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<b>SQ15-000340</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACAR	Please provide details about the new streamlined approach to consultation processes that are meant to occur in the lead up to 2015 ACAR? How does this support the Smaller Government strategy? Will the new consultation processes create more "red-tape"?	Written
<b>SQ15-000341</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACAR	How have you been engaging with the states and territories as part of the planning for the 2015 ACAR? Please outline the detail of the feedback so far How will this be used in making decisions about the planning ratios? How have you engaged with stakeholders as part of planning for 2015 ACAR?	Written
<b>SQ15-000342</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACAR	Given the removal of Home care Packages from ACAR, is this part of a move towards ending rationing in residential aged care? Please outline changes proposed for similar changes in residential aged care?	Written
<b>SQ15-000343</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	ACAR	Incorporating short term restorative care places into the aged care planning ratio from 1 July 2016 will appear to result in an overall reduction of current residential allocations through ACAR by two places – from 80 out of 125 places, to 78 out of 125 places. Will this measure be factored into the 2015 ACAR?	Written
<b>SQ15-000344</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees	With the abolition of the Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees, how are decisions made in relation to the allocation of places across the Aged Care Planning Regions? Who will make the decision around the allocation of places across the Aged Care Planning Regions?	Written
<b>SQ15-000345</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees	The Committee appointment expired in September 2014. Does that mean they have not been operational for about nine months?	Written
<b>SQ15-000346</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees	Did you ceased these committees three months before announcing it and nine months before making legislative changes?	Written
<b>SQ15-000347</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees	The abolition of these Committees is part of the Government's Smaller Government measures. Can you outline how the abolition of these Committees contribute to the Smaller Government measures? how does this reduce the size of Government? how does this eliminate duplication and waste? how does this streamline services? how does this reduce the cost of Government administration?	Written
<b>SQ15-000348</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	Is the Department on track to meet the key roll out dates for the gateway? Please provide an update of where progress is at.	Written
<b>SQ15-000349</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	Do providers have access to the My Aged Care system? What has been the feedback from the sector?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000350</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Gateway	How will the new gateway integrate with other processes? How will the Government ensure that the creation of a carers gateway (that sits outside NDIS and My Aged Care) will not result in a more disjointed system for carers?	Written
<b>SQ15-000351</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	PCEHR	As aged care provides health services second only to the state health systems by volume, will the government support aged care providers with funding to integrate their systems with the Personally Controlled E-Health Records as it has done for private hospitals? If so, how much will be provided? If not, why not?	Written
<b>SQ15-000352</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Regional Assessment Services	Was the Regional Assessment Service ever piloted before it went to tender? If yes, please provide details, including location/s, when this occurred and for what duration, how this impacted the design of the service and fed into the tender process, and any further findings. If not, did the Government tender for providers for a concept that it had yet to demonstrate would actually work?	Written
<b>SQ15-000353</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	What resources have been allocated to monitoring the impacts of the 1 July 2015 reforms on Home Care Package and Commonwealth Home Support Programme clients?	Written
<b>SQ15-000354</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	When will you be releasing the final fees policy?	Written
<b>SQ15-000355</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	What advice has advice has been provided to Meals on Wheels to address the concerns about increased costs?	Written
<b>SQ15-000356</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	The Budget indicated an amalgamation of Home Care Packages and the CHSP. Would CHSP recipients be expected to pay 17.5% of their pension on CHSP services? Will consumers need an ACAT to access what was the CHSP when it is amalgamated into home care packages?	Written
<b>SQ15-000357</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	What specific services are available for vision impaired consumers?	Written
<b>SQ15-000358</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	CHSP	Please provide an update on the sector's transition to the CHSP? How is the Government addressing consumer concerns about fee increases?	Written
<b>SQ15-000359</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Budget measures	How will the changes in the allocation of home care packages directly to consumers impact on the growth of home care packages?	Written
<b>SQ15-000360</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Budget measures	As of Feb 2017 the individual who is entitled to the home care package will have more control and choice. Are providers of these services now required to do case management and/or care planning? Please clarify who will be responsible for case management and/or care planning? What funding is available for case management?	Written

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SQ15-000361	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What is the average level and spread of administrative costs being charged by service providers associated with introducing CDC? What criteria, guidelines or recommendations are available to assist providers set an appropriate levels of administration and case management costs?	Written
SQ15-000362	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	How are you monitoring the roll out of CDC? What is the budget allocation for monitoring the packages and ensuring clients receive the full value of the package and providers are charging a fair amount for administration?	Written
SQ15-000363	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What is the Department doing to support consumers the claims as to why clients are experiencing a drop in the level and range of services?	Written
SQ15-000364	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What is being done to assist smaller providers and those in rural/remote areas with the transition to CDC?	Written
SQ15-000365	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and rural and regional	What impact with the new Home Care measures (increasing consumer choice) have in rural and regional areas where there is limited choice? What additional financial support is available for providers who may experience greater administration costs due to smaller numbers of consumers?	Written
SQ15-000366	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What are you doing to examine compliance requirements and to simplify verification so that a greater percentage of government funding can go to the care recipients?	Written
SQ15-000367	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	The Assistant Minister recently criticised home care providers for failing to make the transition. Can you outline exactly what you are doing to ensure providers make the transition?	Written
SQ15-000368	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	The updated guidelines for the full transition to CDC were only released in August 2014. When did the Department advise software providers of the specific requirements associated with CDC? How has the Department supported software providers?	Written
SQ15-000369	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What is being done to ensure consumers know their rights and understand how to navigate CDC?	Written
SQ15-000370	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	The Budget introduces the "Increasing Consumer Choice" measure, at a cost of \$73.7million, where consumers will access home care packages via the Gateway rather than have providers allocated packages via ACAR. Can you outline how this interacts with the current planning ratios?	Written
SQ15-000371	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	Will consumers on a package be able to move interstate or to a new region without losing their package?	Written
SQ15-000372	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What support and services are available for consumers who have been assessed for a Home Care Package but are in a region where no allocations are available?	Written
SQ15-000373	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	How will consumers learn when a new package is available to use? Will there be any support for people while they are in limbo?	Written
SQ15-000374	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	For a recipient of an EACH package soon to be CDC- the cost to manage services is rising. What is being done to examine compliance requirements and to simplify verification so that a greater percentage of government funding can go to the care recipients?	Written

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SQ15-000375	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	Given there is a legislated review in 2017 why has the Government chosen to bring forward aged care reforms (Budget measures including greater flexibility and choice) prior to that review? What evidence is available to demonstrate these new reforms are currently required at this point, particularly <i>before</i> the current reforms are either not bedded down, or not even begun?	Written
SQ15-000376	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	Given the level of disruption caused by CDC and the concern from consumers and providers, what are you doing to ensure that bringing forward further reform by individualising funding in 2017, does not create greater levels of uncertainty and destabilisation?	Written
SQ15-000377	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC and consumer choice	What plans do you have to support providers to prepare for and move to individualised funding, beyond online and emailed newsletters?	Written
SQ15-000378	3 - Ageing	Polley	CDC	The Assistant Minister has claimed that providers have had three years to prepare for CDC. Can you outline when the definitive Guidelines were made available to providers?	Written
SQ15-000379	3 - Ageing	Polley	Home care packages	Can you outline the demand vs the availability for the various levels of Home Care Packages across the states and territories, and in metropolitan, regional and rural areas? What is being done to ensure there are suitable numbers of packages available where they are required and that those who most need them are able to access them?	Written
SQ15-000380	3 - Ageing	Polley	Alignment of aged care means testing	Explain how the alignment of aged care means testing arrangements will impact on pensioners, part pensioners and those not on pensions?  What is the financial impact for these cohorts?	Written
SQ15-000381	3 - Ageing	Polley	Alignment of aged care means testing	Can you outline how this measure is expected to save \$26.2 million?	Written
SQ15-000382	3 - Ageing	Polley	Alignment of aged care means testing	Under the new measures, pensioners are paying 5-10 times more in accommodation. Can you please clarify how these changes make aged care more affordable?	Written
SQ15-000383	3 - Ageing	Polley	Short term restorative care	In relation to the Budget measure concerning short term restorative care places: How many people enter permanent residential care prematurely?	Written
SQ15-000384	3 - Ageing	Polley	Short term restorative care	How will incorporating short term care into the planning ratio reduce residential allocations? How will this be factored into the forthcoming ACAR? How many short term places do you expect to be in this year's ACAR?	Written
SQ15-000385	3 - Ageing	Polley	Short term restorative care	How many residential allocations will be lost? With a high take up of residential aged care places, will this measure make it harder to access a full time residential aged care place?	Written
SQ15-000386	3 - Ageing	Polley	Short term restorative care	Will peak bodies be able to offer input into the structuring of short term restorative care places?	Written

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SQ15-000387	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	How many complaints are made each year? What is average time required to investigate and bring complaints to a resolution? How many complaints resulted in action being taken against providers? How many involve residential aged care? Home Care? Programs now referred to as Commonwealth Home Support Program?	Written
SQ15-000388	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	In relation to the changes to the aged care complaints scheme: can you explain how the complaints handling process is being simplified? What changes will there be for consumers? Please outline the new system Will the Aged Care Commissioner be given more power to investigate case content?	Written
SQ15-000390	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	How many DSS FTE staff are involved in the complaints process at the moment? Will all of those staff move to the Commissioner's office? Or will there be a reduction in staffing? Will there be any job losses? Will they be employed as DSS staff?	Written
SQ15-000391	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	There is a saving of almost \$3 million by moving the complaints scheme to the responsibility of the Aged care Commissioner. What exactly are you cutting to achieve this save?	Written
SQ15-000392	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	Is the Commissioner being adequately funded to handle this work level? Particularly given the reform changes occurring now, the level of confusion out there amongst consumers and providers?	Written
SQ15-000393	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	Are the offices of DSS and the Aged care Commissioner co-located? If so, how can the independence of the Commissioner be maintained if the staff are employed by and located with DSS?	Written
SQ15-000394	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	What measures will be taken to guarantee the independence of the Aged Care Commissioner?	Written
SQ15-000395	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce Development	When will the Aged Care Workforce Activities Report be presented to the Assistant Minister? When will the report be available publically or to the Committee? When will the Assistant Minister respond to the report?	Written
SQ15-000396	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce Development	When will the Government outline its Aged Care Workforce Strategy? How will the Fund be used to progress the strategy?	Written
SQ15-000397	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce Development	Please outline which of the current programs funded under the Workforce Development Fund will be cut as a result of the Budget cuts and the results of the stocktake?	Written
SQ15-000398	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce Development	Please provide details of meetings by the Department with the various Unions, including dates, duration, which Unions and the various topics of discussion. Please provide details of meetings by the Assistant Minister with the various Unions, including dates, duration, which Unions and the various topics of discussion.	Written
SQ15-000399	3 - Ageing	Polley	Workforce Development	Has the government prepared or commissioned any modelling or research of the effects of the 2015 Budget measures, including the new 2017 reforms, on wages in the sector, or on workforce supply? If so, can you supply this?	Written

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SQ15-000400	3 - Ageing	Polley	Accreditation	Has the department investigated and considered the problems experience in New Zealand when accreditation was privatised? What is being done to ensure these problems are not replicated in Australia?	Written
SQ15-000402	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	What protections are in place to ensure the simplification of processes does not reduce consumers' capacity to make a complaint?	Written
SQ15-000403	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	Will the processes for lodging of complaints change?	Written - 16 June
SQ15-000404	3 - Ageing	Polley	Budget for Ageing and Service Improvement	Please outline precisely what is funded under Ageing and Service Improvement, including how much is allocated for DACS across the forwards estimates, SBRTs, DBMAS, and other any and all programs funded over the forward estimates.	Written
SQ15-000405	3 - Ageing	Polley	Your Brain Matters initiative	Given that the "Your Brain Matters" initiative by Alzheimer's Australia is a world-leading preventative measure for what is the second leading cause of death, can the Department and / or the Assistant Minister outline whether it had considered, or been approached, to continue this program as a DSS initiative?	Written
SQ15-000406	3 - Ageing	Polley	Review of dementia services	Can you outline where the Government's review of dementia services is up to and when a report will be made available to the Committee?	Written
SQ15-000407	3 - Ageing	Polley	Review of dementia services	What are the drivers behind the Government's current review into dementia services? What is the expected outcome of the review and how do you intend to better support people with dementia through the outcome of this review? Are there any other dementia programs/measures funded by Health? Will they come across to DSS? What is the interaction between Health and DSS in relation to these programs/measures? Were they included in the dementia review? If not why not?	Written
SQ15-000408	3 - Ageing	Polley	Review of dementia services	Given that the initial Dementia Forum in September 2014 was jointly convened by the Health Minister and the Social Services Assistant Minister please explain why Dementia programs in the Health portfolio were not part of the review?	Written
SQ15-000409	3 - Ageing	Polley	DBMAS / SBRTs	Will there be increased funding for the new DBMAS / SBRTs amalgamation above what is allocated just for Flying Squads? What will the allocation be over the Forwards?	Written
SQ15-000410	3 - Ageing	Polley	Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund	Can the Government provide information about where \$20.1m cut to the Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund will come from?	Written
SQ15-000411	5 - Disability	Polley	ILC	The NDIS Independence Learning and Capacity (ILC) framework provides little clarity on who can access supports and services. Can you confirm that there will be no barrier to people aged over 65 receiving this services and support under the ILC stream of the NDIS?	Written
SQ15-000412	5 - Disability	Polley	Transition to aged care	What work is being undertaken to ensure appropriate transition to aged care for those people covered by Disability services as they approach the age of 65 years?	Written

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SQ15-000413	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	<p>1. Have all funding agreements stemming from the outcomes of the 2014 DSS Grants round and the Minister's subsequent announcement of funding been executed?</p> <p>2. Please provide a list of the services funded under each activity and sub-activity in the grants round including the funding amount by year broken down by state and territory?</p>	Written
SQ15-000414	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	Please provide a list of any external individuals or organisations that the Department consulted in undertaking the gap analysis of frontline services, including details on how and when the consultations were undertaken.	Written
SQ15-000415	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	On what date did the Department provide the Minister advice on the outcomes of the frontline service gap analysis?	Written
SQ15-000416	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	<p>1. Were all of the 94 services announced for funding by Minister Morrison on 10 June recommended by the Department as an outcome of the Frontline service gap analysis?</p> <p>2. Did the Minister or anyone from the Minister's office request that specific organisations be included or excluded from the list of organisations that were recommended for funding?</p>	Written
SQ15-000417	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	<p>\$29.6 million was allocated in the 2016-15 budget provide transitional grants funding in 2015-16 and 2016-17. On 10 June Minister Morrison announced \$40 million in additional funding for frontline services.</p> <p>a. Please provide an explanation of the difference between the announcement and the budget figured</p> <p>b. Please provide an annual breakdown of funding included in the 10 June announcement.</p>	Written
SQ15-000418	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	<p>When the Minister announced the \$40 million of funding for frontline services he also stated that "where there are other gaps where we need to work through, we will make the announcements in due course."</p> <p>a. Is the Department continuing to actively examine gaps in frontline services?</p> <p>b. Has funding been held in reserve for grants to cover gaps which are identified going forward?</p>	Written
SQ15-000419	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Support for vulnerable children and their families	<p>a. Did all the former Specialist Family Violence Services and Kids in Focus providers accept the funding offer announced by Minister Morrison on 17 April 2015?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown of the \$15 million funding announced by the Minister on 17 April 2015 by year and state and territory.</p>	Written
SQ15-000420	1 - Social Security	Brown	Child Support Services	Has a decision been made about funding for Child Support Services post 30 June 2015? When was advice provided to Minister Morrison on the outcomes of consultation with Child Support Advocacy service providers?	Written
SQ15-000421	0 - Cross	Lines	Communications Staff	How many communications, media and marketing staff are employed in the Department? How does this compare with 2013-14? Please provide a breakdown of the communications/media/marketing staffing in the Department by APS classification, responsibilities, and a total annual staffing cost of these positions.	Written

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SQ15-000422	0 - Cross	Lines	Promotional Merchandise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department spent in the category of Promotional Merchandise in the last twelve months?</li> <li>2. Can you please outline the nature of promotional merchandise purchased, the number of units purchased and the intended use of each type of merchandise?</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000423	0 - Cross	Lines	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total spend on media monitoring in 2014-15?</li> <li>2. Why has the value of the contract with iSentia for media monitoring that expires on 15 December 2015 increased (in March 2015) from \$600,000 to \$721,000?</li> <li>3. Will any additional services be provided as a result of that increased value?</li> <li>4. Does that contract include social media monitoring?</li> <li>5. If not, is there a separate contract for social media monitoring? If so, what is the value and duration of that contract, and which organisation has been engaged to do that work?</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000424	0 - Cross	Lines	Advertising Campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - Please advise how many advertising campaigns have gone to the Independent Communications Committee since 1 January 2015?</li> <li>2 - Are there any advertising campaigns, or market research that has been undertaken in recent times for the purposes of informing a future advertising campaign, which fall outside the requirement of going to the ICC? If so, what were they in relation to, what was the cost, and which organisations were commissioned to do this work?</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000425	0 - Cross	Lines	Child Care Advertising Campaign	<p>With reference to the Department's PBS on page 105, table 2.2.4 , at the line item "Child Care Subsidy Communications Campaign":</p> <p>Table 2.2.4: Expenses for Support for the Child Care System</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total amount being spent on communicating the Government's Jobs for Families package?</li> <li>2. Is this spend new money, or has it been allocated from elsewhere?</li> <li>3. What will the communications campaign involve? Will it involve outdoor media? TV? Radio?</li> <li>4. When is the advertising due to commence?</li> <li>5. Has this expenditure been approved by Cabinet?</li> <li>6. Has it been through all of the public service advertising approval requirements? When did this occur?</li> <li>7. Can you please break down the campaign expenditure into its components, for example advertising expenditure, graphic design, etc.</li> <li>8. Has work commenced on the campaign? If yes – when did this work commence? If no – when will it commence?</li> <li>9. How many Departmental staff will be working on the campaign?</li> <li>10. Was this campaign initiated at the request of the Minister or his office, or did the idea originate in the Department?</li> <li>11. Is it possible that this advertising campaign could start before the Government's child care changes have passed the parliament?</li> </ol>	Written

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SQ15-000426	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Programs for vulnerable and disadvantaged children	<p>For each of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grandparents CCB</li> <li>- Special CCB Children at Risk</li> <li>- Special CCB Financial Hardship</li> <li>- JETCCFA</li> <li>- Inclusion and Professional Support Program</li> <li>- Community Support Programme</li> <li>- Budget Based Funded Programme</li> </ul> <p>Please provide, for the last five years and the forward estimates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - The number of families, children and services supported under each of these programs</li> <li>2 - The annual and per capita cost for families, children and services supported under each of these programs</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000427	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care safety net	<p>With reference to the proposed child care safety net:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - What assistance will be provided to families experiencing temporary financial hardship?</li> <li>2 - Will it be a percentage of the benchmark price? In dollar terms, what will the value of the assistance be?</li> <li>3 - How will families be determined to be eligible?</li> <li>4 - How many families and children in each year are expected to benefit from this program? How does this compare to the number that would benefit from Special Child Care Benefit Financial Hardship?</li> <li>5 - Will the overall funding for this new program in 2017-18 be more or less than the expected expenditure on Special Child Care Benefit Financial Hardship in 2016-17?</li> <li>6 - Who will decide if families are eligible and for how many weeks at a time will additional assistance be provided?</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000428	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care safety net	<p>With reference to the proposed child care safety net:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - What level of 'top up' subsidy will be provided to children at risk? In the costed model announced in the Budget, how was the 'top up' defined? Will it be a percentage of the benchmark price? In dollar terms, what will the 'top up' subsidy be?</li> <li>2 - Will it be possible for there to be a gap between the 'top up' subsidy and the cost of care for at risk children? Who will meet that gap?</li> <li>3 - How are children going to be deemed at risk under the proposed new system?</li> <li>4 - How many families and children in each year are expected to benefit from this program? How does this compare to the number that would benefit from Special Child Care Benefit Children at Risk?</li> <li>5 - Will the overall funding for this new program in 2017-18 be more or less than the expected expenditure on Special Child Care Benefit Children at Risk in 2016-17? What are the overall, per child and per family expenditure levels in each program expected to be in those years, and if they differ, why?</li> <li>6 - How many children have received subsidies on the basis of being at risk over the last five years? How many children are expected to be declared at risk across the forward estimates?</li> <li>7 - Will there be a cap on expenditure or places under this new program? What will that cap be?</li> </ol>	Written

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SQ15-000429	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care safety net	<p>With reference to the Minister's Media Release of 8 May 2015 which indicates the Government will introduce a higher capped subsidy for families transitioning from income support to work:</p> <p>1 - Will this program replace the current Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance program?</p> <p>2 - What assistance will be provided to parents? How will it be capped? Will it be a percentage of the benchmark price? In dollar terms, what will the value of the assistance be?</p> <p>3 - How will families be determined to be eligible?</p> <p>3 - What will the eligibility criteria be?</p> <p>4 - How many families and children in each year are expected to benefit from this program? How does this compare to the number that would benefit from the Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance program?</p> <p>5 - Will the overall funding for this new program in 2017-18 be more or less than the expected expenditure on Special Child Care Benefit Financial Hardship in 2016-17?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000430	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care safety net	<p>With reference to the Minister's Media Release of 8 May 2015 which stated the Government would introduce a Community Child Care Fund from July 2017 which will include support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "disadvantaged communities, including remote Indigenous communities and rural areas to strengthen the integration of child care services with other community services,</li> <li>• low income families in high child care cost areas to reduce financial barriers,</li> <li>• services operating in low viability markets, subject to clear requirements on how to improve business practice, and</li> <li>• a co-contribution towards new buildings, expansions and/or extensions to services in areas of demonstrated high demand and low child care availability."</li> </ul> <p>In relation to Budget Based Funded Services:</p> <p>1 - What will the arrangements be for budget based funded services under the new model?</p> <p>2 - Will they continue to be funded on the service level, or will the services move to per child funding?</p> <p>3 - Does the Department expect any services to become unviable as a result of the changes? Is it possible that some communities will be left without any service at all?</p> <p>4 - How many families, children and services in each year are expected to benefit from this program? How does this compare to the number that would benefit from the Budget Based Funded program?</p> <p>5 - Will the overall funding for this new program in 2017-18 be more or less than the expected expenditure on the Budget Based Funded services program in 2016-17?</p> <p>In relation to assistance for low income families in high cost areas:</p> <p>6 - What assistance will be provided to low income families in high cost areas?</p> <p>7 - What will the level of assistance be and how will eligibility be determined?</p> <p>8 - On what basis will areas be deemed high-cost? Which areas will be included?</p> <p>9 - How much money will be allocated to the program each year? How many additional places will it create?</p> <p>In relation to co-contributions to capital expansion:</p> <p>10. What assistance will be provided towards new building, expansions and extensions? How much will this total in each year of the program?</p> <p>11. How will eligibility be determined?</p> <p>12. How much will be spent on this part of the program in each year? How many additional places is this expected to create?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000431	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Family Day Care Compliance	<p>In relation to compliance and sharp practices within Family Day Care. In March Family Day Care Australia, the national peak body proposed a solution to the Department of Social Services – a 5% care cap on educators caring for other educators children within a service:</p> <p>1 - Has the Department considered the approach put forward by Family Day Care Australia?</p> <p>2 - Is the Department considering an alternative model of regulation based on exemptions for Family Day Carers whose children also require care?</p> <p>3 - What exemptions will be available?</p> <p>4 - Who would be responsible for approving these exemptions?</p>	Written
SQ15-000432	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCB threshold freeze	<p>With reference to the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014 currently before the House:</p> <p>1 - Have the Child Care Benefit income thresholds been administratively frozen in anticipation of the Bill passing the Parliament? If so, when were they frozen? Who authorised it? Did the Minister? When was approval given?</p> <p>2 - When did the threshold freezes take effect? How many people have been impacted by the threshold freezes? Please break this down by \$10,000 income band?</p> <p>3 - What if the Bill does not pass the Parliament? How will the Department deal with the possible underpayment of CCB? Will additional catch-up payments need to be provided to families or services?</p> <p>4 - Is the Government still committed to implementing this measure?</p>	Written
SQ15-000433	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Quarterly Child Care Update	<p>In relation to the publication of the June 2014 Quarterly Child Care Update:</p> <p>1. Why was there such a delay in the publication of the report?</p> <p>4. Did the Minister or his office provide any guidance on the timing of the report? Was the Department instructed not to publish the report before the release of the Jobs for Families package?</p> <p>5. The June 2014 report does not include updated out-of-pocket costs from the previous quarter. Why?</p> <p>6. Can the Department provide the out-of-pocket costs as of June 2014, broken down into income bracket, as is standard in the reports?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000434	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Benchmark Price - who will be worse off	<p>With reference to the benchmark price:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many services does the Department expect will charge fees above the benchmark price in 2017-18, and future years?</li> <li>2. Please provide a breakdown of the number of services expected to charge fees above the benchmark price in 2017-18 into \$5 increments?</li> <li>3. Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of services expected to charge fees by location – city, region, and electorate?</li> <li>4. How many children and families does the Department expect will be relying on services that charge above the benchmark in 2018-18, and future years? Can the Department provide this information broken down by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Location – city, region, electorate?</li> <li>b. Family income in \$10,000 bands?</li> <li>c. Family status – single parent or two parents?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Currently CCR provides a 50 per cent refund of out of pocket costs, but the Child Care Subsidy will be based on the a per cent of the benchmark price. How many families and children will be worse off because of the move from linking support away from actual fees and on to a benchmark fee?</li> <li>6. Can the Department provide this information broken down by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Location – city, region, electorate?</li> <li>b. Family income in \$10,000 bands?</li> <li>c. Family status – single parent or two parents?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000435	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care vacancies	<p>Previously the Department has published child care vacancy rates by local Government area. Please provide the most up to date administrative data showing vacancy rates by local government area (or other local geographical area) broken down by type of care (LDC, OSHC, FDC) - at a minimum, please provide the number of services in each category and the number with a vacancy.</p>	Written
SQ15-000436	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care shortages - places	<p>Has the Department conducted any analysis of locations facing a shortage of child care places? If so, please provide this analysis. Please also provide a list of geographic areas identified as facing a shortage of child care places. Please provide this information for Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care and Family Day Care.</p>	Written
SQ15-000437	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Out of pocket costs	<p>What are the projected out of pocket costs of child care for families across the forwards? Please provide as an average, but also break down based on family income (in \$10,000 steps) and number of children.</p>	Written

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SQ15-000438	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Support for multiple children in care	<p>1 - Under the Child Care Subsidy, will higher levels of support be provided for subsequent children? As is the case with the current multiple child loadings for the Child Care Benefit?</p> <p>2 - If so - what are these levels of support?</p> <p>3 - If not, how many people families will lose access to multiple child subsidies? Please provide this broken down by state and electorate.</p> <p>4 - How many families will multiple children in care will be worse off because of the loss of additional subsidies? Please break down by state and electorate.</p> <p>5 - On average how much worse off will a family be because of the loss of additional assistance for multiple children in care?</p>	Written
SQ15-000439	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity test - number of children and families worse off	How many families and children will be worse off at each of the three steps in the new activity test? Broken down by income, state and electorate.	Written
SQ15-000440	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care fee increases	How much does the Government expect child care prices to rise each year over the forward estimates? Can the Department please provide in the same format as QoN ED0098_15 from the 2014 Budget Estimates. Can this information be provided broken down by state, and capital city?	Written
SQ15-000441	5 - Disability	Moore	Carers	Can the department provide details on how the National Carer Gateway will link in with wide range of existing specialised information and supported services?	Written
SQ15-000442	5 - Disability	Moore	Carers	How will the design of the National Carer Gateway take account of the fact that cares need access to a wide range of information and support services ranging from counselling and emotional support, access to respite, legal advice and financial assistance.	Written
SQ15-000443	5 - Disability	Moore	Carers	<p>Can the Department specify details regarding the 1800 support number that is a part of the National Carer Gateway:</p> <p>a) the funding criteria and implementation processes to be applied to the programme?</p> <p>b) what standards will be applied to the hotline staff with qualifications and training to ensure suitable advice is being provided to the callers?</p>	Written
SQ15-000444	5 - Disability	Moore	Carers	How will the National Carer Gateway will differ from the Aged Care Gateway?	Written
SQ15-000445	5 - Disability	Moore	Carers	<p>What is the aim of the Integrated Carer Plan and:</p> <p>a) how will you ensure that it takes into account carers diverse range of circumstances and needs?</p> <p>b) who will be on the Integrated Carer Plan's Advisory Group?</p> <p>c) what measures were taken to ensure that the Advisory Group could adequately represent the diversity of needs for Carers, including young carers?</p> <p>d) how often will the Integrated Carer Plan's Advisory Board meet?</p>	Written

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<b>SQ15-000446</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Xenophon	Nanny Pilot Programme	The Minister for Social Services, the Hon Scott Morrison MP has indicated that the IHC (nannies) Pilot programme will run until the end of 2017, after which time he will then contrast the Nanny Pilot against the Government's IHC programme. Will the Government afford the In-Home Care Sector the same opportunities in terms of increased places and funding so as to allow the two programmes to compete on equal grounds?	Written
<b>SQ15-000447</b>	0 - Cross	Lines	Media enquiries	1 - How many staff members does the Department's media team have? 2 - How many media enquiries has the Department received in the past six months? 3 - How many media enquiries has the Department directly responded to? How many have been referred to the Minister's Office for a response? 4 - How many media releases has the Department issued in FY 2015-16?	Written
<b>SQ15-000448</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Xenophon	In-Home Childcare programme	How many children have been cared for over the 14 years that the Government's In-Home Childcare programme has been in existence?	Written
<b>SQ15-000449</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	PBS Data	With reference to the Programme Deliverables and Key Performance Indicators tables for Programme 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 in the 2014-15 PBO. 1 - Please provide the information from all of the above tables which has previously been reported in the PBS? Please provide the information across the forwards? 2 - In particular, please provide – for each year of the forward estimates: a. The number of children and families receiving child care assistance b. For 2015-16 and 2016-17, the number of children and families receiving: i. CCR and CCB ii. CCR only iii. CCB only c. For the 2016-18 and the 2018-19 years can the department also provide the number of children and families expected to be in receipt of the new Child Care Subsidy? 3 - What is the percentage of families using child care services that receive a child care payment for each year over the forward estimates?	Written
<b>SQ15-000450</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Xenophon	Nanny Pilot Programme	How will the DSS ensure that the children who are cared for within the Nanny Pilot Program will receive high quality care in a child safe environment?	Written

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SQ15-000451	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Modelling	<p>1 - What models have been used to project the costing of the Families Package for the Budget? Have one or more of the following models been used?</p> <p>d. POEM</p> <p>e. The Productivity Commission's Micro-simulation model</p> <p>f. Legislative Outyears Customisable Model of Child Care</p> <p>g. Treasury's STINMOD</p> <p>2 - Can the Department provide all the assumptions and parameters used in modelling the cost of the Child Care Subsidy?</p> <p>3 - Can the Department confirm that the costed model for the Child Care Subsidy only includes first round effects and advise if any modelling of second round effects has been undertaken?</p> <p>4 - If modelling of second round effects has been undertaken – What second round effects were modelled, and what were the outcomes of that modelling? Can the Department provide it?</p>	Written
SQ15-000452	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Xenophon	Nanny Pilot Programme	<p>What Guidelines will the Department of Social Services be putting in place to regulate the IHC (nannies ) pilot plan, and are they considering adopting the National Standards for the IHC programme that have served the sector so well in term of the care and safety of the children we cares for under this successful government programme?</p>	Written
SQ15-000453	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce participation - breakdown	<p>With reference to the Minister's media release announcing the child care changes on 10 May 2015. The media release states:</p> <p>"It is estimated the new measures will encourage more than 240,000 families to increase their involvement in paid employment, including almost 38,000 jobless families."</p> <p>Please break these figures down further please and provide information on the basis of:</p> <p>1 - How many families will increase their hours and how many are expected to take up new jobs?</p> <p>2 - By geographical area – including state, region and electorate?</p> <p>3 - What the participation impact in terms of increased hours and jobs will be for single and dual parent families?</p> <p>4 - For all available future years?</p>	Written
SQ15-000454	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Xenophon	In-Home Childcare programme	<p>IHC presently cares for many children who have special needs. Will the Government funded the IHC programme be retained by the Government to continue to support the needs of these special children and their families?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000455	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce participation - calculation	<p>With reference to the Minister's media release announcing the child care changes on 10 May 2015. The media release states:</p> <p>"It is estimated the new measures will encourage more than 240,000 families to increase their involvement in paid employment, including almost 38,000 jobless families."</p> <p>1 - How did the Government determine those figures?  2 - Did the Department calculate these figures? Or another agency? Or the Minister's office?  3 - Was this the standard process used to predict changes in workforce participation? Have these numbers been endorsed by Treasury or Prime Minister and Cabinet?  4 - Why did the Department conduct a survey rather than use an established model to predict these changes?  5 - What employment data did the Department use to determine the current level employment among parents currently in in the Government's child care system?  6 - What, if any, employment data among child care subsidy recipients does the Department collect and hold?</p>	Written
SQ15-000456	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce participation - assumption	<p>With reference to the Minister's media release announcing the child care changes on 10 May 2015. The media release states:</p> <p>"It is estimated the new measures will encourage more than 240,000 families to increase their involvement in paid employment, including almost 38,000 jobless families."</p> <p>1 - In formulating these figures, was the availability of jobs taken into account? Or only the hypothetical desire of parents to return to work or work more?  2 - Would different outcomes be likely depending on the strength of local labour markets?  3 - In formulating these figures, was the availability and/or cost of child care taken into account? Or only the hypothetical desire of parents to access increased hours of affordable care?  4 - Was any modelling of second round effects on workforce participation taken into account in the costed child care changes? How? What were the results of the modelling?  5 - If second round effects were not taken onto account – why not?</p>	Written
SQ15-000457	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce participation -	<p>What change in the female workforce participation rate reported by the ABS does the Department expect to occur as a result of the costed child care changes? Please provide this information both taking into account, and not taking into account, other proposed Government policy changes, including changes to the Family Tax Benefit?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000458	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	<p>How many services are currently charging in excess of the cap and where are these services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many 100% CCB children (ie children from very low income families) are accessing these services?</li> <li>• How many 50% CCB children (ie children from low income families) are accessing these services?</li> <li>• How many &lt;50% CCB children (ie children from middle income families) are accessing these services?</li> </ul>	Written

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SQ15-000459	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Increased workforce participation - research	<p>With reference to the Minister's media release of 10 May 2015, which states:</p> <p>"Quantitative Research undertaken for the Department of Social Services to investigate potential impacts on workforce participation found that 24% of families with children under twelve, both in work and out of work, indicated they would be encouraged to work more as a result of these measures."</p> <p>1 - Can the Department provide a copy of that research?  2 - Can the Department outline the findings of this research?  3 - Who did it?  4 - What methodology did they use?  5 - When did they do it?  6 - How much did they get paid? Which contract did this relate to?  7 - What parameters/guidelines did the Department set for this research?  8 - What was the sample size? How were participants selected? What was the gender breakdown? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the population surveyed in this research including: individual and household income, number of weekly hours worked by each parent, age, number of children, age of children, type of care being used, amount of CCB/CCR/other currently received?  9 - How many of them were from single-income households?  10 - What question(s) were they asked? What were the raw results of the questions they were asked?  11 - What information were respondents provided as to how the child care reforms and other changes to family payments in the Budget would impact on their individual circumstances?  12 - How many of the respondents would be worse off under in their current circumstances under the Government's proposed changes?  13 - Were these parents also informed of the impact on their household budget as a result of the proposed FTB cuts? If not, why not?  14 - Did the research company extrapolate the data they collected into a national figure, i.e. the 240,000 figure? Or did the Department do this based on the research results? Who did this?  15 - Did the Department ask the research company whether it was statistically reliable to extrapolate their data as a national figure? If not, why not?  16 - Whose decision was it to extrapolate the research data as national figures?  17 - What specific questions were respondents asked that led the Government to conclude the respondents said they would be "encouraged to increase their involvement in paid work"?  18 - How many of the respondents in the research fell within the category of "jobless families where no-one is in work who would be encouraged to work"? Please provide percentage as well as raw number.  19 - Is this a statistically significant population to extrapolate to a national figure?  20 - Which census data set specifically did the Government use to make these calculations?</p>	Written
SQ15-000460	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	How much funding is dedicated to the child care fee top-up and how many children do you expect this will support?	Written

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SQ15-000461	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity test	<p>With reference to the proposed three-step child care activity test:</p> <p>Taking into account the first round impacts of changes to the child care system:</p> <p>1 - How many families and children, who currently receive assistance, will <u>not have access</u> to child care assistance at all, as a result of the new activity test? Can the Department break the overall figures of how many families and children down by income (in \$10,000 bands), state and electorate? How many families and children will be impacted:</p> <p>i. Earning between \$65,000 and \$100,000</p> <p>ii. \$65,000 and \$180,000</p> <p>iii. Families earning below \$65,000</p> <p>2 - How many families and children, who currently receive assistance, will have their <u>access to child care assistance reduced</u>, as a result of the new activity test? Can the Department break the overall figures of how many families and children down by income (in \$10,000 bands), state and electorate? How many families and children will be impacted:</p> <p>i. Earning between \$65,000 and \$100,000</p> <p>ii. \$65,000 and \$180,000</p> <p>iii. Families earning below \$65,000</p> <p>3 - How many single income families earning over \$65,000 per year will <u>no longer be eligible</u> for the Child Care Subsidy as a result of changes to the activity test? How many children will be impacted in this group? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>4 - How many families and children currently undertaking less than eight hours activity per fortnight will <u>become ineligible for support</u> under the new activity test? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>5 - How many families - where parents are currently working between 15 and 48 hours per fortnight will have their access to child care <u>reduced</u>, compared to the current system? How many children will be impacted? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>6 - How many children and families fall into each of the two steps of the current activity test? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>7 - How many children and families will fall into each of the three steps in the proposed activity test? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>8 - How many families will withdraw their children from subsidised care as a result of these changes? How many children will be impacted? Please provide breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate.</p> <p>g. Will the increased activity test lead to the withdrawal of any parents from the workforce? How many? Please provide breakdowns of the impact by income group (in \$10,000 bands or other available breakdown), state and electorate. If no assessment of this impact has been done - why not?</p>	Written
SQ15-000462	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	At what hourly fees are low income (less than \$60,000) families worse off?	Written

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SQ15-000463	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Work, study and training test	<p>1 - How will the definition of the work, study, training test in the costed model for the new Child Care Subsidy differ from the current test for CCB?</p> <p>2 - Are there any changes to the definition of a work-related commitment?</p> <p>3 - Under the current CCB test, there is a list of 'other ways' to satisfy the test – will all of these other ways to satisfy the test remain? In particular, will parents continue to be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy when they are on paid or unpaid parental leave? Carer or sick leave? Receiving Carer Payment? Or when caring for a person with disability?</p> <p>4 - For the categories of 'other' ways to satisfy the Work, Study, Training test, which cannot be associated with a number of hours of activity – such as unpaid parental leave, receiving Carer Payment or caring for a person with disability – how many hours of subsidised child care per fortnight will the parents be eligible for under the new Child Care Subsidy? Will they be eligible for 100 hours of subsidised care per fortnight?</p> <p>5 - What types of volunteering and travel will be eligible under the new work study and training test? And what types will be ineligible?</p> <p>6 - How will the department check whether people are volunteering or travelling as required by the guidelines?</p> <p>7 - How many children and families will lose access to subsidised child care, or have their level of access reduced, as a result of changes to the work, study, training test for the new Child Care Subsidy?</p>	Written
SQ15-000464	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	What is the average and range of 24 hour CCB children in LDC services (excluding zero rate of CCB)?	Written
SQ15-000466	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Calculation of benchmark price	<p>With reference to the proposed benchmark prices for Long Day Care, Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care:</p> <p>1 - How has each of the benchmark prices been determined? Is there a formula for each one? Can you provide them?</p> <p>2 - What is the rationale for the different approaches taken for Long Day Care, Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care?</p> <p>3 - What year's fees did the Department use as the base year for the costed model for the Child Care Subsidy? Was it 2012-13?</p> <p>4 - In the costed model, what is the assumed child care fee price growth in each year between the base year and 2017-18 when the new subsidy will start? What will the mean price of child care be in each of these years?</p> <p>5 - What are the proposed benchmark prices in 2014-15 dollars? And in 2013-14 dollars?</p> <p>6 - Has the removal of the Community Support Programme funding changes for Family Day Care Services which come into effect in July 2015 been factored in to the benchmark? What impact did these changes have on the benchmark price in dollar terms?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000467	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Price increases in LOCMOCC	What are the price increases for each service type (Family Day Care, Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care) projected to be for each year of the forward estimates in LOCMOCC, compared with the previous five years?	Written
SQ15-000468	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	How will the additional child care subsidy work? Does it work in conjunction with the Child Care Subsidy, the total amount of funding seems low compared to current expenditure for SCCB and JET?	Written
SQ15-000469	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Price increases	1 - What are the projected price increases for each child care service type (Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care) for the forward estimates? And for any projected years beyond the forward estimates? 2 - Given the Child Care Subsidy will be indexed by CPI, will the out of pocket costs for parents grow over time under the new system, as a proportion of the total child care fees charged?	Written
SQ15-000470	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Overall impact on families - Child Care Subsidy	With reference to the article in the Daily Telegraph by Daniel Meers on 11 May 2015 which says: <i>"Nearly \$40 billion will be set aside over the next four years to get mums and dads back into the workforce, tomorrow night's budget will reveal. The landmark figures will be unveiled as part of the entire Jobs for Families Childcare Assistance Package which treasury estimates will leave four out of five families better off."</i> 1 - Is the Department aware of the analysis referred to in that article about how many families will be better off? Is it correct? Please provide a copy. 2 - Does this mean one in five families will be worse off? How many families will be worse off?	Written
SQ15-000471	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	How many children does the budget costing expect will access the additional subsidies for children at risk, financial hardship and JET – how does that compare with current usage?	Written
SQ15-000472	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy	How many families and children will be <u>financially</u> worse-off under the Child Care Subsidy, compared to the current system? Please provide this figure nationally and break it down to show: 1 - The income distribution of those families that will be worse off - in \$10,000 income bands up to \$250,000 per year; 2 - The number of families and children that will be worse off in each state and electorate; 3 - For families that will be worse off, the average dollars per week and year that they will be worse off under the Child Care Subsidy? Also provide the above information taking into account the impact of the Government's proposed Family Tax Benefit changes.	Written

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SQ15-000473	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy	Please provide tables or a calculator which show how much assistance families will receive on different incomes and across different service prices under the Child Care Subsidy, compared with the current system. The tables/calculator should show the changes in out-of-pocket expenses. Please provide this information in \$10,000 income bands and for prices between \$60 per day and \$150 per day. And for families with one and two children in care. Please also provide this information taking into account the impact of the Government's proposed Family Tax Benefit changes.	Written
SQ15-000474	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	Is there are subsidy rate and benchmark that applies?	Written
SQ15-000475	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy	Which groups of families and children will be worse off under the Child Care Subsidy, compared to the current system?	Written
SQ15-000476	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy	How many families and children will be worse-off under the Child Care Subsidy as a result of a reduced number of hours of access to subsidised child care, compared to the current system? Please provide this figure nationally and break it down to show: 1 - The income distribution of those families that will be worse off - in \$10,000 income bands up to \$250,000 per year; 2 - The number of families and children that will be worse off in each state and electorate; 3 - For families that will be worse off, the average hours per week and year that they will be worse off under the Child Care Subsidy? Also provide the above information taking into account the impact of the Government's proposed Family Tax Benefit changes.	Written
SQ15-000477	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	What level of support will an income support recipient, training or studying to move into work receive under child care subsidy? What is this support in percentage terms?	Written
SQ15-000478	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	Is there a different activity test that applies for these families on income support who are training to get a job?	Written
SQ15-000479	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	What subsidy rate will an at risk child receive? What is this support in percentage terms?	Written

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SQ15-000480	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy	<p>Considering only the first round effects from the budget costing, how many children and families that are eligible for a subsidy under the current system would receive a lower effective subsidy under the new system, where a lower effective subsidy includes a reduced number of hours of entitlement to subsidy, or a reduced financial subsidy rate based on their current usage? Please provide this figure nationally and break it down to show:</p> <p>1 - The income distribution of those families that will be worse off - in \$10,000 income bands up to \$250,000 per year;</p> <p>2 - The number of families and children that will be worse off in each state and electorate;</p>	Written
SQ15-000481	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	How would an at risk child meet the gap between the benchmark price and the cost of child care fees if the fees are higher?	Written
SQ15-000482	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Child care subsidy	How are children going to be deemed 'at risk' under the proposed new system.	Written
SQ15-000483	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Nanny Pilot Programme	What are the subsidy rates under the new in-home care nanny pilot?	Written
SQ15-000485	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Market research	<p>In relation to the Department of Social Services' contract CN2942792, titled on Austender "Market Research" and published 26 March 2015:</p> <p>a) What is the total budget the Department has provisioned for this market research exercise?</p> <p>b) Which division of the Department commissioned the market research?</p> <p>c) Was there an open tender for this contract?</p> <p>d) What topic or policy was subject to market research? Provide a summary of the subject matter of the research exercise.</p> <p>e) Is it the Government's intention for the market research to inform an advertising campaign? If so, what budget has been allocated for the advertising campaign?</p> <p>f) Where was the market research conducted?</p> <p>g) In what way was the research conducted, and what research tools were used?</p> <p>h) Were focus groups used? If so, on what dates, and how many participants were involved for each the focus groups convened?</p> <p>i) What other forms of research tools were used?</p> <p>j) Has the Minister been briefed, and/or provided with a copy of the results of the market research (please specify)?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000486	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Market research	In relation to the contract listed on Austender as CN3007872: 1) What items, and in what quantities were purchased from Yetimo Marketing Pty Ltd under this contract? 2) What other services were provided under this contract, including but not limited to design services? 3) For whom are the items purchased under this contract intended, and when and how will they be available? 4) How many intended recipients are there? 5) What text/logos appear on the items purchased under this contract? 6) Please provide copies of any images held by the Department of these items, including but not limited to sketches and photos	Written
SQ15-000487	3 - Ageing	Lines	Market research	In relation to the contract listed on Austender as CN3139472, awarded to Paragon Printers: a) What items, and in what quantities were purchased under this contract? b) What other services were provided under this contract, including but not limited to design services? c) For whom are the items purchased under this contract intended? d) How many intended recipients are there? e) What text/logos appear on the items purchased under this contract? f) Please provide copies of any images held by the Department of these items, including but not limited to sketches and photos	Written
SQ15-000489	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Nanny Pilot Programme	Can family day care educators apply to deliver nanny services under the pilot?	Written
SQ15-000490	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	In-Home Childcare programme	What changes will be made to the In-home Care program?	Written
SQ15-000491	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	In-Home Childcare programme	What is the current eligibility criteria for in-home care?	Written
SQ15-000492	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	In-Home Childcare programme	How many in-home care places are currently utilised?	Written
SQ15-000493	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Nanny Pilot Programme	How are the eligibility criteria for in-home care different to the Nanny In-home care pilot?	Written
SQ15-000494	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	There is very little information available on the \$304m Community Child Care Fund designed to improve service access for disadvantaged families other than that it will be allocated across approximately 4000 services through a competitive tender process. How will this program be defined? On what criteria will funding be allocated?	Written

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SQ15-000495	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	Broken down, this amounts to an average of only \$76,000 per service. Will the Government let the many centres currently requiring in excess of 4 times this amount to operate in areas of particular disadvantage close? What is the plan to support these services?	Written
SQ15-000496	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	The Package abolishes the entire program designed to support those services operating in communities where the market would otherwise fail to deliver services for children and their families. The nature of these services is that they will not be able to successfully participate in competitive tendering processes. What is the Government's plan for children in these communities?	Written
SQ15-000497	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	Aboriginal Child and Family Centres (ACFCs) across Australia have projected 50% shortfalls in their annual budgets (amounting to deficits of approximately \$500,000) if they are required to operate under child-based subsidies. How does the Government propose they continue operating under their mandates as integrated early years support services, with deficits of this magnitude?	Written
SQ15-000498	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	Child Care services – who are both time and resource poor and often lack the skills necessary to write successful grant applications – will now have to pursue funding through up to four different processes. How is this streamlining, reducing red-tape and/or making the system easier for services to negotiate? Can you please provide evidence of the feasibility of this policy and assessment of impact on these services?	Written
SQ15-000499	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Community Child Care Fund	The competitive grants process delivered through the Community Child Care Fund will disadvantage Indigenous services – as evidenced by the Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding process. We know that dozens of services - who had put in countless hours creating funding applications - were unsuccessful, and were generally given no explanation and therefore no insight into why this decision was made. (a) What evidence do you have that suggests that this policy will work for the targeted group of services in disadvantaged areas? (b) What was the breakdown of service size, community versus private, Indigenous versus non-Indigenous, local service versus state or nationwide organisations that were successful under the IAS? (c) What have been the learnings from the IAS process that have fed into this policy?	Written
SQ15-000500	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Indigenous access and Closing the Gap	This package will clearly reduce service access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and set back the Government's efforts to meet Closing the Gap targets. Has there been any examination of the extent to which this package will reduce service access for Indigenous 4 year olds or undermine the school attendance target? Can you please provide any information gathered on the impact of this policy on Indigenous children?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000502</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Activity test	<p>How do the reforms support child care centres operating in areas with high unemployment? For example in the Cairns-Atherton region the Indigenous unemployment rate sits at about 29% (ABS, 2011). For services in this region, and in other regions with low employment levels, this will mean that many children whose families don't meet the activity test will be limited to only 12 hours per week of participation in an early education and care program. We have evidence from BBF services that this would mean that the majority of their children, who now attend 4-5 days per week, would only be able to attend for 12 hours per week (this is not even 2 full days). This has two significant impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the service: the drop in utilisation rates will mean drop in the service budget and inability to meet service expenses.</li> <li>• For children and families: the children who most need early childhood programs will miss out. The evidence is clear that children from disadvantaged families gain significant advantages from accessing early childhood programs. This is why the Government has such strong national policy on access to quality early childhood service supports?</li> </ul> <p>How do the reforms support child care centres operating in areas with high unemployment? And how is this policy beneficial to the children who most need early education support? Has there been any assessment of the impact of this policy on children from disadvantaged communities?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000503</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	National Quality Framework	<p>What supports have been built in to the policy for Budget Based Funding services to come within the National Quality Framework and be assessed under the National Quality Standard? This was a multi-year process for mainstream services who were injected with significant funding and training to support them to comply with the ratings system. Will similar support be provided to services under the Budget Based Funding program? What is the plan for support for this process and how much funding has been allocated?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000504</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	National Quality Framework	<p>What has the Government assessed as the changes that will be required to support remote Indigenous services to comply with the National Quality Framework? Please provide the evidence that supports this assessment.</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000510</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Is the Department aware of improved rates of breastfeeding and the associated health benefits for mother and babies under the current PPL system? Has the government estimated how the proposed scheme will alter these health benefits for mothers and babies? Would you agree that breastfeeding rates and duration are likely to fall as a result of this policy?</p>	Written
<b>SQ15-000511</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Hanson-Young	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Can the Department provide the evidence for their estimates of the numbers of women (currently suggested to be 80,000) who will lose access to the government paid parental leave scheme? What proportion of the total number of affected women will no longer receive any government PPL payments? And what proportion are estimated to receive a reduce payment under the proposed new scheme?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000512	1 - Social Security	Canavan	Family Tax Benefit B	<p>Evidence given by the Department of Social Services to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 4 June 2014 revealed the following impacts of changes to Family Tax Benefit B:</p> <p>a. Changing income limit from \$150,000 to \$100,000: total number of families cancelled: 2015-16 — 137,000; 2016-17 — 150,000; 2017-18 — 149,000.</p> <p>b. Changing age limit to restrict FTB Part B to families whose youngest child is aged under 6: total number of families cancelled: 2015-16 — 34,200; 2016-17 — 93,000; 2017-18 — 573,000.</p> <p>1) Are these figures additive across years? (ie, for the age limit change, is it correct to say that over the years 2015-16 to 2017-18 a total of 700,200 families will have access to FTB-B cancelled?)</p> <p>2) If they are not additive, please provide explanations (and where appropriate data) showing how they are to be correctly interpreted.</p> <p>3) For each of the three years 2015-16; 2016-17 and 2017-18:</p> <p>a. How many families are estimated to access FTB-B in total? (provide figures for each year assuming both measures are implemented, as well as figures assuming that only the income limit change applies)</p> <p>4) If updated figures have been calculated please provide them.</p>	Written
SQ15-000513	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support services	If funding for Child Support Advocacy was included as part of the MYEFO savings in relation to grants where will any future funding for child support service be coming from?	Written
SQ15-000514	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support services	In evidence Ms Bennet stated that “the department has been consulting with these organisations to identify services that they may provide versus advocacy that they may provide. That information is still being finalised because some of the organisations are still finalising the providing of the advice on the services that they provide but we are hoping it will be resolved shortly.” (4 June 2015 Budget Estimates Hansard, Page 66) Is this the same process that service providers were informed would be reported to the Minister by 31 March 2015 or has the Minister requested additional work be undertaken?	Written
SQ15-000515	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support services	Please outline that porcess of consultation the Department undertook with service providers as part of the process of determining what direct services organisations previously funded under the Child Support Advocacy Program provided? Including dates, method of contact and which organisations were involved at each stage.	Written
SQ15-000516	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Market research	<p>In relation to the contract listed on Austender as CN3130202 awarded to Kirsty Mclvor &amp; Associates</p> <p>a) What services were provided under this contract, and for which program/campaign?</p> <p>b) For what publication or website is the content developed under this contract intended for</p> <p>c) Who is the intended audience of the content developed under this contract</p>	Written

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SQ15-000517	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Market research	In relation to the contract listed on Austender as CN3060852 awarded to Pullman Brisbane King George Square Ascendas Hotel Investment Co Pty Ltd a) What was the purpose and nature of the meeting or event that this contract relates to? b) What was the duration of this event/meeting? c) Who attended this function/event, including a total number of attendees d) What services were provided under this contract e) Provide a breakdown of the costs under this contract, including food and beverages f) What was the total cost of alcohol provided under this contract	Written
SQ15-000518	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Market research	In relation to the Department of Social Services' contract CN2933152, titled on Austender "Market Research" and published 23 March 2015: a) What is the total budget the Department has provisioned for this market research exercise? b) Which division of the Department commissioned the market research? c) Was there an open tender for this contract? d) What topic or policy was subject to market research? Provide a summary of the subject matter of the research exercise. e) Is it the Government's intention for the market research to inform an advertising campaign? If so, what budget has been allocated for the advertising campaign? f) Where was the market research conducted? g) In what way was the research conducted, and what research tools were used? h) Were focus groups used? If so, on what dates, and how many participants were involved for each the focus groups convened? i) What other forms of research tools were used? j) Has the Minister been briefed, and/or provided with a copy of the results of the market research (please specify)?	Written
SQ15-000519	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support services	Will the cessation of this funding impact on the work of the Child Support National Stakeholder Engagement Group? Did any of the 5 organisations previously funded under the Child Support Advocacy program receive funding to participate in this group?	Written
SQ15-000520	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support services	What definitions of advocacy and direct service is being used in determining what support is provided by each of the funded organisations?	Written
SQ15-000522	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce impacts	1 - Has the Department conducted any assessment of the impact the introduction of the Child Care Subsidy will have on the early education and care workforce? 2 - Will an increase in the workforce be required? How many additional educators and teachers will be required? 3 - Has there been any assessment of geographic areas of shortage? Where are these areas?	Written

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SQ15-000523	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Interaction of PPL and child care changes	Will the Government's proposed changes to PPL lead to an increase in demand for child care places? Particularly in the 0-2 age group? How many extra places will be required? What will the additional cost to the child care system be as a result of the proposed changes to PPL, for each year of the forward estimates?	Written
SQ15-000524	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Benchmark price - family day care overheads	<p>In relation to the benchmark price:</p> <p>1 - Under the proposed Child Care Subsidy what will the 17/18 benchmark price be for long day care, outside school hours care and family day care be in 14/15 and 15/16 terms?</p> <p>2 - At what percentile of the spread of fees charged does each benchmark sit? Is this with or without manipulation of outliers?</p> <p>3 - How many families will have to pay a top up amount above the benchmark by service type?</p> <p>4 - The reason given for the low percentage (5.75% compared to 17.5% for other service types) add-on increment for Family Day Care is 'lower overheads'. How have these 'lower overheads' been determined?</p> <p>5 - When projecting the mean in the calculation of the family day care benchmark was the following taken into account:</p> <p>a. the overheads of co-ordination units; the effect of approximately 80% of services losing CSP funding, which will result in significant fee increases in 2015/2016 for many services;</p> <p>b. the provision by family day care of shorter sessions of care than long day care and outside of normal hours care; and</p> <p>c. the price effects of regulation?</p>	Written
SQ15-000525	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Parameter variations	<p>With reference to Figure 30 on p15 of the <i>Budget and forward estimates - charts</i> report 2015-16:</p> <p>1 - Relative to MYEFO, parameter and other variations are expected to decrease expenditure on child care fee assistance by \$0.7 billion. What are these parameter variations?</p> <p>2 - Do they include the freeze to the Child Care Benefit? Can you confirm this has been administratively implemented?</p> <p>3 - As a result of the Budget measures that have increased expenditure, is any of this increase due to additional children coming into the child care system as a result of policy changes? And is in related to increased use in hours of care as a result of policy changes?</p> <p>4 - How many additional children in each year have you forecast will come into the system? And how many extra hours of child care do you expect will be used in each year?</p> <p>5 - Or, is expenditure increasing without additional children in the system or additional hours of care?</p>	Written
SQ15-000526	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	In-home care	Will the In-home care program continue in its current form until mid 2017?	Written

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SQ15-000527	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Comparison between current system and CCS	<p>Please provide the following comparative information for the proposed and current child care subsidy systems:</p> <p>For 10 hour approved LDC services, at \$10,000 income points from \$40,000 to \$250,000, and prices from \$60 per day increasing in \$10 increments up to \$140 per day, please provide tables that show the weekly benefits under the proposed child care subsidy compared to current system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 50hr CCB and 50% CCR compared to 50 hours new CC Subsidy – 5 days 1 child and 2 children</li> <li>o 50hr CCB and 50% CCR compared to 36 hours new subsidy – 5 days and 3 days, 1 child and 2 children</li> <li>o 24 hr. CCB and 50% CCR compared to 36 hours new CC Subsidy – 3 days, 1 child and 2 children</li> <li>o 24 hr. CCB and 50% CCR compared to 18 hours new CC subsidy – 2 days, 1 child and 2 children</li> <li>o 24 hr. CCB and no CCR compared to no activity under the new CC Subsidy (12 hours new CC subsidy for incomes below \$65,000 and no subsidy above) – 1 day and two days, 1 child and two children</li> </ul> <p>Please provide the same information for 11 hour approved, and 12 hour approved services.</p>	Written
SQ15-000528	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce	<p>How many people are forecast to move into the workforce as a result of the Government's child care changes? How many are forecast to exit the workforce? How were these figures determined?</p>	Written
SQ15-000529	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Number of children eligible for 24 hrs CCB in LDCs	<p>How many children are eligible for 24 hours of CCB and currently access a LDC in the year before school? Please provide broken down by state.</p>	Written
SQ15-000530	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Benchmark	<p>In relation to the benchmark price:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - How many services are currently charging in excess of the cap? Where are these services located?</li> <li>2 - How many 100% CCB children (i.e. children from very low income families) are accessing these services?</li> <li>3 - How many &gt;50% CCB children (i.e. children from low income families) are accessing these services?</li> <li>4 - How many &lt;50% CCB children (i.e. children from middle income families) are accessing these services?</li> </ol>	Written
SQ15-000531	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCB	<p>Please provide the number of families and children receiving CCB in each state and electorate?</p>	Written
SQ15-000532	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCR	<p>Please provide the number of families and children reviving CCR in each state and electorate?</p>	Written
SQ15-000533	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCS	<p>Please provide the number of families and children that will receive the CCS in each state and electorate in 2017-18?</p>	Written
SQ15-000534	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCB only	<p>Please provide the number of families and children receiving CCB only in each state and electorate?</p>	Written

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SQ15-000535	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCR only	Please provide the number of families and children receiving CCR only in each state and electorate?	Written
SQ15-000536	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCB and CCR	Please provide the number of families receiving CCB and CCR in each state and electorate?	Written
SQ15-000537	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care usage	For each state and electorate, how many children and families currently access subsidies Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care and Family Day Care?	Written
SQ15-000538	3 - Ageing	Lines	AusTender Contract	In relation to the contract listed on Austender as CN31344662 awarded to Screencraft Media Pty Ltd: a) What services were provided under this contract, and for which program/campaign? b) For what publication or website is the content developed under this contract intended for c) Who is the intended audience of the content developed under this contract d) Please provide any copies, screenshots and/or photos and text of the material(s) produced under this contract	Written
SQ15-000539	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Budget cameo	With reference to the Families Package budget glossy available on Treasury's 2015-16 Budget website, and the scenario on page 15 about Charlotte, the single parent with two children; Calvin, 9 and Susie, 7. 1 - Please provide a version of this cameo that takes into account the impact of the Government's proposed Family Tax Benefits changes and shows whether Charlotte, Calvin and Susie will be better off overall?	Written
SQ15-000540	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity test	How many families and children (those earning less than around \$65,000 in 2017-18) will have their access to subsidised child care reduced from 24 hours per week to 12 hours per week as a result of changes to the activity test? Please break this down by state and electorate.	Written
SQ15-000541	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity test	How many single income families (earning over around \$65,000 in 2017-18) will have their access to subsidised child care stopped altogether as a result of changes to the activity test? Please break this down by state and electorate.	Written
SQ15-000542	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Parent's work patterns	During estimates hearings, the Department said it is using ABS data to profile the work patterns of families in the child care system. 1 - Can the Department provide this data? 2 - Which ABS data set did this come from? In providing this information, can the data be broken down into number of children in the child care system: a. with both parents working full time b. with both or one parent working part-time c. with neither parent working; d. with one parent working and one not working e. with a family income less than \$60,000 per annum.	Written

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SQ15-000543	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Grants programs	Referring to Additional Estimates QoN from 2014–15, SQ15-000052 (which refers to previous questions asked in relation to child care before it was moved to the Department of Social Services). Please provide a similar table for the Department of Social Service, updated in light of the 2015–16 Budget? Please include programs funded under National Partnership Agreements and indicate whether programs are grants or national partnerships.	Written
SQ15-000544	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Please provide the ongoing and non-ongoing staffing numbers, including a state by state, gender, disability and non-English speaking breakdown.	Written
SQ15-000545	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Since 1 September 2014: (1) How many staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? (a) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classifications are these staff? (2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, please advise 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? What classification were these staff? (7) How many non-ongoing staff left department? 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 funding the packages?	Written
SQ15-000546	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	How many staff are located in each non-Canberra based office? Please provide the numbers broken down by location?	Written
SQ15-000547	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Please provide the ongoing and non-ongoing staffing numbers for each state by gender by age in groups: 19 years and less, 20 to 29 years, 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years, 50 to 54 years, 55 to 59 years and 60 years and over?	Written
SQ15-000548	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	Since 1 September 2014: (1) Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department? (2) Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written
SQ15-000549	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group	Will the final report of the Forced Adoptions Implementation Working Group, chaired by Professor Nahum Mushin, be tabled in the Parliament as was recommended in the report?	Written
SQ15-000550	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Grants	Please give a breakdown by state of the number of grants and total funding for men's shed projects in the 2014/15 financial year attributed to each of the 2014/15, 2015/16 & 2016/17 financial years.	Written

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SQ15-000551	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department	What is the Department/Agency's policy with regard to hiring non-Australian citizens?	Written
SQ15-000552	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department	Does the agency have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) policy? If yes, please provide a summary.	Written
SQ15-000553	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department	How does the Department/Agency determine whether a person is a non-Australian citizen?	Written
SQ15-000554	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department	How many staff who were not Australian Citizens have been hired by the Department/Agency since the Federal Election in September, 2013? Please break the numbers down by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levels at which they are employed</li> <li>• Immigration Status (Visa)</li> <li>• Cultural Background</li> <li>• Linguistic Background</li> <li>• How many were hired to satisfy CALD targets?</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000555	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated?	Written
SQ15-000556	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).</li> <li>• Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.</li> <li>• When the contract with the firm commenced.</li> <li>• When the contract with the firm will expire.</li> <li>• Why the firm was selected to provide the service.</li> <li>• Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000557	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?	Written
SQ15-000558	0 - Cross	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).</li> <li>• Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.</li> <li>• When the contract with the firm commenced.</li> <li>• When the contract with the firm will expire.</li> <li>• Why the firm was selected to provide the service.</li> <li>• Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000559	1 - Social Security	Moore	Pensions	Can the department provide, by electorate, the number of pensioners who have received the education supplement and education entry payment in the last financial year?	Written
SQ15-000560	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefits	Are there any circumstances where grandparent carers would be exempt from the proposed changes to family tax benefits?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000561</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefits	Did the department consider any exemptions?	Written
<b>SQ15-000562</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	What is the quantum of funding over the forwards allocated to NDIS housing? How this will be administered and allocated across the trial sites? What type of housing will be supported under this funding? What is the estimated housing need of participants in the NDIS? How much of the need will the current approach to housing support the need?	Written
<b>SQ15-000563</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	How will the NDIS link with the Disability Employment Services and the Australian Disability Enterprises?	Written
<b>SQ15-000564</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	What stage are the evaluations up to, by jurisdiction, including Western Australia? Will the evaluations be made public, when?	Written
<b>SQ15-000566</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	How will the timing for the finalisation of the Western Australian evaluation align with the decisions needed on the next phase?	Written
<b>SQ15-000567</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	Are there any delays in South Australia and what is being done to respond?	Written
<b>SQ15-000568</b>	3 - Ageing	Reynolds	Access to Aged Care Facilities	Are there any legislative or policy guidelines in relation to the denial of access to aged care facilities?	Written
<b>SQ15-000569</b>	3 - Ageing	Reynolds	Access to Aged Care Facilities	Do DSS or other agencies retain figures on the number of visitors to residents of aged care facilities who have had their access restricted or banned? Could you provide a breakdown by state and year of the numbers you have on record?	Written
<b>SQ15-000570</b>	3 - Ageing	Reynolds	Access to Aged Care Facilities	Could you advise how many relatives or advocates have had their access restricted after complaining about the standards of care given to their relatives?	Written
<b>SQ15-000571</b>	3 - Ageing	Reynolds	Access to Aged Care Facilities	What are the current avenues available for someone with complaints about the standard of care being provided to a resident of an aged care facility, including appealing denial of access?	Written
<b>SQ15-000572</b>	4 - Housing	Waters	NPAH	Please provide a list of services funded under NPAH as of June 2015 including their total funding and their funding term and if possible their State or Territory.	Written
<b>SQ15-000573</b>	4 - Housing	Waters	NPAH	Please provide a list of services funded under NPAH which provide services to persons experiencing DV.	Written
<b>SQ15-000574</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Waters	Respectful Relationships	Please provide a list of services funded under the DSS discretionary grants program which provide respectful relationships education in schools as of June 2015 including their total funding and their funding term and if possible their State or Territory.	Written
<b>SQ15-000575</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Waters	Respectful Relationships	Please provide a list of services funded under the DSS discretionary grants program which provide respectful relationships education in schools as of April 2014 including their total funding and their funding term and if possible their State or Territory.	Written
<b>SQ15-000576</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Waters	Respectful Relationships	Please provide similar details for any other services providing respectful relationships education in schools funded by DSS at the current time.	Written

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SQ15-000577	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Waters	National Plan against Violence	Can you please provide on notice a full breakdown of all the spending allocated so far out of the \$100 million over 4 years broken down by program and by financial year?	Written
SQ15-000578	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	How are savings from "overpayments/debts" calculated?	Written
SQ15-000579	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	What assumptions are made when determining amounts "saved"?	Written
SQ15-000580	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	How, for example, is the fact that a person may appeal a debts in future, it may be found not to exist, or it could be waived due to administrative error?	Written
SQ15-000581	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	If a single adult on the maximum rate of Newstart is found to have not been reporting income of \$200 per week, and the debt was discovered three month after they reported their income, what future "savings" are extrapolated?	Written
SQ15-000582	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	If such a person had a partner, how can DHS make assumptions that the partner may not find work in a few weeks, which could mean that the job seeker would no longer be eligible for payment, and no "future" savings would eventuate?	Written
SQ15-000583	0 - Cross	Siewert	Savings calculations and assumptions used by DHS	Please provide evidence as to the robustness and reliability of Departmental estimates of "savings" from data-matching and other programs?	Written
SQ15-000604	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	The most recent figures on the numbers of people under 25 who will be subject to the 4 week waiting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on i) Newstart Allowance and ii) Youth Allowance</li> <li>• by age</li> <li>• by gender</li> <li>• by Indigenous status</li> <li>• by marital status</li> <li>• by state and territory and Indigenous status, and</li> <li>• who receive Rent Assistance.</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000605	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many young people subject to the 4 week waiting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• receive the at home rate, under 18</li> <li>• receive the at home rate, over 18, and</li> <li>• receive the UTLAH rate of Youth Allowance.</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000606	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many people under 25 claimed Newstart Allowance in the year 2013-14?	Written
SQ15-000607	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many people under 25 claimed Youth Allowance in the year 2013-14?	Written
SQ15-000608	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many people under 25 claimed Newstart Allowance in the year 2013-14 and had a Liquid Asset Waiting Period applied?	Written

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SQ15-000609	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many people under 25 claimed Youth Allowance in the year 2013-14 and had a Liquid Asset Waiting Period applied?	Written
SQ15-000610	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	What was the average Liquid Asset Waiting Period applied in the 2013-14 financial year?	Written
SQ15-000611	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many job seekers are under 25 receiving: i) Newstart and ii) Youth Allowance? Of these, how many on each payment are in Stream A (number and percentage)?	Written
SQ15-000612	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	What will the Department do to address the problem of inaccurate 'streaming' of job seekers, which has been identified as a significant issue with the existing employment services arrangements? Will job seekers under 25 be re-assessed to ensure that they are correctly streamed, to ensure that job seekers are not placed at risk? What steps are being taken to make sure that vulnerable job seekers do not slip through the cracks?	Written
SQ15-000613	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	How many on i) Newstart and ii) Youth Allowance will qualify for each type of exemption from the 4 week waiting period (eg. mental illness, recent prison release, recent state care, etc).	Written
SQ15-000614	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	Over a 12 month period, how many people on Newstart and Youth Allowance aged under 25 were released from prison or were pregnant?	Written
SQ15-000615	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	Provide details of any financial assistance that will be made available to job seekers who experience financial difficulties during the 4 week waiting period? How much money will be available for emergency relief? What advice will be given to DHS social workers re: assistance for people during the 4 week waiting period?	Written
SQ15-000616	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	If a job seeker subject to a 4 week waiting period cannot undertake job search during the period, cannot attend appointments at Jobactive, cannot call to advise that they will miss a scheduled appointment, what will the consequences? Please explain any compliance implications for the job seeker.	Written
SQ15-000617	1 - Social Security	Siewert	4 week waiting period	Provide details of the savings expected from the imposition of the 4 week waiting period for each year of the forward estimates?	Written
SQ15-000618	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Principal Carers with earnings	Please provide an up-to-date figure of the number of single parents on Newstart (Principal Carers) with earnings and with no earnings (number and percentages).	Written
SQ15-000619	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Principal Carers with earnings	Provide the number of single parents on Newstart (Principal Carers) with earnings and with no earnings (number and percentages) as at July for each year since 2006.	Written

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SQ15-000621	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Third Action Plan of the National Framework for the Protection of Australia's Children	In May 2015, the Department of Social Services sought feedback on a discussion paper that it released to drive the development of the Third Action Plan of the National Framework for the Protection of Australia's Children 2009-2020. The 2015-16 Federal Budget does not make a specific allocation to facilitate the implementation of measures in the Third Action Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has Commonwealth funding been allocated for this purpose?</li> <li>• If not, how does the Commonwealth anticipate meeting the costs of implementation?</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000622	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Do we have data on the quantum of that? We have 45,000 people who, from figures that you have, would not have a total package that is more than the current government package. Do you have any idea of the range of that for what the likely employer contributions are?	CA05 - 4 June
SQ15-000624	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Community Development Grants Programme	\$50 million over three years will be provided to extend the Community Development Grants Programme, introduced as a measure in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2013-14. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the assessment process for applications include a mechanism that evaluates community need?</li> <li>• Does this include an evaluation of relative need across communities, so that those with greatest need receive more resources?</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000625	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Emergency Relief	In terms of the expenditure of the \$8.1 million, have you already done the mapping exercise about where you expect the bulk of that to be allocated?	CA110 - 4 June
SQ15-000626	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	What is the status of the cross-billing arrangement for disability and aged care services as articulated in the National Partnership on Transitioning responsibilities for aged care and disability services 2012/13? Have these cross invoicing arrangements been actioned? If so, how is it working and what are the results?	Written
SQ15-000627	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Please provide the average income—their income and impacts, depending on whether it is partial.	CA08 - 4 June
SQ15-000628	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	Could take that on notice and tell us the number of people that are coming on and off. An update to the answer to a question on notice from the last hearings that has been updated.	CA42 - 4 June
SQ15-000629	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	Are the states invoiced for full cost recovery including the NH bed fee, customised equipment, rehabilitation services, community access requirements, higher staffing levels need to manage a younger person's needs? What is the total cost to the states of the cross invoice for this group?	Written
SQ15-000630	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	How is the Commonwealth invoiced by state disability services for the latter continuing to support older people with disability past the age of 65 years?	Written
SQ15-000631	0 - Cross	Moore	Building	What is the extra leasing cost of staying in the current accommodation until the new building is ready?	CA100 - 3 June

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SQ15-000632	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	Is the Commonwealth invoiced for full cost recovery of Individual Support packages or cost of supported accommodation, provision of customised equipment, rehabilitation and allied health services etc? What is the total cost to the commonwealth of the cost invoice for this group?	Written
SQ15-000633	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	Are these cross invoicing arrangements part of the NDIS transition? If so how?	Written
SQ15-000634	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	Can information from these cross invoicing arrangements help inform the NDIS rollout? If so how?	Written
SQ15-000635	0 - Cross	Moore	Building	What are the lease costs of the new building?	CA100 - 3 June
SQ15-000636	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Cross Billing	How is the aged care sector being prepared for the NDIS given that at full scheme there will be 6,500 or 7000 YPINH eligible for both systems?	Written
SQ15-000637	3 - Ageing	Siewert	IT support for older Australians	Background: In the current budget the government has allocated funds for an upgrade of IT services for aged care, disability and carers. The papers suggest that these funds will extend existing IT programs to deliver support <u>to</u> carers and <u>to</u> people in need, <u>from professional service providers</u> . Current and planned IT programs exclude support <u>from</u> family and friends, discouraging independence and making it difficult to harness their substantial untapped goodwill and resources. • What is in the budget that will deliver IT tools for family and friends to make it easier for them to contribute to, and even to coordinate, the support and care for older and disabled people?	Written
SQ15-000638	0 - Cross	Moore	Building	Can we also get an update on the department's current property portfolio and DSS staff are located?	CA100 - 3 June
SQ15-000639	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	Is it possible to then tell us the number of people from that process that are going on to voluntary income management?	CA42 - 4 June
SQ15-000640	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged care reforms	What is the overall cost of the campaign to promote the aged care reforms and changes, this includes My Aged Care, changes to the Commonwealth Home Support Program and consumer directed care?	Written
SQ15-000641	0 - Cross	Moore	IT - Department	What is the standard IT Budget?	CA102 - 3 June
SQ15-000642	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged care reforms	Can the Department provide a breakdown of the costs for campaign to promote the aged care reforms and changes including: • Advertising • Marketing • Focus testing • Consultants and/or outside expertise to test different campaign messaging	Written
SQ15-000643	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	For the others that are put onto income management for other reasons how many then will go on to the voluntary?	CA43 - 4 June

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SQ15-000644	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged care reforms	What organisations have or will receive funding from the Department to help promote the aged care reforms and changes, and can the amount of funding provided to these organisations be provided along with the timeframe for this funding?	Written
SQ15-000645	1 - Social Security	Moore	Age Pension	How many meetings did the minister have with National Seniors, Council of the Ageing and pensioner groups, in the development of this measure?	CA101 - 4 June
SQ15-000646	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged care reforms	What evaluation will be done of the effectiveness of the campaign and if this is being done by consultants or expertise outside of the Department, what is the cost of this?	Written
SQ15-000647	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged Care	People who are blind or vision impaired excluded from the NDIS based on age, are being forced to rely on the Aged Care system. The recent ACAR awarded no packages to any specialist disability provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did any services receive block funding?</li> <li>• What the criteria was for block funding?</li> <li>• Who made the decision?</li> <li>• What contestability was applied?</li> <li>• What provisions are being made to ensure that older people who are blind or vision impaired have access to appropriate services for their needs?</li> </ul>	Written
SQ15-000648	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management - SPAR	How many people have been referred through the states? You said a small number? Are you able to tell us that now, or do you need to take it on notice?	CA48 - 4 June
SQ15-000649	1 - Social Security	Moore	Age Pension	How many meetings did the department have with National Seniors, Council of the Ageing and pensioners groups in development of the measure?	CA101 - 4 June
SQ15-000650	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged Care Sector Committee	Does the Aged Care Sector Committee have any representative from a specialist disability agency on it? If not, how is ACSC being advised on disability matters in relation to its work?	Written
SQ15-000651	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management - SPAR	Without going through a social worker, can the states currently refer using the SPAR mechanism?	CA48 - 4 June
SQ15-000652	3 - Ageing	Siewert	Aged Care Sector Committee	Is there any funding being made available to assist older Australians who are blind or vision impaired?	Written
SQ15-000653	1 - Social Security	Moore	Age Pension	Have any discussions about concessions taken place since the budget?	CA102 - 4 June
SQ15-000654	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	What expectations are in place for NDAP agencies to provide advocacy for young people in nursing homes?	Written
SQ15-000655	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	In the plan for the 2016 tender round for NDAP, what consideration is being given to ensuring that this group are adequately covered?	Written
SQ15-000656	0 - Cross	Moore	HR - Parental Leave	Would it be possible to get a matrix of the parental leave arrangement that are currently operating in the Department	CA103 - 3 June
SQ15-000657	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	Is there a plan for specialist agencies in the 2016 contract?	Written
SQ15-000658	0 - Cross	Moore	HR - Parental Leave	Was the 15.4 per cent superannuation a part of all the previous agreements?	CA103 - 3 June
SQ15-000659	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	Will the practice models of advocacy be articulated in the 2016 purchasing arrangements?	Written
SQ15-000660	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	What changes are expected vis-a-vis the NDIS rollout?	Written

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<b>SQ15-000661</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management - SPAR	Do we know in terms of the numbers whether it is hundreds or thousands?	CA48 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000662</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Defined Benefit Scheme	Do we know exactly how many defined benefit schemes there are? Are they taking new entrants and do we know how many people there are in each of the schemes?	CA103 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000663</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	Advocacy	How will NDAP relate to the cross disability Alliance the Department of Social Services has funded?	Written
<b>SQ15-000664</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	HR - Parental Leave	How many employees have or are accessing the Government Paid Parental Leave scheme?	CA104 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000665</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	Could you take on notice, please, the amount of money that both FaHCSIA and DSS have spent on the evaluation reports of income management?	CA50 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000666</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Defined Benefit Scheme	Can I have a list of all the known pension schemes of which pensioners are involved?	CA104 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000667</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Defined Benefit Scheme	Can you provide a breakdown of those defined benefit schemes, by occupation, of which you know pensioners are a member?	CA104 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000668</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Defined Benefit Scheme	Do you know what the average household income for recipients of a defined benefit pension scheme is and who would also receive a part pension?	CA105 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000669</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	What is the Boston Consulting contract worth?	CA51 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000670</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staff Morale	How much did the change consultants cost in the Queensland office?	CA108 - 17 June
<b>SQ15-000671</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Staff Morale	In terms of the expenditure by the department on art, do you look at art allocation?	CA108 - 17 June
<b>SQ15-000672</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Can you give me the end date for the analysis drawn on the PPL evaluation data?	CA05 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000674</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Departmental Policy	Please provide a copy of the internal Merchandising Policy.	CA109 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000675</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	The 47 per cent of parents of a child who claim PPL, how does that compare to our understanding of overall labour force participation?	CA05 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000677</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Media	What is the reason for the increase in the contract with Isentia which occurred in March 2015?	CA110-111 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000678</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Media	Did the Age Pension advertising campaign in South Australia, also go to APY lands?	CA112 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000679</b>	0 - Cross	Moore	Media	Please provide a copy of the print out-of-home product produced for the Age Pension campaign in South Australia.	CA112 - 3 June

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SQ15-000680	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Perhaps you could provide us with the broader explanation that makes the point about income levels. It still does not assuage my concerns here, because the design of the scheme and the Productivity Commission's recommendations were focused significantly on lower income families. My understanding from the private sector is that this will have some significant effects on families such as part-time workers in the retail industry who have been receiving 18 weeks of PPL, plus roughly about eight weeks of employer funded parental leave, and they will lose out from these changes. If you can alert me to the fact that the minister has taken into account the concerns, needs and interests of families such as those, I would be glad to see it.	CA07 - 4 June
SQ15-000681	0 - Cross	Moore	Staffing	How many contractors are currently employed in the Department, where are they working?	CA119 - 3 June
SQ15-000682	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	In this shift now down to 18 weeks, have we taken into account our international obligations and reporting?	CA10 - 4 June
SQ15-000683	0 - Cross	Moore	Procurement	Under the Australian Workplace Gender Equity (WGEA) guidelines, any business which is not compliant with WGEA is not supposed to get any contracts with the government. It is phrased quite vaguely in the process. Is your Department aware of that process and is it part of the operations when you are looking at procurement? Can I get what lenses are applied by the Department in their procurement processes?	CA127 - 3 June
SQ15-000684	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Orima Research	Can I ask for a copy of the Orima Research Report, which I'm sure will include their methodological discussion?	CA11 - 05 Jun
SQ15-000685	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Could you provide us with a copy of that? (Liberal party press release from August 2013)	CA12 - 4 June
SQ15-000686	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Has the issue around any impact in a change to the PPL scheme, particularly taking away double access, been raised with the minister?	CA19 - 4 June
SQ15-000687	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Could you provide us with all examples that you have been able to identify where the term 'double-dipping' has been used?	CA12 - 4 June
SQ15-000688	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Would you mind taking that part of it on notice across both schemes? I would be interested to understand which stakeholders were engaged across both schemes.	CA22 - 4 June
SQ15-000689	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	For the 45,000 women with an average income of \$43,000 a year will be negatively impacted by this measure are you able to break that down any further?	CA29 - 4 June
SQ15-000690	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Collins	Paid Parental Leave	Can you break down the demographic information into geographical groups? By postcode? By Region?	CA30 - 4 June

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SQ15-000691	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	In terms of the formality of the process, are there advertisements? Does the consultation involve the whole community? How has that process been undertaken? You have the expertise in this because you have been through a number of versions of consultation on income management/Stronger Futures. Are you doing a similar sort of thing, or is this going into town and having a meeting?	CA53 - 4 June
SQ15-000692	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	Including non-Indigenous communities can you tell me, or are you aware, of which communities have been visited already?	CA54 - 4 June
SQ15-000694	4 - Housing	Ludlam	Homelessness Services	Does the government intend to close that gap and meet that unmet need; and, if so, what time frame do you have in mind? Have you set any targets? Do you intend to set any targets?	CA138 - 3 June
SQ15-000695	4 - Housing	Ludlam	Homelessness Services	Women who were older and living alone will be poorer than men of equivalent age. They will be less able to maintain home ownership and also less able to compete in the private rental market for affordable accommodation. It is now I think reasonably well established that older women who were living alone will be less well-off, less wealthy than men of their age, unless able to retain home ownership or compete in the private rental market. I wonder whether the government has a strategy to deal with that problem and whether you have any data on the profile of women accessing homelessness services. For example, is it changing in line with that general trend of older women simply not being able to compete for private rentals or home ownership?	CA138 - 3 June
SQ15-000696	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants - Programmes	From the 23 programmes that derive into the 18, how do they fit within the broad band of programmes?	CA105 - 3 June
SQ15-000697	0 - Cross	Brown	Media	Where did you conduct the focus groups on the childcare package?	CA114 - 3 June
SQ15-000698	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Siewert	Income Management	Can I have the breakdown of the money that has been provided out of the \$2.7 million for the consultation process and the technical process?	CA55 - 4 June
SQ15-000699	0 - Cross	Brown	Media	Can you provide the list of the questions that were asked in the qualitative research focus groups for childcare?	CA115 - 3 June
SQ15-000700	0 - Cross	Brown	Media	Can you provide the questions that were asked for both the aged-care campaign and the paid parental leave development market research? With this, include the dates-all those things- and when those groups were convened and when the work was undertaken.	CA116 - 3 June
SQ15-000701	0 - Cross	Brown	FOI Requests	Of the 132 FOI requests received: - 8 were subject to an exemption, on what basis, conditional or unconditional? - 35 were withdrawn, why? - 34 were provided with information, can you give an indication of what proportion were provided in part - how many came from a Member of Parliament or a media outlet - can this number be broken down into areas eg aged care. - broken down by originating state	CA123-125 - 3 June

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<b>Sq15-000702</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Legal advice: was there a degree of legal engagement in terms of the legislative process? Was there any external legal advice?	CA21 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000703</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Family Relationship Services	Are you able to tell me whether any of the Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants services were provided with funding at all? Did anyone that would have provided that service-	CA35 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000704</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	What were the number of times and the cost of consultation with state governments and other stakeholders in terms of the development of the scheme prior to 31 January 2015.	CA21 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000705</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Intercountry adoption	What are the staffing costs specifically for the staff who are on the 1800 information line?	CA61 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000706</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	I refer to the questions that were provided last night by Ms Bell on work that came into the communications area. How many and what was the cost of the focus groups meetings for PPL?	CA22 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000707</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children	Could I get some of the information about the localities and the organisations that were invited or attended the roundtables? Is it also possible to get copies of the documentation that may have guided the discussions?	CA62 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000708</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children	Can I get a breakdown of the 2014-15 projects to support the national framework? Also, for any of those in 2015-16, if you can, if it has already been committed.	CA63 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000709</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Does the department have any quantum of resources given to the development of the previous paid parental leave scheme.	CA22 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000710</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Humanitarian Settlement Services	Can you provide on notice the information for the Humanitarian Settlement Services for the other years?	CA64 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000711</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Brown	Child Support Advocacy	Could you provide a list of those organisations affected by the MYEFO decision to not fund advocacy services?	CA67 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000712</b>	0 - Cross	Brown	Grants	Has any correspondence come to the Department that may have been addressed to Minister Morrison as part of the service gap work that you did? Has the Department responded to any of it, please provide the numbers from: 1. Organisations 2. Members and Senators	CA83-84 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000714</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Can I also get some amount of costing on the development of the new Paid Parental Leave scheme that was announced in the budget? If we could get the same round of costings on that?	CA22 - 4 June

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SQ15-000715	0 - Cross	Brown	Government Responses	Has the Department provided the Minister with the Government Response for the following inquiries: 1. Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren 2. Extent of Income Inequality in Australia 3. Involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia	CA85-86 - 3 June
SQ15-000716	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	pleas provide an estimate of how many families or women will be impacted by this budget change through the out years.	CA22 - 4 June
SQ15-000717	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Have you worked out, in terms of the save, what would be the average that a woman would lose?	CA23 - 4 June
SQ15-000718	0 - Cross	Siewert	Actuarial investment approach	Is the paper on the feasibility study undertaken for the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations under the previous government on the feasibility of doing this in Australia publicly available?	CA72 - 4 June
SQ15-000719	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age Pension	Can you give us a table with those classes of assets?	CA88 - 4 June
SQ15-000720	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	In relation to the \$200 million in 2016-17 (Budget Paper No. 2, page 168) - is there any information that we can have on that that led to that particular figure being announced? Is any of that information public?	CA23 - 4 June
SQ15-000721	0 - Cross	Siewert	Grants - Funding	How much of the \$1.7 million in the 2014-15 financial year of the \$26 million was allocated to extend Emergency Relief for the 3 months until the next financial year and How many other individual organisations, as a result of relooking at need which is ongoing for other organisations as well, have been extended in the 2014-15 financial year and does that come out of the \$26 milion?	CA89-90 - 3 June
SQ15-000722	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age Pension	What are all of the things that would potentially not be included when working out how much income should be assessed in determining your pension eligibility —the concession, the work bonus. Is there a list easily accessible that I just need to go and look at?	CA91 - 4 June
SQ15-000723	0 - Cross	Siewert	Grants - Funding	What is the total worth of the contracts offered to the 8 organisations who declined new agreements?	CA95 - 3 June
SQ15-000724	0 - Cross	Siewert	Grants - Funding	Were there any organisations that declined parts of their offers and if so, how many?	CA95 - 3 June
SQ15-000725	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age Pension	Can you give a rough approximation of those who are on who would come off and those who would otherwise have qualified but will not? In 2017 and over the forward estimates as well.	CA95 - 4 June
SQ15-000726	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age Pension	Can you give me the information I just asked about in terms of projections? You have basically spoken to them but have not then done the modelling out to 2030?	CA96 - 4 June
SQ15-000727	5 - Disability	Siewert	DES	I understand that introduction of a new employment benchmark will ensure DES participants who have been assessed as having the capacity to work between 23 and 29 hours per week are supported to do so. How was the 23 -29 hours arrived at?	Written
SQ15-000728	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	When is the data on the application form analysed? Is it quarterly, monthly, annually?	CA32 - 4 June

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<b>SQ15-000729</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Third National Action Plan	I am trying to find out on what programs it was spent, in terms of breakdown between the third action paper, children, trafficking, and the second action paper? Can you provide what the estimated spend will be for this financial year? And on what?—that next refining. You will be spending the \$24.9 million to the last cent. I want to know what it was spent on.	CA38 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000730</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Income Management	Can I get the breakdown of funding for this year, from previous years, against those elements that have been changed?	CA50 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000731</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Waters	1800RESPECT	Given that I am running out of time, could you please take on notice giving me as much information about the estimates of calls that, with the additional funding, you will now be able to attend to as opposed to the ones that you have not been able to attend to without the extra funds? Can you answer whether you have built in an expected increase in demand, given the increasing levels of awareness about domestic and family violence in the community? Also I would like a full breakdown of all of the spending allocated so far of that \$100 million over the four years.	CA33 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000732</b>	1 - Social Security	Smith	Newstart	How many of those people that do come onto Newstart actually leave within the four-week period? Also if you could demonstrate a trend, perhaps over the last five years.	CA111 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000733</b>	3 - Ageing	Seselja	Residential places	How long does it take in the ACT for residential places to come online?	CA123 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000734</b>	1 - Social Security	Seselja	Family Tax Benefit	Are you able to give me some numbers going back in 2008-09, I think there were some cuts to the family tax benefit. What were the cuts in 2008-09?	CA80 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000735</b>	1 - Social Security	Seselja	Family Tax Benefit	Is that \$21 billion in cuts under Labor over four years? What period are we talking about there? Obviously they are all starting at different times.	CA82 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000736</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Reynolds	Paid Parental Leave	How many PPL schemes are more generous than the government's PPL scheme? Do you have any figures on that?	CA15 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000737</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Reynolds	Paid Parental Leave	It would be great if you would take on notice whether the department has any other information beyond that in The Economist and also that breaks it down by government and private sector. Please provide any trend data on the proportion of women who have access to an employer-funded scheme.	CA15 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000738</b>	0 - Cross	McLucas	Entertainment	Was there any entertainment/hospitality expenses, including the events this was for, for the Minister, the Assistant Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary, paid for by the Department? Also provide a comparison with previous years 2007/08 - 2012/13.	CA117 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000739</b>	0 - Cross	McLucas	Stationery	In 2015, how much was expended on new stationery for Minister Morrison and Minister Fifield, including business cards and letterhead.	CA117 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000740</b>	0 - Cross	McLucas	Art Work	Can I ask whether the installation or purchase of that bust-whoever it is- was paid for by the department?	CA118 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000741</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Income Management	Can we get a more particular level in terms of what the minister, the parliamentary secretary and the department have had in terms of consultation with banks and possible industry partners? The number of meetings, the dedicated time and any formal correspondence?	CA55 - 4 June

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SQ15-000742	0 - Cross	Moore	Panels	How many organisations are on your panel?	CA57 - 4 June
SQ15-000743	4 - Housing	McLucas	Staffing	Of the 110ish people employed in Program 4.3, what proportion have changed in the last 12 months?	CA128 - 3 June
SQ15-000744	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Healthy Welfare Card	Are you aware whether there has been any representations from the tobacco or pornography industries about their products being excluded in this trial?	CA59 - 4 June
SQ15-000745	5 - Disability	McLucas	My Way - Budget Paper 2 p165	From Budget Paper No. 2, could we just get a couple of paragraphs of explanation of that paragraph?	CA128 - 4 June
SQ15-000746	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit - Part B	How many recipients of family tax benefit part B over the age of 64 are described as grandparent carers?	CA76 - 4 June
SQ15-000747	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax payments	Can you tell us how many meetings have taken place between the minister or yourself (Minister Fifield) and the crossbenchers on this issue?	CA77 - 4 June
SQ15-000748	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit - Part A	How many people on FTB part A are on age pension? Could I have that the same way, how many receiving FTB part B are over 64 and then as a subset of that, how many are on age pension, as we had with the previous data?	CA77 - 4 June
SQ15-000749	4 - Housing	McLucas	Staffing	How many more staff than this time last year are working on NRAS processing. When did the Department start putting on more staff to catch up on the backlog?	CA129 - 3 June
SQ15-000750	4 - Housing	McLucas	Homelessness Peak Funding	What about buying research from AHURI or buying research from AIHW about housing or homelessness?	CA133 - 3 June
SQ15-000751	4 - Housing	McLucas	Homelessness Peak Funding	Is the government trying to work out a way to resolve this situation? If you could ask that question I just asked of you to Minister Morrison that would be helpful.	CA133 - 3 June
SQ15-000752	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit - Part A	Can the information that the department knows about the impact on families be shared?	CA77 - 4 June
SQ15-000753	4 - Housing	McLucas	Homelessness Grants	In relation to the clearing house website, have you had discussions about whether it will continue to be maintained?	CA135 - 3 June
SQ15-000754	4 - Housing	McLucas	Homelessness Funding	What is currently on the ground, funded by the partnership—both state and federal money? What is the split of the funding across the various specialist homelessness categories at the moment? I would like to know what those 12 output categories are and what proportion of Commonwealth funds are being currently applied. What I am trying to ascertain is: what is the current service array and what proportion of that array can be attributed to those 12 output categories?	CA139 - 3 June
SQ15-000755	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants	How many people in the community and MPs contacted the Minister on issues with the Grants process?	CA83 - 3 June
SQ15-000756	1 - Social Security	Moore	NATSEM modelling	Has the department done its own consideration of the impact on a couple family on a single income of \$65,000 with two school-age children and the impact of the budget decisions on them?	CA83 - 4 June
SQ15-000757	4 - Housing	McLucas	NPAH	Can you give me an understanding of what the reporting arrangements are under the NPAH? And what is it proposed that they change to?	CA140 - 3 June
SQ15-000758	4 - Housing	McLucas	NRAS	Of the 6,448 reserved allocations and 189 allocations, how many were handed back in the 2014-15 financial year?	CA140 - 3 June

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SQ15-000759	1 - Social Security	Moore	NATSEM modelling	Can you tell me or do some work on what would be the impact on a couple family with a single income of \$65,000 with two school-age children and the impact of the budget on them?	CA83 - 4 June
SQ15-000760	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants - Staffing	Were they any costings in terms of accommodation, TA, transport, taxis and so on? Provide the whole costing element, the budget for the process of the Grants round?	CA92 - 3 June
SQ15-000761	4 - Housing	McLucas	NRAS	So, let's go to how many cases there are where the noncompliance will lead to either a reduction in the cash payment or a change to the tax offset.	CA141 - 3 June
SQ15-000762	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants - Staffing	How many organisations were successful to deliver only one service from one round, that would have just had a single, and those organisations that were successful in multiple rounds?	CA94 - 3 June
SQ15-000763	4 - Housing	McLucas	NRAS	Can I get a document that describes the income profile of the tenants? Is there some way you can describe to me the range of incomes of the tenants?	CA143 - 3 June
SQ15-000764	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Orima Research	With regards to the 24 per cent of the 2000 participants in the Orima Research who said they would work more, are you able to breakdown the demographics?	CA13 - 5 Jun
SQ15-000765	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants - Staffing	What has been the savings from the streamlined contract arrangements?	CA94 - 3 June
SQ15-000766	0 - Cross	Moore	Grants - IT	What about the internal processes, in terms of FOFMS, across all the internal grant processes currently operating in DSS? I would like to know what the progress about what it does not do at this stage.	CA96 - 3 June
SQ15-000767	1 - Social Security	Moore	Age Pension	Is there any way that figure can be obtained on the number of people who switched from the asset test to the income test as a result of this measure or would it be a guesstimate in both cases?	CA98 - 4 June
SQ15-000768	1 - Social Security	Moore	Age Pension	Can you provide the average assessable assets for families over 64 in each income decile?	CA99 - 4 June
SQ15-000769	3 - Ageing	Moore	Age Pension	What impact will this measure have on income for the aged care sector? Has any modelling been done on what that impact will be in terms of the link between the pension and the aged care sector?	CA99 - 4 June
SQ15-000770	0 - Cross	Moore	Building	In terms of your arrangements in the Department, how many Commonwealth cars or cars that have the right to car parking do you have to provide?	CA99-100 - 3 June
SQ15-000771	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Orima Research	How many families will increase their hours and how many are expected to take up new jobs? If you could do that by geographical area, including state, region and electorate. And the participation impact, in terms of increased hours and jobs, for single and dual families, because presumably you went after single and dual families.	CA13 - 5 Jun
SQ15-000772	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce Participation	Just thinking about the ABS figures that you look at, what change in the female workforce participation rate reported by the ABS does the department to expect to occur as a result of the cost of child care changes, both taking into account and not taking into account other proposed government policy changes, like the changes to family tax benefit?	CA13 - 5 Jun
SQ15-000773	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Workforce Participation	When you have looked at those figures on women's participation, did you also take into account the availability of jobs?	CA13 - 5 Jun

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<b>SQ15-000774</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Childcare Support Service	I do not have a page number, but I am looking at program 1.1 deliverables—childcare support service. I think it is 3—Department of Social Services 2015-16 budget measures, Table 1.2. Is there a reason specific reporting on each of these indicators has not continued in the 2015-16 PBS?	CA17 - 5 Jun
<b>SQ15-000775</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Childcare Assistance	Can the department provide for each year of the forward estimates the number of children and families receiving childcare assistance? We are seeking for 2015-16 and 2016-17 the number of children and families receiving CCR and CCB; CCR only and CCB only.	CA18 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000776</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Childcare Assistance	What is the information on the new system commencing July 2017 and estimates for 2017-18 and 2018-19?	CA18 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000777</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	CCR and CCB	Estimates of the number of children and families who will be receiving CCR and CCB; CCR only and CCB only in 2017-2018.	CA18 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000778</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Subsidy	For the years 2016 to 2018 and the 2018-19 years, can the department also provide the number of children and families expected to be in receipt of the new childcare subsidy?	CA18 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000779</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Subsidy	How many people will be worse off as a result of the government's childcare changes and how many will be out of the childcare system altogether?	CA20 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000780</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care System	Taking into account the first-round impact of changes to the childcare system, how many families and children who currently receive assistance will not have access to the childcare subsidy as a result of the new activity test? Can the department break this overall figure down by income in bands of \$10,000 by state and electorate?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000781</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	Looking at the impacts of the change to the activity test, how many single-income families earning over \$65,000 per year will not be eligible for the childcare subsidy?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000782</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	How many people currently undertaking less than eight hours' activity per fortnight will now be ineligible for support?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000783</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	Can you provide breakdowns on the impacted families and groups by income group and state and electorate?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000784</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	How many children and families will have access to reduced child care? For instance, how many people currently working between 15 and 48 hours per fortnight will have the number of subsidised childcare hours they were entitled to reduced?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000785</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	Can you please provide the breakdowns of the impacted children and families by income group and by state and electorate?	CA22 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000786</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Activity Test Changes	Will the increased activity test lead to any withdrawal of people from the workforce? If so, how many?	CA22 - 5 June

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<b>SQ15-000787</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care fee increases	But you have said, and we have seen it in the forward estimates, that childcare fees rise at a much greater rate than CPI. What have you factored in? I think in the past you have put about six per cent fee growth. Can you give us the most recent LOCMOCC figure?	CA31 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000788</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care fee increases	You have taken on notice also that you are going to tell us the assumed childcare fee growth. Is it still about 6 per cent?	CA32 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000789</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care fee increases	What I am after in the costed model is what the assumed childcare fee growth is in each year between the base year and 2017-18, when the new subsidy will start. What will the mean price of child care be in each of these years?	CA32 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000790</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child care fee increases	Can you also tell us what the proposed benchmark prices are in 2014-15 dollars? And in 2013-14 dollars?	CA32 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000791</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Subsidy	Back to the childcare subsidy. It includes a cap of \$10,000 per child per year for high-income families. How many families are expected to hit this cap in 2017-18, 2018-19 and future years? When you came up with the cap, you must have factored some of that in - who is going to hit the cap and who is not? They are the figures I am asking for.	CA35 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000793</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	What is the correct terminology, 'benchmark' or 'hourly cap fee'?	CA37 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000794</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	Are you able to also give us the LOCMOCC?	CA39 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000795</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	Can we get the LOCMOCC analysis?	CA39 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000796</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	So for each of those programs being rolled into the childcare safety net, how many children and families will be affected? How many services will also be affected?	CA42 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000797</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	With regards to the 150,000 families that are expected to be supported with the additional childcare subsidy, how many children does this include?	CA44 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000798</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	Of the \$304 million and the 4,000 services, what is the number of families or children in that?	CA44 - 5 June

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<b>SQ15-000799</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	I want to refer you to correspondence, which I think you have in front of you. There is a 13 March letter from Kate Ellis, a 27 March letter from Kate Ellis, an email from Ms Ellis's office, a 17 April letter from Jenny Macklin, a 27 and 29 April letter from Jenny Macklin. All of those letters requested information about the government's proposed child care changes. Were these letters passed on to the department? Did the department prepare any responses for the minister's signature or for his office?	CA48 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000800</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	Senator LINES: Given that you received some of the letters, there is a fair assumption that you were asked to provide information?	CA49 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000802</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Child Care Package	I just want to go back to the letters I tabled earlier. Can you confirm that the department prepared a response for the minister's office and he failed to send it?	CA50 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000803</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Orima Research	Orima Research Surveys (CN2971452, CN3038202, CN3088402) - Can we have a copy of the questions asked in the surveys?	CA9 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000804</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Lines	Orima Research	Orima Research Surveys (CN2971452, CN3038202, CN3088402) - Can we have a copy of the results of the surveys?	CA9 - 5 June
<b>SQ15-000805</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	McLucas	Income Management	The 2014-15 Budget extended income management in the areas it was currently operating in for 12 months. What is the status of this funding? a. In what communities does income management currently operate? b. Has the Government extended funding for income management in all current locations? If not, which communities will no longer be subject to income management? c. How much funding has been committed, or will be committed, for the continuation of income management over the forward estimates? d. Is the Government considering expanding income management?	Written
<b>SQ15-000806</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care complaints	Will the processes for providers to respond to complaints be changing?  How will the Government maintain the independence of the Aged Care Commissioner? How will this independence be maintained if staff are still employed and located within DSS? Will the Aged Care Commissioner be given more power to investigate case content?	Written
<b>SQ15-000807</b>	4 - Housing	McLucas	NRAS	Can you provide the 2013-14 NRAS payments by month?	CA141 - 3 June
<b>SQ15-000808</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of the data modelling and analysis used to cost the PPL budget measure?	CA46 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000809</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Can the Department provide the Committee with a summary of key PPL data including the impact on families with regard to the PPL budget measure?	CA46 - 4 June

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<b>SQ15-000810</b>	3 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	How many public servants in each year for the last three years have accessed the statutory scheme, an agency enterprise agreement and both schemes; and also how many private sector workers have accessed paid parental leave each year for the last three years under the statutory scheme, an enterprise agreement and both schemes?	CA16 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000812</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	NDIS	Funding profile for the NDIS over the forward estimates - it is page 151 in the PBS. Could I get a comparative table that compares the funding for the out years with the funding that was originally allocated in the 2013 budget. I know the years will not match up but is it possible to draw up a table which compares table 2.5.2 with the equivalent table that would have appeared in the 2013 budget? Which includes sources as well.	CA 125 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000813</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care	Can you table the parameters for the committees benefit?	CA 118-04 June
<b>SQ15-000814</b>	3 - Ageing	Polley	Aged Care	Would you be able to table those flyers for the committee? Is that possible, or should we just download them ourselves?	CA 124 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000816</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Families	Can we get an update on the support services for people that went through the institutionalisation process and, of those, the support services for people going through the royal commission? Can I get that list? I think that would be easier. They have been extended and they are part of the two-year process. Can I get a list of that?	CA 67 - 68 4 June
<b>SQ15-000817</b>	2 - Families/ Early Childhood	Moore	Paid Parental Leave	Can we get any idea of how many departmental staff were working on the development and the proposed implementation of the previous PPL scheme?	CA20 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000818</b>	1 - Social Security	Moore	Family Tax Benefit	Coming back to standard data, what percentage of FTB Part A recipient families have one or two parents who are in the workforce? Can I also have on notice what percentage of FTB families have a parent in the workforce?	CA 85 - 4 June
<b>SQ15-000819</b>	1 - Social Security	Siewert	Age Pension	Are we able to give you some examples, which as I said you probably have – and they are quite complicated—that you could take on notice to say whether the assumptions are right?	CA93 - 4 June
<b>NDIA SQ15-000067</b>	5 - Disability	McLucas	My Way	For the WA trial could I get a table that provides a comparison between the two different trial methodologies or the trial sites against the different way that local area coordinators are compared to the My Way coordinator; how they operate differently, if they do; what is the process for identification of participants and support provided to develop individual plans; what the support for families and carers in the two different trial sites might look like; the difference between developing community linkages—when I say 'difference', we do not know if there is much difference, but that is what we are trying to find out; and support for disability service providers in the two systems.	CA131 - 4 June
<b>NDIA SQ15-000068</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS - contracting arrangements	How does the NDIS select and manage scheme contractors in areas such as IT, legal, service development, research, policy development?	Written

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<b>NDIA SQ15-000069</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	Concerns have been raised about the NDIA discussion paper on assistive technology. Although it highlights choice and control, there is a concern that there is going to be a centralised top down purchasing arrangement, how is this going to be managed to ensure there is a real choice?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000070</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	What are the overall figures of self-management, and out of how many participants? Is this figure increasing? What are the main reasons that are given to not choose self-management? How are people supported to self-manage if they choose?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000071</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	How are people with serious intellectual disability and mental health issues supported to participate in the NDIS, has there been consideration to fund personal advocates to build and strengthen trusting relationships? How will personal advocacy be supported within the NDIS?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000072</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	How has lessons from the New South Wales trial been taken into account for the rollout in the Western Sydney area – please provide examples?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000073</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	What is the Agency doing to respond to the slow progress in the Northern Territory on reaching its targets?	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000074</b>	5 - Disability	Moore	NDIS	Is work being done to look at the role of the Local Area Coordinator; how they are working differently across trial sites and the effectiveness and impact of the different approaches to the role? This should also include the difference between Local Area Coordinators and MyWay Coordinators.	Written
<b>NDIA SQ15-000102</b>	5 - Disability	Siewert	NDIS the provision of advocacy services.	I understand from Media reports that NEDA have provided the Government with findings from community discussions about engaging with CALD/NESB community members with a disability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Governments response to these findings and suggestions?</li> <li>• What funding has been made available to assist providers in engaging with CALD/NESB community members with a disability?</li> </ul>	Written