, safety on roads and so on.</p>	60 27 May 2014		
200	06	STP	GALLACHER	Australian Shipping Ambassador	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Was the proposal for the Australian shipping ambassador actually completed prior to September?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: The idea to proceed with that had been concluded prior to September. And the decision to proceed with it—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Was the proposal complete? Your statement earlier was that the previous government decided not to pursue that.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Yes, they did.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So, the proposal was complete?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: The decision to not proceed with an ambassador was completed prior to September. The previous government took that decision.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: There was a decision on that?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: ... Can I put it to you the ambassador proposal was on foot at the time of entering the caretaker period before the last election and was simply not pursued under the caretaker conventions. It was not a decision.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I am more than happy to take that on notice and come back to you. Maybe my memory is incorrect. I am comfortable to confirm that for you.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Clearly, you have said it was a decision of the former government not to pursue it. I am advised slightly different to that.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I will take that on notice.</p>	62-66 27 May 2014		
201	07	STP	GALLACHER	Keys 2 Drive	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Just clarify for me this last round of funding—is that a shorter period than has been traditionally funded? Is that three years whereas it has normally been done for four?</p> <p>Mr James: As I said, I would have to take on notice what periods the previous funding periods have been. It is three years currently, an extension.</p>	65 27 May 2014		
202	08	STP	STERLE	NHVR – Enforcement	<p>Senator STERLE: ... You touched on ridiculous enforcement of breaches. I was talking to a group of truckies last week in Queensland who told me—I have no proof—that one of the subbies from their company got pinged by some</p>	69-70 27 May 2014		

				Breaches	<p>overenthusiastic enforcement officer in Queensland or New South Wales and he got a \$15,000 fine because he made a spelling mistake on his fatigue management entry. Does that sound right? I am not saying the truckie's got it wrong. Is that just mischievous?</p> <p>Ms Wieland: I doubt that is the case, but there have been references in the media to—</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Might have been \$1,500?</p> <p>Ms Wieland: —some of the maximum penalties in the national law and saying that is the fine. In terms of how the law is constructed, the maximum penalties are a maximum that can be imposed by the court. The infringements, or the fines, that get issued are actually only 10 per cent of that value. I am not familiar with your constituent's case. But if he had been fined for an offence that carried a \$15,000 maximum penalty, then he would have got a \$1,500 infringement.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: For a spelling mistake?</p> <p>Ms Wieland: I am not sure of the circumstances of his case. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: I am not sure that a spelling mistake is an infringeable offence either. Anyway, we would have to look at the circumstances.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Wieland: I will take that on notice and come back to you with some advice about what the NHVR does around work diaries in that regard.</p>		
203	221	STP	CARR	Vehicle Safety	<p>On Saturday 7 June Assistant Minister Briggs was quoted as saying about road fatalities that "...vast improvements in vehicle safety across Australia in the last decade has made a significant contribution to achieving" a reduction in road fatalities over the past decade (http://www.drive.com.au/motor-news/elderly-drivers-and-cyclists-more-at-risk-on-the-road-report-20140606-zs02r.html). An article published in the Herald Sun on Friday 6 June (Scrap over car imports, CarsGuide p.9) highlighted there are significant safety, environmental and consumer issues that need to be considered for allowing more grey imports. In relation to the above information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department confirm if they are considering allowing greater access for grey imports? 2. Has the Department identified a market failure in the Australian new car market to justify this position? 3. Has the Department done any research to demonstrate that cars (new and used) are more expensive in Australia compared to other markets around the world? What has that research shown and which markets? 4. Can the Department confirm what research has been undertaken or commissioned by the Government or the Department to demonstrate that such a change will have a positive benefit to Australia and Australian consumers? 5. Can the Department confirm that there will be no negative impacts on road safety, the environment or that consumers will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of purchasing grey imports should the Government 	Written	

					<p>proceed with this proposition?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Has the Department undertaken an assessment of the economic, social, environmental, safety and security impact in New Zealand concerning the relaxation of import restrictions on second-hand imported motor vehicles in that country? What did that assessment find? 7. Has the Department done any research to model the impact of lower environmental standards from second-hand automotive imports on Australia's emissions levels? 8. Has the Department done any research to model the impact of lower safety standards from second-hand automotive imports? 		
204	222	STP	XENOPHON	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – Permits for Over-Dimensional Loads	<p>In the February 2014 Additional Estimates hearings I asked about processing delays for issuing permits for over-dimensional loads. I was told that from 10 February – 19 March 2014, the NHVR received 3,614 access permit applications and that the average time taken to process applications, seek and gain road manager consents and issue permits was 12 days – a timeframe that didn't meet industry expectations. The NHVR has subsequently delegated authority to state governments to process new applications for oversize and over mass vehicles, and special purpose vehicles and some other categories of restricted access vehicles for travel wholly within a state, while applications relating to interstate journeys continue to be managed by NHVR.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this somewhat defeat the purpose of the legislation originally giving the NHVR responsibility for issuing permits for over-dimensional loads? 2. What powers does the NHVR have to ensure the states and territories are processing applications in a reasonable timeframe? What is the NHVR's KPI for applications for travel wholly within a state? 3. Will the funding allocated to the NHVR for issuing new applications vehicles for travel wholly within a state flow on to State Authorities? If not, what will it be used for? 4. On average, what per cent of applications relate to interstate journeys? 5. How many applications have been received by the NHVR from 25 February to now? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the new KPI for processing applications relating to interstate journeys? b. What has been the average processing time? 6. The Transport and Infrastructure ministerial council agreed that these delegations would remain in place until the NHVR's systems and processes are operating at the standard envisaged by Government and expected by industry. What is this standard? When is it expected the NHVR will resume responsibility? 7. What will happen if/when NHVR resumes responsibility; timeframes do not meet industry and Government expectations? Will the NHVR delegate applications back to the States? 8. Would this authority be best suited to remaining with States on a permanent basis? 	Written	

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Australian Maritime Safety Authority							
205	09	AMSA	CONROY	\$60 Million Reduction	<p>Mr Mrdak: There are two processes underway. Firstly, we are required, by June this year, to have undertaken an audit of all of our regulatory activities and to have subjected them to a compliance cost calculation, which has been set using a framework determined by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. That gives us the ability to recognise what our total compliance costs on industry are across the portfolio. Secondly, we have been identifying pieces of legislation or regulation that we undertake to identify areas where we can make savings by effectively removing red tape or regulatory impost on industry. At the moment we have been focused on two key portfolios that have delivered significant regulatory reductions. They are the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations, and also the Maritime Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations where they have sought to reduce unnecessary regulatory compliance costs going—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am just interested in knowing what sort of record keeping could possibly fall into the category of no reporting, but also I am interested in the other areas that have been identified. I have asked about CASA there. With AMSA, is it different areas or just record keeping? Is there anything other than record keeping?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again I would need to get some more details for you from those agencies, but it is of that order. It is: how do you ensure that the compliance costs are minimised, in terms of reporting and the like, that means that industry is not bearing some of that burden?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: ...With AMSA, is there the same sense of generic issues there, or is there a different set of requirements and legislation being looked at, and will the ones that we are describing at the moment require legislative amendment?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think some of them relate to marine orders and the like, but I will give you some details through—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You are in the process of completing this audit?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So no decisions have been made yet about what is to be removed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not at this stage. As I have said, through the work of the regulatory</p>	10-12 26 May 2014	

					<p>agency, we have identified some savings already. We will complete the audit and then—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you give me an indication of what saving you have identified already, just to help us to understand the sort of work you are doing?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We anticipate that we have met about 20 per cent of the annual target or thereabouts so far this year.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: No, I was asking you to give me an example of something that you have already identified that can be removed.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will come back with more details on that. I am aware of the general—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: No-one at the table knows? You are the most senior officers.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not think we have the specifics of AMSA in relation to it at this stage.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay, we will come back to this later in the morning.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p>		
206	10	AMSA	CONROY	Certification of ACV Ocean Protector and ACV Triton	<p>Senator CONROY: Has AMSA provided certification for the <i>ACV Ocean Protector</i> and <i>ACV Triton</i> under the Navigation Act?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What does the certification involve?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: For the <i>Ocean Protector</i> and the <i>Triton</i> they have both got certification I think as cargo vessels. I do not have copies of the certificates here.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What do vessels need to have before they can be certified?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: From a commercial shipping point of view?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: From the point of view of these two being certified?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: There are different ways to approach that under the Navigation Act. Again, I would have to take it on notice for exactly what certificates the <i>Ocean Protector</i> has. Generally if they meet the requirements under the convention, for example SOLAS or MARPOL, the classification society who is delegated to do that work under the Navigation Act on our behalf would inspect the vessel and do plan approvals to see that the vessel is meeting those standards and eventually issue the international trading certificates to allow that and to attest to that.</p>	76 27 May 2014	
207	11	AMSA	CONROY	Deployment of Lifeboats	<p>Senator CONROY: You stated that you are confident the means of deployment of lifeboats is satisfactory, which again comes down to the splitting of the hair, that the actual survival craft or lifeboats that are registered to be used by the crew for evacuation purposes are different from the ones that are actually being deployed off the side. You have completely chosen to ignore the process of deploying these survival craft.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: As we said when we spoke about this last time—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Have you inquired?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: We inquired.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And the Navy told you it was fine or Customs told you it was fine and you do not need to look anymore?</p>	79-80 27 May 2014	

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208	12	AMSA	CONROY	Registration of Vessels	<p>Senator CONROY: Customs have admitted that they purchased a large number of orange life rafts, survival craft, so Customs have publicly said they have bought these. Do they require certification with you? I got the impression from you earlier on that the answer was yes.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: As far as I am aware they were bought not as part of the vessel's equipment. I understand that they meet SOLAS's requirements, those boats, but—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I will come to that in a second. I am asking whether or not they require certification from you? They are purchased by Customs for use of transporting people on the high seas.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Not as a tender for a vessel.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am sorry, not as a?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Not as what I would refer to as a tender, a bit of equipment that goes with another vessel.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: We are agreeing—and you already made this point very clearly—that it is not part of the vessel. It is not part of its natural usage or natural issue. This is a completely separate vessel used for something completely separate from the safety on board of the crew. Are they required to register vessels that are being used to transport people on the high seas? We will get to whether it complies in a minute. I am simply ask a yes/no question.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Again, I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of a registration requirement.</p>	83-84 27 May 2014	
209	13	AMSA	CONROY	Lifeboat Survival Craft	<p>Senator CONROY: In relation to these lifeboat survival craft, do they have to comply with SOLAS?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Only if they are being used as a lifesaving appliance as part of the ship's—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What are you categorising them being used for?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: As part of a certified ship's equipment.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I can show you a YouTube video to show you what they are being used for but what I am asking is whether they have to comply, if they are being deployed, whether they are part of the ship's actual safety equipment for the ship itself, but if they are deploying this vessel does it have to comply with SOLAS?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: That is an interesting legal question. I would say no.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So they would not require certain materials to be loaded like food, communications equipment and medical supplies? They do not have to have any of those things on board?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: No. There is a whole list of requirements and the lifesaving appliance code which goes with SOLAS about what a certified lifeboat that is part of a ship's equipment should have.</p>	84 27 May 2014	

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210	14	AMSA	CONROY	Enforcement of Minimum Seafarer Standards	<p>Senator CONROY: Does this include enforcement of minimum seafarer standards?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can you advise on how many occasions AMSA has taken enforcement action under the convention since it came into effect?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I would have to take that one on notice, but certainly, in general terms, it is part of our port state control program now. I think we may have had two detentions. Again, I will take that on notice, but we are issuing deficiencies. ...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So, you said you would take some of that on notice. Could you provide us with a list of your actions?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I can happily do that, yes.</p>	89 27 May 2014	
211	140	AMSA	WHISH-WILSON	Search for MH370	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What briefings did AMSA provide to the Prime Minister prior to his statement in the House of Representatives on March 20 where he stated that: “new and credible information has come to light in relation to the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has received information based on satellite imagery of objects possible related to the search.” 2. What was the new and credible information the Prime Minister referred to? 3. The Prime Minister made a statement when he was in China on April 11 that “we are confident that we know the position of the black box flight recorder to within some kilometres” Did AMSA provide advice to the Prime Minister before he made this statement? 4. On the same day as the Prime Minister’s statement on April 11 the Joint Agency Co-ordination Centre put out a media statement saying “Today the Australian Maritime Safety Authority has planned two search areas in close proximity totalling about 46,713 square kilometres. The centre of the search areas lies approximately 2312 kilometres north west of Perth.” Can AMSA explain the discrepancy between what AMSA were doing and what the Prime Minister was saying? 5. There have been allegations in the media that the signals heard on April 11 were of a different frequency to a black box. The allegations in the media state it was a 33.3 kilohertz frequency which is very different to the 37.5 kilohertz generated by underwater acoustic beacons. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What kilohertz frequencies were the Joint Agency Co-ordination Centre searching for when they were looking for the black box? b. What kilohertz frequency were the signals that were picked up on 	Written	

					or around April 11 that led the Prime Minister to make that statement?		
212	141	AMSA	WHISH-WILSON	Role of AMSA in State Waters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role does AMSA have in investigating alleged unsafe marine operations or incidents in both State and Commonwealth waters? 2. Does AMSA become aware of and investigate reports of alleged unsafe marine operations or incidents made to State agencies? 3. How many investigations into alleged unsafe marine operations or incidents have been made in Commonwealth waters adjacent to WA State waters in the past year? 	Written	
213	142	AMSA	WHISH-WILSON	Illegal Fishing Vessel in Southern Ocean	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has AMSA managed to collect any further information on the sunken fishing vessel which set of an emergency beacon in the Southern Indian Ocean at the end of March? 2. Has AMSA done any further work on investigating where the vessel was flagged? 3. What other Departments or agencies were involved in the search? 4. I understand assets who were undertaking the search for Malaysian Flight 370 were diverted to search for this boat. In normal circumstances what resources does AMSA have to undertake a search of this nature in the Southern Ocean? 5. Is the Ocean Protector built for and equipped for these types of searches? 6. Was the Department aware of a sister ship (Changbai) in the area at the same time? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was radio contact established with this ship? b. Was this ship fishing illegally? c. Was this ship pursued by Australian assets? d. Is AMSA aware of where this ship is flagged? e. Does AMSA know where this ship is currently located? 	Written	
214	292	AMSA	STERLE	Resourcing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you aware of the Government's request to make savings of \$60M across the Infrastructure & Regional Development portfolio? 2. Since September, has the Department requested further savings from AMSA? If so, can you indicate your agency's response? 3. Did you implement savings? If so, what were they? 4. Can you comment on how this will be reflected in the ordinary operations of AMSA? 	Written	
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215	130	PAR	McLUCAS	Office of Northern Australia – Townsville Office	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Does the office still exist in Townsville?</p> <p>Mr Collett: Yes, we have one staff member in Townsville who is co-located with some other members of staff from our department. Those members of staff carry out a number of different functions. Some are in our local government and</p>	47 27 May 2014	

					<p>territories division and they obviously support each other's roles in that, so a number of different staff are potentially involved in the Office of Northern Australia's activities in support of our one staff member who is based there.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: How many did we used to have in Townsville?</p> <p>Mr Collett: I am not sure. I would have to check that on notice. The function came across from the previous Department of Regional Australia.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: That is right.</p> <p>Mr Collett: I do not have that corporate history, but I am happy to take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As Mr Collett said, we only picked this up in September, and I think at that stage there was one staff member. Previous to that I am not sure.</p>		
216	131	PAR	McLUCAS	Regional Development Projects in Northern Australia	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Just for the record, would it be possible on notice for you to give me a list for that \$4,300,000 allocation?</p> <p>Ms Power: The original funding under that heading related to 16 projects, which were commitments made by the former government but which had no funding contracts. Fifteen of those projects were taken as savings by the government. There is only one project that is still in negotiation. It was monies originally for Cairns City Council to undertake revitalisation of the city centre in the lead-up to G20. The council has completed those works.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: That is very interesting. Could I though, Ms Power, have a list of those 16 proposed projects that were a part of the North Queensland plan, just for completeness?</p> <p>Ms Power: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	48-49 27 May 2014	
217	132	PAR	McLUCAS	Northern Australia Strategic Partnership	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Moving now to the Northern Australia Strategic Partnership, I have a newspaper report from February this year talking about the establishment of the partnership. How often has it met or will it meet and who is on in the partnership? I think I know the answer to the final bit.</p> <p>Mr Collett: The strategic partnership is made up of the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, and the Premiers of Queensland and Western Australia. My understanding is that the support to the partnership has been provided out of the Prime Minister's department. I understand that the partnership has met once. I am not in a position to provide you with detail today in terms of intended future meetings, but I am happy to discuss that with the Prime Minister's department and come back to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Thank you.</p>	49 27 May 2014	
218	133	PAR	CHAIR	Advisory Group on Northern Australia	<p>CHAIR: Was the advisory council appointed with a list of skills? Or is it just some sort of bureaucratic nonsense?</p> <p>Mr Collett: Certainly, when we were asked by the Prime Minister's department to provide some suggestions on who might be on the expert group, there was a clear indication that some expertise in a variety of northern industries and/or experience in northern Australia was something that—</p>	50 27 May 2014	

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219	135	PAR	STERLE	BITRE Project – Improving Road Safety Outcomes	<p>Senator STERLE: ... Have you taken on any new projects since September?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Would you like to tell us what they are? ...</p> <p>Dr Dolman: I think the major one that we have taken on is the government made an election commitment for the bureau to undertake a review of road trauma. We have now commenced that work. The request was really for us, from an economic perspective, to have a look at the things that could be done to improve road safety outcomes, both in terms of reducing fatalities and reducing serious injury. The approach we are taking is looking at what could be done that will have the biggest difference potentially for the least amount of dollars as well. That is a factor that we are considering. So far with that work we have commissioned a survey to be undertaken of road safety experts. They have identified a list of 400 things that we could do. Last week we held a workshop that looked to narrow that list of things down to about 25 or 30 things which we will then do the detailed economic analysis of.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Firstly, who was at the workshop?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: I can give you a list. It was essentially a list of road safety experts. We tried to go very broad in terms of coverage. There were representatives of motorcycle groups, pedal cycle groups, police as well as academic road safety experts and some state government departments. It was a very broad range. I think there were about 30-odd people.</p>	54 27 May 2014	
220	136	PAR	GALLACHER	Urban Policy	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Why has urban policy been abandoned in the budget portfolio statement? Why is it no longer mentioned in there?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check that. I will come back to you on the Urban Policy Forum's formal status, as to whether it has been abolished. We certainly continue to look at urban infrastructure issues, and we certainly continue to look at particularly urban planning issues in the context of the government's investment program.</p>	56 27 May 2014	
221	137	PAR	CONROY	Analysis of Budget and Impacts on Regional Australia	<p>Senator CONROY: The government took a range of decisions in the budget that will impact negatively on regional Australia. What analysis was carried out, to pick an example, by the department of the GP co-payment and other increases in health</p>	14 27 May 2014	

					<p>payments on a regional basis?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not aware that we undertook an analysis of that.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So the department was not consulted at all?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not to my knowledge. I will take that on notice. I do not believe we were.</p>		
222	138	PAR	McLUCAS	Advisory Group on Northern Australia	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Were you consulted in terms of the membership of this advisory group?</p> <p>Mr Collett: We were asked if there were particular parties that we would think would be worthy of nomination. As I understand it, nominations were also sought from the three northern jurisdictions, and I think that further detail on that is probably something the Prime Minister and Cabinet department could give you. I am conscious that we were consulted in terms of some suggestions, but not necessarily more detail in terms of giving advice on specific people beyond that.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Do you recall when that was?</p> <p>Mr Collett: I would have to go back and check on the specific dates for you.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I do not need specific dates. Was it three months ago or six months ago?</p> <p>Mr Collett: I think it is probably around three months ago, but I would need to go back and check on that for you.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If it is not three months you can come back to me on that.</p> <p>Mr Collett: Certainly.</p>	49-50 27 May 2014	
223	300	PAR	STERLE	Impact on Regional Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Government's Budget there are a number of measures that will impact on regional Australia. Why didn't the Government carry out any analysis or regional impact study prior to developing the Budget measures? 2. Did the Minister decide that no regional impact study was necessary? 3. Was there any correspondence or discussions between the Minister's office, the Prime Minister's office and relevant departments to determine if a regional impact study was necessary either prior to the Budget or after the Budget? 4. Can the Department explain what impact will be felt across regional Australia due to the broader Budget measures but more specifically the \$7 GP co-payment, increasing the fuel excise and the changes to tertiary education? 	Written	
224	301	PAR	STERLE	Paid Parental Leave – Regional Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department explain how the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme will work across regional Australia? 2. Can the Department explain how the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme will impact on regional Australia? 	Written	

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225	223	OTS	XENOPHON	Aviation Security Identification Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Office of Transport Security or the Department an Issuing Body for the purposes of Division 6.3 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, or is the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service the single government Issuing Body for applicants other than those pilots captured under CASA's restricted authorisation? 2. Are the Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) Programs required by regulation 6.06 (of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005) specifically approved by the Department separately from the granting of authorisation as an Issuing Body? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what is the head of power for that approval? b. Is there a checklist of mandatory items to be included in an ASIC Program? c. If not, how do you ensure that each ASIC program consistently applies the Government's intended policies and procedures? d. If so, is that checklist limited only to those items set out in regulation 6.06 or are there additional items required that reflect other compliance or departmental policy requirements? 3. If there are additional items to those set out in regulation 6.06, where are they published and are they universally applied to all ASIC programs? 4. The Department's website has a page titled Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASICs). In the list of items there is one titled "What if a person's ASIC application is refused?" that states: "If someone's application for an ASIC is refused, they will be informed of the reason for that decision and their legal rights for a reconsideration or appeal. For more information, contact your issuing body. If an applicant believes that their criminal history certificate has offences listed incorrectly, they should contact CrimTrac to arrange a correction to their record." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. Does that advice apply to all Issuing Bodies as a mandatory inclusion in their ASIC Program, despite the exclusive listing set out in regulation 6.06 (of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005)? g. If not, why not? 5. Division 6.4 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005 requires the Issuing Body to maintain certain records. It does not require any records of refusal to issue an ASIC, yet regulation 6.30 specifically requires certain reports to the Secretary of refusals to issue. Is that a regulatory oversight? 6. Regulation 6.30 (of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005) requires an Issuing Body to provide the Secretary a written report of refusals to issue based on a failure to satisfy either paragraph 6.28(1)(c) or (f), that is Australian citizenship etc. or is banned for ASIC display misbehaviour. However, regulation 6.28 covers a number of other criteria 	Written	

					<p>that could form the basis of refusal to issue an ASIC. Does the Department know how many applications for an ASIC have been refused for any reason?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, isn't that information important in terms of how the system is working as well as in terms of possible security intelligence? b. If so, how has the data been compiled? c. If so, can the Department identify the specific reasons for each decision to refuse to issue an ASIC? <p>7. Part 8 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005 sets out the decisions that are reviewable by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Regulation 8.03 specifically includes the decisions of Issuing Bodies to refuse to issue an ASIC to somebody, to issue an ASIC subject to a condition or to cancel an ASIC. Division 6.4 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005 requires the Issuing Body to maintain certain records, but not those related to refusals to issue or the imposition of conditions. How does the Department know about such decisions in order to supervise the system and ensure consistency?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does the Department ensure that each applicant is provided with appropriate procedural fairness, including notification of their rights and review limitations under the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975? b. Is there any process for internal review within the Issuing Body and by appeal to the Department before an applicant needs to apply to the AAT for review? c. If not, why not? 		
226	295	OTS	STERLE	Hobart Airport – Australian Federal Police	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the Department consulted prior to the Government making this decision? 2. Was any consultation done with the Tasmanian Government before making this decision? 3. What was the rationale for making this decision? 4. Has the Department provided any advice to the Government or other Government agency on future security arrangements for Hobart Airport? 5. Could this decision jeopardise Hobart Airport getting international flights? 	Written	
227	296	OTS	XENOPHON	Issuing Bodies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Division 6.3 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005 (ATSRs) provides for entities described as Issuing Bodies. Issuing bodies may be an aviation industry participant or a Commonwealth agency. It is not entirely clear what legal status an Issuing Body might have, since the entity appears to have its own powers rather than acting as a delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (DIRD). What status is accorded to these entities and what limitations and obligations attach to that status? 2. Does the use of an external agency such as the Issuing Bodies created under the ATSRs allow the DIRD to avoid the Government's commitment to 	Written	Transferred from the Legal and Constit. Affairs Committee

					procedural fairness or does the DIRD have a duty to only designate Issuing Bodies that have policies and procedures that meet or exceed the standards of procedural fairness expected of the DIRD?		
228	302	OTS	STERLE	Passenger Screening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm that your Division is responsible for aviation passenger screening regulation? 2. Is it the case that recent regulatory changes have implemented a nationally consistent regulatory system for passenger screening at airports? 3. Can you outline the regulatory obligation of private airport operators around passenger screening? Do they provide enforcement? Or are these matters handled by Commonwealth employees? 4. What is the regulatory expectation of private operators of airports in terms of passenger screening? 5. Are private operators of airports entitled to question passenger screening decisions or processes? 6. Who employs the staff who screen passengers at airports? The Commonwealth, States, airport operators or subcontractors? Or does it vary from airport to airport? 7. Do the regulations include required standards for training for the staff performing passenger screening? 8. Do the regulations require licensing of staff performing passenger screening? 9. How do the regulations ensure a sustainably high standard by those performing passenger screening? 10. Is it intended that unlicensed staff could perform passenger screening? 11. What safeguards exist to ensure that this could not occur? 	Written	
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229	22	AAA	FAWCETT	Legal Advice	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... So could I just ask: has the department sought legal advice as to its responsibilities or any powers it may have to enforce the terms of a lease or the covenant that was signed by somebody that it sold an airport to?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Doherty: As I have indicated, under the ALOP deeds, my understanding is that there has been legal advice on a number of issues over a number of years, as they have arisen. So our position, as we understand it, reflects the legal advice that we have received.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Are you able to provide that legal advice to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: My concern is that, if we are seeing this behaviour already—and we have talked at length about the examples at the leased airports, and we are seeing examples at these ALOP airports—then the aviation sector are increasingly coming under pressure and at this point in time it appears that they have</p>	3-4 27 May 2014	

					<p>no recourse to actually preserve the physical asset they require to run their business, which is an airport, when they are constantly being squeezed by housing or by increasing rates. I have some examples of people who are having rate increases of up to 300 per cent, having rate reviews in years when there are not supposed to be rate reviews, and the operator of the airport is just saying, 'Well, I make the rules.' Where is the recourse and where is the justice for those people?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Are those circumstances at ALOP or at leased federal airports?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: That one in particular was a sold airport.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: So a leased federal airport.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: No, a sold airport.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am sorry; ALOP. This is the example of Broome?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Broome is in a different category, given the nature of the federal government disposal of that site as a freehold sale.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: But still with a covenant.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Still with a covenant to retain that site as an airport; that is absolutely right.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Not only to retain the site as an airport, but the covenant also goes to issues around the nature of the relationship between the owner and the operators of that airport and there appear to be a number of quite clear breaches of the terms of that covenant.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take it on notice. We have had some legal advice in the past about the powers that we have under that covenant. Certainly, in relation to the ALOP, I think, as Mr Doherty has indicated, our powers are not as extensive as might otherwise be imagined, but we will come back to you with some advice on that.</p>		
230	23	AAA	GALLACHER	Regional Aviation Access Funding	<p>Senator GALLACHER: We have 33 regional airports in South Australia—a combination of, I think, 22 public, a couple of military and some private. This is in terms of working out where these reductions would occur. None of that money would go to military, I presume?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: No.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And none of that money would go to private, like Prominent Hill, Olympic Dam and places like that?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: I will get advice on that. We can provide to you a list of the airports where there have been projects funded under the program. It is an application based program where the airport comes forward; there is co-funding from the state or local council and there is a process for selecting those which attract a Commonwealth contribution. If I could clarify, it relates to the smaller remote aerodromes and not major aerodromes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: What about Kingscote in Kangaroo Island; is that an airport that has attracted funding?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Outside Ernabella, what are the other Indigenous</p>	4-6 27 May 2014	

					<p>communities that have been beneficiaries of this program?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: We can provide a full list of the projects funded under this program.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR (Senator Sterle): Can you do it for WA as well for the committee, please?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: Certainly.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I know that Senator Peris is not here, but I am sure that we would like the information in respect of the Northern Territory, which probably has a greater proportion than South Australia anyway of Indigenous communities that are totally reliant on their airports for up to three months of the year, given that their roads are impassable.</p> <p>Mr Doherty: There is no difficulty; we can provide the list of all projects across Australia under the program.</p>		
231	24	AAA	RHIANNON	Risk Assessment on Sydney Airports Third Runway	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Just going back to the May 2012 estimates, you replied, in response to my question on notice No. 54 about the last airport risk assessment on Sydney airport's third runway, that there has been no EIS in relation to Sydney airport operations since the third runway development in the early 1990s. Can you confirm when the last airport risk assessment was undertaken? Why I am asking it again is that you did not answer about risk assessment specifically. I must admit that perhaps you were saying that all the EISs have risk assessments in them. Maybe this will be my first question: when you answered by saying that there has been no risk assessment in relation to Sydney airport operations since the third runway development in the early 1990s, was that because the EIS always had a risk assessment in it?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: My recollection is that the EIS that was done for the parallel runway development did include a risk assessment; that is correct. I am not aware of a risk assessment of that form being done since that time.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You said 'my recollection'. Do you need to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take it on notice. I am not aware of any risk assessment of the type that was done for the parallel runway EIS being done since that time.</p>	10 27 May 2014	
232	25	AAA	RHIANNON	Aircraft Movement at Sydney Airport – Non Jet Aircraft	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Could you tell the committee what percentage of current aircraft movement at Sydney airport is undertaken by the small planes?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can get that data for you. When you say small, you are talking non-jet aircraft?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, the non-jet aircraft.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can get that information for you.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Unfortunately I do not have it in my head, but there was a recent report and I thought it was 26 per cent that are small planes. So to ask the question, if you can take it on notice: what is the percentage and any changes that have occurred in that and what you are anticipating could change with upgauging?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will get that information for you.</p>	12 27 May 2014	

233	26	AAA	BACK	Busselton Airport	<p>Senator BACK: ... The first was: what, if anything, is in play for extending the runways at the Busselton Airport in the south-west of WA?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If you do not mind we will take them on notice...</p>	116 26 May 2014	
234	46	AAA	CONROY	\$60 Million Reduction - CASA	<p>Mr Mrdak: There are two processes underway. Firstly, we are required, by June this year, to have undertaken an audit of all of our regulatory activities and to have subjected them to a compliance cost calculation, which has been set using a framework determined by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. That gives us the ability to recognise what our total compliance costs on industry are across the portfolio. Secondly, we have been identifying pieces of legislation or regulation that we undertake to identify areas where we can make savings by effectively removing red tape or regulatory impost on industry. At the moment we have been focused on two key portfolios that have delivered significant regulatory reductions. They are the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations, and also the Maritime Safety Authority, through some of their new regulations where they have sought to reduce unnecessary regulatory compliance costs going—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You mentioned legislation and then you mentioned some individual programs inside your own department. You mentioned CASA, I think, first. What sorts of areas in legislative changes are you looking at? What are the areas that are being examined—just because I have no idea what they could be?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think they principally relate to reporting requirements and effectively paperwork or record-keeping areas where CASA and AMSA have been able to identify areas where they have been able to reduce the regulatory cost for industry. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What sort of record keeping is it? Instead of a weekly report, does it become a monthly report, or instead of a monthly report does it become a quarterly report? Is that the sort of thing that we are talking about?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is the sort of thing that they looked at, or whether there is a need for a report at all. They are the sorts of areas, particularly where they are areas not relating to safety outcomes per se but are compliance—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What sorts of areas would require no report that currently have a report? Can you give me an example that would fall into that category?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: In terms of those agencies, I will take it on notice. I think that is probably best rather than me—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am just interested in knowing what sort of record keeping could possibly fall into the category of no reporting, but also I am interested in the other areas that have been identified. I have asked about CASA there. With AMSA, is it different areas or just record keeping? Is there anything other than record keeping?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again I would need to get some more details for you from those agencies, but it is of that order. It is: how do you ensure that the compliance costs are</p>	10-11 26 May 2014	

					minimised, in terms of reporting and the like, that means that industry is not bearing some of that burden?		
235	118	AAA	FAWCETT	Archerfield Airport	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I guess the question I have for you is that I have had a large number of complaints from operators at Archerfield Airport who contend that the expert who was called to support the master planning process looked at the AF10, the flight manual, and derived from that, for each of the aircraft type that flies at Archerfield, a strip length for the new north-south runway which was less than a thousand metres—I think it was about 900 metres—but it did not take into account the factoring that the CAOs require an operator to put into their operations manual. They contend that CASA, in double-checking the figures on behalf of the department, said yes, they accurately interpreted the AFM but did not highlight the fact that factoring had not been included; therefore, the master plan, which has been approved, endorses a runway which is too short to meet the legal requirements that CASA actually require the operators to meet. So my question is: if that contention is validated, what will happen to the master plan?</p> <p>Mr Doherty: I think CASA took on notice last night the issue about what exactly their assessment was and what it covered in the Archerfield circumstance and I would certainly be happy to take on notice from our side too to look at that assessment. In terms of the impact of that decision, I am not entirely sure at this stage just where the process of the runway changes at Archerfield are and whether there would be some formal further approval required before they were actually given effect to.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If I may add, I think our view would be, in the circumstances that you have outlined, where it was shown that there was any error or there was further information which may have changed that consideration, that would not necessarily invalidate the master plan. What it would mean, though, at the time the airport was to bring forward a major development proposal for the runway work—and I will ask Ms Horrocks to comment about the status of that—is that is the point at which that adjustment would need to be made and a separate approval process would apply. However, coming to your question, I do not think our view would be that the master plan would be invalid, because it is a concept planning document which is set out predominantly for zoning and planning purposes. The details of any runway shortening at either Archerfield or Essendon would have to be dealt with through an MDP and a specific approval program. If you do not mind, I will get Ms Horrocks to give us an update on where we think Archerfield is at on that runway proposal.</p> <p>Ms Horrocks: Archerfield has not developed the MDP at this point in time. We would normally seek to look at any preliminary or exposure draft of an MDP and identify any required information at that point in time and then it would go through the legislative process for an MDP.</p>	2 27 May 2014	

236	02	AAA	FAWCETT	Importation Requirements	<p>Senator FAWCETT: You have talked about the less-than-two-kilograms-type area, and as you say there are a lot of other operators getting into that space. Without wanting to go down the path of overregulating everything, can you give us a sense of where CASA sees this space going in terms of education, licensing or software fixes to preclude certain heights or geographic locations. Where do you see this going?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: At the moment, for vehicles below two kilograms our rules are relatively light, if I can use that term. The principle behind that is that we want people to enjoy themselves using these things. There are other issues around privacy...</p> <p>All we are really saying with the under two kilogram vehicles is that they are: to operate below 400 feet within a visual line of sight—and that does not mean using binoculars or telescopes; to stay five kilometres away from an airfield; and to stay away from people and buildings et cetera. In other words, these are much like the model aircraft rules. The principle is that this is the responsibility of the operator—the person flying this thing. They are the only ones who have direct control. They are the only people who can violate anything like that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>But, of course, there is an issue around the availability of the vehicles. These vehicles can be ordered over the internet relatively easily and there is no control of them coming into the country. There is no requirement for anyone to tell us they are bringing them in and so, in some respects, the Customs and Border Protection Service has a role to play in that as well, if we wish to control all operations. Having said that, if it is a commercial operation then, even for vehicles under two kilograms, they do require our approval and we have much better control.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Perhaps, Mr Mrdak, you might answer this one. From a whole-of-government perspective, what is being done in terms of the Customs and Border Protection Service to look at how we wrap some element of quality—I will not even say control—around this space in terms of import requirements, the requirement to register or the requirement of having things comply with software patches, for example? If I look at the maritime space, a person in a recreational boat has to have a licence, on the back of a training course, to use a VHF radio. What consideration has been given from a whole-of-government perspective to address this rather than seeing it purely through the lens of aviation?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not aware of any whole-of government-consideration at this time. I will take that on notice and come back to you.</p>	144-145 26 May 2014	
237	224	AAA	XENOPHON	Virgin Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to Virgin Australia's restructure in 2012, did the department consult with any other agencies or departments? If so, with whom? 2. Does the Department take into account the implications of such a restructure on corporations or taxation laws? Did it do so in this instance? 3. Did the Department receive any advice from the ATO, ASIC or any other agencies or departments? If so, which ones? What advice was received and how was this taken into account? 	Written	

238	225	AAA	XENOPHON	Virgin International	<p>The Virgin Australia Holdings Limited Annual Report for 2012 and 2013 include Virgin Australia International Holdings Pty Ltd, Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd as subsidiaries and consolidates their financial reports on the basis of control over their financial and operating policies. It appears that, for the purposes of the Corporations and Taxations Laws, the designated international airlines of the Virgin Group and their holding company are treated as fully controlled subsidiaries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the guidance provided by ICAO in Document 9626, the Manual on the Regulation of International Air Transport, how does DIRD conclude that the two designated Virgin international airlines are not fully controlled by a majority-foreign owned entity? 2. For the purposes of our Air Service Agreements, are Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd designated on the basis of satisfying the requirements for “substantial ownership and effective control” or “principal place of business” or both? 3. Can an entity possessing nothing more than an Australian legal status be designated as an international airline, provided that it has appropriate agreements for financial, operational and managerial services? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, what are the minimum assets required to gain designation? 	Written	
239	236	AAA	RHIANNON	Sydney Airport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you received any request from the NSW government to increase the number of flights through Sydney Airport? 2. Has any verbal or written submission been made to increase the number of flights through Sydney Airport? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, what time period has been nominated for when this increased number of flights should occur? 3. Has a specific request been made to increase the number of flights operating during the shoulder prior to or at the end of the curfew? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, may I have the details please? 	Written	
240	258	AAA	STERLE	Hobart Airport – Runway Extension	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Government directed the Department to perform due diligence, including but not limited to cost-benefit analyses, return on investment on this investment? 2. Can the Department explain what is the main business case for the \$38 million funding package? Is this reflected in the budget it’s coming from? 3. What is happening to Surf Road near the airport? Have residents been consulted in the design and the impact to the dune area and the road? 4. Did the Government seek any advice from the Department on the actual amount of the grant? Was the final project cost finalised when the grant was announced? Has the Department since provided advice on the amount of the grant in relation to the project cost, and value for money? 5. Has the Hobart Airport provided a final project cost? Are the design and scope for the works of the project complete? If not, where did the \$38 million figure come from? Has the Department advised that the Government delay the grant until we know more about the particulars of the 	Written	

					project? 6. What detail do you have about a cost benefit analysis on this project? Do we know how many jobs it will create during construction, ongoing etc.?		
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241	47	AA	SMITH	Airborne Delays	<p>Senator SMITH: My final question goes to airborne delays, and specifically delays of 15 minutes or more.</p> <p>Ms Staib: Specifically relating to the Perth area?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Hood: I have got it, but we may need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: My understanding is that we saw a reduction in airborne delays of 15 minutes or more from 3.1 per cent in October 2013 to 1.3 per cent in December 2013. If that is true, that is great. Can you verify those figures and, again, provide them to me for the period December 2013 to present.</p> <p>Mr Hood: Certainly, we can table that.</p>	152 26 May 2014	
242	48	AA	FAWCETT	Instrument Approach Procedures at Rockhampton	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Ms Staib, do you have an officer here who deals with instrument approach procedures, particularly the NDB-A or VOR-A at Rockhampton?</p> <p>Ms Staib: We will probably have to take the details of that question on notice. But we can try.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am concerned by the lack of consultation with industry about the restriction placed on that approach, which is costing them a fair bit of money. It is the only approach available for operators in that region who do not have TSO-compliant distance measuring equipment in their aircraft. It is still valid outside of tower hours but it is not available during tower hours, which means that operators who are away on charters sometimes cannot return and they lose charters because of it, and the flying school cannot teach their students instrument flying—they have to fly a 132 nautical miles round-trip, which is about an extra \$700 per sortie. That is having a huge impact on a small GA sector, and they were never consulted when that change was made. I would like to understand why the change was made and why this approach cannot be reinstated to be available during tower operating hours.</p> <p>Ms Staib: I do not have that detail at hand. I will take it on notice and we will investigate it for you and find out what happened.</p>	153 26 May 2014	
243	49	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS – Software	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... Since the introduction into operational service, how many Integrated Tower Automation Suite, INTAS, software versions have been installed at Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers respectively?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: ... but what has happened to the software? How many software versions have been installed at Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers?</p> <p>Ms Staib: The detail of that I will have to take on notice. There have been</p>	153 26 May 2014	

					<p>updates to the software versions since we started implementing INTAS, but the exact number I will have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Further to that: have any of these software versions required reversion to a previous software version due to unsatisfactory performance?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And further to that: if so, how many at each tower?</p>		
244	50	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS – Database Entries	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... The second set of questions with respect to this: since introduction into operational service, how many INTAS Airservices systems issues database entries have been raised at or for Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers respectively? On notice?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How many remain open? Also on notice?</p>	154 26 May 2014	
245	51	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS – Alarms	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... The third set of questions: since the introduction to operational service, how many traffic triggered and/or equipment—that is, Airservices owned or otherwise—alarms and/or alerts or cautions and/or warnings have been presented to air traffic controllers at INTAS work positions at Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers respectively?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will take that on notice as well. In terms of the rating of severity of some issues, there are no outstanding severity 1 issues. We have introduced—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps on notice you could explain the difference between severity 1 and, presumably, severity 2 and 3—</p> <p>Ms Staib: There are different characteristics.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you could set out those characteristics, that would be very useful. What percentages of these alarms/alerts or cautions/warnings, if any, have been false?</p>	154 26 May 2014	
246	52	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS – Information Inaccuracies	<p>Senator XENOPHON: If you could set out those characteristics, that would be very useful. What percentages of these alarms/alerts or cautions/warnings, if any, have been false? The fourth set of questions with respect to this: since the introduction to operational service, has INTAS ever displayed information to air traffic controllers that was late, incorrect, incomplete, corrupted or absent? Is that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If so, on how many occasions for Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers respectively? On notice?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes, thank you.</p>	153-154 26 May 2014	
247	53	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Have any accidents or incidents, within the meaning of the Transport Safety Investigation Regulations 2003 or the Airservices safety management system internal reporting requirements, occurred where late, incorrect, incomplete, corrupt or absent information provided by INTAS was contributory to an extent? Senator Sterle, I think they will take it on notice.</p> <p>...</p>	154 26 May 2014	

					<p>Ms Staib: Regarding the issue I think you are referring to, I do not have the specific details. We introduced new technology into those four towers, as you point out. With any new technology, there have been some minor teething problems, particularly around the voice switch. That has been the case. We have recorded all of those instances, as reported by the air traffic controllers or our field maintenance people, into our SIRIS database, which tracks all these issues for us. We have reviewed all of those issues and continue to iron out these minor bugs. In terms of how many exactly, I will get that detail for you on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: ... Finally, with respect to that question: if so, how many for Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers, respectively? And how much does the system cost taxpayers?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will get that detail for you in that report as well.</p>		
248	54	AA	XENOPHON	Garuda Airbus A330s	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I note that the ATSB released a report on 28 February into the loss and separation insurance involving two Garuda Airbus A330s in March 2012. Are you familiar with that?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I have read part of it out earlier this evening. The report from the ATSB stated that they are not satisfied that Airservices had adequately addressed the identified safety issues regarding processes for managing a temporary restricted area et cetera. You are familiar with the report, it is on the record, it is a public document. The ATSB has now investigated a significant number of similar events, and CASA has conducted an audit of Airservices. When can we expect an improvement in Airservices' operations?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will just say a few words, and then I will ask Mr Hood to go through some of the operational improvements that have been made. The first thing I would say is that that particular incident happened two years ago. In terms of the interruption to service, there has not been one of those incidences since October 2012. And, if you recall, we have discussed the CASA 172 report and in fact that was one of the areas of recommendation in terms of making sure that we are adequately resourced to man the stations that we are responsible for. That goes to that issue that I talked about before—the Nav Canada review into air traffic control numbers, which confirmed certainly the methodology for determining staff at each of our locations and provided me with assurance that we do have the right numbers in place. In terms of the operational improvements that have been implemented since that date some two years ago, I will just ask Mr Hood to give you a couple of examples—for example, the benefit of ADS-B and some other data exchange protocols we have with Indonesia.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sorry—I have some other questions I need to get out very quickly. Would you mind answering that on notice?</p>	155 26 May 2014	
249	55	AA	XENOPHON	Renewal of Airservices	<p>Senator XENOPHON: CASA's audit only allowed renewal of Airservices' approval for a limited period. When does this period expire?</p> <p>Ms Staib: It was for a period of three years, and that is consistent with the</p>	155 26 May 2014	

					<p>other certificates that we do have.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And that expires when?</p> <p>Ms Staib: It was issued in 2013, so 2016.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice, what benchmarks does Airservices need to meet for further renewal, and is that process on track?</p>		
250	56	AA	XENOPHON	Omnidirectional Radio Range Link at Mildura	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... Airservices undertook to provide on notice whether the link had been non-operational prior to the five days immediately before the incident. The response reads: 'The link at Mildura airport had been non-operational for five days prior to the incident, with advice provided to industry through a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).' With respect, this does not answer my question. Prior to that five-day period, had there been any periods of time in the immediately preceding 12 months when some part of the automated weather service at Mildura had been non-operational?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I apologise that we did not answer your question to your satisfaction. Perhaps we can go back and look at the previous 12 months.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes, if you could, and that leads to the question of what steps Airservices has taken to ensure that this incident is not repeated this winter.</p>	155 26 May 2014	
251	238	AA	STERLE	Salaries and Bonuses for CEO and Direct Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Staib, can you advise the Committee of the percentage of the "at risk" component of your salary you were awarded last year? 2. Can you provide the Committee with an extract of the minutes of the Board Remuneration Committee and Board meeting that recommended and authorised that payment? I am not seeking the full minutes, just the relevant extracts. 3. Can you advise the Board of all bonuses and other performance related payments given to each member of the Executive team? 4. How many members of your Executive team have left in the last 12-18 months? 5. I notice you have recently announced the appointment of a new Executive General Manager Corporate Affairs. What is the salary of the new EGM? Are there any other costs associated with her employment? Where will the EGM be home based? 	Written	
252	239	AA	STERLE	State of the Aviation Industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Staib, you would be aware of the pressures airlines are currently under. Can you outline for the Committee any steps you personally have initiated to ensure Air Services reduces the cost impact it has on the operation of airlines? 2. Is Air Services proposing any increase in its pricing to airlines in the coming year? If so, on what basis, given the number of jobs etc that are being shed by airlines in the current climate? 	Written	
253	240	AA	STERLE	Dividend to the Government	Can you advise the Committee of the amount of the dividend Air Services has most recently paid to the Government and how much it is forecast to pay in the coming	Written	

					financial year?		
254	241	AA	STERLE	Capital Works	<p>I notice the Commission of Audit recommended that an independent review be undertaken of Air Services capital expenditure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Staib, can you outline for the Committee what your understanding is of Air Services' obligations to the Public Works Committee? 2. When was the last time Air Services referred proposed capital projects to the Committee? 3. Can you advise this Committee of the total cost of capital works for the current financial year and what you forecast it to be for the coming year? 4. How are these works financed? Does the cost come from additional levies on the airlines (and therefore the travelling public) or from the proposed dividend paid to the government? 5. Is it true that Air Services intends to build/develop its own data centre? How much will this cost? 6. How will this be financed? 7. Given the budget for this project, I presume you will be referring it to the Public Works Committee? 8. Why has Air Services decided to go down this path and not to rent space in other high security data centres like parts of Defence, ASIO, Health and the airlines do, just to name a few? 9. Can you give the Committee an update on the building of the new fire stations, starting with cost (both cumulative and by station)? 10. How are these being financed? By the airlines, or from revenue that would have gone to the government? 11. Have these projects been referred to the Capital Works Committee? If not, given the cumulative cost, why not? 	Written	
255	242	AA	STERLE	Outside Appointments	<p>I notice Ms Staib that you have recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation, representing the CDF.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did that appointment come about? Were you approached by the CDF for example, or did someone approach him on your behalf? 2. What are your responsibilities on that board? 3. From the CSC's website it says you are an active member of the Air Force Reserve – how much of your time does this take up and who are you answerable/accountable to? 4. Can you outline for the Committee what your understanding of a conflict of interest is? 5. What arrangements have you put in place to deal with the obvious conflicts of interest? Have you removed yourself from all matters to do with One Sky for example? <p>Surely Ms Staib you cannot represent Defence on one body, be a member of the active reserve of the Air Force and then claim to represent only the interests of Air Services when dealing with Air Force on One Sky surely?</p>	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Have you removed yourself from any involvement and decision making relating to the appointment of directors and other matters regarding Av Super – given the potential of Av Super either being rolled into CSC or for it to act as a competitor? If not, why not? 7. Have you taken the appropriate steps to ensure you no longer receive any information relating to Av Super’s performance or operation? Who at Air Services now handles matters relating to the operation of superannuation funds? If not, why not? 8. Can you provide for the Committee an extract of the Air Services Board minutes granting approval for you to take up this appointment? 9. How much time do you expect to spend on CSC business? 10. Can you assure the Committee that it will have no impact on you being able to undertake your full-time job as CEO of Air Services? 11. Lastly, on this issue, I notice from the CSC website they refer to you as Air Vice Marshall Staib? That’s not the correct form of address is it? This keeps happening doesn’t it? Have you taken any steps to ensure that they refer to you as AVM Retired at all times? 		
256	243	AA	STERLE	Merging of Safety and Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I notice from Air Services website that there is now one EGM covering both these roles, is that correct? Have the two branches or sections been merged as well? 2. What experience does the current EGM have in dealing with safety matters? 3. Was there any consultation with community, industry or the government prior to this decision? 4. Can you outline circumstances around the WARP development and consultation for the Committee? <p>I appreciate that you were not CEO of Air Services at the time, but for the benefit of newer members of the Committee the last redesign of the airspace around Perth (known as WARP) lacked any credible public consultation . Part of the actions taken to ensure that didn’t happen again was the creation of a separate environment department within Air Services, at the instigation of the then board and minister.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What do you believe has changed? Why do you and the board believe that a separate department is no longer needed? Have you had any industry or community feedback about this rearrangement? If so, what is it? 6. What arrangements are in place to ensure that the mistakes that occurred around WARP are not repeated with the runway redevelopment at Perth Airport? 7. There is a long history of the board also using an independent safety advisor. Is this still the case? 8. It is my understanding that the current independent advisor has now finished, or is about to finish her term – is that the case? Will she be 	Written	

					replaced? And if so, who by? If not, why not? What has changed in the board's view that means they no longer need independent advice?		
257	293	AA	STERLE	80 Movement Cap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you indicate what work Airservices Australia is undertaking with respect to Minister Truss' comment about change arrangements for calculating the 80 movement an hour cap at Sydney Airport? 2. What is the current status of this work? 3. What options are being considered? 4. Who will be consulted on any proposed changes? 	Written	
Australian Transport Safety Bureau							
258	101	ATSB	XENOPHON	Documents provided to TSB	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Was this committee's report into the Pel-Air incident provided to the TSB? Is that one of the documents that the TSB is looking at?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I take it, Chair, we have not been contacted by the TSB. No, we have not. Was any view proffered as to whether the Senate committee should be contacted in respect of their report and in respect of the incident?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: We provided the report to the TSB and left it to them.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Are you able to provide the committee on notice a list of the material, documents and any correspondence in respect to the matters that the committee was considering?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes. I can give you a list of all material that was provided by us to the TSB.</p>	137 26 May 2014	
259	102	ATSB	XENOPHON	Resolving Issues with Airservices Australia	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Okay. The ATSB has now identified a significant number of similar events and presumably has seen CASA's audit of Airservices.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you answer on notice what the ATSB is doing to ensure these serious issues are addressed. They are being addressed, I take it, from your point of view?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: To the extent that we are not satisfied that they are being addressed we are continuing to follow them up.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you give any further details in respect of that, how they are being followed up, what is being followed up and the like.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes, Senator.</p>	137 26 May 2014	
260	103	ATSB	XENOPHON	INTAS	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, has the ATSB looked at the operation of the integrated tower automation suite software versions, the INTAS versions, that have been installed at Rockhampton, Broome, Adelaide and Melbourne towers respectively? Have you had any issues or complaints in respect of that?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: I would have to take that on notice. I am not personally familiar with any problems with that software but we will check our records to see if anything has</p>	138 26 May 2014	

					<p>been brought to our attention.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But if there were issues with the software, that would obviously affect issues of aviation safety, so it is the sort of thing that would be brought to your attention.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: If there were problems that either constituted an occurrence in terms of the mandatory notification system or were a matter of safety concern to an individual who wished to raise it with us by way of our confidential reporting system, it would have come to our attention. What I have said is that I am not personally familiar with anything in that area.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you take it on notice in respect of INTAS.</p>		
261	104	ATSB	FAWCETT	UAV Operations	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... Early this year just north of Perth a Dash 8 had a very near miss with a reasonable-sized UAV. I understand ATSB has made comment on that incident. But, more broadly, the question I am interested in is how many incidents are being reported to you through the various reporting mechanisms that you have, whether it is micro or larger UAVs. Secondly, what input, if any, are you having into the current NPRM that CASA has on the streets around looking at new rules for UAV operations?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: The first half of your question I think we would have to take on notice, unless someone has the material in front of them. But we are tending to look at all significant events involving UAVs, just because it is one of those growing territories, at least to some establish-the-facts sort of level. I would have to consult with my colleagues to establish what we have been doing with CASA on the specific question of their new rule suite.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am happy for you to take that on notice. I would also like you to take on notice ATSB's position, with the breakdown of incidents that have occurred—just from what I have seen in the media, the majority appear to be the smaller UAVs that your amateur can buy from whatever kind of shop—on the concept that anything less than two kilograms essentially does not present a risk and therefore should be unregulated, and whether in the light of incidents that have occurred you are comfortable with that approach.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: I am happy to give you a response on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: Then will you come back to the committee—or through the secretary or through the department or through the minister—and explain to the Australian public and this committee what their protection is from the growing plethora of unmanned vehicles in the air?</p>	139 26 May 2014	
262	294	ATSB	STERLE	Resourcing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Am I right in thinking that at 30 June in 2013, the aviation team was continuing to investigate 65 complex aviation occurrences? 2. How many complex aviation investigations are currently ongoing? 3. In the Portfolio Budget Statement there is a table on page 169 that sets out the performance measures for your agency. I refer to the performance measure that says that the ATSB aims to have to have at least 90% of complex investigations published within 12 months and at least 90% of 	Written	

					<p>short investigations published within two months. Have I got that right?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. How is the ATSB tracking against those two performance targets? 5. What is the median time for a major investigation to be completed? 6. What is the longest ongoing investigation currently being undertaken and how long has that particular investigation been going for? 7. Does this Budget provide you with any additional resourcing for the investigation of major aviation investigations? Putting aside the search for Malaysian Airlines MH370? 8. Would you say that the agency is adequately resourced to for the current number of investigations being undertaken? 9. I refer to page 165 of the Portfolio Budget Statement and to statement regarding ATSB expenses. <i>“The increase in planned expenses for 2014-15 is mainly due to funding provided in the budget measure related to the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370. If the effect of this measure was removed, there would be a decrease in planned expenses for 2014-15, reflecting reduced Employee Benefit expenditure following the implementation of the ATSB’s significant workforce downsizing programme that was designed to enable the ATSB to operate on a financial sustainable footing from 2014-15.”</i> Could you explain the reference to the ATSB’s significant workforce downsizing programme? 10. Does ATSB have a view on how the cuts will impact on its ability to meet targets and complete investigations? 		
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263	40	CASA	FAWCETT	AFM Data	<p>Senator FAWCETT: The runway length required really then comes down to the AFM data factored appropriately—I think it is 1.2 for short grass runways and 1.25 for certain weights of aircraft, and there are a couple of factors go in there. But the bottom line is that it is a greater number than is in the AFM itself and that is the legal requirement for operators to operate to.</p> <p>Mr Leeds: I could not quote those figures exactly. I do not have that information to hand but those other factors do exist.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: With a situation like the master plan for Essendon, where they are proposing to shorten runways, the assurance to the aviation community is that it is a process that will be considered. When CASA provides its input to that process, is that the kind of process that your people will be going through to say that the minimum strip length, particularly for those non-transport category aircraft, is not just what the AFM has but it includes all those factors that an operator is required to consider to operate the aircraft safely?</p> <p>Mr Leeds: Yes, we would be looking at those sorts of things consistent with the ICAO standards for aerodromes but the exact details I would have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: What I am getting at is, if the proponent for a master plan said the AFM says, 'We need 1,000 metres,' that the aircraft operator would be quite</p>	143-144 26 May 2014	
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					<p>legitimately be able to say, 'What CASA requires is the AFM minimum plus the factors,' which might make it 1,200 metres, that that is actually the minimum strip length required or the accelerate stop distance available, as opposed to the 1,000 metres from the AFM.</p> <p>Mr Leeds: Again, I am not familiar with the exact science. I would have to take that on notice.</p>		
264	41	CASA	FAWCETT	Archerfield Case	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Could I take you to the Archerfield case, where there was a proposal to change the orientation of one of the grass runways and make it essentially north-south. My understanding is that CASA has endorsed the consultant's calculation of strip length based on the AFM data as opposed to the factored data. Are you able to shed any light on whether CASA did in fact apply the factors so that the end result is a clear indication of what the operator legally has to have to take off and land—with landing it is even greater—or was that advice purely on the AFM data?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will have to take that on notice for Archerfield. We will get back to as soon as we can. I know where you are going with this.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Okay, take it on notice, but as a principle the operator's requirement is to comply with his ops manual, which has to take into account engine failure situations in terms of the take-off and landing length available.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Certainly for the accelerate stop distance available when we are talking about balanced fields length, I should imagine. The grass case is one where I am not too sure what we have said about the grass orientation. I agree with you, and we will take that on notice and get it back to you as soon as possible. We do not have Archerfield in front of us, unfortunately.</p>	144 26 May 2014	
265	42	CASA	FAWCETT	AAT: O'Brien Tribunal	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ...</p> <p>Mr McCormick, may I move on to answers that you gave at estimates last year about the costs associated with an AAT case relating to colour vision deficient pilots. You indicated that, as of 1 December 2013, the costs were \$43,500. Can you tell me, in terms of forecast costs, how many expert witnesses CASA plans to call for that inquiry or tribunal?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Are you talking about the upcoming O'Brien tribunal in July?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Yes.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will ask the manager of the legal branch to give you that figure, Senator.</p> <p>Mr Rule: There will obviously be a number of specialist witnesses called to give evidence.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Two? Ten? Fifteen?</p> <p>Mr Rule: I am not across the precise number that would be—</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Would I be wrong if I said 12?</p> <p>Mr Rule: I could not say that that number is wrong. We are out of the ballpark, but I cannot give a confirmed number at this stage. The exchange of evidence between the parties only just finished at the end of last week, I believe, so there will be some to-ing and fro-ing as to which evidence and which witnesses are required. I</p>	145 26 May 2014	

					can certainly take that on notice and provide a more settled estimate of that for you, if that would assist.		
266	43	CASA	FAWCETT	AAT: O'Brien Tribunal	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ...you must also have metrics from previous inquiries. Knowing what expert witnesses charge for their appearances, the travel and accommodation costs, the whole cost of conducting the inquiry in terms of transcript fees et cetera, have you made a provision in your budgeting for how much you anticipate this AAT case will cost?</p> <p>Mr Rule: Obviously, we do do forward estimates of how much we think a case is likely to cost. Generally we do it across quarterly budget considerations, so total cost can get washed out as you conduct these cases piecemeal.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am happy to add the figures up, Mr Rule, if you could give me the figures across those quarterly milestones.</p> <p>Mr Rule: We can certainly take that on notice and provide those figures.</p>	145-146 26 May 2014	
267	44	CASA	FAWCETT	Mandate the CAD Test	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I understand. You did also say in that period that you did not believe there was any intention to mandate the CAD test and that was not the direction CASA was going. But I have subsequently seen a couple of examples where CASA refused to renew the medical of people who previously had multiple renewals of their medical unless they sat the CAD test. Does that not contradict your comment that that is not CASA's intended direction?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will go back and check what I actually said at the time, my recollection of the conversation was that we were talking about using the CAD test as the principal test rather than the Ishihara test or something like that. As I said, I will check that on notice.</p>	146-147 26 May 2014	
268	226	CASA	XENOPHON	Life Rafts on B737-800s	<p>I have recently been corresponding with CASA regarding the issue of life rafts on B737-800s, and I note the information provided to me by CASA. I note that Australia's regulations require life rafts to be carried in B737s when travelling beyond 400 nautical miles of the shore, and that this is consistent with ICAO guidelines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When were these regulations last reviewed? Are there plans to review them in the near future? 2. What is the safety case for the regulations in their current form? 3. What communications has CASA had with Qantas in this regard? 	Written	
269	227	CASA	XENOPHON	Qantas Staff Job Losses	<p>I have previously written to CASA following concerns that were raised with me by Qantas staff regarding the impact the company's job loss announcement has had on them. Can you please advise what steps CASA has and is taking to ensure safety standards are maintained and that people are not working under undue stress or distraction?</p>	Written	
270	228	CASA	XENOPHON	Loss of Separation Assurance Incident	<p>CASA would be aware of a report released in late February by the ATSB regarding a loss of separation assurance incident in March 2012, involving two Garuda Airbus A330s. The ATSB was very critical of Airservices' response to the safety issues in</p>	Written	

					<p>the report, and obviously this follows CASA's audit of Airservices.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What actions is CASA currently involved in to improve the procedures within Airservices? 2. When can we expect to see a reduction in loss of separation incidents as a result of such improvements and better oversight? 3. Is CASA also working with Airservices in relation to their oversight of the provision of weather advice, with particular reference to the Mildura incident in 2013? 4. CASA would also be aware that the ATSB has just released a report into fume and smoke incidents in Australian aircraft. What steps will CASA be taking to respond to this report? 		
271	229	CASA	XENOPHON	CAO 48.1 Instrument 2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the introduction of CAO 48.1 Instrument 2013 and up to the end of May 2014, please advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of operators by classification of operations who have adopted the new prescriptive rules, b. the number of operators by classification of operations who have applied to commence FRMS trials, and c. the number of operators by classification of operations who have had their FRMS approved. 2. Given that many operators will rely on various forms of software to manage their compliance and safety obligations when rostering the flight crew members, how does CASA intend to verify that each application produces consistent and compliant outcomes? Has CASA developed independent software verification regimes? 	Written	
272	230	CASA	XENOPHON	Virgin Groups International Operations	<p>In regard to the Virgin Group's international operations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has CASA issued AOCs to Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd? 2. For each of those companies, who are the key personnel for the purposes of s28(1) and s28BF of the Civil Aviation Act 1988? 3. In each case, are those key personnel employees of the company or are they acting under some form of third party contractual service provisions? 4. In each case, what operational assets are directly and exclusively controlled by the company? 	Written	
273	244	CASA	FAWCETT	Cost of Investigations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of the investigation 'Antidepressant Usage and Civilian Aviation Activity in Australia 1993-2004'? 2. What has been the financial cost to CASA of the last five AAT Hearings in which CASA has been involved? Please provide the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff involved; b. Number of witnesses called; c. Length of time; d. Legal fees; 	Written	

					e. Consultant fees; and f. Estimated cost.		
Local Government and Territories							
274	16	LGT	CONROY	Financial Assistance Grants Program – Advice before the Budget	<p>Senator CONROY: Did your department carry out any analysis of the impact on regional Australia before the budget?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We provided advice in terms of the issues involved. We administer the financial assistance grants payments.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Are you indicating that you have or you have not done any analysis on the changes?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We have done analysis based on what we understand if the funds are allocated on the existing basis by a state grants commission, but that may actually change depending on the allocation they make.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Is that analysis available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. It was advice to the government. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: ... You mentioned there was some analysis done. Is that available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice. We provided some analysis during the budget process to the government. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	15-18 27 May 2014	
275	17	LGT	CONROY	Indexation	<p>Senator CONROY: ...</p> <p>I want to put to you that after six years the annual cut to local government from this measure will exceed the entire annual Roads to Recovery funding. That is about \$350 million to local government. So after just six years that is more money taken off local governments than is being given back to local governments in the Roads to Recovery? That is just maths.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I have not done that calculation but I am happy to go and do that.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am sure you are not suggesting I am misleading you or that my maths is bad.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would not be suggesting that. We have not done the calculation on that basis but I am happy to go and look at that.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you could take on notice to confirm that it is \$350 million after six years?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Every year after, forever, it will be more than \$350 million lost per year, if you could confirm that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.</p>	19 27 May 2014	
276	18	LGT	LINES	Local Government Funding	<p>Senator LINES: ... I am looking at a media release by the Australian Local Government Association. It is particularly concerned about the loss of this funding. As I understand it, two-thirds of that funding is untied to local councils and one-third</p>	20 27 May 2014	

					<p>goes to roads. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: All of the funding is untied. There is a notional allocation for local government roads program, but that has been, since the 1990s, effectively untied. The only tied money in roads is the Roads to Recovery program and black spots.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Since about 1990 it has been a significant part of local government funding. They say in the media release that they use that funding for a range of things, but in particular for community services, services to youth, to the local community, to support local community grants and so on. I think, if I did not mishear, you said to Senator Conroy you had no idea what local governments put that money towards.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The money would be applied to the whole range of activities they undertake, including the ones you have raised, roads, community services, health services, all of the functions a local government performs.</p> <p>Senator LINES: You do not collect that information on what that funding is used for?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We collect some information for the national report on local government, which we compile under the legislation. It does contain some details of expenditure. I am very happy to give you a copy of that report.</p> <p>Senator LINES: Yes, that would be good.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think the last report is—</p> <p>Ms Fleming: The last report tabled is 2010-11.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We are currently doing 2011-12. We can give you a copy of that material which sets out where local government is expending the financial assistance grants, as best data we can ascertain.</p>		
277	19	LGT	PERIS	Local Council Funding	<p>Senator PERIS: My questions are around the local council funding. Are you able to provide the amounts of funding provided to each local government authority in the Northern Territory under the financial assistance grants program for the past three years?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are on the website, I am told. We can provide you a link to that. We will do that through the course of this morning.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Thank you.</p>	23 27 May 2014	
278	20	LGT	PERIS	Rates received by Local Councils in Northern Territory	<p>Senator PERIS: ... Not only do regional councils in the Northern Territory face the greatest infrastructure deficit in the country but also they have the lowest revenue generating capacity. Many regional councils essentially do not have rate payers. With the greatest infrastructure needs and the lowest revenue base, is it fair to say that the cessation of the index to the financial assistance grants will have the greatest impact on these regional councils?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Do you have those figures with regard to what rates were received by each of the councils?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No, I do not think we do. The state governments would have that.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: The state governments.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The state grants commissions, or the territory grants commission in</p>	23 27 May 2014	

					the case of the Northern Territory, would have that information, I would imagine. Senator PERIS: Is that easily accessible, do you know? Mr Mrdak: We can check for you.		
279	21	LGT	LUNDY	Review of NCA	Senator LUNDY: Minister, could I direct a question to you. Has the government decided to conduct a review of the NCA and its status? Senator Johnston: I am not aware of that—I will take it on notice.	36 27 May 2014	
280	297	LGT	STERLE	SA Identified Roads Funding	Did the Department consult with the Australian Local Government Association and its South Australian representatives prior to the cutting of this funding to SA local councils?	Written	
281	298	LGT	STERLE	Financial Assistance Grants Freeze	Did the Department consult with the Australian Local Government Association or its representatives prior to announcing the freeze on FAGs to Local Government?	Written	
282	299	LGT	STERLE	Financial Assistance Grants Cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given more than \$900 million has been cut from the Financial Assistance Grants why didn't the Government consult with local councils prior to making this decision? 2. Why did the Government make its decision to pause indexation given the reliance local councils have on including the Financial Assistance Grants funding as part of their budgets? 3. Does the Department know what local councils, particularly rural and regional councils will have to do to their budgets given this decision? 	Written	
Western Sydney Unit							
283	15	WSU	GALLACHER	Badgery's Creek Rail Link	Senator GALLACHER: What funding is the Commonwealth aware of that New South Wales may be spending on the rail link? Mr Mrdak: On the Badgerys Creek rail link? I would need to take that on notice. They have committed to a planning corridor reservation process but I am not familiar with how much funding has been allocated to that.	127-128 26 May 2014	
284	237	WSU	RHIANNON	Badgery's Creek Airport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will Badgerys Creek Airport have a curfew? May I have details of mooted curfews please? 2. The Joint Study into Aviation Needs in the Sydney Region recommended on page 4 that if Badgerys Creek was given the go-ahead, 'work should begin immediately to update the Environmental Impact Study...' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is that recommendation going to be acted on, and if so what is the expected completion date for the EIS update? 3. The Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (the owner of Sydney Airport) has the first option on agreeing to build an airport at Badgerys Creek. How long does it have to make up its mind about whether it will take up that option? 4. If SACL does decide to take up that option, are there any conditions setting out 	Written	

					a timeline for the development of Badgerys Creek airport?		
National Capital Authority							
285	126	NCA	LUNDY	Immigration Place	Senator LUNDY: Can you take on notice to provide the committee, to the best that you can, with a chronology of the process going forward for Immigration Place?	39 27 May 2014	
286	127	NCA	LUNDY	Paid Parking	Senator LUNDY: Could you take on notice to provide the committee with an indicative time frame of the introduction or, in the absence of any specific dates, a description of the factors that you need to consider before you implement full paid parking?	40 27 May 2014	
287	45	NCA	EGGLESTON	Paid Parking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are discussions at on implementing paid parking in the parliamentary triangle? 2. What rates of parking are being considered? 3. What hotels or serviced apartments are included in the triangle? 4. Would these hospitality outlets be impacted by paid parking? 5. What discussions has the NCA had with those outlets? Which outlets? What has been the response? 6. Is there scope for parking at hotels to be exempt from any paid parking bylaws? 7. Has the NCA conducted a study, either in-house or independent, as to impact paid parking will have on those outlets? 8. Would it be a fair assessment that paid parking will impact negatively on hospitality outlets, particularly hotels, potentially severely hitting their bottom lines? 	Written	