

**Department of Health - Additional Estimates 2015-16 Index of Questions on Notice**

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SQ16-000008	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon	Coal Seam Gas	Have the sections of work that NICNAS is responsible for been completed on time? How long have the delays been?	121 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000009	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon	Coal Seam Gas	Can you provide a list of companies that you invited to participate, and which ones did?	122 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000010	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon	Animal Testing/Cosmetics	Can you provide an update on how many cosmetic ingredients have had manufacturers or importer applications to NICNAS to accept overseas non-animal tested substances validated in other jurisdictions?	123 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000011	1 - Population Health	Ludlam	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)	Do you know either off the top of your head or from information that you have there at the table whether any of those four research papers were recommending or investigating either cognitive behavioural therapy or graded exercise therapy? Or were they unrelated to that?	132 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000012	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Simms	Pre Exposure Prophylaxis	Are you aware of any PrEP trials scheduled for South Australia? Is there any work being done in the state of South Australia in that regard or with provision of rapid testing?	115 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000013	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Brown	Speech Pathology	a) Where we are we at with the government responses into the out-of-pocket costs in Australia [and also] in relation to the speech pathology community affairs report? b) In terms of the speech pathology report, how many drafts have you put together? c) Could you please provide us with a list of who you have been consulting with in terms of the government's speech pathology response?	37 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000014	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Medical Research Future Fund	When will the MRFF Advisory Board be appointed?	Written
SQ16-000015	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Medical Research Future Fund	a) When is it expected the first disbursement from the MRFF will be made? b) How will the disbursements from the MRFF be impacted by the decision to create the Biomedical Translation Fund? c) Will the MRFF Act require amendment to allow the establishment of the Biomedical Translation Fund? d) Will the MRFF now be a \$750 million fund? e) Will legislation be required to establish the Biomedical Translation Fund? f) Will disbursements be made from the MRFF and Biomedical Translation Fund this year? If so when? g) Who will advise on disbursements from the Biomedical Translation Fund? h) How will researchers and other eligible organisations be invited to apply for funding from the MRFF and Biomedical Translation Fund?	Written
SQ16-000016	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	Speech Pathology	We know that a number of recommendations needed a whole-of-government response, because that was the way it worked. You said you had received responses from some of the jurisdictions. Is it possible to know from whom you have not received a response? Who has not answered?	38 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000017	1 - Population Health	Canavan	Seventh Conference of the Parties meeting in New Delhi in November (or COP 7)	a) How many Health Department staff are working on preparations for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control's 'Seventh Conference of the Parties' (or COP 7) conference in India in November of this year? b) Has the membership of the Health delegation to the COP 7 conference been determined? c) If so, how many Health Department staff will be travelling to New Delhi? d) From what employee classification will members of the Health delegation be drawn from? e) Did the Health Department liaise with any other Department or agency on the composition of its delegation to COP 7? f) Illicit trade will be a major policy agenda item at this year's COP 7 meeting. As this is an issue outside the Health portfolio's remit, who will be representing the Australian Government on this policy issue at COP 7? g) Will the Department be adding anyone to its delegation who has expertise on the illicit trade in tobacco? h) In preparing a delegation brief for COP 7 has the Health department sought any advice, or will it seek any advice, from officials in the Department of Immigration and Border protection or from officials within the Australian Border Force on the issue of the illicit trade in tobacco? i) Complex legal policy issues to do with civil liability and class actions will be a major policy agenda item at this year's COP 7 meeting. As this is a policy issue outside the Health portfolio's remit, who will be representing the Australian Government on this agenda item at COP 7? j) In preparing a delegation brief for COP 7 has the Health Department sought any advice, or will it seek any advice, from officials in the Attorney-General's Department on the upcoming COP 7 agenda items dealing strictly with legal issues?	Written
SQ16-000018	1 - Population Health	Canavan	Sixth Conference of the Parties meeting in Moscow in 2014	a) Can the Department confirm media reports that media representatives were ejected from the COP 6 meeting held in Moscow from 13 to 18 October, 2014 and then banned from covering its deliberations and proceedings? b) Did the Australian delegation lead the push to remove the public from observing the proceedings of the Conference by being the first country to move a resolution at COP 6 to this effect? c) What was the reason for excluding both the media and the public from observing the Conference's proceedings and what evidence existed to necessitate such action? d) Can the Department confirm that one of the first decisions adopted at COP 6 related to tobacco tax and pricing measures? If so, why was no one from the Australian Treasury present? e) Did anyone on the Health delegation or anyone supporting the delegation in the Health Department have any expertise in the design of tax policy? f) Did Treasury have any input on how decisions were made on tax policies at COP 6? g) When was Treasury told about the decisions that took place on tax policies at COP 6? For example, was Treasury informed of the Health delegation's decision prior to it being made on the Conference floor? h) Is it true that a decision was made at the COP 6 Conference regarding trade and investment? i) Did anyone on the COP 6 Health delegation or anyone supporting the delegation in the Health Department have any expertise in trade policy? j) Did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have any input on how decisions by the Health delegation were made on trade and investment policies at COP 6? k) When was the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade told about the decisions that took place on trade policies at COP 6?	Written
SQ16-000019	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	Delisting of Panadol Osteo	a) How has the delisting of Panadol affected its price? b) Can you please confirm if you had considered the pack sizing when making the recommendation to delist – I understand there is a discrepancy between the number of pills available on the old PBS listing and what we have now.	Written

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SQ16-000020	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	Biosimilars	a) Last year Eli Lilly were about to bring a biosimilar product onto the market that had conflicting advice from PBAC and TGA – one said it was safe and should be listed (PBAC) the other said they had concerns (TGA) so the product wasn't listed. What happened as a result of this confusion?	Written
SQ16-000021	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	PBS Reforms	a) What were the original forecast and budgeted savings for PBS reform measures since 2007 vs the actual savings achieved through these reform measures to date? b) Can you please provide a list of each reform measure with the forecast from the time of its introduction and actual savings? c) What happens to these savings made since 2007? d) Can you break down exactly how much has been reinvested into the PBS (F1 and F2 separately), how much was allocated to “other” health spend and how much returned to finance and treasury for general consolidated revenue?	Written
SQ16-000022	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	PBS Access and Sustainability Package	a) What are the revised forward estimates for expenditure on Pharmaceuticals and Related Services (by sub function) following the announcement of the PBS Access and Sustainability Package? b) What is the breakdown of the total savings from the measures (year on year) in the PBS Access and Sustainability package announced on 27 May 2015? Measures: - One-off statutory price reduction of five per cent for all medicines in the F1 formulary (on patent drugs) after they have been listed on the PBS for at least five years. - Removing the originator brand from the Price Disclosure calculation after 3 years of listing on F2 - Increasing the number of price change points from 3 to 6 per year - Flow-on price disclosure reductions from single ingredient medicines (e.g. atorvastatin) to combination items (e.g. amlodipine and atorvastatin). - Savings generated from the uptake from Biosimilars - Expanding the list of medicines covered by the 20 Day Rule - Removing (Delisting) OTC Medicines from the PBS (Revised PBAC exclusions) - Refocussing the Premium Free Dispensing Incentive (PFDI) fee to only apply where there is a brand premium - Maintain current funding levels for the Community Services Obligation (CSO), with a freeze to current indexation - Provision of National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) Products through the CSO - Allowing Pharmacy to Discount the PBS Patient Co-payment to customers c) Do you believe that you have accurately forecast the savings from last year's PBS Access & Sustainability Package (PASP). d) Can you please provide an updated expected savings for each of the measures introduced? e) Regarding the biosimilars savings measure, what were the assumptions used to forecast these savings and are these still on track, i.e. do you still anticipate market entry for biosimilars at the earliest possible opportunity following loss of exclusivity of the originator biologic? f) Has DOH raised with the Minister or other Departments or Ministers the prospect of further PBS savings measures in the coming May Budget? g) Is the DOH aware of any pharmaceutical companies which have raised concerns that policies contained in the PASP (such as changes to the calculations for the Weighted Average Disclosure Price (WADP)) could make the listing of some products on the PBS no longer viable or sustainable? - Are you aware of any pharmaceutical company that has withdrawn or which may withdraw products due to current PBS pricing policies? - Is there any concern about supply issues for particular treatments which are subject to competition and government pricing policies?	Written

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SQ16-000023	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	Accessing Closing The Gap Medicines	a) What actions are the Department or Minister taking to monitor the effect of decisions like this, especially with regard to the unintended consequences, which may adversely affect the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? b) Is the Department or Minister working with manufacturers to resume supply of these affected medications, or do they plan to? c) What other actions is the Department planning or could the Department take to determine the need for, supply of, and access to essential medicines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? d) What are the arrangements for informing the computerised medical record software companies of changes, so that software is up to date with the availability of particular brands of medications for the right patients on the PBS?	Written
SQ16-000024	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Di Natale	Home Medicines Review Programme	Back in 1998, the then Federal Government in conjunction with the Pharmacy Guild introduced the MMR programs- the Medication Management Review programs. These include the DMMR – Domiciliary Home Medication Management Review (otherwise known as the HMR- Home Medicines Review Program) for patients living in the community and the RMMR- Residential Medication Management Review Program- for patients in Aged Care Facilities. These programs have allowed closer collaborative relationships between GPs and Pharmacists and patients have benefited tremendously in terms of reducing medication misadventure and hospital admissions. In an attempt to try and limit expenditure the Pharmacy Guild, in conjunction with the Department of Ageing, introduced a limit or cap of 20 on the number of Home Medicine Reviews an individual Accredited Pharmacist can perform in a month. Can the Department indicate what impact this has had on income streams for accredited pharmacists and whether there has been a knock-on effect to the numbers of accredited pharmacists. Can the Department advise whether the number of DMMR and RMMR programs has lowered as a result?	Written
SQ16-000025	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	Drug Treatment and Prevention	On the broader question of drug strategy, what evidence is there that the existing overall spend of \$1.7bn is having an impact on drug treatment and prevention?	Written
SQ16-000026	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	Rheumatic heart disease	There is growing concern regarding the future of the rheumatic heart disease control programs in WA, SA, Qld and the NT. Commonwealth funding for the programs ends in June 2016 and the programs have been given no surety that new funding will be available post June 2016. Can the Department provide an update?	Written
SQ16-000027	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	AIVL Funding - Changes to funding	a) I understand that recent changes to funding arrangements have left the Australian Illicit and Injecting Drug User League (AIVL) in a position where its future is in doubt - is that correct? b) Did the Department intend that the recent changes to funding would result in there no longer being funding available to support the continued existence of the only peer-based national drug user organisation in Australia?	Written

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SQ16-000028	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	AIVL Funding - BBVs and STIs	Currently, People Who Inject Drugs are a priority population in 4 of the 5 national health strategies focused on BBVs/STIs: - National HIV Strategy 2014-2017 - National Hepatitis C Strategy 2014-2017 - National Hepatitis B Strategy 2014-2017 - National ATSI Blood Borne Virus and STI Strategy 2014-2017 (note that the disproportionate rate of new HIV infections among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who Inject Drugs (16% of all new HIV infections among ATSI people) compared to non-Indigenous People who Inject Drugs (3% of all new HIV infections) is of serious concern for both urban and remote communities and suggests the risk of a new emerging HIV epidemic amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who Inject Drugs is high). Given this context, why did the recent 'Invitation to Apply' (ITA) for Funding under the Communicable Diseases Prevention & Service Improvement Grants (CDPSIG) explicitly exclude funding for activities aimed at: • educating people who inject drugs on testing and treatment for hepatitis C, • encouraging utilisation of Needle & Syringe Programs to prevent BBV transmission and • to promote safer injecting practices Did the department realise these arrangements would preclude AIVL from receiving funding?	Written
SQ16-000029	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	AIVL Funding - New generation Hepatitis C treatments	The Commonwealth has recently committed \$1 billion over 5 years to providing universal access to the new generation hepatitis C treatments. Given this major investment, why at this crucial time would no inclusion be made for funding for peer-based drug user organisations and peaks to undertake their critical role in ensuring the successful national rollout of those new treatments through the effective engagement and mobilisation of the key affected community, people who inject or have injected drugs?	Written
SQ16-000030	1 - Population Health	Di Natale	AIVL Funding - scope within funding	Is there scope within any current funding program for AIVL to apply to undertake education, policy, community engagement or advocacy work?	Written
SQ16-000031	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Di Natale	Cervical Cancer	a) For latest period for which data is available, what is the rate of cervical cancer screening in indigenous as compared to non-indigenous women? b) As indigenous women are approximately 3 times more likely to develop cervical cancer, and 4 times more likely to die from it than non-Indigenous women (Cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia: an overview AIHW October 2013), what measures will the government put in place to ensure pathology providers continue to bulk-bill indigenous women?	Written
SQ16-000032	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Di Natale	Pathology Services Table	a) What changes to items in the Pathology Services Table have been made since 1998 by item number, date of effect of change and quantum of change to the MBS fee? b) For each change to an item in the Pathology Services Table since 1998, what has been the impact of the change in expenditure in the year following the change compared to the expenditure that would have occurred in that year if the item had not been changed. c) How many Approved Pathology Providers claimed a benefit from the Pathology Services Table in 2014-15? d) What proportion of Pathology Service Table items was claimed by the 6 providers with the highest volume of claims in 2014-5, 2009-10, 2004-5 and 1999-2000?	Written

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SQ16-000033	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Tobacco	In testimony to the Committee, Ms Davies of the Health Department stated that tobacco tax clearance rates “are one indication amongst many of whether plain packaging is working, including the ABS household expenditure data, which has, between September 2012 and September 2013, dropped by a total of 20 per cent.” The ABS’s seasonally adjusted, chain volume measure of household final consumption expenditure on cigarettes and tobacco fell 1.7 per cent between September 2012 and September 2013 — a smaller annual rate of decline than the average over the preceding decade, and a smaller annual rate of decline than the average over the period since. As such, to what was Ms Davies referring? Does the Department of Health consider that any ABS data indicate the effectiveness of plain packaging? Had Professor Melanie Wakefield made public comments in support of plain packaging prior to the Department contracting her Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer to conduct a survey to assess the effectiveness of plain packaging? What were Professor Wakefield’s public comments on plain packaging prior to the awarding of this contract? What are the pros and cons of having a policy assessed by an advocate of that policy?	Written
SQ16-000034	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Siewert	Accessing Closing the Gap Medicines	Could you please clarify that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are able to access the 17 Over The Counter (OTC) medicines which were delisted from general availability from the PBS on 1 January 2016, under either the Close the Gap Measure or otherwise under the PBS?	109 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000035	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Gallagher	Delisting of certain PBS Over the Counter medicines	Can you please provide some examples where the cost of some PBS listed medicines (which are also available over the counter) including to patients, is well above the cost of what these medicines could be purchased for over the counter?	110 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000036	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Brown	Diabetes related technologies	a) When was the Department requested by the Minister to start the work (provide options for establishing an appropriate assessment pathway for new technologies)? b) Can you please provide an indication of when this work may be completed?	113 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000038	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries in the Health portfolio since 20 October 2015, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs; e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
SQ16-000039	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Bilyk	Secretary’s speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings since 20 October 2015 please be provided?	Written
SQ16-000040	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 20 October 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written

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SQ16-000041	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Bilyk	Austender contracts	In relation to the contract CN3312235 as notified on AusTender, award to GFK Australia Pty Ltd for "Market Research Services" a) Which division of the Department commissioned the research? b) Was there an open tender process for this contract? c) What topic or policy was subject to research? Provide a summary of the subject matter of the research exercise. d) Is it the Government's intention for the research to inform an advertising campaign? If so, what budget has been allocated for the advertising campaign? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted, and what research tools were used? g) Were focus groups used? If so, on what dates, and how many participants were involved for each the focus groups convened? h) What other forms of research tools were used? i) Has the Minister been briefed, and/or provided with a copy of the results of the research (please specify)?	Written
SQ16-000042	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Cameron	Privatisation of Medicare Payments system	What guarantees will there be that Medicare records and patient data will be safe if the payment system is outsourced? What research or analysis shows that those records can be kept safe by a private provider? What accountability measures will private sector be subject to if the payments system are privatised?	Written
SQ16-000043	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written
SQ16-000044	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Medical Research Future Fund	a) Will responsibility for the Biomedical Translation Fund sit with the Minister for Health or Minister for Innovation? b) Which Department is responsible for its administration?	Written
SQ16-000045	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	a) How many organisations whose contracts expire June 30 have been advised that they will not be receiving further funding? b) Could we have a list of these organisations?	Written
SQ16-000046	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	a) How many organisations whose contracts expired December 31 2015 were advised that they would not receive ongoing funding? b) Could we have a list of these organisations?	Written
SQ16-000047	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	a) How many organisations whose contracts expire June 30 have been advised that they will receive reduced funding? b) Could we have a list of these organisations?	Written
SQ16-000048	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	Will the National Breastfeeding Helpline be funded beyond June 30, and if so for how long and for how much?	Written
SQ16-000049	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	On what basis was the decision not to fund the Women's Health Network made?	Written
SQ16-000050	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	On what basis was the decision not to fund Arthritis Australia made?	Written
SQ16-000051	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Tobacco Control	How does Australia compare to other countries in terms of tax on tobacco products? If possible can this information be provided in a table showing comparative rates	Written
SQ16-000052	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Tobacco Control	Can the department provide a list of international comparisons for the level of tax charged on tobacco, showing how Australia compares with other countries?	Written
SQ16-000053	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Tobacco Control	Can the Department provide data, including graphs, on smoking rates other than those included in the 2013 National Drug Strategy Household Survey	Written
SQ16-000055	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Palliative Care	a) Has the Government responded to the Community Affairs References Committee Palliative Care Senate Inquiry. b) Has any assessment of the operation of Better Access to Palliative Care project been undertaken. c) Has the project led to cost savings compared to in-hospital palliative care, if so what was the saving per person.	Written

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SQ16-000056	1 - Population Health	Moore	e cigarettes	As part of its work to advise the Federal government on an appropriate regulatory regime for e-cigarettes, I understand that the Federal Department of Health is undertaking a review of policy options - "Department of Health review of regulations for electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and smokeless tobacco. a) When does the Department expect this work to be finished? b) Unlike similar reviews, this work has not been opened to public consultation – can the Department explain why? c) Have consumers of e-cigarettes been consulted and if not, why not? d) Who has been consulted as part of this review and why? e) Will this review be open for public consultation as has been the case for similar reviews in South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland? If so, when? If not, why not? f) Will this work be released to the public? If so, when? If not, why not?	Written
SQ16-000057	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Drug Strategy	How will the Government ensure that the \$241.5 million Ice package will pay particular focus to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with substance misuse problems?	Written
SQ16-000058	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Drug Strategy	Since \$78.6 million has been diverted from Indigenous health to this ice package component, can we expect the PHN's to dedicate extra energies to supporting the alcohol and drug treatment sector for Indigenous people?	Written
SQ16-000059	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Drug Strategy	In regards to the \$141 million from mental health services, Dr Studdert indicated that the Health Department would "expect some synergies" between PHN rollout of mental health funding and drug and alcohol service funding (also through the PHNs). What guarantee can the Department give that "these synergies" will ensure that sufficient attention is paid to mental health services to justify the \$141 million cut?	Written
SQ16-000060	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Drug Strategy	The \$241.5 million ice package is being in part funded by money diverted from mental health (\$141 million) and Indigenous health (\$78.6 million). At the estimates hearings Dr Southern confirmed that the remaining \$20 million will be funded by "other savings". There are several other components of the total ice task force spend including an additional \$13 million to introduce new MBS items for Addiction Medicine Specialists to increase the availability of treatment; an additional \$24.9 million to help families and communities by providing the resources, information and support they need to respond to ice; an additional \$18.8 million to establish better research, evidence and guidelines on ice, including a new Centre for Clinical Excellence for Emerging Drugs of Concern. Where will the funding come for these components?	Written
SQ16-000061	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Food Standards	a) It appears our food standards may be lower than European jurisdiction, particularly as they relate to phthalates? How do our standards compare internationally? b) What actions is FSANZ taking to ensure monitoring of the food supply continues? c) What work is FSANZ doing to improve standards of food packing as they relate to phthalates? d) Has FSANZ had any dealings with manufacturers of products where the levels have exceeded the acceptable levels? If not, why not? e) Has the Australian Government, through the Minister made any enquiries about the safety of the food packaging? When? f) Do you anticipate a conclusion of the work you are doing on Proposal P1034, which commenced in 2014?	Written
SQ16-000062	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Gallagher	6th CPA	Can the department provide us with figures on the change in price for general consumers of the 10 most commonly prescribed medicines as a result of the move to the new Administration, Handling and Infrastructure fee.	Written
SQ16-000063	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Gallagher	6th CPA	Could we have a list of the DPMQ of the 10 most commonly prescribed medicines before and after the introduction of the new pricing arrangement?	Written



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SQ16-000064	2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services	Gallagher	6th CPA Discounting the PBS co-payment	a) Could the department provide the committee with the latest statistics on prescriptions and pharmacies offering the voluntary \$1 discount for prescriptions? b) Could the figures for prescriptions be broken down by total prescriptions, and prescriptions eligible for the discount?	Written
SQ16-000065	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MBS Review	The head of the MBS Review Professor Robinson is reported to have told an AMA-hosted forum on the MBS Review that the taskforce co-ordinating the review had been given no say over a 28 December announcement by Health Minister Sussan Ley that an initial batch of 23 items had been recommended for removal from the MBS. Whose decision was it to make that announcement public?	Written
SQ16-000066	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MBS Review	In a press statement released by the minister on December 28, the minister declared that the review had recommended 23 MBS items for removal. Is this correct, and what savings will be made as a result of this decision?	Written
SQ16-000067	1 - Population Health	Rhiannon	Primates testing	Evidence provided by Professor Anne Kelso in the recent inquiry hearing into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015) confirmed there is a high failure rate of drugs successfully tested in animal trials but which fail in human clinical trials, and that a large number of drugs failed during the pre-clinical animal trials: Which drugs are known to have failed animal tests but have worked in humans – for example Tamoxifen is a widely used drug in the treatment of breast cancer despite having failed in animals?	Written
SQ16-000068	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MBS Review	Prior to the announcement of the latest stage of the MBS Review the Minister's office distributed to a number of media outlets, in confidence, a document of cases studies which were alleged to be examples of MBS Expenditure that was "not necessary, wasteful, sometimes even harmful for patients". How many of the items on this list have been recommended for removal.	Written
SQ16-000069	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Cuts	In each Commonwealth electoral division for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years, what is the Medicare Bulk billing rate for Diagnostic Imaging Services?	Written
SQ16-000070	5 - Primary Health Care	Siewert	PHNs	Was consideration given at the time instead of directly transferring those to the PHNs to actually then transfer them to the AMSs?	63 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000071	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Medicare bulk billing	In each Commonwealth Electoral Division for the 2015 calendar years, what is the: a) average Medicare benefits per-capita; b) number of total un-referred (GP) attendances bulk billed; c) number of services for total un-referred (GP) attendances; d) Medicare GP Bulk Billing Rates (Non-referred GP attendances [excluding Practice Nurse Items]); and e) average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for total un-referred (GP) attendances.	Written
SQ16-000072	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Cuts	a) When is it anticipated that the Mid Year Budget changes to pathology and diagnostic imaging will be tabled? b) Will these be tabled as separate regulations, or included in the general Medicare Schedule? c) Does the Department expect bulk billing rates to decline once the changes to pathology and diagnostic imaging commence? d) What modelling has the department undertaken to underpin this assumption?	Written
SQ16-000075	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Cuts	How many additional patients are forecast to qualify for the Medicare Safety Net as a result of the withdrawal of bulk billing incentives for pathology and diagnostic imaging services.	Written
SQ16-000077	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Cuts	In each Commonwealth electoral division for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years, what is the Medicare Bulk billing rate for pathology services?	Written
SQ16-000078	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MRI and PET	a) What is the annual cost to Medicare for a new full licence for an MRI machine? b) What is the annual cost to Medicare for a new full licence for a PET scanner?	Written

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SQ16-000079	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MRI and PET	a) What is the additional annual cost to Medicare of turning partial licence for an MRI machine into a full licence? b) What is the additional annual cost to Medicare of turning partial licence for a PET scanner into a full licence?	Written
SQ16-000080	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	When is it expected the government will respond to the review into the Organ and Tissue Authority?	Written
SQ16-000081	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	What is the government's intention for the OTA Advisory Council?	Written
SQ16-000082	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	How do the 2015 donation rates compare to 2014? And 2009?	Written
SQ16-000083	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	Therapeutic Goods Administration	a) There is an application now before the TGA and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee for an alternative use, to prevent transmission in HIV negative people – also called PrEP. Can you update the committee where that process is up to? b) There are a number of demonstration trials underway – in Queensland, NSW and Victoria. I understand that the evidence about PrEP has been fairly conclusively demonstrated in international studies. What are the Australian trials investigating? c) Are the Australian trials feeding into the TGA and PBAC process? d) Will the extension and expansion of the existing trials in any way delay the TGA and PBAC consideration?	Written
SQ16-000084	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	e-Health	a) Can the department advise on how many doctors are using electronic health records on a weekly basis, and how many patients are regularly accessing electronic health records? b) How many shared health summaries have been uploaded to individual health records? c) Can the department advise on the total cost of rebranding PCEHR to MyHealth Record? d) Can the department advise on the cost of the consultants advising on the new commission that will be in charge of running e-health?	Written
SQ16-000085	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Gallagher	Microbeads	a) What level of post-market monitoring has been completed by NICNAS or other agencies on the environmental impact of microbeads on Australian waterways? b) How many products in the Australian market contain microbeads? c) Has NICNAS commenced any work, either with industry, or government, or other stakeholders, to review our current standards as they relate to Microbeads? d) What actions are required to be undertaken by NICNAS, or by Government, to bring Australian standards on microbeads into line with overseas jurisdictions like the United States.	Written
SQ16-000086	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	Flexible Funds	Could you please provide the table referred to on page 23 of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee Hansard from Wednesday 10, February 2016 with regard to indexation freezes and the allocation across different funds. An undertaking was provided by Mr Bowles during hearings to make this table available.	Written

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SQ16-000087	1 - Population Health	Gallagher	Diabetes	a) How many recommendations were made by The National Diabetes Strategy Expert Advisory group to Government? b) How many of these recommendations have been adopted by the Government? c) In regards to the recommendations made by the expert advisory group and not adopted by the Government, which ones were they and for what reason/s were they rejected by the Government and not included in the National Diabetes Strategy? d) Can the Department outline what is the implementation Strategy and will the Department be going to involve any external, experts in the implementation of the National Diabetes Strategy and if so, who? Or will it involve the experts who put this strategy together in the first place?	Written
SQ16-000088	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Prostheses	a) I refer to the Ministers press release on 5th Feb "Prostheses reform a priority for cheaper health premiums" and the establishment of an industry working group, what is the timeline for the work of the committee and report back to Government? b) If the industry working group doesn't reach an agreement on Prostheses List reform, will the Government mandate price cuts for the Prostheses List? c) The Private Health Insurance industry and most recently the CEO of Private Healthcare Australia in a press release on 5 Feb 16 "Private patients paying too much for medical implants and surgical supplies" stated that there is \$800m in savings per annum to be made from reforming the Prostheses List. In regards to the \$800m claimed saving, does the Government agree with the private health insurance industry that there are \$800m in savings to be had? d) Depending on what savings may or may not exist from reform to the Prostheses List, will the Government guarantee that any savings that may exist will all flow through to consumers via lower health insurance premiums and not to the profits of private health insurers?	Written
SQ16-000089	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Williams	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies	a) Can you give a breakdown of recipients under the 2015-16 Department of Health and Ageing Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme? b) What deliverables are tied to such funding? c) What is the breakdown of Health Peak and Advisory Bodies funding recipients who have representatives on government reviews and panels? d) Can you also detail what additional funding for projects, programmes and other activities is supplied to any of these groups in addition to general funding allocated for their being Health Peak and Advisory Bodies? e) Do these Health Peak and Advisory Bodies also charge their members a fee to belong to these groups?	Written
SQ16-000090	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Siewert	Aged Care Education and Training	What is the transition or grandfathering for individuals who may have commenced a course on the understanding that support was available through the Aged Care Education and Training Incentive Program, or the Aged Care Vocational Education and Training professional development programmes? Will individuals who have already commenced a course continue to receive support?	Written

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SQ16-000091	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Siewert	Aged Care and Disability Interface	In relation to individuals with a disability who are eligible for support through My Aged Care: a) Does the government consider the provision of disability supports under the My Aged Care system to be discriminatory towards older Australians with disability, given that it appears to allow significantly less flexibility in package size and management than the NDIS as well as a distinct focus on co-payment not evident in the NDIS? b) There are various government agreements – such as the National Health Reform Agreement (Schedule F) - and policy principles, such as those underlying interface work for the NDIS which speak about equality across both the NDIS and aged care systems for people with disability. How is this equality being actively enforced and measured? c) What measures are being put in place to ensure that people with disability are provided with adequate NDIS supports after they turn 65 so that aged care supports are only accessed when they are truly appropriate and truly the choice of the person? d) What statistics are available on the number of people with disability accessing the aged care system, by disability type and jurisdiction? e) Please provide these statistics.	Written
SQ16-000092	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Eye Health Care	In September 2015, Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash announced additional funding for Indigenous eye health care. Did the Minister or the Department issue a press release or document detailing this announcement? If not, why? Who made the decision not to release any Ministerial or departmental release or documentation about the funding commitment?	Written
SQ16-000093	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Eye Health Care	Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash announced \$4.6 million over four years from 2015-16 to enhance Indigenous eye health through the provision of eye care coordinators. a) Who will be the recipient of this funding? Current Fund holders? b) How will funding be administered? Direct allocation or tendering process? c) What level of coordination does this new funding provide? d) How many eye health coordinators will be funded from this money? e) How will locations of eye health coordinators be determined? f) How will eye health coordinators interact with PHNs?	Written
SQ16-000094	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Eye Health Care	Is the annual provision of \$1.25 million in program funding previously held under the MSOAP Eye Health Expansion package by IRIS continued under any other program, including the Rural Health Outreach Fund?	Written
SQ16-000095	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Eye Health Care	How does the Government currently fund outreach ophthalmology services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? What level of funding is committed to ophthalmology outreach services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?	Written
SQ16-000096	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Australians Health Programme	The 2015-16 MYEFO showed a \$78.6 million cut from the Indigenous Australians Health Programme to fund the National Ice Taskforce. Provide detail on how this cut has been applied, over what period, and what programs or funding pools within the Indigenous Australians Health Programmes have been reduced or otherwise affected.	Written
SQ16-000097	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Indigenous Australians Health Programme	Does the Indigenous Australians Health Programme fund alcohol and substance abuse treatment services?	Written
SQ16-000098	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Aged Care Visits	a) How many aged care facility visits have Minister Ley and Assistant Minister Wyatt have made since taking on their portfolio duties as part of Malcolm Turnbull's Ministry team? This may be based on the event briefs prepared by the Department for the Ministers if access to their diaries is not possible Include dates, locations, name of facilities and purpose of the meeting (including whether a speech or media release was required) b) How many of these visits were to dementia care units?	Written

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SQ16-000099	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Sector Meetings	Please outline how many meetings Minister Ley and Assistant Minister Wyatt have had with: aged care providers; unions or employer organisations; consumer groups (seniors and aged care) - again based on the meeting briefs prepared by the Department. Include dates, name of group/organisation (or the type of organisation).	Written
SQ16-000100	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Aged Care Roadmap	The Aged care Sector Committee reported in the December 2015 Communique that the Aged care Roadmap had been delivered to the Minister. How long will it be for the document to be released publically? Can you provide the Committee with a copy?	Written
SQ16-000101	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Polley	Claims Processing	In The Australian on 10 February 2016, Sean Parnell wrote on privatising Medicare: Minister Ley, in a statement, said her department had been looking for a “more consumer-friendly and faster format” of claims processing and was working with business innovation and technology experts on possible solutions. a) Outline exactly who the Department is working with. b) What experience do these experts have in working with the aged care sector? c) What outcomes is the Department seeking to achieve in aged care claims processing? d) Is there an operational budget? If so, please outline what is budgeted and how it will be spent across the forward estimates. e) What time frame has been set to deliver a solution?	Written
SQ16-000102	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	My Aged Care	Minister Ley and formerly Minister Fifield envisioned ‘Trip Advisor’ like capabilities for My Aged Care to ensure consumers had consumer-based information on services and how well they worked for consumers. When will we see My Aged Care become a gateway that puts consumer information and consumer needs first and foremost – with the information that consumers want on services and quality to support their decision-making?	Written
SQ16-000103	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	My Aged Care	a) How does the Department measure consumer satisfaction with My Aged Care? b) What qualitative measures are used? c) Please provide an update on the satisfaction of GPs, allied health providers and other medical operators in using My Aged Care for referrals? d) How does the Department measure the satisfaction of consumers? e) How are consumers selected for interview / focus groups etc?	Written
SQ16-000104	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Disability	a) What supports are offered to people with disability in the Commonwealth Home Support Program and Home Care Packages to address disabilities, as opposed to age-related health issues? b) What support is available for people who are blind or vision impaired? Can they access services provided by organisations such as Guide Dogs Australia, Vision 2020 etc? c) How much flexibility is in the services and packages to meet the needs of people with non-age related conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease? d) Please outline the extent of collaboration with the disability sector and DSS to meet the needs of older Australians living with disability.	Written
SQ16-000105	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Disability	What are the statistics about the number of people with disability accessing the aged care system, by disability type and jurisdiction?	Written
SQ16-000106	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Subsidies	a) Please outline how the subsidies/supplements are calculated? b) What consideration has been made for wages, superannuation, travel, training, professional development? If any, please provide a breakdown.	Written
SQ16-000107	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	ACFI	a) Outline the investigations undertaken that have determined providers were not complying with ACFI? b) How many providers were found to be noncompliant? c) What reasons were found for non-compliance? d) How many providers have been found to be deliberately misleading the Department and claiming subsidies inappropriately? e) What action has been undertaken to date? f) Please outline how the figure of \$1.2 million was calculated (for revenue from fines)? How many providers does the Department expect to fine?	Written

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SQ16-000108	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Rural and Remote Services	a) Please outline what action the Government will take to ensure the viability of aged care services in regional, rural and remote parts of the nation. b) What are the priorities for the Government following ACFA's February 2016 report?	Written
SQ16-000109	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Workforce Development	a) Please outline what aged care programs are being funded from the previous Aged care Workforce Development Fund, that has now been streamlined with health workforce funding? b) In addition, please indicate the funding allocated to the aged care programs?	Written
SQ16-000110	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Workforce Development	a) What is the Government's role in aged care workforce development? b) What work had the Department undertaken in relation to developing a workforce strategy, as per former Minister Fifield's promise and referred to in the Aged Care Sector Committee's June 2014 Communique? c) What role will the Government have in developing an aged care workforce strategy?	Written
SQ16-000111	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Dementia	a) Outline in details how the Department is coordinating improvements in dementia services in the health system and implementation the National Dementia Framework? b) What are the significant issues that have been raised? c) How are these being addressed?	Written
SQ16-000112	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Dementia	What is the status of the timely diagnosis and acute care funding initiatives from the 2012 aged care reform budget? Please provide detail of how the \$39.2 million to improve hospital care for people with dementia and the \$41.3 million to improve timely diagnosis has been allocated?	Written
SQ16-000113	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	Medicare Locals Programme – Winding up Costs	Is there a final figure associated with the cost of closing the Medicare Locals and establishing the 31 new PHNs? Can I get a breakdown of that \$44 million?	58 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000114	5 - Primary Health Care	Rice	Better Access – Cost Effectiveness in Relation to Other Mental Health Programmes	Has there been a comparison of the cost-effectiveness of Better Access in relation to other mental health programs, such as the access to Allied Psychological Services, Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas or the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program?	68 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000115	5 - Primary Health Care	Rice	Mental Health	Is there a KPMG review of mental health is multicultural Australia?	79 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000116	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Pregnancy, Birth and Baby Hotline	Part of the process was a pregnancy, birth and baby hotline that was available for services. I think that is through the maternity plan. One of the elements of the work they did was around breastfeeding. They took a lot of calls on that. It was expanded on 3 December to look at parenting issues around kids up to five years of age, taking it away from the infant focus to the early childhood focus. Can I just get some information about that change and what the difference is going to be.	84 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000117	1 - Population Health	Moore	National Maternity Services Plan	Mr Cormack, will the federal government put onto the next agenda – for that meeting for that meeting of national minister – the issue of the next national maternity plan?	82 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000118	1 - Population Health	Moore	National Maternity Services Plan	In terms of the National Maternity Services Plan, on the Health website we have the implementation plan for the middle year 2012-13, which had the priorities. We also have the annual reports from 2010-11 and 2011-12. Are there subsequent annual reports that are elsewhere that I will not be able to find on the website?	82 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000119	1 - Population Health	Moore	National Maternity Services Plan	The other issue I had in following up through Minister Ley's office was on the process of collaborative arrangements and where collaborative arrangements are now operating with midwives in practices. Do you have any data on that? One of the people in Minister Ley's office was following up on that for me as well. I would really like the data by state. I know it is a relatively small number but I would like to see which jurisdictions are moving more quickly on that. I know it is a decision for the individual private obstetricians to actually initiate practice, but it was one of the core elements of the midwifery plan that we had in the last government to encourage collaborative arrangements, so I would like to see where that program is up to.	87 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000120	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	National Mental Health Service Planning Framework	Senator GALLAGHER: It has been quite an expensive piece of work, with I think \$1.235 million in October. Is there an update on that cost? Mr Cormack: I do not have that cost at my fingertips, but we will attempt to rustle that up.	74 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000121	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	Components of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative Funding	Senator GALLAGHER: That initiative had money that went to beyondblue. It had money that went to the states and territories and it had another third component. I am trying to recall where that went. Mr Cormack: We will give you a breakdown of that program, but the salient point is that the national partnership agreement concluded and it was not renewed.	75 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000122	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	Components of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative Funding	Senator GALLAGHER: So, the other components of it, which I think from memory went to beyondblue and one other place, it was used for some other piece of work, which I cannot quite recall, that was non-ongoing funding? Mr Cormack: We will take that on notice.	75 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000123	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Evaluation of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative NPA element	Senator MOORE: Can I get on notice whether there was an evaluation of it? Mr Cormack: Yes, certainly.	85 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000125	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Taxi costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written
SQ16-000126	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Hospitality and Entertainment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written

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SQ16-000127	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.	Written
SQ16-000128	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Staffing profile	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written
SQ16-000129	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Staffing Reductions	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a) What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?	Written
SQ16-000130	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Staffing Recruitment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written



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SQ16-000131	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Kitchen Appliances	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased? b) Why were the appliances purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the appliances come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?	Written
SQ16-000132	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or Agencies with Boards)	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. What travel expenses have been incurred; 3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. What conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. What remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	Written
SQ16-000133	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Corporate Cars	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d) How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d) How far did each car travel during the specified period?	Written
SQ16-000134	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Government Payments of Accounts	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014? 7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written
SQ16-000135	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Hire Cars	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written

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SQ16-000136	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Credit Cards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.	Written
SQ16-000137	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Functions	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister . Include: a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.	Written
SQ16-000138	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Red Tape Reduction	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?	Written

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SQ16-000139	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Land Costs	1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?	Written
SQ16-000140	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written
SQ16-000141	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Printing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please list all documents that have been printed at the expense of the department/agency where 500 or more copies have been produced? Please include the total number produced as well a) How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? a) If so, what companies were used? b) How were they selected? c) What was the total cost of this printing by item?	Written
SQ16-000142	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Communications Staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 4. How many are graphic designers? 5. How many are media managers? 6. How many organise events? Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.	Written

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SQ16-000143	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: a) the date they were ordered b) the date they commenced c) the minister responsible d) the department responsible e) the nature of the review f) their terms of reference g) the scope of the review h) Who is conducting the review i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j) the expected report date k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g) If yes, for each, who selected them h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 3. Which reviews are on-going? a) Please list them. b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? a) When will each planned review be commenced? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) When will government respond to each review? d) Will the government release each review? If so, when? If not, why not?</p>	Written
SQ16-000144	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Commissioned Reports	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? a) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written
SQ16-000145	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please detail any board appointments made to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</p>	Written

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SQ16-000146	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Stationery Requirements	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office. b) Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date. 3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.	Written
SQ16-000147	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Electronic Equipment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office. a) List the items b) List the items location or normal location c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d) List the total cost of the items e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f) List the date they were provided to the office g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department	Written
SQ16-000148	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Media Subscriptions	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Written
SQ16-000149	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Meeting Costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written

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SQ16-000150	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Polley	Visits to Aged Care Facilities	Senator POLLEY: I think it is rather important, considering the calls that have been made from the sector and the public and even me that we needed a minister for ageing, for us to know how many visits the minister has made to the facilities, when they occurred, which-aged care facilities she—and also the assistant minister—actually visited outside her own electorate, what the purpose was of her visits and what the outcomes were.	87 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000151	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Polley	MYEFO Committee Minutes	Senator POLLEY: Can we get copies of those minutes from those meetings? Is that possible to have them tabled? [Expenditure Working Group was mentioned by Ms McCarthy above]	93 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000152	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Siewert	Aged Care	Senator SIEWERT: I am wondering, because I am conscious of time, whether it is possible for you to table the list of projects? Ms Moody: I do not know if I have it in a form where I could just table it but I can certainly give it to you on notice. Senator SIEWERT: That would be great if you could. Ms Moody: Yes. There is a whole range of projects. Senator SIEWERT: Yes. That would be helpful. Ms Moody: During what was the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grant, ACSIHAG, that you might remember— Senator SIEWERT: Yes. I always loved that name. Ms Moody: It is now, DACS, Dementia and Aged Care Services program. There are various grants rounds where we go out to the market for projects; CALD and the other special needs groups are also a focus of additional projects that we would take on that aim at those. The point I am trying to make is that the strategy is always growing and changing. Senator SIEWERT: If you could table that— Ms Moody: Yes, I can. Senator SIEWERT: Does it have the cost of the projects as well? Ms Moody: We can give you the cost, the time and who the organisation is with, because all of that is publicly available in that all grant information is funded. These are grants. We can give you a consolidated list under the CALD strategy.	95 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000153	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Ludwig	Media Training	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: a) Total spending on these services b) An itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) The location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 4. The location used 5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written

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SQ16-000154	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Consultancies	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e.. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? a) List each, including name, cost and purpose b) If so, why?	Written
SQ16-000155	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: 3. What is provided? 4. The purchase cost. 5. The ongoing cost. 6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written
SQ16-000156	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Provision of Equipment - Departmental	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written
SQ16-000157	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Computers	1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written

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SQ16-000158	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Travel Costs - Department	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 7. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel? 9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written
SQ16-000159	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Grants	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants? 2. How are grants applied for? 3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. a) Can these restrictions be waived? If yes, please detail the process for waiving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waived. 4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? 5. Who is involved in this selection process? 6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. a) Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail. 7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.	Written
SQ16-000160	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding? If so: a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.	Written



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SQ16-000161	5 - Primary Health Care	Siewert	Indigenous Health	a) The New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services expanding from 85 to 136 sites by 2018. What is the progress on that? b) The Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program will be expanding from 3 to 13 sites by 2018. What is the progress on that? How are those sites determined? What regions are they likely to cover? c) The Closing the gap report mentions that \$21 million of the Women's safety package is specifically targeted at Aboriginal communities. How exactly will that be rolled out? d) Will the Government provide funding for the Yiriman suicide prevention project? Have they received advice on how to apply for funding?	Written
SQ16-000162	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Media Monitoring	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c) Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c) Itemise these expenses	Written
SQ16-000163	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Who is the manual distributed to? 5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?	Written
SQ16-000164	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.	Written
SQ16-000165	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written

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SQ16-000166	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?	Written
SQ16-000167	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Statutory Review Provisions	Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide: 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written

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SQ16-000168	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Sunset Provisions	1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: a) What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? b) Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? c) Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the sunset provisions becoming active d) When did/will this work begin? 2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes: a) When is/was the review due to commence. b) What is the expected report date. c) Who is the minister responsible for the review d) What department is responsible for the review e) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. f) List the terms of reference. g) What is the scope of the review. h) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? i) What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? j) When was the Minister briefed on this matter? k) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? l) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review m) Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written
SQ16-000169	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Legal Costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written
SQ16-000170	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?	Written
SQ16-000171	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Vending Machines	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written
SQ16-000172	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Self Initiated Work	1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)? 2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: 3. When did the project commence? 4. When is it expected to conclude? 5. What will the total cost of the project be? 6. Where did the money for the project come from? 7. Where is the project based?	Written

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SQ16-000173	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Staff Awards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes: a) What was the reason for the awards? b) What was the criteria for the awards? c) What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc) d) How much was spent on the award? 2. How were the awards presented? 3. Who presented the awards? 4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes: a) Where was it held? b) Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much? c) How much was spent on catering? d) How many people attended? e) Did the minister attend? Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?	Written
SQ16-000174	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Change Management	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the Department/Agency engaged in a policy of Change Management? If yes: a) Please detail the policy. b) When was the policy introduced? c) What are the goals of the policy? d) How much was spent on consulting for the policy and who was contracted for this consultation? e) How much was spent implementing this policy?	Written
SQ16-000175	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? a) If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. b) If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c) If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? d) If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.	Written
SQ16-000176	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Cameron	Medicare Fraud and Billing Errors	How many cases of incorrect Medicare claiming or fraud did the Department identify in the financial years 2013-14, 2014-2015, and so far in 2015-16 in the following areas: 1) Incorrect billing. 2) Incorrect prescribing. 3) Inappropriate ordering and/or incorrect use of pathology and imaging services. 4) Consultations billed without referrals.	Written
SQ16-000177	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Fee for Services	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 9. Test	Written
SQ16-000178	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Documents Provided to Minister	1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature. 2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3. How are they transmitted to the office? 4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?	Written

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SQ16-000179	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Merchandise or Promotional Material	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item. 4. List the quantity of each item. 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation. 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?	Written
SQ16-000180	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Domain Usage	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: 1. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). 2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. 3. Number of times the site was accessed.	Written
SQ16-000181	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Ministerial Website	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? a) List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written
SQ16-000182	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Report Printing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? 2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal	Written
SQ16-000183	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	FOI Requests	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b) For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written
SQ16-000184	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.	Written

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SQ16-000185	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written
SQ16-000186	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written
SQ16-000187	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Workplace Assessments	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? a) List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written
SQ16-000188	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - Stats	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many FOI requests were received to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?	Written
SQ16-000189	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Multiple Tenders	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written
SQ16-000190	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Market Research	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: a) List the total cost of this research b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c) Who conducted the research? d) How were they identified? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted? g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i) How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j) What input did the Minister have? k) How was it approved? l) Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.	Written

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SQ16-000191	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these changes c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, who conducted the works? e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written
SQ16-000192	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Wine Coolers / Fridges	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure e) If so, where were these purchased f) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased g) If so, what is the current location for these items? h) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written
SQ16-000193	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Office Plants	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written
SQ16-000194	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Office Recreation Facilities	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written
SQ16-000195	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: a) Date the lease agreement is active from. b) Date the lease agreement ends. c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: a) Date from which the lease agreement was active. b) Date the lease agreement ended. c) Why was the lease not renewed? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c) Expected location of the building (City and state). d) Expected cost of the lease. 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? e) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 5. For each building owned or leased by the department: a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building? If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.	Written

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SQ16-000196	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Ludwig	Government Advertising/Marketing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on marketing? a) List the total cost b) List each item of expenditure and cost c) List the approving officer for each item. d) Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. e) Which firm provided the marketing? 2. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)? a) List the total cost b) List each item of expenditure and cost c) Where the advertising appeared d) List the approving officer for each item. e) Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. f) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. 3. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a) List the total expected cost. b) List each item of expenditure and cost. c) Where the advertising will appear d) List the approving officer for each item. e) Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. f) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.	Written
SQ16-000197	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce	Has the Taskforce met with the Minister during the course of this review? Do you know how many times? How many times has the Minister met with Professor Bruce Robinson?	47 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000199	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	Breastfeeding Facilities for Staff	a) Do you have a policy within the department for staff and breastfeeding? b) Is your internal plan based on the WHO guidelines? c) In your department, is it in policy and not in the enterprise bargain? d) Are you able to commit to having those special facilities at all your locations?	85 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000200	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	AIHW involvement in committees related to adoption and permanent care of children	a) Is there an interdepartmental committee on which AIHW works with other areas on the issue of adoption? b) Does the AIHW look at permanent care, where there are orders for permanent care, rather than adoption, through to 18? c) Do you include that in that committee work?	40 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000201	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	AIHW clients in 2014–15	Can we get a list of clients from last year, including funding by client overall and for work in the areas of domestic and family violence, adoptions and out-of-home care?	40 - 10/0/2/16
SQ16-000202	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Moore	AIHW releases and associated funding	a) What are the core documents that AIHW produces annually? b) Is that out of the ongoing expectation of funding? c) Is that one of the reasons that you get core funding year in and year out?	40 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000203	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Brown	AIHW work on child protection and youth justice	a) When can we expect the AIHW publication about child protection and youth justice which was mentioned in the Canberra Times newspaper of 10 February 2016 to be released? b) Which datasets does this research utilise? c) Was the work that you have done on this report undertaken for another organisation, or was it self-initiated? d) Can you provide information on other research that you are currently undertaking on any of the child protection issues?	40 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000204	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Brown	AIHW releases on mothers and babies	a) What is the status of the National Maternity Data Development Project? b) Is the Australia's mothers and babies publication annual? c) How is information on mothers, babies and maternal deaths obtained?	41 - 10/0/2/16
SQ16-000205	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	Does the Communicable Disease Network Australia monitor Lyme disease testing and pathology outcomes? If not, who does?	Written
SQ16-000206	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	ELISA Tests	How many people have been tested for Lyme disease (B.burgdorferi, B. afzelii, B. garinii) using ELISA tests that were Medicare funded, by year, since 2000?	Written
SQ16-000207	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	ELISA tests	How many of the number of Medicare funded ELISA tests were: a) positive and referred for western blot testing b) positive and not referred for western blot testing c) false positive d) negative e) equivocal	Written



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SQ16-000208	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	ELISA Tests	If a Medicare funded ELISA test is reported as equivocal, what is the procedural action taken?	Written
SQ16-000209	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	Lyme Disease Testing	Which NATA accredited laboratories in Australia are testing for Lyme disease – including B.burgdorferi, B. afzelii, B. garinii – by western blot as part of Medicare funded services.	Written
SQ16-000210	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	Western Blot Testing	How many people were tested for Lyme disease using a western blot? What were the results of the Medicare funded western blot tests?	Written
SQ16-000211	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	ELISA and Western Blot Test Costs	Individually, how much do an ELISA and a western blot test cost: a) for the laboratory; b) for the patient; and c) what is the Medicare funded component?	Written
SQ16-000212	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	Western Blot Tests	Why do laboratories who provide Medicare funded western blot tests, not report the full western blot result by band ?	Written
SQ16-000213	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Western Blot Tests	Does the Australian Government have guidelines for the determination of a positive result on a western blot tests? If so, please state it.	Written
SQ16-000214	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	Western Blot Tests	How many and which bands are considered on a western blot test for a positive diagnosis to be made? Who established that criteria?	Written
SQ16-000215	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Madigan	ELISA and Western Blot Tests	Please state the type and manufacturer of all test kits used by the laboratories providing Medicare funded ELISA and western blot tests for Lyme disease in Australia.	Written
SQ16-000216	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	In October I asked about what the Department of Health has done about making Doctors aware of tick borne diseases – other than Lyme disease – Anaplasma, Mycoplasma and Rickettsia. You referred me only to the Lyme disease page of your website which does not answer the question. Again, I ask this question as two recent research papers, the result of an ARC grant, indicate that Australia ticks are carrying significant amounts of known pathogens.	Written
SQ16-000217	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	What pathology tests does Australia have to identify Bartonella henselae, Neorhlichia's spp., Clostridium histolyticum, Rickettsia, Leptospira inadai and Babesias, Anaplasmas, Ehrlichia, Francisella?	Written
SQ16-000218	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	In October I also asked about Australian diagnostic guidelines for Lyme disease[Ref No: SQ15-000754]. You answered that the Departments guideline was for overseas acquired Lyme disease. The Department has omitted the single diagnostic sign, determined by the CDC in the USA for Lyme disease acquired there, that unequivocally diagnoses Lyme disease; that is the pathognomonic bulls-eye rash. a) Why has this been omitted from the diagnostic criteria of the Australian guideline? b) Why does the Australian diagnostic guideline differ from the USA who have more than 300,000 cases of Lyme disease p.a. and much more experience in the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease? c) The guideline also states “an annular rash, Erythema Migrans may be present in 70–80% of patients presenting with Lyme disease” ; from where and what is the research basis of the 70-80% assertion?	Written

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SQ16-000219	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	In October [Ref No: SQ15-000759], you reported that “The National Serology Reference Laboratory (NRL) has been contracted to evaluate laboratory tests used in the serological diagnosis of Lyme disease.” And that “the NRL project is commencing. Specimens are being collected. The results will be published in a peer reviewed medical journal.” It is inappropriate for outcomes of tax payer funded contracts to be delayed for publication in research journals, especially when the outcomes are of a public health interest. Patients cannot wait for an academic journal to go through its peer review process before they receive appropriate testing. a) Is the evaluation completed? If not, when will it be completed? b) Please list all the laboratories that were included in the NRL study? c) What is the outcome of the evaluation? If you cannot yet provide the outcome, when will it be made publicly available?	Written
SQ16-000220	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	In October [Ref No: SQ15-000761] I asked about the different strains of Borrelia being tested in Australia. You stated “Australian pathologists will routinely communicate with overseas experts in reference centres, e.g., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States and arrange for testing if deemed necessary.” a) To date what, if any, other Borrelia strains have made it into the Australian testing regimen? b) If there are none, when will emerging strains be added to the Australian testing regimen?	Written
SQ16-000221	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	At Supplementary Budget Estimates in October, Dr Lum said that he has no argument with the overseas labs accreditation. However, this advice from the Dept Health has not permeated the health system and made it possible for doctors to recognise and treat the disease based on positive test results from overseas. Hence there is both a gap in how information is shared amongst doctors and the government and how pathology laboratories are regulated. Australian Lyme-like patients are falling through the gaps. a) What has been done to educate the Australian medical community in this issue?	Written
SQ16-000222	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	In the QoN Ref No: SQ15-000762 the Department advises the interpretation of the results from overseas laboratories “are often at odds with the standardised criteria that are established by large agencies, like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the United States, as well as that overseas laboratory tests used in other centres in Europe for communicable diseases. The criteria that are used need to be stringent, because they are criteria used not only for surveillance but also they assist with diagnosis.” a) What are the interpretive criteria [state the number and specific bands] for a positive result on a western blot test in Australia? b) Which of these bands are used in Australia for surveillance? c) How is surveillance conducted and by whom?	Written
SQ16-000223	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	Lyme-like patients are routinely denied antibiotic treatment due to the erroneous view in the medical profession that the disease does not exist in Australia. Dr Lum’s comment at Supplementary Estimates in October 2015 of “What we know about Lyme disease testing—classical Lyme disease testing, in Australia—is the prevalence of true classical Lyme disease in Australia, is low. In fact, it is probably zero.(p12)” aggravates this problem. There are many reasons why the tests fail to find classical Lyme disease in Australia that bear no relation to whether or not the patient is infected by Borrelia and suffers Lyme-like symptoms. Such use of language clouds the issues. a) Why does the department persist in making such statements when it is widely understood that the tests are unreliable and that patients do not always mount an effective antibody anyway?	Written

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SQ16-000224	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Madigan	Lyme Disease	The response to a similar QoN Ref No: SQ15-000762 from the previous Supplementary Estimate hearing is grossly inadequate in addressing this important issue. If the department welcomes new research surely it would be better to say the department is seeking evidence, rather than there is no evidence. a) Would the department consider its responsibility to present information clearly and unambiguously and refrain from creating the impression that it is acceptable to deny the disease exists in Australia? b) Do you think such a change in language could help clarify some of the issues in this controversy?	Written
SQ16-000225	5 - Primary Health Care	Madigan	Antibiotic Treatment for Lyme Disease	I refer the department to the AHPRA's website where a number of doctors who treat Lyme-like patients have had conditions placed on their registration such as "only prescribe medication in accordance with the Australian Therapeutic Guidelines" . No Australian Doctor can treat Lyme disease or Lyme-like illness in Australian and operate within the Australian Therapeutic Guidelines (ATG), even for a patient with overseas acquired Borreliosis. Therefore every Australian doctor prescribing the internationally recommended antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease is in contravention of the guidelines. This situation is unsustainable when thousands of people are very sick after a tick bite but they improve when prescribed antibiotics. a) Given the Health Minister accepted the recommendations of the Independent Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professions that AHPRA's responsiveness to consumers should be improved, could the department please advise what will be done to address this issue?	Written
SQ16-000226	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Williams	Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme	Can you give a breakdown of organisations that have applied for funding under the 2015-16 Department of Health and Ageing Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme and that have been unsuccessful in receiving funding?	Written
SQ16-000227	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Simms	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme: National LGBTI Health Alliance	Does the department consider it acceptable for the National LGBTI Health Alliance to be informed of a final decision on their funding two months after the funding has ceased?	17 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000228	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme: Australian Women's Health Network and Arthritis Australia	I understand there has been a decision not to fund the Women's Health Network and Arthritis Australia	24 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000229	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme: Unsuccessful Peak Organisations	Who are the peaks that may have been funded in the past that did not get funding?	26 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000230	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme: Savings Applied	What savings have been made to health peak funding?	27 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000231	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Plain Packaging Tracking Survey	Senator LEYONHJELM: I would like to ask some questions in relation to the plain packaging tracking survey. I am referring to the plain packaging tracking survey which the department had the Cancer Council of Victoria undertake. Was there a competitive tender for that survey?	128 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000232	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Contract for Plain Packaging Survey	Senator LEYONHJELM: Nor was I ask you to speak on her behalf; I was asking you what your understanding of her views are. I think Dr Studdert has answered that. Did the contract for this study require only the generation of survey data or did it also require reporting on the data? Dr Studdert: It required the data and the analysis and reporting. Senator LEYONHJELM: Was the value of the contract \$3 million? Dr Studdert: I do not think we have that detail with us today. We can certainly take that on notice.	129 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000233	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Contract for Plain Packaging Survey	Senator LEYONHJELM: You can take that on notice. Are you able to provide the contract? Dr Studdert: I would have to get advice on that. Senator LEYONHJELM: Put that on notice as well, if you can, to please provide it.	129 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000234	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Plain Packaging Article	Senator LEYONHJELM: One of the articles cited by the department is a report on survey data entitled 'Short-term changes in quitting-related cognitions and behaviours after the implementation of plain packaging with larger health warnings', by Sarah Durkin and others. Even though the article does not seek to report on the rate of giving up smoking, Professor Sinclair Davidson of RMIT argues on the Catallaxy Files website that table 1 of the article indicates that the rate of giving up smoking fell in the first year of plain packaging. Are you familiar with that article? Can you confirm that this conclusion can be drawn from table 1 of the article?	130 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000235	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Smoking Rates	Can you confirm that this conclusion can be drawn from table 1 of the article—in other words, that the rate of giving up smoking fell in the first year of plain packaging, based on that article?	131 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000236	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Smoking Rates	Does the survey data indicate a fall in the rate of giving up smoking?	131 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000237	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Plain Packaging Data	Professor Davidson has sought this survey data so that he can independently analyse it. Have you provided that to him?	131 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000238	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Plain Packaging Data	Do you intend to modify your website to say that, comparing like with like, the reduction was 0.8 per cent?	131 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000239	1 - Population Health	Leyonhjelm	Smoking Rates	The National Drug Strategy Household Survey is perhaps, I would have thought, the best indicator of smoking levels because, as you say, it is not based just on clearances. Clearance is just one measure. You would expect it to be reliable because it captures not only the legal tobacco market but also the illegal tobacco market. Whatever people think, if they are smoking tobacco, it should capture it. We have looked at the figures since 1991 and there is an almost straight line decline in smoking from 1991 to the period when the most recent data is available, which is 2013. There is absolutely no substantial blips that I can attribute to any particular policy over that period. a) Do you have any evidence to contradict that? b) What I am looking for on notice is what contradicts my graphing of the household drug survey showing a straight line decline since 1991.	131 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000240	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Brown	Out-of-Pocket Costs	Senator CAROL BROWN: There are the same questions regarding Out-of-pocket costs as well. Dr Southern: I am not familiar with that particular report. Senator CAROL BROWN: Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare, presented on 22 August 2014. Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice as well. Senator CAROL BROWN: Where we are at with the government responses into the out-of-pocket costs in Australia community affairs report? How many drafts have you put together? Could you please provide us with a list of who you have been consulting with in terms of the government's response?	38 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000241	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Carr	Biomedical Translation Fund	In relation the Biomedical Translation Fund in the National Innovation and Science Agenda. Does the Department of Health or the Department Industry have primary responsibility for this measure? Will this measure operate in a similar manner to the abolished IIF program? Will legislation be required to implement this measure? If so, what Act needs to be amended?	Written

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SQ16-000242	1 - Population Health	Moore	Breast-milk Substitutes	Senator MOORE: One of the things under the original implementation strategy—and they had a list of things that were important to them starting out with effective statistics, breastfeeding friendly environments, support in hospitals, which I know is one of the things that I am talking to my state government about in terms of effective hospital processes—was revisiting the WHO International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. Do you know what the status of that work is? Dr Southern: I know about it. I would have to take on notice to get back to you with the details.	83 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000243	1 - Population Health	Moore	Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement	Senator MOORE: The ACCC is currently doing an inquiry—Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement. Dr Southern: Yes. Senator MOORE: I know that is going to the ACCC, but does Health have any engagement with that? Dr Southern: I will cover that when we come back to you on notice.	84 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000244	1 - Population Health	Urquhart	Non-human Primates	1. Is it correct that the Government has three breeding facilities for non-human primates in Australia? 2. How many primates do the facilities have? 3. Are the primates at these facilities used solely for research?	Written
SQ16-000245	1 - Population Health	Urquhart	Primates Purchased for Research	Do non-government facilities purchase primates from these facilities for research purposes?	Written
SQ16-000246	1 - Population Health	Urquhart	Import Primates Necessity	Why is it necessary for breeding facilities to import primates?	Written
SQ16-000247	1 - Population Health	Urquhart	Primate Gender Diversity	If primates were not imported into Australia, how long would it be until gender diversity became a problem for researchers?	Written
SQ16-000277	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	National Mental Health Commission	Senator GALLAGHER: Have you done any work on housing? Mr Butt: We are doing work on housing at the moment. We have identified that in terms of Contributing Life one of the most important things to have is stable housing. All the health services you like are obviously important, but if you do not have stable housing then obviously that impacts on the other parts of Contributing Life in terms of education and employment. We have done some work on it. We have tended to use the work done by others but we are getting a report done through a data linkage program involving ABS, PBS and MBS data to look at combining those things and identifying issues of housing and how that has impacted on people's mental ill health. That is coming out this month, or it might be next month, I would have to check and make sure. I will take that on notice.	80 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000286	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Payment Services	Senator GALLAGHER: I can understand that it has not gone to the government for a decision, but presumably with a piece of work of this size there would be government approval for this work to be undertaken. Mr Bowles: That is correct. Senator GALLAGHER: Would that have gone through standard government processes— Mr Bowles: Yes, it would have. Senator GALLAGHER: Through the cabinet or the minister through to the cabinet? Mr Bowles: Through the normal processes, through the minister. Senator GALLAGHER: Did that occur back at the 2014 stage? Mr Bowles: I cannot remember exact dates. I would have to take that on notice if you want exact dates around some of those things. Senator GALLAGHER: That would be useful.	6 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000288	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Simms	Staff and Networks	<p>Mr Bowles: We have a range of networks internally to help us understand our organisation and understand our staff. We have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander network, a disability network and an LGBTI network. Staff members come together to discuss the issues as they relate not only to policy but to how we deal with things in the department and the like. That is a very active group in the department. Senator SIMMS: Are they policy experts in that field or are they people of that community? Mr Bowles: It is people of that community within the department who come together. I meet with them every now and again. I think I have one coming up this week or next week. Senator SIMMS: But what mechanisms do you have in place to consult and engage with people outside your workplace, outside the department? Mr Bowles: Again I can take that on notice and give you a broader answer. But when we actually look at the policy implications for different groups—and there are multiple groups that get affected by some of these things—we will widely consult with different areas around specific policy related issues. Senator SIMMS: Who would you consult with if you do not have a funded peak body? That is what I am trying to get at. Mr Bowles: I do not know off the top of my head. I will take that on notice and we can give you some broader areas. We do not have peak bodies in every single community group either. Senator SIMMS: There are some particular health issues that impact on this community. Mr Bowles: There are. Absolutely, I accept that. Senator SIMMS: If you would take it on notice, that is fine. Mr Bowles: Yes, I will do so.</p>	18 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000289	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Flexible Funds	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, I do. I have some questions around the flexible funds. At last October's estimates it wasn't entirely clear where all the changes and reductions in expenditure were going to flow through. I have gone back and had a look at the questions on notice and your evidence, Mr Bowles. Can you update the committee now? Mr Bowles: I could probably do that on notice, Senator, to give you an updated answer to specifics. I think I gave you a table on notice—</p>	22 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000290	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Programs list	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: It is very specific in the MYEFO, that is all. It does not say, 'We're finding a save of 146 over four across.' It says 'by redesigning 24 health programs'. Treasury would not know that, so you must have come to them and said, 'We can redesign'— Mr Bowles: I can give you the programs. What I can't give you is what the \$146 million means to those programs at that stage.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay, what you are attributing to each program? Mr Bowles: Yes. Senator GALLAGHER: You have not decided that? Mr Bowles: No. That is the work we are doing now. Senator GALLAGHER: In order to volunteer the 24 programs or to come forward with the 24 programs, I am sure everyone was asked to find savings. You have come forward with 24 individual programs. You must have had an idea of what was reasonable within those 24 programs, to actually come up with a \$146 million global target. Mr Bowles: We understand across the 24 programs that that equates roughly to about a five per cent issue across the programs. It is like what we did with the flexible funds. We then have a look at each of those 24. So we will not uniformly apply a percentage cut across any single program. If we do that we might disadvantage some of them. Then we have a good look at what happens. 'Volunteering' is an interesting word. I would have to redefine it in the dictionary to come up with that. That is the process that came up with the \$146 million. It comes literally from looking at the entirety of the program. We then go away and work out how to best allocate that across the 24. I can give you on notice, or I can give you later on, a list of those 24 and what they would be. At the next estimates we could try and give you a table that shows how that \$146 million is applied over the— Senator GALLAGHER: Later, or on notice—next estimates, because you reckon those decisions will not be taken— Mr Bowles: That is right. Senator GALLAGHER: I might have further questions on that once I see the programs. It is hard in isolation to— Mr Bowles: In essence, the 24 programs go right across the current 10 health and sport related programs; not the 11th, which is aged care. So it goes across all of those 10 items that we deal with in our current 10 outcomes structure. Senator GALLAGHER: If you could provide me with that list, I might then have further questions which would come from that. Mr Bowles: All right.</p>	27 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000291	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies programme funding	<p>Mr Cormack: Yes, we have completed a funding round for the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies programme funding, which is a reconfiguration of a different range of funds. We have completed an approach to the market. We have executed funding agreements with a number of those organisations. We are still negotiating final agreements with another 10. Obviously there were a number of applicants for that fund who did not succeed in getting funding under that round. Senator GALLAGHER: This funding has come from the other flexible funds? Mr Cormack: That is right. Senator GALLAGHER: Across all 16 of them? Mr Cormack: I will need to take on notice the precise sourcing of the former 16 and how it translates into this. That is the source of funds. We have completed a round within the new fund, which is the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies programme fund. Senator GALLAGHER: What was the budget for the health peaks, the global? Mr Cormack: I need to take that on notice. I can give you some idea of some of the funding outcomes for individuals.</p>	25 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000292	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Health Peak and Advisory Bodies	Mr Cormack: Just to add further confusion to this: some of these individual organisations are also receiving funding from other funding pools, a number of which have a number of years to run. Senator GALLAGHER: But they might have lost their peak funding status through this? Mr Cormack: That is right, yes. Senator GALLAGHER: If I could get that, that would be good. Also, just in a general sense—I am sure you have got it in a format that is available—a list of organisations expiring on 30 June? Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice. Again, this is the complexity of these funds. Some will expire and get new funding, some will expire because it has come to a natural conclusion and some will expire because the priorities change. It is a bit complex trying to come up with the specific answer to that. We will take it on notice.	26 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000293	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Di Natale	Dental	Senator DI NATALE: To what do you attribute the decrease over that period? Mr Cormack: Essentially there was an increase in effort by both the Commonwealth and the states. The Commonwealth is part of a National Partnership Agreement, so there was a funding element there. The state and territory governments all overachieved on their targets. That agreement had a national target to treat an additional 400,000 public dental patients. With that being achieved, you would certainly expect over time for those waiting lists to go down. Senator DI NATALE: That was with that initial injection. Mr Cormack: Yes. Senator DI NATALE: Do you have any indication? You are saying February is the next lot of data you are waiting for? Mr Cormack: Yes, it is. Senator DI NATALE: Is there any indication about whether those waiting lists are blowing out? Mr Cormack: We probably need to take that on notice rather than speculate because also currently there is an interim agreement in place which is specifically focused on adult programs—that is the \$155 million—and that is a target of another 176,000 people. So it is moving around. But certainly the level of Commonwealth commitment in this current one-year agreement period is at the high point of previous funding commitments by the Commonwealth and states.	43 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000294	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	Primary Health Networks	Mr Cormack: They formed alliances with other organisations, but that is right. The majority of the 31 had been previously associated with the former Medicare Locals. Senator GALLAGHER: Is that true for all of them, all 31? Mr Cormack: No. Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me what proportion of the 31 are rebadged Medicare Locals? Mr Cormack: I will need to just get the figure. I think it was 26 or 27, but I will just need to confirm that.	59 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000295	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	new Indigenous specific programmes	Mr Cormack: Just to complete the list, the early psychosis program and the new Indigenous \$84.75 million in new Indigenous specific programs will transition. They have not really started yet so they will go straight to commissioning from 2016-17. I think at a program level that pretty much makes up those year-by-year bottom line figures that you referred to. Senator GALLAGHER: How many are in that group of people under the national program that you were going to maintain a funding relationship with? It would not be very big, would it? Mr Cormack: There are a few. Senator GALLAGHER: I tried to look on your spreadsheet. Ms Cole: We can provide you with more detail on notice, but it includes organisations such as beyondblue, the Butterfly Foundation and that sort of organisation. Those that have that national leadership.	76 - 10/02/16



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SQ16-000296	5 - Primary Health Care	Gallagher	Mental Health	Senator GALLAGHER: I only have a couple more questions. I refer back to a couple of questions on notice. One of them was No. SQ15000625. The question asked was around funding for mental health services, and the answer came back with just providing a link on the department's website and basically referring Senator McLucas to that. There is another question, 412, from the same set about funding for mental health organisations, which refers people back to the budget statements. Really as someone new coming in, it would be useful if I could get a list of what is funded. I went to both those places and I could not make sense of it. If I could have those questions answered? I cannot believe it is that much work for the department to actually pull down that data. Mr Cormack: We will take your questions on notice, that you require that degree of breakdown. Senator GALLAGHER: But if it comes back with a link or sending me to program 5.4 in the portfolio budget statements—I have already been there and I could not find it. Mr Cormack: We will certainly take your advice there. We have a very comprehensive list of questions from you. We will pull those together for you.	76 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000297	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Rice	Minimum Data Sets	Mr Cormack: We certainly recognise that risk. We do understand the impact of uncertainty. That is why we try to progress these necessary processes of accountability for public funds as quickly as we possibly can. Senator RICE: Finally, I have a question broader than mental health. It is about the minimum datasets reportable to the Commonwealth by the states. My understanding is that country of birth, language spoken at home or ethnicity are not part of these minimum standards, which of course makes it extremely difficult to get any data nationally about populations and subpopulations. I just wanted to clarify if that was the case. Mr Cormack: We might be in a different area there. Mr Bowles: Yes, we are in a different space now. Senator RICE: I was told that it was going to be fine to ask this question here. Could you maybe take it on notice? Mr Bowles: Yes, we can take it on notice. Senator RICE: Also, whether the department has looked into adding to these standards, because we need to have that data to be able to make appropriate policy decisions for different communities. Mr Bowles: We can take that issue on notice.	80 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000298	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	healthdirect contract	Senator MOORE: Can you tell me what the current contract is with healthdirect, for what period of time and for how much? Ms Cole: I think that it was extended for at least a year, but I will just see if I can confirm that for you before the end of today.	84 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000299	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore	Postnatal depression	Senator MOORE: We had some discussion earlier looking at whether other services were around—that is, in general discussion about that and not on this one in particular—to see whether there was any discussion or anything that could be made public about where it could go. One reason I asked that question was that I was looking at the information around the PANDA hotline, which is one that we do not fund anymore but I have a feeling in the past we may have, which offers a service that has private sector funding. They released a fairly interesting statement at the end of last year about quite scary statistics around the increase in calls they were getting about severe postnatal depression and the impact that it was having. I am just wondering where that information would be fed into in our system to pick up on those issues, because certainly under one of the mental health plans postnatal depression was one of the core issues that we identified; in fact, I think under the Butler plan it was one of the core areas of funding. So where would that information around these concerning stats go in terms of support? Mr Cormack: I do not have visibility of the specific report that you are referring to. Senator MOORE: I can send it to you. You can take that on notice, Mr Cormack. Mr Cormack: Thank you.	85 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000300	11 - Ageing and Aged Care	Brown	Government responses	Senator CAROL BROWN: Can we add to the list that we are inquiring about? You can come back with information on all three of them. The other one that we are interested in is the Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia, tabled on 26 March 2014. Mr Bowles: We will take it on notice. Senator CAROL BROWN: I would like answers to the questions that we have been asking about, too—across all three. Mr Bowles: Yes. Senator CAROL BROWN: Where we are at with the government responses into the community affairs report? How many drafts have you put together? Could you please provide us with a list of who you have been consulting with in terms of the government's response?	39 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000301	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Rhiannon	NICNAS National Assessment of CSG Chemicals	Dr Richards: That is correct. We have provided a range of technical inputs into the project and the Department of the Environment is responsible for determining how those come together and when they are published. Senator RHIANNON: When did you send your report to the Department of the Environment? Dr Richards: We have provided quite a range of reports in various drafts over that period of time, since the project started. As I mentioned before, I am happy to take on notice when the different drafts of the report were provided and when they were due.	122 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000302	1 - Population Health	Ludlam	NHMRC Grants	Senator LUDLAM: Perhaps I could put these on notice, given how late it is and how close we are to close of play. You also identified that there is no federal funding outside of the NHMRC grants you identified. Actually, I think this came through the secretary rather than from you. I am just wondering: with the other things we have identified, there is no accredited training listed on RACGP that we have been able to find; there is no other dedicated training funded for nurses or allied health staff that we have been aware of. Have you been able to identify anything since last October where anything up to 460,000 people appear to be going without any material support at all? Have you been able to find anything in the system?	132 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000303	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Item Numbers	Senator GALLAGHER: I am looking at a list of obsolete items. Is that the one under tranche 1? You have a list of item numbers under diagnostic imaging, ENT, gastro, obstetrics and thoracics. Ms Cahill: That is a small part of the work that has been done by those various clinical committees. One of the things that they were asked by the taskforce to do early in their process was to look through the list of items that had been allocated to them and identify any items that they believed, on the basis of their clinical expert opinion, were potentially obsolete. That work was then drawn together by the department and went out for public consultation in December. Senator GALLAGHER: I am after the list. Is there a list somewhere of items that the committees are looking at?	46 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000304	1 - Population Health	Ludlam	Clinical Advisory Group for ME/CFS	When are we going to start seeing some action? For example, one of the previous witnesses was speaking of a clinical advisory group into Lyme disease. What would it take—maybe through you, if you like, Senator Nash—to get a clinical advisory group established for ME/CFS sufferers? What is the process? I am looking for any suggestions, bright ideas, from anybody at the table or in the room, because there is nothing going on.	132 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000305	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Lambie	Pathology rebates	Senator LAMBIE: Have any pathology rebates been indexed for the last 20 years? Mr Bowles: I do not have the exact figure, but there has not been a lot of indexation over time. Senator LAMBIE: Could you provide me with the index rate from the last 20 years, if I put that on notice? Mr Stuart: Yes, we can confirm that. Mr Bowles: We can confirm that.	50 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000306	1 - Population Health	Ludlam	Clinical Advisory Groups	Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could. What would a clinical advisory group do in the context of what I think Senator Madigan was advised on Lyme disease? What do such entities do?	133 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000307	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore	Coning	Mr Stuart: With that qualification, I would be very happy to take the question on notice. Senator DI NATALE: Coding or coning? Mr Stuart: Coning. Senator MOORE: Coning. Senator DI NATALE: The department is getting up to activities I had never thought were possible. Senator MOORE: It makes my head spin. Mr Stuart: Just in brief, as a result of— Senator MOORE: If we could just get from you as much as we can. One of the issues has been what kinds of tests people are having. Everyone is raising whether some of the particular health tests that we have actively encouraged people to have would be caught up in this process. As much data on that would be very useful, and then you can give me a page on what 'coning' means and how it works. That would be very good.	56 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000308	1 - Population Health	Ludlam	Group Funding	I am wondering whether the government would consider funding a group like Emerge Australia to continue their work on improving the quality of life?	133 - 10/0/2/16
SQ16-000309	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Hearing Services	CHAIR: Senator Gallagher has some questions for Office of Hearing Services. Senator GALLAGHER: Yes. There is a changing of the guard. I have a few questions in relation to the complaints statistics published by the Office of Hearing Services. Can you provide some details on the issues that were raised in the complaints from providers and members of the public? Ms Duffy: I will just find that information. There are a number of categories that we classify the complaints under, both for client complaints and provider complaints. It might be easier if I provide that broken down on notice, but we received 22 client complaints in the last quarter, October to December 2015. The majority of those were around client expectations about the level of service not being met. So, clients having an expectation before they went in to receive the service and for whatever reason that was not delivered. It was mostly around the hearing device not restoring their hearing. Many people think that because they have a hearing device it will restore their hearing like glasses, and that is not the case.	57 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000311	6 - Private Health	Gallagher	Private Health Insurance	Senator GALLAGHER: So it was an idea of the minister in terms of shaping her reform agenda? Mr Cormack: The minister wanted some specific advice to be provided on options to assess the PHI policy program product and also to look at some options for consideration by government. In responding to that request, we have provided advice to the minister that included an extensive consultation process inclusive of surveys. This is not an uncommon approach when we look at complex policy areas such as private health insurance. Senator GALLAGHER: Has there been market research done, more targeted traditional information gathering in this area? Mr Cormack: I would have to take that on notice. Perhaps Mr Stuart, who has been around a bit longer than I have, might have some further advice. But I cannot definitively say what research has been undertaken going back over the many years.	104 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000312	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	Pathologists bulk billing	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Has the department tried to understand if pathologists did not bulk-bill what the out-of-pocket cost would be for a patient? Mr Bowles: I think it will depend on the business model of the pathologist potentially if the rebates are around that \$19 and \$8. Let us not forget that tests can still be done by the doctor under Medicare, under the normal process. This is only the testing of the activity, if you like. It depends on the business model, I think. I stand to be corrected, but it will be dependent on the business model of the pathology group around how they deal with the particular testing in these particular cases. If there is a view that the \$19 and the \$8 and all that stuff is not appropriate, as I said, that will come up later. The issue at stake here is the amount that is currently paid as an incentive directly to pathologists to bulk-bill in that component of a pap smear test. Senator GALLAGHER: I think I got all that. Mr Bowles: It is complex because you have got your doctor bit which happens through Medicare still, you have the pathology bit which is subject to bulk-billing in the majority of the cases now, definitely in the majority of cases. If you are looking at in and out of hospital, you are talking 87½ per cent. If you are talking about out of hospital, you are talking about 98 per cent of the time. If in fact there were decisions by pathologists to change that, we could not determine what price they might put on that because that would depend on their business model through poor return and a range of other decisions that they would have to make if they wanted to do that. But again, we are talking about the incentive. Again, I do not know the specific incentive payment for these things which goes directly to a pathologist, but it is in that \$1 to \$3 range. Senator GALLAGHER: It might be useful for the committee to understand what the incentive is. Mr Bowles: We will see if we can find out.</p>	32 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000313	7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality	Simms	PreP	<p>Senator SIMMS: Just while we are on the matter of PreP, you might be aware that, in November of last year, the Senate passed a motion calling on the government to look at regulatory barriers for access to PreP and rapid HIV tests and home self-tests. I am interested to know from the TGA, Professor Skerritt, about what investigations are happening in terms of availability of PreP, but I am also keen to hear from the minister about what action the federal government has taken since the passage of the motion in the Senate last year. Senator Nash: I am not aware. I will have to take that on notice for you. But I am very happy to do that for the minister. I will pass to the professor. Senator SIMMS: Thank you. I appreciate that.</p>	114 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000321	5 - Primary Health Care	Simms	LGBTI Health Alliance	<p>Senator SIMMS: In terms of a few more questions about this alliance, the National LGBTI Health Alliance is the only national organisation providing policy advice to the government on LGBTI health issues. The organisation has worked with the government across a range of issues, including ensuring equitable outcomes for transgender men who are accessing testosterone, improved data collection standards on sex or gender diverse people and advising on the implementation of government services. The loss of funding will result in gaps with regard to policy advice in this area. Does the department have a plan to deal with such critical policy advice now that they have ceased funding to this organisation?</p>	17 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000322	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Gallagher	Firms	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: So the request for quote— Mr Bowles: will be on AusTender. Senator GALLAGHER: scope of work, would have been on AusTender. I do not know whether someone has it. Mr Bowles: No, it may not be, because we got it off a panel arrangement. We got it off the Department of Finance panel. But I can give you those on notice—the firms that we went to. I think we went for eight firms through the Department of Finance panel.</p>	8 - 10/02/16

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SQ16-000323	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Moore	Testing	Senator MOORE: You gave us some very detailed analysis of the data and the growth in services and so on. Can that be actually refined to show what services and tests are done? Mr Stuart: To be broken down by kinds of tests? Senator MOORE: Yes.	56 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000324	3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services	Gallagher	MSAC	Senator GALLAGHER: With an annual budget of—roughly? Mr Bowles: Some \$34 million over two years. Ms Jolly: Yes, but that includes the work of the taskforce and also the work of MSAC. Mr Bowles: That is right, yes; the Medical Services Advisory Committee as well. Senator GALLAGHER: So, there is \$34 million allocated over two years but expended to date has been \$2 million across that? Ms Jolly: Yes. Mr Bowles: That is on the MBS review. It is not on the MSAC side of it. I think we would have to take the MSAC side of it on notice. Mr Stuart: We have a broader funding envelope. Senator GALLAGHER: So, the \$34 million includes both? Mr Bowles: Yes. Senator GALLAGHER: But you have given me the funding just for the taskforce? Mr Bowles: That is right. Wednesday, 10 February 2016 Senate Page 45 Senator GALLAGHER: Is the MSAC side of it the more expensive side? Ms Jolly: Some of the funding will go towards reviews. Because the MBS taskforce is starting its process, some of those review costs will kick in shortly.	44 - 10/02/16
SQ16-000325	1 - Population Health	Abetz	BioShield Act	Is the TGA aware of the United States BioShield Act and Project to acquire and stockpile medical countermeasures to biological, chemical, radiological and nuclear agents for homeland security personnel and civilian use?	Written
SQ16-000326	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Biosecurity	Is the TGA aware that the US Department of Health and Human Services with its Preparedness and Response sub agency has procured medical countermeasures against these threats, including the threat of the possible re-introduction of the smallpox virus?	Written
SQ16-000327	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Biosecurity	If so, has the TGA had any engagement with the US Government on the threat of the possible release of the smallpox virus and other biological threats?	Written
SQ16-000328	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Biosecurity	Is the TGA aware that a third generation of smallpox vaccines is available on the international market?	Written
SQ16-000329	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Smallpox Vaccines	Has the TGA undertaken any investigations into the third generation of smallpox vaccines currently available on the international pharmaceutical market? If not, does the TGA intend to undertake an investigation into this vaccine? If not, why not?	Written
SQ16-000330	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Smallpox Vaccine	Is the TGA aware that this third generation of smallpox vaccine is designed to protect individuals suffering from an atopic dermatitis or infected by HIV who may suffer adverse reactions to generation one or two smallpox vaccines?	Written
SQ16-000331	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Smallpox Vaccine	Does the TGA intend to undertake investigations into the effectiveness of the third generation of smallpox vaccines currently in the market? If so, when does the TGA intend to undertake this investigation?	Written
SQ16-000332	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Smallpox Vaccines	Is the TGA aware that the pharmaceutical company Bavarian Nordic has developed a third generation of smallpox vaccine called Imvamune®?	Written
SQ16-000333	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Imvamune	Is the TGA aware that more than 30 countries including the US & Canada, EU countries, Gulf Nations, South East Asian nations have procured Imvamune®? And that the US and Canada have fast tracked their registration process and in the EU, registration was achieved in July 2013?	Written
SQ16-000334	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Imvamune	Is the TGA aware that other countries have purchased Imvamune® using their emergency use authorisations and to date, registration has now been achieved in 25 countries?	Written
SQ16-000335	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Imvamune	Would the TGA be prepared to support the purchase of Imvamune® by the Australian government for use by ADF and DFAT personnel operating in high conflict zones and regional countries exposed to threats of biological terrorism activities?	Written

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SQ16-000336	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Imvamune	Would the TGA be prepared to support the purchase of Imvamune® by the Australian government for use by domestic frontline response personnel? If not, why not?	Written
SQ16-000337	1 - Population Health	Abetz	Certification of Vaccines	Does the TGA recognise certification of vaccines by international agencies? If so, which vaccines certified by international agencies does the TGA recognise? [Only those considered as an agent for use as a biological threat]	Written
SQ16-000338	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Biosecurity	What assurance can the Department of Health provide that all Australians can be and will be protected in the event of an outbreak of biological and chemical warfare within Australia?	Written
SQ16-000339	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Vaccines	What assurance can the Department of Health provide that sufficient doses of specific vaccines are available to protect Australian citizens in the event of an outbreak of biological and chemical warfare?	Written
SQ16-000340	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Vaccines	What precautions has the Department taken to ensure that the most up to date vaccines are available to protect front line emergency workers and the Australian population as a whole?	Written
SQ16-000341	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Vaccines	Does the Department of Health take into account that certain categories of individuals (those suffering from an atopic dermatitis or infected by HIV) may suffer adverse reactions to certain vaccines administered and if so, what action has the Department taken to ensure that alternative vaccines are available for these immunocompromised individuals?	Written
SQ16-000342	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Certification of Vaccines	Does the Department of Health recognise certification of vaccines by international agencies?	Written
SQ16-000343	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Vaccines	If a vaccine is approved by other international jurisdictions what are the procedures for having that vaccine approved and accepted by the Australian Government?	Written
SQ16-000344	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Biosecurity	In the case of an emergency would the Department of Health suspend normal bureaucratic procedures to ensure that Australian citizens are protected from the effects of a chemical or biological attack?	Written
SQ16-000345	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Biosecurity	Is the Department of Health aware that rogue states like Iran, North Korea and perhaps even Russia have the ability to use the latest biotechnology techniques to synthesise eradicated diseases like small pox and other virulent strands of similar viruses?	Written
SQ16-000346	9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response	Abetz	Biosecurity	If so, has the Department of Health advised the Commonwealth Government of the dangers these countries pose to all Australians whether within Australia or in other parts of the world?	Written
<b>Questions on Notice from 3 March 2016 hearing</b>					
SQ16-000248	10 - Sport and Recreation	Madigan	WADA Banned Substances List	Can ASADA please supply documentation that clearly shows Essendon players had clear and unambiguous access to the WADA banned substances list at the time the alleged offences took place that showed the substance Thymosin beta-4 was on the WADA banned list.	Written
SQ16-000249	10 - Sport and Recreation	McKenzie, Bridget	Sports Funding	a) How much money is available for grassroots sports infrastructure in regional Australia? Out of which funding pools does this money come from? b) Could the Department please provide detailed figures regarding the number and amount of grants it has approved in the past 12 months to co-operatives and mutuals as compared to incorporated businesses? c) If none, why? d) Will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?	Written
SQ16-000250	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	What specific "operational functions" of IHPA will be transferred to the Department of Health, and what specific "functions" will the Board and Chief Executive retain? (2015-16 MYEFO, p. 183)	Written
SQ16-000251	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	Why has IHPA been retained in any form, given the Commonwealth has abandoned the National Health Reform Agreement and services will no longer be funded on an activity basis at the National Efficient Price?	Written

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SQ16-000252	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	National Efficient Price	What specifically makes the National Efficient Price a "very good mechanism", as Secretary Bowles stated at Estimates? (Community Affairs, 3 March 2016)	Written
SQ16-000253	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services	How much Commonwealth money was transferred to the states and territories under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services?	Written
SQ16-000254	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services	What was the breakdown of Commonwealth payments by state, year and initiative/target (e.g. NEAT, NEST)?	Written
SQ16-000255	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services	How did states/territories perform against their agreed targets under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services? Please provide a breakdown by state/territory, year and initiative/target.	Written
SQ16-000256	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	Mersey Community Hospital	How much money does the Budget include for the Mersey Community Hospital for years three and four of the forward estimates (i.e. 2017-18 and 2018-19)? (At Community Affairs Estimates on 3 March 2016, Deputy Secretary Cormack said "There is provision [within the Budget] for ongoing funding past the conclusion of the current [Heads of] Agreement" and "There is a funding provision in the forwards after that two years".)	Written
SQ16-000257	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	Frankston Hospital	What steps have the Minister/Department taken in response to the allergy-related death of 13-year-old Louis Tate in Frankston Hospital in October 2015?	Written
SQ16-000258	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	Essendon FC Anti-Doping Investigations	What discussions did the Minister for Sport or her office have with ASADA regarding the Essendon Doping Case, the decision not to appeal the AFL Anti-Doping Tribunal decision or the results of the Court of Arbitration for Sport decision?	Written
SQ16-000259	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Integrity of Sport Unit	What role has the National Integrity of Sport Unit had in the investigation of tennis match-fixing? Has there been any extra work done after the allegations of tennis match-fixing revealed by the BBC and Buzzfeed in January 2016?	Written
SQ16-000260	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Integrity of Sport Unit	Please provide an update of the work of the National Integrity of Sport Unit on the implementation of the National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport agreed to on 10 June 2011, including interactions with State Departments of Sport and details of any legislation passed by State Governments in association with this agreement?	Written
SQ16-000261	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	Sporting Schools Program	Has the ASC monitored the fees for sports delivered through the Sporting Schools Programs compared to fees for the same programs prior to the introduction of the Sporting Schools programs? How have the costs set by NSOs for sport changed after the introduction of the Sporting Schools program?	Written
SQ16-000262	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	Sporting Schools Program	a) How many students with a disability are participating in the Sporting Schools Program? Does the Department seek to make the Sporting Schools Program accessible to students with a disability, and if so, how? b) How many students from a low socioeconomic background are participating in the Sporting Schools Program? c) What is the gender breakdown of participants in the Sporting Schools Program, and what explains any disparity? d) How many students participating in the Program are from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? e) Can the Department provide the average and distribution of Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage scores for schools participating in the program?	Written
SQ16-000263	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Sporting Organisation Investment Categorisation Framework	Can the Department provide figures for the total investment in Paralympic sports in each of the NSO Investment Allocation announcements of 2013-14, 14-15 and 15-16 and the reason for any change in this funding allocation?	Written

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SQ16-000264	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Sporting Organisation Investment Categorisation Framework	How will the Department implement the Government's announced requirement that NSOs offer female athletes the same class of travel as male athletes? Will this become part of the NSO Investment Categorisation Framework?	Written
SQ16-000265	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Sporting Organisation Investment Categorisation Framework	Will the Department require NSOs to fly Paralympic athletes in the same class of travel as able-bodied participants in the same sport, and if so how will this be implemented?	Written
SQ16-000266	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Sporting Organisation Investment Categorisation Framework	Can the Department provide an update on the AusPlay survey which will inform the participation component of the Investment Categorisation Framework? What data will the survey collect? How will the survey be administered? When will the survey first be administered and how frequently? Will all the data collected by the survey be released publicly? Why has the Department determined to use this survey rather than ABS Data to inform participation allocations in the NSO Investment Categorisation Framework?	Written
SQ16-000267	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	National Sporting Organisation Investment Categorisation Framework	How has "whole of sport" funding been re-allocated in the new NSO Investment Categorisation Framework announced in June 2015? Will the categorisation framework still include consideration of funding needed for emerging sports development, coaching assistance, equity and other areas of funding previously covered by "whole of sport" funding, and if so, how will this be included in the new categorisation framework?	Written
SQ16-000268	10 - Sport and Recreation	McKenzie, Bridget	Online Wagering	a) Has the ASC developed a policy in relation to online wagering? b) Have any illegal online offshore wagerers been prosecuted? How many? Please provide case studies. c) Are known illegal wagerers still operating without prosecution? d) Are further resources required to adequately prosecute known illegal activities? e) Are there any international examples of the regulation of online wagering? f) Are any of these examples applicable and appropriate in an Australian context? g) If so, what regulatory framework changes would the ASC recommend for Australia to better uphold integrity in sport?	Written
SQ16-000269	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	Sporting Schools	How many students are participating in the Sporting Schools program at the moment?	17 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000270	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	Sporting Schools	This might be a broad question, but how does this compare to the number of schools and students that participated in the former Labor government's active after-school program?	17 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000271	10 - Sport and Recreation	Back	Supplement Program at the Essendon Football Club	Senator BACK: Thank you, Senator Di Natale, that is fine. The advice to me was that they did receive assurance in writing from the Essendon Football Club that the product they were to be given was legal. Can you respond to that or can you take that on notice and advise the committee whether or not my assumption is accurate? Mr McDevitt: I am not aware of that. I will take it on notice.	22 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000272	10 - Sport and Recreation	Back	Testing of Players (rationale for numbers)	Senator BACK: We know the 21 were tested. We know the 13 were not tested. Is that correct? Am I right in that summary? You mentioned 21 out of 34. Mr McDevitt: You are arriving at a number of 13, but your number may actually be higher than that. I am not sure exactly how many times players might have doubled up. Senator BACK: Perhaps you could take it on notice.	23 - 03/03/16



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SQ16-000273	10 - Sport and Recreation	Di Natale	Thymosin Beta-4 (recovery properties)	Senator DI NATALE: What is the evidence that this improves recovery? Mr McDevitt: —so the fact that you can train harder and if you recover more quickly then, yes, you can get bigger and stronger. Senator DI NATALE: What is the evidence that it improves recovery? Mr McDevitt: I will have to take that on notice. What I can say to you— Senator DI NATALE: You are making claims about what effect this— Mr McDevitt: It is promoted globally and it is distributed and trafficked globally because it is believed that it promotes recovery and, as I said to you, if you can recover more quickly you can train harder and you can get bigger and stronger, and that was the aim.	25 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000274	10 - Sport and Recreation	Seselja	Thymosin Beta-4 (Prohibited list)	CHAIR: Can I ask one quick one? Just for clarification: you said that thymosin beta-4 is on the banned list. Why is it on the banned list? Is it because it has not been tested or because it is known to be performance enhancing and unsafe? Mr McDevitt: I would have to take it on notice. I suspect it will be a combination of both. I suspect it will be because it has not gone through a clinical trial—so it has not been determined to be fit for human consumption—on the one hand and, on the other, early science has most likely indicated that it does enhance performance. I suspect that for those two reasons it has probably been put on the banned list, but I will come back to you if that is wrong.	30 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000275	10 - Sport and Recreation	Peris	World Anti-Doping Code (date of inception)	Senator PERIS: Did you say that came into play in 2006? Mr McDevitt: I would have to double-check. The first iteration of the WADA Code came out in 2003. Our legislation was passed in 2006. I would have to take on notice when the list itself was first brought about.	31 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000276	10 - Sport and Recreation	Madigan	Link to the WADA Prohibited List	Senator MADIGAN: Mr McDevitt, you refer to this WADA list of banned substances. I have been trying to find where this list is. For the benefit of the committee, could you point us to where this list is, because I am having difficulty finding this list that you have referred to tonight. Mr McDevitt: I will give you the link. Senator MADIGAN: Also, for the benefit of the committee, is ASADA able to furnish the committee with screen shots of the banned substances over the past five years, between 2010 and the present day? Mr McDevitt: Essentially that will be copies of the list. Yes, I think we can get that for you. Senator MADIGAN: And also tell us where we can get those ourselves— Senator MADIGAN: Could you show us where TB4 is specifically mentioned on those lists of WADA from 2010 to the present day? Mr McDevitt: I will take that on notice.	32 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000278	4 - Acute Care	Gallagher	Public Hospital Funding – CPI and Population	What is the logic behind population and CPI based funding for a health agreement? What modelling has been done on what that looks like for jurisdictions?	10 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000279	4 - Acute Care	Urquhart	Mersey Hospital	Given that it took the Commonwealth and state governments three months to ratify the current agreement, after reaching an in-principle agreement in May last year, that means that the previous heads of agreement expired before the current agreement was in place—that is correct isn't it?	3 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000280	4 - Acute Care	Urquhart	Mersey Hospital	I understand that the Mersey Hospital has requested \$8 million from the Commonwealth for an additional endoscopy suite. Is that correct?	4 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000281	4 - Acute Care	Urquhart	Mersey Hospital	Okay, if that's correct can you provide details on the status?	4 - 03/03/16
SQ16-000282	4 - Acute Care	Urquhart	Mersey Hospital	There are 10 rehab beds at the North West Regional Hospitals, which are funded under the Commonwealth National Partnerships Program, which I think now has ceased. I understand that the bids are due to close at the end of this financial year. Can you give me an update on the future funding arrangements for these beds?	4 - 03/03/16
Questions on Notice from 16 March 2016 hearing					

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SQ16-000315	1 - Population Health	Siewert	GM expert panel involvement in new breeding techniques	Did FSANZ specifically ask each of the expert panel participants in the 2012 and 2013 new breeding techniques technical workshops whether they were involved in in new breeding techniques?	3 - 16/03/16
SQ16-000316	1 - Population Health	Siewert	Patents held by GM expert panel	Did or does FSANZ know what patents were held by each of the expert panel participants in the 2012 and 2013 new breeding techniques technical workshops?	4 - 16/03/16
SQ16-000317	1 - Population Health	Siewert	GM expert panel conflicts of interest	Noting that FSANZ has previously advised that it was 'not aware of any members of the expert panel who have conflicts of interest', when clearly a number of people are inventors or who hold patents, what efforts did FSANZ undertake to address any potential or actual conflicts of interest of the participants in the 2012 and 2013 new breeding techniques technical workshops?	4 - 16/03/16
SQ16-000318	1 - Population Health	Siewert	Expert panel membership	Were any of the participants on the expert panel at the 2012 and 2013 new breeding techniques technical workshops not directly involved in the area of new GM techniques?	4 - 16/03/16
SQ16-000319	1 - Population Health	Siewert	GM expert panel conflicts of interest	(a) Did FSANZ ask for a written disclosure of potential actual conflicts of interests before the expert panel for the 2012 and 2013 new breeding techniques technical workshops was convened? (b) If not, why not? (c) If FSANZ did, please table the request (d) If people did declare a potential conflict of interest, did FSANZ require them to exclude themselves from any of the proceedings?	5 - 16/03/16
SQ16-000320	1 - Population Health	Siewert	Food regulator advice on new breeding technologies	(a) Is FSANZ aware of any state or territory food regulator which has sought advice from FSANZ about the foods produced from new breeding technologies? (b) If so, when?	8 - 16/03/16