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<b>SQ15-000003</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grant Agreements	How many grants have gone out for six months as a bringing grant against the program?	CA47 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000004</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grant Agreements	Please provide a list of the five-year grant agreements that were executed in July last year.	CA47 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000007</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	Disability Workshops	What consultation did you do before that just to understand that in fact the sector wanted. Was there a workshop on 14 November?	CA66 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000009</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Emergency Relief	In the financial counselling have you got similar figures for when it started as you gave us for emergency relief?	CA55 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000010</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	National Disability Services	Did anyone else apply for NDIS money? As a service peak?	CA67 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000011</b>	3 - Ageing	Smith	ACAR	Were there any places allocated, sought, for LGBTI in the 2014 ACAR?	CA89 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000012</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Emergency Relief	I am interested in where the smaller organisations were, when you talk about mapping against vulnerability. Is it possible to get the information on vulnerability—what information you base that on?	CA58 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000014</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Emergency Relief	I understand that you want to allocate your resources where the people needing emergency relief are. Do you have that in either a table or a map?	CA58 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000015</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Williams	Can we get a list of all the organisations for whom the reason for the change to their grants funding has been the legal issues around the constitutional process?	CA70 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000016</b>	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Income and Asset testing	What is the average time now for getting that done, bearing in mind what you have said about people not providing the relevant information?	CA90 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000019</b>	0 - Cross	Seselja	Comcare Premiums	I just wanted to get a sense in relation to what has been the trajectory of Comcare premiums for the department over the last few years.	CA70 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000020</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Sector Development Fund	Can we get a copy of those guidelines when they are and so that we can compare, can we get a copy of the old guidelines too?	CA98 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000021</b>	0 - Cross	Seselja	TOP Accommodation	How many car parks will be dedicated for the building once it is completed?	CA72 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000022</b>	0 - Cross	Seselja	TOP Accommodation	Is that a subsidised car parking arrangement for staff, so they pay but they pay perhaps less than they would in the surrounding areas to deal with FBT? Or is it just some other arrangement that I am not aware of?	CA72 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000024</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	NDIS	How many people in Australia will qualify for an NDIS package as a result of their mental illness?	Written
<b>SQ15-000025</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	NDIS	Has any modelling been done to ascertain how many Australians are likely to qualify for an NDIS package as a result of their mental illness?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000026</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	Commonwealth Rent Assistance	Further to the answer provided to question No.54 from 2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings, please provide detail of the more nuanced calculation of the costs of providing Commonwealth Rent Assistance to public housing?	CA77 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000027</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	NDIS	What will the NDIS mean for those who are experiencing less severe mental health conditions and do not qualify for an NDIS package?	Written
<b>SQ15-000028</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	Commonwealth Rent Assistance for private rental	With regard to Commonwealth Rent Assistance for private rental, in the current setting how do you calculate the amount that you will allocate in the out years? ... What are the inputs that lead us to a number that we can understand, please?	CA77 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000029</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	Personal Helpers Mentors Program	It has been reported that the government will extend funding for the Personal Helpers Mentors Program (PHaMs) and the Mental Health Respite: Carer Support program until 30 June 2016. When will the government make a decision about funding for these programs beyond 30 June 2016?	Written
<b>SQ15-000030</b>	4 - Housing	Ludlam	Commonwealth rent assistance for private rental	Can you give us any comfort at all that there will be any affordability initiatives as part of this divestment process or are we likely to come away with nothing?	CA79 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000031</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	Personal Helpers Mentors Program	It has been suggested that the funding arrangements for providers who deliver services under the PHaMs scheme will change. What is the nature of these changes?	Written
<b>SQ15-000032</b>	4 - Housing	Ludlam	Homelessness	Is it government policy to reduce the number of turnaways from crisis centres and homeless shelters; and if so, by how much are you hoping to reduce the turnaway rate?	CA81 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000033</b>	4 - Housing	Seselja	National Rental Affordability Scheme	Government was given an assessment that said there was some potential misuse. Was action taken at the time to prevent that? Did that entail changes to the scheme; if so, what were they?	CA82 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000034</b>	5 - Disability	Wright	Mental Health Respite: Carer Support program	Changes to the Mental Health Respite: Carer Support program have also been flagged. What changes are being considered?	Written
<b>SQ15-000035</b>	4 - Housing	Seselja	National Rental Affordability Scheme	Could you, on notice, give me some more detail on that, particularly the reasons for non-compliance that have been found?	CA82 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000036</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	As part of the cuts to the discretionary grants program, what reduction in total funding has there been for organisations providing support to people with disability?	Written
<b>SQ15-000037</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Stronger Relationships	Is there anything in the contract about termination of contract or end of services? Is there a clause in that contract?	CA108 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000038</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	What reduction in total spending has there been to organisations considered to provide advocacy services for people with disability?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000039</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Stronger Relationships	How many couples, by state and territory and by age, are registered to access the \$200 subsidy under the Stronger Relationships trial?	CA108 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000040</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Stronger Relationships	Could you also see whether I can get that by state and territory and age. How many couples registered for the trial between 1 February, when it was announced that the scheme would be ceasing, and 9 February, when new registrations closed?	CA109 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000041</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Stronger Relationships	What are the total costs of administering the trial—staffing, IT, advertising including level of staff?	CA109 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000042</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Stronger Relationships	The AusTender search that said that the cost of that evaluation was \$578,571.40. Do they get any money out of that for the preparation they put through? Can you take on notice any update on that, rather than asking the same question next time?	CA109 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000043</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	Doesn't the Forrest report canvass the issues of the banks managing the cost?	CA110 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000044</b>	2 - Families	Waters	National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children	Of the 26 actions, are there any others that are not specifically funded by the federal government?	CA112 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000045</b>	2 - Families	Waters	National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children	Can you enumerate for me if there are any of those other actions whereby the funding commitment is either nil or limited, given that that is perceived to be another organisation's responsibility?	CA112 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000046</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Can you provide a list of all disability organisations that applied for funding and have been unsuccessful?	Written
<b>SQ15-000047</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Can you provide a list of all disability organisations that have applied for funding and been successful, including the amount they applied for, the amount they will receive, and the services they are being contracted to provide?	Written
<b>SQ15-000048</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did AFDO receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000049</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	Regarding the Western Australian income management trial, in the child protection measure, are you able to give me any details on the rate at which people are coming off it? I am looking to see if we are seeing people going onto income management and then providing support, developing skills and having them come off it.	CA115 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000050</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did Autism Asperger's Advocacy Australia receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000051</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	Do you have information on people ending up back on it—they come off and then end up back on it? In regard to the measures in the place based areas— Bankstown, Greater Shepparton, Logan, Playford and Cape York?	CA115 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000052</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did Blind Citizens Australia receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000053</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did Deaf Australia receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000054</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	Once people are in that vulnerable measure, how do they get off?	CA116 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000055</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did Down Syndrome Australia receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000056</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	How much funding did National Council on Intellectual Disability receive under its previous contract, and how much will it currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000058</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal	Could you also tell me how many people are going on and off the child protection measure in Bankstown, Greater Shepparton, Logan and Playford.	CA116 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000059</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Did Minister Andrews meet with any disability organisations following the opening of applications for funding but prior to final decisions being taken on grants?	Written
<b>SQ15-000060</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Were any meetings scheduled in the Minister's office with organisations who later went on to have their funding cut?	Written
<b>SQ15-000061</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	I would like to know how many people are going on and off the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal as well.	CA116 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000062</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Did the Department provide advice to the Minister's office that, for probity reasons, he could not meet with any organisations for which a meeting was scheduled?	Written
<b>SQ15-000063</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	In the letter received by disability organisations on 24 December they were informed that the Department wanted to support those organisations during the transition. What support was envisaged? Was any support actually provided to those organisations? Was any support provided for staff redundancies? Was any support provided for organisations to meet company obligations, such as leases or salaries?	Written
<b>SQ15-000064</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Disability Grants	Has there been any further contact with organisations who have had their funding cut or reduced, since the announcement on 23 December? What has been the nature of that contact?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000065</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave scheme	Can you tell me the last discussion with states and territories that you were at prior to 31 January?	CA117 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000066</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave scheme	When was the evaluation of the existing PPL scheme provided to Minister Andrews? Is a copy of that review available to be made public?	CA118 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000067</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Australian Multicultural Council vacancies	Can we get an update on that whole thing on notice in terms of what is happening, with the consideration of looking at the past and whether there has been a pattern. As this last round was not publicised, and was not advertised in a public way, did publicly available merit based criteria apply to the selection of the appointments?	CA119 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000068</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Australian Multicultural Council vacancies	Is there a government merit based policy regarding the selection of appointments to government bodies?	CA119 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000069</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Victorian Multicultural Liberal Business Club	Was any consideration given to the conflict of interest arising from the fact that the AMC member Mr Vasan Srinivasan founded the Victorian Multicultural Liberal Business Club? Was that part of the biographical detail?	CA120 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000070</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Social Cohesion	Can you confirm that that is the same \$545 million that was put in the budget on 29 October for initiatives in multicultural communities over four years? Or is that a separate \$545 million that relates to the package about which you have just given us details?	CA122 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000071</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Earn or Learn	What percentage of the department's time, would you say, is committed to working on those micropolicy areas and measures?	CA134 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000072</b>	2 - Families	Lines	MyChild Data	Was the March quarter 2014 data from the MyChild website provided to the previous minister or just the new minister? When was that provided?	CA6 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000073</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care March Data	Based on the March quarter 2014 data how does the comparison of out-of-pocket expenses compare to a year ago?	CA7 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000074</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	On what date was the Minister first briefed on the Productivity Commission report?	CA8 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000075</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	Can you provide the dates on which you were asked for advice, by the Minister, on the Productivity Commission report?	CA8 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000076</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	Was there any correspondence between either Minister's offices, or Ministers' offices and/or the Prime Minister's office - or the Treasury office and the department - regarding the timing of the release of the Productivity Commission report? If there is correspondence, can that be provided?	CA9 - 27 Feb

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<b>SQ15-000077</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care Fees	Can you provide some top line figures of what is happening with out-of-pocket expenses for parents? What are the out of pocket costs? Have fees increased?	CA11 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000078</b>	2 - Families	Reynolds	Child Care Costs	Could you provide over 10 years, the shift of children from informal to formal care and provide the ratios of those who are in subsidised care, how that has changed over the decade as well? A correlation between expenditure and the children in care.	CA12 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000079</b>	2 - Families	Reynolds	Child Care Costs	Have you got figures about the increase in wages over the past 10 years?	CA13 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000080</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Child Care	What are the numbers of families accessing each of the current subsidies that were used to model for forward estimates for the period March 2014 to January 2015?	CA14 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000081</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	NRAS	1. Please advise:  a) How many NRAS dwellings have been completed and tenanted/allocated? b) How many NRAS incentives are still reserved? (allocated but not yet delivered) c) How many. If any, incentives have been withdrawn? If applicable, what were the reasons for the withdrawal?	Written
<b>SQ15-000082</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	McClure Review	The answer to QoN 490 regarding the use of Rent Assistance as the preferred subsidy system across tenures (McClure Report) said that the Department had not done any modelling on this. Is this still the case?	Written
<b>SQ15-000083</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	Commission of Audit	Given that work has been undertaken by the Department on the recommendations of the Commission of Audit would you please provide an analysis;  1. of the type, and nature of the work undertaken, and the dates, and who was involved 2. of whether any external consultants were utilised for this work and what was the costs associated with this.	Written

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<b>SQ15-000084</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	<p>With reference to the Program 1 Deliverables table on p34 of the PBS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of child care services receiving sustainability assistance declined from 14-15 Budget across the forwards. Can the Department explain this change?</li> <li>2. The number of services receiving establishment services also falls across the forwards. Can the department explain this change?</li> <li>3. Can the department provide a state and territory breakdown of the number of services receiving sustainability assistance, establishment assistance and Budget Based Funding – and projections across the forwards?</li> <li>4. Can the Department provide a breakdown of funding under the program including funding for community support, child care quality support, inclusion and professional support, program support and Budget Based Funding – and projections across the forwards?</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ15-000085</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS Full Rollout	Is the Department aware of any other proposals for rollout in any jurisdiction – for example from any consultancy firm, peak group or any other private or non-government organisation? If so, please provide details. Can these proposals be made public?	Written
<b>SQ15-000086</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS Full Rollout	<p>Has DSS proposed to any of the states any changes to the bilateral agreements in relation to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A delay in the start of transition to full scheme</li> <li>2. A delay in the complete rollout of the NDIS across Australia</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ15-000087</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS Full Rollout	<p>Have any of the states proposed to DSS any changes to the bilateral agreements in relation to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A delay in the start of transition to full scheme</li> <li>2. A delay in the complete rollout of the NDIS across Australia</li> </ol>	Written
<b>SQ15-000088</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS Full Rollout	<p>How is the Commonwealth ensuring that States and Territories are meeting their requirements under the NDIS agreements, to ensure states and territories do not withdraw services until the NDIS is fully rolled out?</p> <p>How is the Commonwealth ensuring that people who have previously received support and services through a state and territory government and are not eligible for support through the NDIS, are not prevented from falling through the gaps when these old support services are rolled back.</p>	Written



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<b>SQ15-000089</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Can the department provide the percentage of families currently accessing Child Care Rebate which will reach the \$7,500 cap before the end of this financial year? And for each year of the forward estimates?	Written
<b>SQ15-000091</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Please provide a full list of all grants, programs and payments ending at the end of this financial year, or calendar year. Please provide historic funding levels and a description of each program.	Written
<b>SQ15-000092</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS Full Rollout	What other work is the department doing to ensure that the sector is ready for transition to full scheme in July 2016?	Written
<b>SQ15-000093</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many (by number and proportion) of CCB recipients have receiving the maximum rate and partial rate of CCB over each of the last five years, broken down by state and territory?	Written
<b>SQ15-000094</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Advisory Council	What criteria was used to select members of the Advisory Council? Outline how individual members meet the relevant criteria. Please provide details of the clinical expertise of each of the Advisory Council members.	Written
<b>SQ15-000095</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	What are the mean, mode and median amounts of CCB and CCR received by families over each of the last five years?	Written
<b>SQ15-000096</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Advisory Council	In the Assistant Minister's media release of 23 February 2015 announcing the appointment of the Council members, there was no mention made of Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua's then current role as Chair of Healthway in Western Australia. Why?	Written
<b>SQ15-000097</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	What is the number of childcare services by type (LDC, FDC, OSHC, IHC etc.) by electorate?	Written
<b>SQ15-000098</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Advisory Council	When did the Assistant Minister become aware that Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua had resigned from Healthway on February 25 2015? When did the Assistant Minister become aware that Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua and Healthway were under investigation by the Public Service Commission?	Written



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<b>SQ15-000099</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Advisory Council	Will the Assistant Minister and / or the Department conduct its own investigation into Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua's suitability to hold a position on the Quality Agency given her resignation from the board of Healthway due to misuse of tax payers funds? How appropriate is it to have Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua on the Board of the Quality Agency given her leadership of a Board, recently described as "dysfunctional"? (WAtoday.com.au, Feb 23 2015, "Hames knew of long time Healthway dysfunction.")	Written
<b>SQ15-000100</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Sanctions	Please outline how many sanctions have been issued in the past financial year. Have any residential aged care facilities been required to close as a result of these issues?	Written
<b>SQ15-000101</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Engagement	Please outline how the Agency engages with industry and the public. Be specific and outline the locations and types of engagements.	Written
<b>SQ15-000102</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Training	Please outline the training and education undertaken by the Quality Agency in the past financial year, including the topic, delivery method, location of training and attendance. What information does the Agency provide to support high quality aged care?	Written
<b>SQ15-000103</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Child Care Data	Provide the number of families accessing CCR for 2013-14.	CA15 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000104</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Indicators	What are the indicators of quality of life? What is considered a good life? What is considered a good death?	Written
<b>SQ15-000105</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Child Care Data	I would like to know how many children there are in each of the service types and a breakdown by states, major cities and capital cities.	CA16 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000106</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Reform review	What is in place to ensure the review of Living Longer Living Better by 2017 is being undertaken already? What is being reviewed and assessed? What qualitative reviews will take place? Will this include focus groups? How much is budgeted for these reviews?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000107</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young/Lines	Child Care Data	<p>In addition to, and to clarify Questions on Notice on p31 of the Hansard:</p> <p>What is the <u>mode</u> long day care fee that families are paying per hour, provided for each child care type including in-home care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Melbourne</li> <li>• In Sydney</li> <li>• In Darwin</li> <li>• In Brisbane</li> <li>• In Canberra</li> <li>• In Adelaide</li> <li>• In Hobart</li> <li>• In Perth</li> <li>• And for each federal electoral division</li> <li>• By State</li> </ul> <p>*Please also provide this information broken down by family income</p>	<p>CA16 - 27 Feb CA31 - 27 Feb Written</p>
<b>SQ15-000108</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	<p>How many children and families are using approved child care, by child care type (LDC, FDC, OSHC, IHC etc.) by state, territory and electorate. Please provide this information for the current year, each of the last five years, and projections for the forward estimates if available.</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000109</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	<p>Which agencies did MyAgedCare operators refer consumers? What is the nature of the referrals? E.g.. Financial advice, complaints, etc.</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000110</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young/Lines	Child Care Data	<p>In addition to, and to clarify Questions on Notice on p31 of the Hansard:</p> <p>What is the <u>mean</u> long day care fee that families are paying per hour, provided for each child care type including in-home care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Melbourne</li> <li>• In Sydney</li> <li>• In Darwin</li> <li>• In Brisbane</li> <li>• In Canberra</li> <li>• In Adelaide</li> <li>• In Hobart</li> <li>• In Perth</li> <li>• And for each federal electoral division</li> <li>• By State</li> </ul> <p>*Please also provide this information broken down by family income</p>	<p>CA16 - 27 Feb CA31 - 27 Feb Written</p>

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<b>SQ15-000111</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	Please provide an update of consumer contact with the Gateway, by state/territory, telephone or online or email, nature of the contact? Outline the numbers of users of the Gateway by month.	Written
<b>SQ15-000112</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young/Lines	Child Care Data	In addition to, and to clarify Questions on Notice on p31 of the Hansard:  What is the <u>median</u> long day care fee that families are paying per hour, provided for each child care type including in-home care:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Melbourne</li> <li>• In Sydney</li> <li>• In Darwin</li> <li>• In Brisbane</li> <li>• In Canberra</li> <li>• In Adelaide</li> <li>• In Hobart</li> <li>• In Perth</li> <li>• And for each federal electoral division</li> <li>• By State</li> </ul> *Please also provide this information broken down by family income	CA16 - 27 Feb CA31 - 27 Feb Written
<b>SQ15-000113</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	In relation to the In Home Care program: - How many places have been available in the program over each of the last 10 years, by state, territory and federal electorate? - What is the average hourly cost of providing In Home Care, over each of the last 10 years? - How many places have been allocated, by state, territory and federal electorate over each of the last 10 years?	Written
<b>SQ15-000114</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	Please update on the progress of the Gateway development. What are the KPIs of the Gateway? What does success look like and how is it measured? What reviews of the Gateway are taking place?	Written
<b>SQ15-000115</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care Wages	What is the award rate for child care workers?	CA17 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000116</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many schools in each state, territory and federal electoral division currently offer Outside School Hours Care on their premises?	Written
<b>SQ15-000117</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	Did you give the Productivity Commission any data in relation to 2014?	CA18 - 27 Feb

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<b>SQ15-000118</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many services are receiving funding under the National Occasional Care Program? Can the Department provide a list of services? Which services have received increased funding as a result of the Government's decision to expand the program?	Written
<b>SQ15-000119</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Nannies	Have you looked at subsidies and the costs of nannies?	CA21 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000120</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	DHS – means and asset testing	What is the difference between pre and post July 1 2014 in terms of vacancies in both residential aged care and home care packages? Has there been any indication – either quantitative or qualitative - that there has been an increase in the numbers of vacancies in home care packages and residential aged care since the introduction of means and asset testing?	Written
<b>SQ15-000121</b>	2 - Families	Reynolds	Better Schools: Before and After School Care Programme	Do you know what the criteria would have been for the selection of the schools for the Better Schools: Before and After school care programme?	CA22 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000122</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	In relation to the Child Care Services Support Program: - Please provide a complete list of all programs grants and activities funded under this program, including funding for community support, child care quality support, inclusion and professional support, program support and Budget Based Funding. - Please provide a State and territory breakdown of the number of services receiving sustainability assistance, establishment assistance and Budget Based Funding.	Written
<b>SQ15-000123</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	DHS – impact on service provision	Given that the issues with means and asset testing impacts on the Department's ability to deliver services and meet KPIs, has advice been sought from the Department of Human Services on when it will provide the funds and the quantum to fix the ageing IT infrastructure? If so, please outline what advice the Department of Human Services has provided in relation to cost and time-frame. If not, when will the Department of Social Services seek this advice?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000124</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Assessments	Can you explain why the maximum fee payments is weighted towards the start of the care year? Why was the decision made not to spread it in equal payment instalments, averaged across the entire year? For example a care recipient is charged the maximum means tested care fee of \$208.68 a day, which they pay for the first 121 days. Why are they not charged \$69.45 a day for 365 days a year?	Written
<b>SQ15-000125</b>	2 - Families	Reynolds	Better Schools: Before and After School Care Programme	Do you know about what the programme was designed to do?	CA22 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000126</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Commonwealth Home Support Program	Provide details of providers who have chosen not to renew funding extensions, including details of the current funding program that has ceased and location, along with information provided as to why. How many of these providers are local Government bodies?	Written
<b>SQ15-000127</b>	0 - Cross	Lines	Child Care	In relation to the machinery of government change associated with responsibility for child care moving from the Department of Education to Social Security: - What was the total cost of the change? - Please provide a written list of how all programs, grants and responsibilities are divided between the departments? - What were the total number of staff that moved? - How many SES staff moved? - Please provide updated structure charts for both Departments. - Have there been any staffing losses as a result of the restructure? - if yes, please provide full details of the positions lost - Have there been any changes in the staff or services provided by the Department's Media team? - if yes - please detail.	Written
<b>SQ15-000128</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	JET	Do you have the figures for how many parents who receive parenting payments currently also claim JET by state, capital cities and federal electorates?  Do you have figures for how many parents there are in each capital city currently accessing JET assistance? Please take on notice my request for figures by state, capital cities and federal electorates?	CA22 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000129</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many families who use the child care system work 1-12 hours per week, how many work 0-15 hours per week, and how many families work 12-15 hours per week?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000130</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	JET	Is there ever a scenario where somebody is accessing JET assistance but is not entitled to CCB? If that is the case, I would like to know how many of those there are.	CA22 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000131</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Commonwealth Home Support Program	Please provide details of the changes in charges to consumers for these services, by service type.	Written
<b>SQ15-000132</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Commonwealth Home Support Program - Gateway	Please quantify the complaints received in relation to changes in the CHSP, including the service type, region/state or territory, nature of the complaint (i.e.. Closure or cessation, increase in charges etc.)	Written
<b>SQ15-000133</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Special CCB	Currently, in the data that you have, do you have details as to whether children who are receiving that special benefit are in the care of parents versus grandparents? Actual figures and the percentage.	CA24 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000134</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	What are the numbers and proportions allocated in level 1, level 2, level 3 and level 4 home care packages since 1 July 2014, by month and state/territory?	Written
<b>SQ15-000135</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	GCCB	How many families are currently listed as being able to access GCCB? How many children does that equate to?	CA24 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000136</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	What are the take up and vacancy levels in level 1, level 2, level 3 and level 4 home care packages since 1 July 2014, by month and state/territory?	Written
<b>SQ15-000137</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many families receive CCR but are failing to meet CCB activity test? Can the department provide this broken down by income?	Written
<b>SQ15-000138</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Pre-school	Can you provide the breakdown of four-year-olds accessing pre-school in long day care and preschool across the country?	CA25 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000139</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	Outline what a level one package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not met the means test. Outline what a level two package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not met the means test. Outline what a level three package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not met the means test. Outline what a level four package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not met the means test.	Written

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<b>SQ15-000141</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	For the Inclusion Support Subsidy: a. How many children receive it? b. How many services? c. How many hours are funded?	Written
<b>SQ15-000142</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	How did the Department determine how many packages in the various levels it would provide?	Written
<b>SQ15-000143</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	What reviews are currently underway to determine if the changes to home care packages are effective and meeting targets? Please outline the details of these reviews	Written
<b>SQ15-000144</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	What is the current Inclusion Support Subsidy (\$/hr)?	Written
<b>SQ15-000145</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many families who use the childcare system work? And how may work 12-15 hours per week?	CA27 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000146</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Can the department provide the child care benefit rate calculator for 2014-15 as an Excel spreadsheet?	CA27-28 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000147</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Under the new model proposed by the Productivity Commission, will all children with inclusion needs – including children with disability – be better off than under the current model? Will their families have higher or lower out of pocket costs? The Productivity Commission recommends the Inclusion support subsidy meets the cost of a Cert III qualified aide, what level of additional investment over the forwards would be needed in order to achieve this?	Written
<b>SQ15-000148</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care Benefit	What analysis was used to produce the estimation that around 500, 000 families would received less child care benefit in 2014-15 if child care benefits income thresholds were maintained?	CA28 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000149</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	I have been advised that currently that a family receiving JET child care fee assistance that has one child using medium-long day care with fees of \$7.20 per hour, for 30 hours per week receives a 93 per cent effective subsidy—and that under the proposed system, the same family would only have an 85 per cent subsidy.	CA29 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000150</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	With regards to children at risk, how many families pay more than the recommended benchmark price of \$7.20 an hour?	CA30 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000151</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Long Day Care Professional Development Program	Do you have any emails to the department from stakeholders reporting that training providers have been offering inducements? If so, can we have copies?	CA34 - 27 Feb



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<b>SQ15-000152</b>	2 - Families	Lines	CSP Funding	What does a business case look like for exceptional circumstances with regards to CSP funding? Do you develop a template for people to use? And when you make decisions on that.	CA35 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000153</b>	2 - Families	Lines	National Early Childhood Development Strategy	Do you know if there is any research evidence that 10 hours of early childhood education can care has good outcomes for children?	CA36 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000154</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	For each element of the program [Inclusion Support Agency, Specialist Equipment Support, Bicultural Support, Inclusion Support Subsidy], can the Department provide a breakdown of the data, for each of the last 5 years, by; a. age, b. state, c. electorate, d. type of care?  Can the Department also provide this information for the forward estimates?	Written
<b>SQ15-000155</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Inclusion and Professional Support Program	How many children have attracted funding under the Inclusion and Professional Support Program over the last five years?	CA36 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000156</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Early Childhood Resources Hub	How much funding has been put aside to the development of the hub?	CA38 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000157</b>	2 - Families	Lines	CSP Funding	When did the department become aware that the costs of this program would exceed the projected expenditure and when was the minister briefed?	CA39 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000158</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Productivity Commission Report	I am really interested in the minister's claim, because the PC report says 60 per cent of families above that income threshold of 130 to 160 are paying fees above the medium. If the subsidy scheme is capped at the medium price, it is not obvious that people will be better off. It is not obvious.	CA43 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000159</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Would the Department be able to provide the following specific information about the JETCCFA program? a. The number of people receiving JETCCFA broken down by payment type, over the last 5 years b. A breakdown of the types of child care used by parents in receipt of JETCCFA, over the last 5 years c. A breakdown of the eligible activities undertaken by JETCCFA participants – by state and electorate, over the last 5 years d. Income support exit rates for JETCCFA participants compared to other income support recipients (including other Principal Carers), over the last 5 years	Written

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<b>SQ15-000160</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Long Day Care Professional Development Program	How many of the extra \$4,100 payments for educators in outer regional areas have been made? How many of the extra \$4,400 payments for educators in remote and very remote areas have been made?	CA45 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000161</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many times has the Stakeholder Reference Group for Child Care and Early Learning met? On what dates? How long did each meeting go for? Who attended each meeting? What was the agenda at each meeting? Were any papers provided at each meeting? [if yes] Can those papers be provided to the Committee? Has the Group made any resolutions or recommendations? [if yes] Can they be provided to the committee? What has been the total cost and the cost of each meeting?	Written
<b>SQ15-000162</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Family Package	On what day was the department advised that a family packages announcement would be made? Who advised the department?	CA46 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000163</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many times has the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Child Care and Early Learning met? On what dates? How long did each meeting go for? Who attended each meeting? What was the agenda at each meeting? Were any papers provided at each meeting? [if yes] Can those papers be provided to the committee? Has the Committee made any resolutions or recommendations? [if yes] Can they be provided to the committee? What has been the total cost, and the cost of each meeting?	Written
<b>SQ15-000164</b>	2 - Families	Lines	PPL Levy	If the PPL levy revenue were entirely diverted in to child care, how much additional funding would be available?	CA46 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000165</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Family Package	When did the department first provide advice to the minister regarding the Family Package?	CA47 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000166</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Family Package	Provide the most recent media statements from the Minister and Prime Minister explaining the government's policy on the Family Package	CA47 - 27 Feb

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<b>SQ15-000167</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Can the Department provide the Budget impact over each year of the forward estimates, of the introduction of the \$8 per hour cap and the 36 hour per week limit in the 14-15 Budget, including: a. How much money in each year will this save compared to if it had not been introduced? b. How many people will hit the \$/hr cap and the 36 hour per week cap nationally, for each state and territory and for each federal electoral division? c. Did the Department do any modelling on the impact this change would have on the number of parents using the program and the hours of care parents would access? [if yes] What does the modelling show? Can the Department provide it?	Written
<b>SQ15-000168</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Family Package	Did you give the Minister any advice or input into the speech given by the Prime Minister at the National Press Club on the 2 February 2015?	CA48 - 27 Feb
<b>SQ15-000169</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	What number and proportion of child care services nationally, and in each state, territory and federal electoral division are not-for-profit? What number and proportion are operated for profit?	Written
<b>SQ15-000170</b>	SSAT	Xenophon	SSAT Process	Can you advise in each year from 2010 until current how many CSA Change of Assessment matters have been heard by the Tribunal and the resulting decisions (whether the matter has gone in favour of CSA or the other party).	Written
<b>SQ15-000171</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many child care service are benefiting from Fringe Benefits Tax exemptions nationally? And for each state, territory and federal electoral division? (please consult with other agencies if required)	Written
<b>SQ15-000172</b>	SSAT	Xenophon	SSAT Process	Can you advise if there are implications at the SSAT for people who refuse to cooperate during Change of Assessments? Have such limits as suggested by my constituent been considered? What fines and penalties are available to the SSAT for providing false or omitted information at hearings? (extra information in the comments box)	Written
<b>SQ15-000173</b>	SSAT	Xenophon	SSAT Process	Does the SSAT agree this could be cost prohibitive to a majority of people? Are there any other options available for my constituent to pursue her complaint? I note that a number of matters my constituent wishes to address do not relate to the decision, but the process of the Tribunal? If a person has provided false/omitted information at hearings that influenced the decision of the Tribunal, what opportunities does the other party have for redress? Are there other options than through the courts?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000174</b>	0 - Cross	Leyonhjelm	Grant Agreements	The Department provides a list of organisations to which it has provided grants since 2009. However, there is no up-to-date list of organisations that have lost all funding in the most recent selection process following the changes announced by the Minister last year. Can the Department provide the Committee with such a list, broken down by State, with a one-line summary of what each organisation purported to do?	Written
<b>SQ15-000176</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Relationship Counselling	The \$17mil funding for relationship counselling was recently scrapped 1. Has the \$17 mil in funding been redirected? 2. If yes, where? 3. If not, why not and will it be?	Written
<b>SQ15-000177</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Income Support Recipients: Principal Carers	Please provide an update to 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings, Question No. 226 on Principal Carers Newstart Allowance.	Written
<b>SQ15-000178</b>	2 - Families	Siewert	Income Management	Provide a breakdown of the 'Vulnerable Youth Measure', in the five placed sites and in the Northern Territory, showing the following information: 1. Total numbers in each location 2. Total numbers in each location under Voluntary Income Management 3. Breakdown by Indigenous/non-indigenous recipients. 4. Breakdown of the main categories of income management: a. Youth Triggers b. Special Benefit c. Crisis Payment (recently released from goal).	Written
<b>SQ15-000179</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	How many child care services are benefiting from payroll tax exemptions nationally? And for each state, territory and federal electoral division? (please consult with other agencies if required)	Written

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<b>SQ15-000180</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	Nationally, and for each state or territory, and each federal electoral division in the country - and broken down by income - please provide: 1 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of CCB 2 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of CCR 3 - The number of children and the number of families that hit the CCR cap in the last year 4 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of JETCCFA 5 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of SCCB Children at Risk 6 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of SCCB Temporary Financial Hardship 7 - The number of children and the number of families in receipt of Grandparent CCB 8 - The number of children and the number of families that attract Inclusion Support assistance, and the category of that assistance	Written
<b>SQ15-000181</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	In relation to the JETCCFA program for the current year, each year of the forward estimates and each of the last five years: a. What is the total number of recipients? b. How many are studying? c. How many are working? d. How many are on income support – and what payments? e. What type of approved child care services they are using? f. How many hours are recipients using weekly on average, and for each of these groups?	Written
<b>SQ15-000182</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	Can the Department explain the rationale behind the proposal in the McClure report proposing an increase in the 'age of independence'? What evidence is there that young people do not need access to their own means of financial support?	Written
<b>SQ15-000183</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	How many young people under 18 have Youth Allowance paid directly to them (instead of their parents) under section 45 (subsection 2) of the <i>Social Security Administration Act</i> ?	Written
<b>SQ15-000184</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	How many young people receive the UTAHL rate? (Please provide age ranges).	Written
<b>SQ15-000185</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	How many young people currently receive the 'at home' rate? (Please provide age ranges).	Written

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<b>SQ15-000186</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	How will the Department determine if young people are being appropriately supported by their families under the changes proposed by McClure?	Written
<b>SQ15-000187</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Child Support Advocacy	Can you confirm the current state of funding for Child Support Advocacy under the Children and Parenting sub-activity? Have future funding arrangements be finalised?	Written
<b>SQ15-000188</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	Has the Department done an assessment into whether the denial of income support is a consistent with the Convention of the Rights of the Child?	Written
<b>SQ15-000189</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	Has the Department sought the advice of the Children's Commissioner on the proposals in the recent McClure Report that would raise the 'age of independence' and in some circumstances, have income diverted to parents? If not, will the Department consult with the Children's Commissioner and report on the consultations?	Written
<b>SQ15-000190</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Young People and 'age of independence'	What assessment will the Department be undertaking so that it can be confident that the parent or guardian adequately cares for the YA recipient, and is not dealing with substance use issues or personality problems that would leave the young person at risk?	Written
<b>SQ15-000191</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Organisational Structure	Can you please explain to the committee which sections of the Department are working on the government's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response to the McClure Review</li> <li>• Response to Andrew Forest review</li> <li>• Families package</li> </ul> How do these three pieces of policy fit together in terms of timeline, release date, consultation and policy development, at the departmental level? How many people in the department are working on each area?	Written
<b>SQ15-000192</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	FOI	Please provide a list of FOI requests received by the department in 2014-15	Written
<b>SQ15-000193</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC	What support and training is being undertaken to ensure consumers are equipped to and informed about consumer directed care? What training are providers undertaking to ensure they can support consumers? Who is undertaking this?	Written
<b>SQ15-000194</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Indexation of Grant Funding	Will indexation be applied to all grants under each of the rounds in the 2014 DSS Grants rounds? If not which grants will not have indexation applied?	Written
<b>SQ15-000195</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC	What reviews are in place to ensure providers are meeting the requirements of CDC? Who is undertaking this? How is it being undertaken?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000196</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Children and Parenting Support	<p>1. How many of the services funded under the Children and Parenting Support Funding Round are in the identified priority service areas?</p> <p>a. What was the total allocation of funding for services within priority service areas?</p> <p>b. Can you please provide a breakdown of the total funding allocated in each of the identified priority services area?</p> <p>2. How many of the services funded under the Children and Parenting Support Funding Round are not in the priority service areas identified by the Department? What is the total allocation of funding outside of the priority service areas?</p> <p>3. How many of the projects funded under this component were services which have a national footprint or national reach? What was the total funding allocation for these national projects?</p> <p>4. Were any projects funded under this project funded in existing Communities for Children Facilitating Partner sites?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000197</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	<p>Please provide a breakdown of the grant funding (not including extensions and bridging funding) for each outcome, programme, activity, sub-activity and component for 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-18, 2019-20 by:</p> <p>a. State and Territory.</p> <p>b. Electorate</p> <p>c. Local Government Area</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000198</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Consumer advice	<p>Is there room in the funding of home care packages for providers to use for administration? Travel? Consumer advice and general liaison? Who provides advice to consumers?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000199</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	<p>The Ministers media release from 30 January 2015 states that 100 new organisations will be taking on new service provision responsibilities. Can you please clarify what is means by 100 new organisations (i.e. are these organisations that have never received Commonwealth funding before, weren't funded under the previous grants structure, are newly established)?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000200</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Children and Parenting Support	<p>Can you please provide a list of supported playgroups funded under the Children and Parenting Support, including location, provider and funding amount?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000201</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care changes	<p>What contingencies are in place if the sector is not ready to implement changes by 1 July 2015?</p> <p>What is the latest date this decision can be made?</p>	Written



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<b>SQ15-000202</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	<p>Were any organisations that were originally told they were not preferred providers later told they were preferred providers?</p> <p>a. If yes, when were organisations informed of the change?</p> <p>b. How many organisations?</p> <p>c. Where were they located?</p> <p>d. Were these additional services identified for funding by the Department or the Minister?</p> <p>e. What process was undertaken to identify these additional services for funding?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000203</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Regional Assessment Trials	<p>Please provide an update on the Regional Assessment Trial in Victoria, including the successful tenders.</p> <p>How will the trial be assessed? Has there been adequate time for an adequate assessment?</p> <p>Will there be enough assessment teams in the regions?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000204</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	<p>Were all existing providers who were unsuccessful in the 2014 DSS Funding Rounds offered bridging funding? If not, please provide details on services that were not offered the transitional funding.</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000205</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Vacancies in residential and home care packages	<p>Are there any indications that there is an increase in the numbers of vacancies in Home Care Packages and Residential Aged Care since the introduction of means tested fees? If so, what does the data indicate by Home Care Packages and Residential Aged Care?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000206</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	<p>1. What support will the Department be providing to organisations during the bridging funding period e.g. for transitioning clients and staff to alternative providers, or for other obligations like tenancies?</p> <p>2. Have any organizations approached the Department with concerns about staff redundancies?</p> <p>3. Will organisations be able to use any of the bridging funding to pay redundancies for staff or meet any other liabilities?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000207</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Residential care	<p>What is the number of allocated bed licences yet to be developed?</p> <p>Please indicate where these are located by state/territory.</p> <p>When were the outstanding bed licences allocated?</p> <p>Has the Department taken back any bed licences from providers?</p> <p>When allocating new bed licences does the Department take into consideration whether providers have unallocated bed licences?</p> <p>Please provide the process and criteria used to allocate bed licences.</p>	Written

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<b>SQ15-000208</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	The Ministers 30 January release states that he wants to “make sure that as we work through this process we identify any potential front line service gaps that may emerge in critical areas as we transition from former service providers to new one. “Where potential critical service gaps or other unintended consequences are identified in areas of priority need, I will seek to address them separately where possible while being mindful of the Government’s significant budget repair task.” a. Has a portion of the funding allocated under each programme been set aside for this purpose? b. If yes, can you please provide the remaining funding allocation under each activity, sub-activity and component over each of the out years? c. If no, how will any identified service gaps be addressed? Where will the funding come from?	Written
<b>SQ15-000209</b>	2 - Families	Brown	Children and Parenting Support	The Children and Parenting Support Funding Round Summary states that services funded under the Children and Parenting Support Program component could include community playgroups, supported playgroups, parenting courses, home visiting and peer support groups. Are you able to provide a breakdown of the successful funding applications by these different support types?	Written
<b>SQ15-000210</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	When will organisations that have been provided bridging funding be informed of the organisations that will be taking over the services that they were previously funded to provide?	Written
<b>SQ15-000211</b>	2 - Families	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children	Are the outcomes or a communiqué from the Children and Families Secretaries’ Group meeting of 13 November available publically, if so can a copy please be provided to the Committee?	Written
<b>SQ15-000212</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	What costs were associated with the tender process? (including Staffing, Accommodation, Advertising, Consultancies, Other Administrative)	Written
<b>SQ15-000213</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	How much was spent on external consultancies in relation to this grants round? a. Who was engaged under these consultancies? b. What services were provided under the consultancies? c. Were these consultancies part of the original plan for the assessment process?	Written
<b>SQ15-000214</b>	2 - Families	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children	In response to ES14-000402 you indicated that Children and Families Secretaries’ Group “comprises heads of departments responsible for children and families”. Are you able to provide a list of the specific Departments represented in the group?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000215</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	How many staff were engaged in the assessment process? Can you please provide a break down by level and location?	Written
<b>SQ15-000216</b>	2 - Families	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children	In response to ES14-000404 you indicated that the National Forum for Protecting Australia's Children was expected to meet in December 2014. a. Can you confirm if this meeting took place? b. [If yes] Are the outcomes of this meeting public? c. [If no] Why was the meeting cancelled and has it been rescheduled? d. Have any further meetings be scheduled yet? e. Have the Terms of Reference for this Group been finalised and if so can the Committee people be provided a copy?	Written
<b>SQ15-000217</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	On 3 February 2015, the Prime Minister said:  "yes, we will be picking up on some of the work of the Productivity Commission and, yes, money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme will be invested in childcare."  [see: <a href="http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2015-02-03/joint-doorstop-interview-sydney">http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2015-02-03/joint-doorstop-interview-sydney</a> ]  1) Was the Prime Minister referring to his proposed PPL levy when he said "money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme"? If not, what "money" was he referring to?  2) Does this statement still reflect the Government's policy? If not, what has changed, when did that change occur, and what public statements from the Prime Minister and/or the Minister reflect that change?  3) The Minister has recently been quoted a number of times as saying the proposed PPL levy revenue is 'not transportable' to child care. How does the Minister reconcile this statement with the Prime Minister's promise that "money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme will be invested in childcare"? Has the Minister overruled or ignored the Prime Minister's promise?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000218</b>	2 - Families	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children	In respect of the development of the third Action Plan under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children. a. Have consultations commenced? b. What is the process for consultations? c. Will there be a public consultation process to inform the action plan? d. What is the timeline for the development of the third Action Plan?	Written
<b>SQ15-000219</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	<p>These questions relate to a story by Samantha Maiden that appeared in The Sunday Telegraph on 1 February 2015, titled Childcare rebate scheme is failing, with big business facing 1.5 per cent tax levy to pay for reform, the story said:</p> <p>"But in a move that will anger big business, the Abbott Government will ask Australia's 3000 largest companies to help pay for the overhaul by keeping in place the 1.5 per cent levy that was designed to pay for paid parental leave."</p> <p>And:</p> <p>"The Sunday Telegraph understands the \$3 billion paid parental levy will remain in place to help pay for childcare reform. Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kate Carnell slammed the decision."</p> <p>1) Did the Minister or his office provide information to the journalist that led to the assertion that the Government would keep the levy and divert the money into child care? If so, what information was provided, by whom, and on what date?</p> <p>2) Did the Department provide any information or advice to the Minister's office or to the journalist in relation to this story, either before or after publication? If so, please outline the nature of the advice, to whom it was provided, and when.</p> <p>3) If the assertion in the story was wrong or inaccurate, what steps did the Department and/or the Minister's office make to have a correction or clarification published?</p> <p>4) Did the Department provide any advice to the Minister subsequent to the publication of the story regarding its accuracy and/or the source of information the journalist relied on?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ15-000220</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Higher accommodation payment	<p>Please provide the number of providers who have been approved to receive higher Accommodation Payments due to Significant Refurbishment? By State/Territory.</p> <p>Please provide the number of providers who have NOT been approved to Accommodation Payments due to Significant Refurbishment.</p> <p>Why were they not approved?</p> <p>What is the budgeted amount for the supplement?</p> <p>How is the supplement funding tracking in terms of the Budgeted amount?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000221</b>	2 - Families	Lines	Child Care	<p>These questions also relate to a story by Samantha Maiden that appeared in The Sunday Telegraph on 1 February 2015, titled Childcare rebate scheme is failing, with big business facing 1.5 per cent tax levy to pay for reform, the story said:</p> <p>"Treasury has also considered a daily cap on the childcare rebate that would hit centres charging high fees. It would deliver a price signal to high income families using childcare that costs over \$100-a-day forcing them to pay more."</p> <p>1) Has the Department asked, or done any work with, Treasury on a \$100-a-day subsidy? Has any work been done by the Government to model a \$100-a-day subsidy, or alternative rates of subsidy? If so, please provide a copy of this work.</p> <p>The story also says:</p> <p>"But Mr Morrison has poured cold water on a single, means tested payment that would combine the childcare rebate and the childcare benefit. This was a key recommendation of the Productivity Commission's draft report into childcare reform."</p> <p>1) Has the Minister ruled out combining the Child Care Rebate, Child Care Benefit and other payments into a single subsidy? If so, why?</p> <p>2) Is this assertion wrong?</p> <p>3) Did the Minister or his office provide information to the journalist that led to the assertion that the Government would not introduce a single, means-tested payment to replace CCR and CCB? If so, what information was provided, by whom, and on what date?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ15-000222</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Homelessness Supplement	Please provide an update on the uptake of the Homelessness supplement, by State and Territory. What outreach services are available to ensure at-risk people supported into aged care?	Written
<b>SQ15-000223</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Did the Department engage non-ongoing staff to staff the assessment centre?	Written
<b>SQ15-000224</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Payroll Tax Supplement	Can you provide data on how many private providers on the cusp of viability have been affected by the removal of the aged care payroll tax supplement, a supplement designed to create competitive neutrality across residential aged care?  What steps have you taken to mitigate loss and ensure facilities can still operate, especially in regional areas where the loss is likely to be greater?	Written
<b>SQ15-000226</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	1. What training was provided to assessors? a. When was this training provided? b. Was this training provided to all assessors? 2. Were any staff brought into the assessment centre after assessment started? Were these staff provided the same training?	Written
<b>SQ15-000227</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	1. Where an applicant was seeking funding to continue a program that had been funded under the previous grants programs were the agreement managers in the State and Territories offices involved in the assessment process? 2. Were officials from the Department's State and Territory offices involved in the assessment process at all, for example were they involved identifying specific locations with an identified level of need and disadvantage?	Written
<b>SQ15-000228</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Were any organisations offered funding for the provision of services they did not tender for, including funding for services outside the location or region identified in their grant application? a. If yes, how were these offered made or negotiated?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000229</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In the Minister's 24 December media release it states that "As a result of developments in the background law and the High Court's Pape and Williams decisions; some programmes will require redesign to ensure conformity with the law. Some grant agreements will be for two years duration as that redesign process takes place" a. Which activity, sub-activity and component will need to be redesigned? b. Has work commenced on the redesign? c. Will the redesign only deal with Pape and Williams considerations? d. Will a further tender process be required once the redesign takes place?	Written
<b>SQ15-000230</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	How many representations have the Minister and Department received asking for reconsideration of applications from: a. Organisations b. Members of the public c. Members of the House of Representatives and Senators	Written
<b>SQ15-000231</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Has any member of the Department ever informed – either orally or in writing – any of the organisations that were notified on 23 December that they would have their funding cuts that they should not speak to the media?	Written
<b>SQ15-000232</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Is it correct to say that all organisations who were informed by letter that their applications had been successful were told that they could not speak to the media – or anyone – about the outcome of their application? What was the purpose of this gag?	Written
<b>SQ15-000233</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Has any member of the department ever informed any of these organisations that there may be 'leftover' money available once all contracts have been signed, and that funding might be made available to organisations which had been cut?	Written
<b>SQ15-000234</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Emergency Relief	At the last estimates, we were told that the under 30s measure included an extra amount of funding for emergency relief. Can you confirm how much extra funding for emergency relieve is contained in this measure?  Is this extra money for emergency relief currently being made available through the grants process? If this measure does not pass the parliament, will that extra funding still be made available?	Written
<b>SQ15-000235</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Has the Department provided to the Minister the final evaluation of the current PPL scheme? When was that provided to the Minister?	Written



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<b>SQ15-000236</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Now that the scheme has been dumped in its current form, is the Department doing any work on Paid Parental Leave as part of the new 'holistic families package'. If not, when did the department stop working on a new paid parental leave scheme? Will Paid Parental Leave form a part of the government's holistic families package, or will it involve only child care?	Written
<b>SQ15-000237</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	How many times had officials from the Department of Social Services met with officials from the states regarding the Government's former paid parental leave policy?	Written
<b>SQ15-000238</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Prior to 31 January, when was the last time that the Department had had any discussions with officials from the states or territories regarding the Prime Minister's Paid Parental Leave Scheme?	Written
<b>SQ15-000239</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Support for carers	Can the Department now provide the actual expenditure for the 2013/14 financial year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carer Allowance (Adult)</li> <li>• Carer Allowance (Child)</li> <li>• Carer Payment</li> <li>• Carer Supplement</li> <li>• Child Disability Assistance Payment</li> <li>• Wife Pension (DSP).</li> </ul>	Written
<b>SQ15-000240</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Support for carers	Please provide the number of Carer Payment recipients as at 30 June for each of the last four years for each state/territory by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Duration on payment by the type of disability of the person cared for;</li> <li>o Duration on payment by the age of carer.</li> </ul>	Written
<b>SQ15-000241</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Support for carers	Please provide the number of new grants of Carers Payment in each of the last four financial years by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o State/territory;</li> <li>o Age of carer;</li> <li>o Type of disability of the person cared for.</li> </ul>	Written
<b>SQ15-000242</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Support for carers	Is the Department aware of any complaints from organisations that they have not been adequately involved? If it is, what response has been made to the organisations?	Written
<b>SQ15-000243</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Support for carers	To what extent is the Department involving organisations that represent people with disabilities and their carers in the review of carers support and the development of the Integrated Carer Support initiative?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000244</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Indexation	<p>1. Over what period has the Department conducted modelling on the impact of the proposed change to the indexation of the pension?</p> <p>2. In each year over that period, what is the estimated value of the pension under the new arrangement?</p> <p>3. In each year over that period, what is the estimated value of the pension under the current arrangement?</p> <p>4. In each year over that period, what is the estimated difference in the value of the pension under the current arrangement and the proposed arrangement:</p> <p>a. Annually</p> <p>b. Monthly</p> <p>c. weekly</p> <p>What is the total save estimated each year over that period?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000245</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the outlays for the Schoolkids Bonus for January 2015 by:(a) electorate.(b) State/territory	Written
<b>SQ15-000246</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of children who received the Schoolkids bonus in the January 2015 payment, by:(a) state/territory;(b) electorate(c) age of child(d) indigenous status(e) other payments received	Written
<b>SQ15-000247</b>	1 - Social Security	Brown	Schoolkids Bonus	Please provide the number of families who received the SchoolKids Bonus in the January 2015 payment, by:(a) state/territory;(b) electorate(c) age of child(d) indigenous status(e) other payments received	Written
<b>SQ15-000248</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Payroll Tax Supplement	<p>Can you provide data outlining how many residential aged care facilities were impacted by the cessation of the Aged Care Payroll Tax Supplement? By State and Territory</p> <p>How many residents did this impact in each state and territory?</p> <p>What is the average loss per resident?</p> <p>How much funding have aged care providers lost, by state and territory?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000249</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Dementia Training and support	What training and support is currently available in dementia care for residential care providers?	Written
<b>SQ15-000250</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce	Please outline what progress has occurred in developing a strategy to address workforce issues.	Written
<b>SQ15-000251</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Training	<p>When will the report by the subgroup of the Aged Care Sector Committee looking at workforce and training be available? Please provide this to the Committee.</p> <p>Can you provide an interim update of the progress of this sub-group?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ15-000252</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Training	What progress has been made to ensure Certificates III and IV in Aged Care are consistent and are provided to a high standard and quality? How has the Department been working with the VET sector and other departments to address ongoing quality issues?	Written
<b>SQ15-000253</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACSIHAG	How much ACSIHAG funding has been allocated since 1 July 2014? How much funding remains across the forward estimates? Please outline all projects and services currently receiving ACSIHAG funding, including the name of the providers, location, type of project or service, funding duration, funding amount. Please provide a list of the 64 successful ACSIHAG projects recently granted, as part of the \$53million funding round. Include the name of the provider, location, type of project, funding duration and amount. How many services which received recurrent funding have been ceased? When will you inform the unsuccessful grant applicants? How will they be informed?	Written
<b>SQ15-000257</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACSIHAG	Why did the Department limit funding to “projects” and not service delivery? How many of the unsuccessful funding applications were not for “projects”? How will successful projects be assessed?	Written
<b>SQ15-000259</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	SA Innovation Hub	What innovations are participating providers expected to deliver? How is this measured or assessed? What are the KPIs? What assessment or interim reports are available currently? Is this project still under the direct care of the Minister for Social Services? Or will the Assistant Minister be taking over responsibility?	Written
<b>SQ15-000262</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Since becoming Minister in December, have any staff from the Department <i>worked</i> in Minister Morrison’s office? In what roles have they been employed?	Written
<b>SQ15-000263</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	How many media advisers are currently employed by the Department of Social Services and on what salary?	Written
<b>SQ15-000264</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Since taking over responsibility for childcare, how many staff have been transferred from the Department of Education and Early Childhood?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000265</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Indigenous	What services and projects are funded to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and facilities? How many are “community controlled” operations? What strategies are in place to develop the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce?	Written
<b>SQ15-000266</b>	2 - Families	Moore	Staffing	Has a new area been established to work on the ‘holistic families package’ repeatedly referred to by Minister Morrison and the Prime Minister? How many staff does this area include? Does it include staff that were previously working on the Government’s Paid Parental Leave Scheme? What is the interaction/overlap – if any – of staff working on the families package and staff working on the Government’s response to the McClure Review and or the Andrew Forrest welfare review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000267</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Advocacy	What advocacy services are funded by the Department? What advocacy services have been recently defunded?	Written
<b>SQ15-000268</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	Since becoming Minister on 21 December, how much has been spent by Minister Morrison on: Flights - including commercial and charter flights and Entertaining – including catering, events and restaurants	Written
<b>SQ15-000269</b>	ACPC	Polley	RADs	Please provide the number of RADs approved over \$550,000, by state and territory. How many of these were in regional areas? How many applications were not approved and why?	Written
<b>SQ15-000272</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	Please provide the monthly expenses on entertainment (catering, events and restaurants) for each month of 2014 by former Minister Andrews, Assistant Minister Fifield and the Parliamentary Secretary.	Written
<b>SQ15-000273</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	Since becoming Minister on 21 December, how much has been expended on new stationary for Minister Morrison, including business cards and letterhead.	Written
<b>SQ15-000276</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	Has any new art been purchased for the new Minister? At what cost?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000278</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Consultancies	Have any external consultants been appointed by the Department in 2015? If so, please provide: the date on which they were contracted; the duties they have been contracted to do; whether or not they are being paid for their work and the amount; date of completion of their work or date of expected completion; and any departmental staff assigned to assist with the work.	Written
<b>SQ15-000279</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	DHS – means and asset testing	Has the Department of Human Services provided details about the benchmarks around the time frame for means and asset testing for people wishing to enter aged care? Please provide details of the benchmarks. What time frames do the Department of Social Services consider appropriate? What role does the Department of Social Services play in ensuring aged care consumers receive accurate and timely assessments? At what level does this occur? i.e.. Provide details of the staff involved in this process and their APS level?	Written - CA 83 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000280</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	At the last estimates, it was revealed that the Department had spent \$8,000 on leasing pot plants. Is that correct? Over what period was this amount spent? How much was spent on pot plants in all of 2014?	Written
<b>SQ15-000281</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Commonwealth Home Support Program	Provide details of those providers whose funding had been extended from 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015, including details of the current funding program (e.g.. HACC, DTC, etc.), the location of the service, etc. Please provide details of any providers whose funding has NOT been extended, including details of the current funding program, location of the service, and reason for not extending.	Written - CA 84 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000282</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Expenditure	How much was expended by the Department on renovations in 2014? How much was spent on art? How much was spent on office furniture?	Written
<b>SQ15-000283</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Severe Behaviour Response Teams	Please provide details of the SBRTs, including how many teams? How many staff will be employed and at what level? What clinical skills and experience will they possess? Where will they be located? What will be the functions of the SBRTs? How will they work with DBMAS? How will they operate? Will there be referrals? What happens when the funding runs out? What are “severe behaviours”? Will the SBRTs be assisting with individual residents or providing support for the providers and staff?	Written - 10 March CA 86 - 26 Feb

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<b>SQ15-000284</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staff Recreation Programs	In 2014, did the Department provide any staff recreation programs, i.e. yoga, meditation, fitness? How much was expended on each of these programs in 2014?	Written
<b>SQ15-000285</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Media Monitoring	What was the monthly expenditure of the Department on media monitors in 2014?	Written
<b>SQ15-000286</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	At the Budget Estimates hearings in June 2014 it was stated that not all grants in the current funding round been recorded in the current FOFMS? If this is still the case, what grant programmes or grants could not? Is this issue of grants that cannot be recorded on FOFMS viewed as been serious? What arrangements are in place for ensuring that the grant recipients are kept informed of their responsibilities or changes in policy that affect them?	Written
<b>SQ15-000287</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	When did the Department provide its business case for the redevelopment of FOFMS to the Department of Finance? What is the scale of the proposed redevelopment of FOFMS? Will any additional funding for the redevelopment be sought in the current (2015) budget round? What is the proposed start date for the redevelopment? How long is the redevelopment expected to take?	Written
<b>SQ15-000288</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	PAES	What factors or aspects of the changes implemented by the AAO of 18 September 2013 made the transition to the new 11 outcome programme structure so difficult that the actual expenditure for each income support payment for the financial year 2013/14 could not be provided in the Department's 2014/15 PAES?	Written
<b>SQ15-000289</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	PAES	Did the Department of Finance approve the Department of Social Services PAES not reporting the actual 2013-14 expenditure for each income support payment?	Written
<b>SQ15-000290</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In relation to the 2014 DSS grants process, please provide a list of ALL applicants by outcome, program. activity, sub-activity and component, by: a. State or Territory b. Electorate. c. Local Government Area	Written

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<b>SQ15-000291</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In relation to the 2014 DSS grants process, please provide a list of successful applicants (please indicate the funding amount provided) for each outcome, program, activity, sub-activity and component, by: a. State or Territory b. Electorate. c. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000292</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Please provide a breakdown of the grant funding for each outcome, programme, activity, sub-activity and component under the previous grants structure for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 by: a. State and Territory. b. Electorate c. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000293</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In relation to the previous grant structure, please provide a list of funded organisations (please indicate the funding amount provided) for each outcome, program, activity, sub-activity and component, by: a. State or Territory b. Electorate. c. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000294</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	Please provide a breakdown of bridging funding for each outcome, programme, activity, sub-activity and component by: a. State and Territory. b. Electorate c. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000295</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In relation to the bridging funding, please provide a list of funded organisations (please indicate the funding amount provided) for each outcome, program, activity, sub-activity and component, by: 1. State or Territory 2. Electorate. 3. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000296</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	DSS Grants Process	In relation to the bridging funding, please provide a list of organisations who were offered but did not accept bridging funding for each outcome, program, activity, sub-activity and component, by: 1. State or Territory 2. Electorate. 3. Local Government Area	Written
<b>SQ15-000297</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	For how long has the Minister (or former Minister) been in possession of the final report of Patrick McClure?	Written
<b>SQ15-000298</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	How much was the final cost of the review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000299</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	How many staff from the department worked on this review? Are their salaries included in that cost?	Written



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<b>SQ15-000300</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Social Security expenditure	<p>1. The Minister for Social Services said “over the next decade and beyond, over a generation, our social services expenditure will swallow the Budget.” Do you agree with this statement?</p> <p>2. What evidence can you produce to demonstrate the validity of this?</p> <p>3. Is the Department aware that last year, Allianz produced its 2014 Pension sustainability index, which found that Australia’s pension was the most sustainable in the world, and the least in need of reform? Doesn’t that suggest that the Minister was wrong?</p> <p>4. Has the Department seen a report in the Australian in February of last year which included analysis from the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) found that in the last 12 years, Australia’s welfare spending has in fact decreased as a share of total expenditure? Doesn’t that suggest that the Minister is wrong?</p> <p>5. Is the Department aware that according to the most recent data from the OECD on welfare spending in OECD countries, Australia spends 8.6 per cent of GDP on cash payments, compared with the OECD average of 12.1?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware that this makes Australia the third lowest spender on cash payments as a percentage of GDP in the OECD?</p> <p>7. Considering all this evidence, does the department agree with the Minister that over a decade social service expenditure will swallow the budget”?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000301</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you explain what the McClure Review says about payment rates?	Written
<b>SQ15-000302</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you explain what the McClure Review says about the rate of payment supplements?	Written
<b>SQ15-000303</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you explain how the new payment regime will keep people out of poverty?	Written
<b>SQ15-000304</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you explain how much implementation of the review will cost?	Written
<b>SQ15-000305</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you explain what costing is included in the review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000306</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Isn’t it the case that a number of recommendations in the review would require absolutely no policy or structural changes, to satisfy? e.g. Carer Payment, Age Pension, supplements clearly defined for purposes, re-naming supplements etc.	Written
<b>SQ15-000307</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Are there any desired taper rates set down in the review?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000308</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Are there any prescribed payment rates set down in the review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000309</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can the Department guarantee that nobody who would qualify for the DSP under current arrangements would receive a lesser rate under the new proposal? I.e. would a person going on the DSP today receive more or less than a person going on the DSP after the introduction of the new structure?	Written
<b>SQ15-000310</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Does the Department agree with the recommendation of the review that a person with a work capacity of more than 8 hours should be on a lower payment than they currently receive?	Written
<b>SQ15-000311</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Does the department think that a person with disability working 9 hours on the minimum wage is likely to have an adequate standard of living?	Written
<b>SQ15-000312</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Under Mr McClure's proposed indexation arrangement, payments would be indexed at CPI every six months and then by a community living standard every four years. Is it possible that this would mean lower indexation rates than if they were indexed to wages?	Written
<b>SQ15-000313</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Can you outline the steps that are being taken towards implementation of this review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000314</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	How many people are working on implementation of this review?	Written
<b>SQ15-000315</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	McClure Review	Had any work been commenced in response to the findings of the McClure Review, prior to the Minister's speech at the press club this week? If not, has any work commenced since?	Written
<b>SQ15-000316</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Under 30s Measure	Is the Department still working towards the implementation of the six month earn or learn measure?	Written
<b>SQ15-000317</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Indexation	What indexation measure was used in the September 2014 indexation of the pension? How much did the pension increase as a result? How much would it have increased by had it been indexed to CPI? Is it therefore correct that, had the government's proposed indexation arrangement been in place in September of last year, pensioners would have less in their pocket each week than they currently do?	Written
<b>SQ15-000318</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Indexation	On how many of the last 12 pension indexation points has the indexation driver been the CPI?	Written
<b>SQ15-000319</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Indexation	Is the Department currently aware what indexation measure will be sued to index the pension in March? Will it be MTAWA, PBLCI or CPI?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000320</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Deeming Rates	On average what is likely to have a bigger effect on the incomes of part pensioners: lowering deeming rates by 0.25% or resetting the deeming rate thresholds from \$46,600 to \$30,000 for singles and \$77,400 to \$50,000 for couples? For a person with assets of \$50,000? For a person assets of \$100,000? For a person with assets of \$500,000? Is it fair to say that the benefit to a part-pensioner of lowering the deeming rate by 0.25% is marginal compared to the effect of resetting the deeming rate thresholds?	Written
<b>SQ15-000321</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Deeming Rates	What is likely to have a bigger impact on the rate of the pension, changes to the deeming rates or changes to indexation? Is it fair to say that the impact of changes to the deeming rates will be marginal compared with changes to indexation?	Written
<b>SQ15-000322</b>	1 - Social Security	McLucas	Downsizing of Homes	Has the Department provided any advice to the minister on previous measures aimed at supporting pensioners to downsize their homes? Specifically, has the Department provided any advice to the Minister regarding the Housing Help for Seniors program? When was this advice provided? Has the Department provided any advice on proposals to help pensioners downsize their homes?	Written
<b>SQ15-000324</b>	4 - Housing	Xenophon	Affordable Housing	The industry is expressing that current levels of funding through the Homeless National Partnership and the National Affordable Housing Agreement fall well short of what is required. a. Do you have statistics on this current short-fall? b. Have you projected figures for required funding into the next financial year that you have provided the Government?	Written
<b>SQ15-000325</b>	4 - Housing	Xenophon	National Partnership on Homelessness	In relation to the National Partnership on Homelessness, do you have a long-term plan for this agreement? a. Has this been provided to the Government? b. Do you support the short-term extensions currently offered by both parties, or do you support a long-term agreement?	Written
<b>SQ15-000327</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Consumer Directed Care	How is Consumer Directed Care measured?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000328</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	Are you aware the Gateway operators refer consumers with questions about fees, charges and their finances to services such as NICRI? Given that NICRI will no longer be funded after 25 years of service, where will consumers be referred to now? Are you aware that DSS staff have suggested ASIC's MoneySmart is a suitable online service to assist older Australians with questions about navigating the fees, charges, assets, income, etc? Is it the position of DSS that MoneySmart is a suitable replacement for NICRI?	Written
<b>SQ15-000329</b>	SSAT	Moore	SSAT Abolition	Under legislation currently before the Senate, the Social Security Appeals Tribunal will be abolished and its function merged into the working of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Does the SSAT have any concerns about this legislation? Does the SSAT believe that there will be any staff losses as a consequence of this legislation? Does the SSAT believe that there will be any loss of capacity and efficiency as a result of these changes?	Written
<b>SQ15-000330</b>	2 - Families	Smith	Diversity and Social Cohesion Program	Could you just provide me, on notice, the list of successful applicants? Are you able to provide me the total list of applicants and identify successful and unsuccessful in that?	CA60 - 26 Feb
<b>SQ15-000331</b>	2 - Families	Hanson-Young	Productivity Commission Report	Are you aware whether the Productivity Commission did any modelling about the changes to the zero-to-three ratios and what that would mean for fee increases?	CA37 - 27 Feb

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<b>SQ15-000334</b>	2 - Families	Xenophon	Community Support Program	<p>1. In relation to the Community Support Program, can the Department provide the rationale for the changes to this funding for family day care centres?</p> <p>2. I understand the program was originally established to address the severe shortage of child care places in Australia. Is there no longer a shortage of places?</p> <p>3. The new guidelines of the program provide funding only for disadvantaged or rural, regional or remote areas. Has the department done any modelling about how many family day care providers will be impacted? I have seen estimates that as many as 80 per cent will face a reduction in funding.</p> <p>4. Has the department done any modelling regarding how many family day care providers will have to reduce or end their services, and what impact this will have on families and their ability to work? This should include the families of children who are in family day care as well as the providers themselves, whose employment is being affected.</p> <p>a. Are places available elsewhere for children who will be impacted?</p> <p>5. What consultation has the department done with the sector in relation to these changes?</p> <p>6. There have been several measures recently that have impacted unduly on family day care providers. Does the department acknowledge that these providers are a vital part of the child care system in Australia, and not just a sideline or hobby for the providers?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000336</b>	3 - Ageing	McLucas	Aged Care Assessments	<p>How many people under the age of 65 have had aged care assessment team assessments since in each trial site, each year since the trial site commenced?</p> <p>How many of these people were in hospital at the time of the assessment?</p> <p>How many people were living in a private residence or other community setting at the time of the assessment?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000338</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Grant Agreements	<p>Please provide a list of all executed grant agreements from the recent funding round, including the total funding for each grant and the programme or programmes they are being funded under. Also indicate whether they have been previously funded.</p>	CA51 - 26 February
<b>SQ15-000339</b>	2 - Families	Waters	National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children	<p>What Primary Prevention work is the Commonwealth involved in under the National Plan?</p>	CA112 - 26 Feb

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<b>NDIA SQ15- 000004</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Sector Development Funding Arrangements and Guidelines - Grants	Can I receive details of the grants that have been hard agreed, where contracts have been either drawn up or signed, so that we can see what has been provided, and the amount and the purpose of the funding as well. Guidelines were established for the expenditure of that fund; that is my recollection as well. What is the department proposing for guidelines for the use of that money?	CA98 - 26 Feb
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000006</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	Sector Development Fund	In relation to the Sector Development being taken out of the NDIA and placed into the DSS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the reason for this change?</li> <li>• How much of that fund has been expended?</li> <li>• Can you provide details of every grant provided from the sector development fund, the amount and purpose of the funding?</li> <li>• What are the guidelines being used to determine expenditure of money. Please provide a copy of those guidelines?</li> <li>• What is the process being used to determine where that funding should be allocated?</li> <li>• Who is the final decision maker in that process?</li> <li>• What safeguards have been put in place to ensure this funding is not used for any purpose other than that for which it was designed?</li> <li>• Can the department guarantee that this funding will be used solely for the purpose for which it was designed?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000007</b>	NDIA	Siewert	Discharge Arrangements	I am going to ask about those with cognitive impairment who may have been in indefinite detention but who have not been charged. Do you have any cases where you have engaged with an individual who has been released?	CA95 - 26 Feb
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000008</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Continuity of Support - 65+	When you say that you count the people, how many people are we talking about? The big continuity support numbers are, in fact, the over-65s, who are not eligible for this scheme, but the services continue to be provided and it is just a different funding source; otherwise we report on that. I will check. If is not in our quarterly report, I will take it on notice and make sure that we give you those details.	CA102 - 26 Feb
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000009</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Housing and the NDIS	When will the NDIA paper into housing issues and the NDIS be made public?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000010</b>	NDIA	McLucas	NDIS participant demographics in residential aged care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care are registered with the NDIA in each trial site?</li> <li>• How many of these are under 50 years?</li> <li>• How many of these are aged 50-54 years?</li> </ul>	Written

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<b>NDIA SQ15- 000011</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Participants with NDIS plans in residential aged care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many people under the age of 65 in residential aged care have an NDIS plan in each trial site?</li> <li>• How many of these are under 50 years?</li> <li>How many of these are aged 50-54 years?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000012</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Participants in residential aged care receiving NDIS services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many people under the age of 65 in residential aged care are currently receiving services funded by the NDIS in each trial site?</li> <li>• How many of these are under 50 years?</li> <li>How many of these are aged 50-54 years?</li> </ul>	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000014</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Participants under 65 in community based housing and support	How many people under the age of 65 have moved out of residential aged care into community based housing and support in each NDIS trial site since the trial site commenced?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000015</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Participants under 65 diverted from entering residential aged care	How many people under the age of 65 have been diverted from entering residential aged care each year since the trial site commenced?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15- 000016</b>	NDIA	McLucas	Young people in nursing homes	What process is the NDIA using to ensure those young people in the launch sites currently in nursing homes are identified and given plans?	Written