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1	1.1	BCD	Waters, Larissa	Yellow Crazy Ants	1. Is it the Department's view that the YCA be eradicated? 2. Do you view the YCA as eradicable at the WTWHA? 3. I know there is a lot of local community support for the eradication efforts – have you spoken with the Qld Govt and Department of Agriculture?	Written	SQ16-000240	8/04/2016
2	1.1	BCD	Waters, Larissa	Yellow Crazy Ants	1. Last Estimates, the Greens asked about the application from WTMA for \$15m over 3 years to eradicate the YCA near the WTWHA, and the Min had received the submission from WTMA but no decision had been made. What is the update? 2. Is there a timeframe for a decision to be made? I understand that the WTMA runs out of money to fight the YCA this year. 3. How long has it been since they applied for funding?	Written	SQ16-000241	8/04/2016
3	1.1	BCD	Waters, Larissa	Threatened Species Commissioner	The department has noted that more than \$131 million has been committed to projects in support of threatened species – identifying 273 Green Army Projects, 88 20 Million Trees projects, 92 Landcare Grants (http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/3be28db4-0b66-4aef-9991-2a2f83d4ab22/files/tsc-report-dec2015.pdf) 1. Can the department provide an itemised list of these projects, including title, location, description and amount funded?	Written	SQ16-000254	8/04/2016
4	1.1	BCD	Urquhart, Anne	Regional Forest Agreements	Has any Commonwealth Government agency examined the effectiveness of the Regional Forest Agreements in maintaining the Commonwealth's own environmental standards, including whether the protection offered to threatened species under the RFAs is equivalent to that offered under the EPBC Act?	Written	SQ16-000181	8/04/2016

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5	1.1	BCD	Siewert, Rachel	Green Army Programme funding reduction	<p>1. What has been the total reduction in funding to the Green Army program since its announcement?</p> <p>a. What are the current numbers of: i. People registered in Green Army programs? ii. How many people were supposed to be involved in the program under the original funding? How many will be involved in the program under the reduced funding? iii. How many people have moved into employment? Please provide full time and part time outcomes. iv. What level of certification of training are participants receiving? v. What actual environment outcomes have been achieved? Please provide details. vi. What assistance has been provided to Landcare programs? vii. Please provide the cost to date of the program?</p>	Written	SQ16-000089	8/04/2016
6	1.2	Science	Siewert, Rachel	Potential National Coral Bleaching	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... But I am aware of the report that came out about a month ago that said that north-west WA was potentially going to be significantly affected. The inference was that it would probably be the hardest hit around Australia. So do you have any, and, if you do not, what is the process for finding out? Ms Barnes: I can definitely find out if we have any baseline information on the area in the north-west. Mr Thompson: It is something that we could ask our Marine Biodiversity Hub under the National Environmental Science Program, NICNAS's hub based in Hobart. It has a remit across all marine ecosystems. I could take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT: Thank you, it would be appreciated. But you have not had an update today? Mr Thompson: No.</p>	70	SQ16-000030	8/04/2016

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7	1.2	Science	Whish-Wilson, Peter	National Environmental Science Programme	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have just a few quick questions on the National Environmental Science Program. In relation to CSIRO, could you just quickly outline what the relationship is between CSIRO and that program in terms of staffing levels and funding. Dr Wright: The National Environmental Science Program operates through six hubs, and the department is contracted with those hubs. They are multidisciplinary and they engage with other providers. So CSIRO is involved in a number of hubs across a range of projects. We do not have the detail precisely of the nature of those relationships. Sometimes they might partner, sometimes they might provide a staff member. There is quite a broad range of relationships there. But all I can say is that they are involved in a large number of projects that have been approved to date. Senator WHISH-WILSON: So some of the CSIRO staff are allocated to the NESP—is that correct? Dr Wright: As I said, the department contracts with each of the six hubs. The hubs then contract with other providers for particular projects, and those projects need to be approved by the minister as part of a plan for that hub. So each has to be approved by the minister, but it is the nature of the project and the outcomes which are approved by the minister. Who the hub engages to do that is really up to them. We just look at the expertise and provide advice as to whether we believe the expertise for that project is appropriate. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is it possible to get on notice the staffing level inside CSIRO that are working in the NESP? Dr Wright: We do not have that. What I was trying to say is that we do not have that information directly. We would have to go out to each hub and ask them specifically for the nature of their</p>	75	SQ16-000096	8/04/2016

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					engagement with CSIRO and those numbers. Senator WHISH-WILSON: But if they had existing responsibilities to the NESP, they will be maintained? Dr de Brouwer: That is what we are working on—the assumptions. Mr Thompson: We expect that to go on. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Great. I had a number of questions on that, so I will skip those.			

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8	1.4	WHM	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Japanese Whaling in the Southern Ocean	Senator WHISH-WILSON: No, since their whaling fleet has departed for the Southern Ocean have they given updates on where the whaling fleet is or whether they have gone through Australian territorial waters? Ms Schweizer: Prior to and since the fleet departed, the government has continued to make representations to the Japanese government, often through their embassy here, to reconsider the merits of going whaling again. Senator WHISH-WILSON: But the Japanese government has not been forthcoming as to the location of their whaling fleets? Mr Oxley: I am not aware of any specific communication from the Japanese government to the Australian government as to the whereabouts of the Japanese whaling fleet, or indeed the product of its activity. But as that is me personally not being aware, we will take that one on notice if that is all right.	74	SQ16-000032	8/04/2016

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9	1.4	WHM	Singh, Lisa	Australian Marine Mammal Grants Program	Ms Schweizer: There are a number of clear areas where more research is warranted. When the IWC scientific committee investigated Japan's proposal for a successor scientific research program, after the International Court of Justice found that their previous program was not scientific and was not for the purposes of science, Japan did develop a follow-up proposal, which was subject to scrutiny by the scientific committee. At the committee's most recent meeting, which was in the middle of last year, in 2015, there was debate in the committee as to whether or not some of the research that Japan advised they needed to support with lethal take was warranted or not. Some of that relates to age to maturity and a number of issues. I think we can certainly provide that report from the scientific committee—it is in the public domain—which does identify the areas in dispute. Senator SINGH: That would be handy.	74	SQ16-00003 1	8/04/2016

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10	1.4	WHM	McKenzie, Bridget	Australian Heritage system process for site recognition	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Thank you very much Chair and thank you for your indulgence. I was just wondering what the process would be to recognise the high country cattlemen's way of life as a living culture? Dr de Brouwer: I might ask Mr Johnston. Mr Johnston: The Australian heritage system is a place-based system, so you would have to find values linked to a place, and then it would be the place and the boundary that would reflect those values. My understanding is that there has been assessments of some parts for those activities, but the inscription of the Australian Alps National Park does not include cattle grazing as one of the values that was found by the Australian Heritage Council a few years ago. Senator McKENZIE: We recognise as a place of heritage the actual droving tracks of this living culture, this community, but we do not recognise the actual practice, which created the tracks we have now actually encompassed in heritage. Mr Johnston: I have to talk from recollection of having looked at the work that was done. It was done some years ago. My recollection is that when the Heritage Council assessed it—we can come back and clarify if this is not the correct characterisation of it—it found the action significant as an historic action and some of the sites and some of the huts and stuff as historical sites rather than as contemporary sites. But we can come back and clarify that with some more details if that is not the exact process.</p>	107	SQ16-000070	8/04/2016

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11	1.4	WHM	McKim, Nick	Tasmanian Wilderness Heritage Area - number of fires	Senator McKIM: ... So, in your conversations with Dr Whittington, you were never told how many fires were burning, for example, in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area? Mr Oxley: That information I am sure would have been shared with me as part of those discussions, and I just do not have those specific numbers to hand. I would be very happy to take that away and provide them back to the Senate quickly on notice. Senator McKIM: I would appreciate that.	109-110	SQ16-00004 4	8/04/2016
12	1.4	WHM	McKim, Nick	Tasmanian Wilderness Heritage Area Fires - Activation of EMA provisions	Senator McKIM: ... Are you able to inform the committee of exactly on what date Minister Hunt asked Minister Keenan to activate the EMA provisions, which was contained in Minister Hunt's letter to me? He just said 'earlier that week' in the letter that I— Mr Oxley: Yes, and I am not in a position to be able to indicate what that date was. Senator McKIM: Would you take it on notice? Mr Oxley: Yes.	110	SQ16-00004 6	8/04/2016
13	1.4	WHM	McKim, Nick	Tasmanian Wilderness Heritage Area Fires	Senator McKIM: ... When did the department first become aware of the fires, and when did you first inform your minister of the fires? Mr Oxley: I would have to take on notice when we first informed the minister of the fires, but I think we would have become aware of the fires very soon after they started, through the media reporting. Senator McKIM: Through media reporting? Mr Oxley: Yes.	110	SQ16-00004 5	8/04/2016

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14	1.4	WHM	McKim, Nick	Tasmanian Wilderness Heritage Area - Draft management plan	Senator McKIM: Is the department concerned that, in its draft management plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, the Tasmanian government has removed references to the need to maintain a rapid response capacity to fight fires, it has removed references to the need for continuing research on the impacts of fire in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and it has removed references to the need for monitoring of effectiveness of fire strategies in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area? Does that concern the department? Mr Oxley: I am not in a position to express concern or otherwise on behalf of the department because I am not aware of the specific reference that you are making. I will, if I may, take that one on notice, please. Senator McKIM: That is fine, but we did actually discuss that draft management plan at the previous estimates hearing, from memory. Mr Oxley: I understand that, and I am saying to you: it is a large document and I am not across all of the detail of it, as you would appreciate. Senator McKIM: All right. That is fair enough. ...	112	SQ16-000047	8/04/2016

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15	1.4	WHM	Back, Chris	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area - Bushfires in Tasmania	<p>Senator BACK: We have been focusing on response and recovery; I want to take you back to prevention. In the case of major bushfires, given the tragic circumstances that my colleague has quite rightly addressed and given that prevention can only be achieved by some means of fuel reduction, what action or policy, if any, does the department have with the Tasmanian department, in this case, or anybody else, to achieve fuel reduction in these highly-prized areas about which we are speaking? Mr Oxley: The Director of National Parks, Sally Barnes, earlier in the day addressed a similar question in relation to her own arrangements and how they varied from jurisdiction— Senator BACK: With respect, I have to interrupt you: my questions to her were more about response. I am going back now to prevention. Mr Oxley: I was going to come to that. In terms of the preparedness for fire within the Tasmanian wilderness, there are, within the whole parks network in Tasmania—a large part of which is the wilderness—regional fire management plans. An important component of all of their work is around activities, such as controlled burning of areas, to protect assets—and here I am talking about environmental assets. Where we have areas that are highly fire sensitive, for example, they will do some controlled burning work in a way to protect those assets—not within those assets, but in order to buffer those assets—so active management of fire is part of the management tool kit used by the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service. Senator BACK: Perhaps you can take it on notice for me and give me some idea of what areas, both in terms of hectares and percentages, have been the subject of that. Mr Oxley: I am happy to do that, with the observation</p>	113	SQ16-000048	8/04/2016

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					that all of that work will be focused on the fire management regime necessary in order to sustain the environmental values of the place. Senator BACK: Sure. I understand.			

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16	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	Hammerhead Sharks	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... I am particularly interested in the recent decision over hammerhead sharks. You apparently funded a project entitled 'Establishing the status of Australia's hammerhead sharks', to be conducted by the National Environmental Science Program. Is that correct? Mr Oxley: I am not sure that I am able to confirm or otherwise in relation to that specific project. I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice. Because of that research, the assessment of nominations under the EPBC Act for the scalloped, great and smooth hammerhead sharks has been postponed? I presume that, since you cannot answer the first question, you cannot answer this question? Mr Oxley: That is correct. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice please. ...</p>	114	SQ16-000049	8/04/2016

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17	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	Hammerhead Sharks	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... Is the government considering postponing the assessment and granting of a wildlife trade operation for the harvest of hammerhead sharks given this assessment process? Why is that process continuing if you are in fact carrying out further research looking at the status of these sharks? Mr Oxley: I think we are in a sequence of questions that are all interrelated, so it would be a little bit difficult to try to answer one element of them. I will give you the broad outline of what we have sought to do. There are many fisheries in Australia which take hammerhead sharks in one way or another. We have already done what is called a non-detriment finding, which indicates that the level of take of hammerhead sharks is not detrimental to their survival in the wild. That non-detriment finding means that, because they are appendix 2 listed under CITES, trade is okay in those circumstances. Because the sharks are caught across multiple fisheries, we have sought to do one national assessment of the impact of all those fisheries on sharks and to put in place what is called a wildlife trade operation so that for all the fisheries the trade is okay based on that earlier non-detriment finding. It is a process thing to make sure that we have a consolidated view and decision in relation to the export of hammerhead sharks. Senator SIEWERT: How can you reach that non-detrimental impact if you are funding a status update on hammerhead sharks? Mr Oxley: That status update is being undertaken. The detail of that I will need to take on notice. Senator SIEWERT: You are taking on notice whether there is funding for that program. While you are taking that on notice, can you please take on notice how much it is costing, when it started and when it is due to be</p>	114-115	SQ16-000050	8/04/2016

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					completed. Mr Oxley: Yes, of course.			

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18	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Royal National Park and Reserves Commissioned Assessment	Senator RHIANNON: At the beginning of 2015 I was told that a commissioned assessment of the Royal National Park and reserves had been written by GML Heritage, that the report was then reviewed by Context Pty Ltd and that the New South Wales government was then going to do an external review of the review. Can you take on notice and provide to the committee a copy of each of these three documents? Mr Oxley: We can take on notice, but I do need to offer the caveat that they are not documents of the Commonwealth of Australia.	116-117	SQ16-00005 1	8/04/2016
19	1.4	WHM	Cameron, Doug	Western Sydney Airport - IUCN World Heritage Lisitng	Senator CAMERON: Is it the International Union for Conservation of Nature that determines World Heritage listing? Somebody must know; you are the environment department. Dr de Brouwer: The World Heritage Committee determines those things. Senator CAMERON: So what is the role of the IUCN? Dr de Brouwer: It is an adviser to the World Heritage Committee. Senator CAMERON: Are you aware that they raised concerns about overflights in the Blue Mountains area? Mr Tregurtha: I am aware that they have raised concerns. As to how that was considered in terms of improving the draft EIS, again I do not have that specific information. Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice? Mr Tregurtha: Certainly.	132	SQ16-00006 3	8/04/2016
20	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Timber logging in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage	From your understanding, does the Federal Minister, Mr Hunt, have the authority to override the Tasmanian Government's plans to allow special species timber logging in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area?	Written	SQ16-00020 8	8/04/2016

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21	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	World Heritage timber logging	Mr Oxley indicated at October Estimates that the Department was still considering its position on whether special species timber logging within the World Heritage area is consistent with Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention? Have you reached a position?	Written	SQ16-000200	8/04/2016
22	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Submission on the draft TWWHA management plan	Has your department prepared a submission on the draft TWWHA management plan? If so, what are its recommendations? If not, why has the department seen fit not to contribute?	Written	SQ16-000206	8/04/2016
23	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	UNESCO World Heritage timber logging	I draw your attention to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's monitoring mission to Tasmania late last year, relating to the TWWHA. Have the department's interactions with that UNESCO mission influenced your views about whether special species timber logging in the World Heritage area is consistent with Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention?	Written	SQ16-000205	8/04/2016
24	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Draft TWWHA management plan	Mr Oxley was unable to say in October whether all submissions on the draft TWWHA management plan had been made public. Can you now advise if that's the case?	Written	SQ16-000203	8/04/2016
25	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo population estimates	The Department has previously indicated it does not check state kangaroo survey or extrapolation methodologies, transect mapping, or actual count data. Is this still the case?	Written	SQ16-000188	8/04/2016

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26	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo population estimates	Victoria has been opened up the commercial shooting of kangaroos: a. Please provide data for the numbers and quantities of kangaroo products being exported from Victorian-shot kangaroos. b. What is the baseline population estimate of Victoria's kangaroos? c. What is the methodology of any Victorian kangaroo population estimate survey?	Written	SQ16-000187	8/04/2016
27	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo population estimates	Please provide in an excel spreadsheet or csv file, including the missing 2011 to current data: Population estimates for each species of commercially shot macropods in each of the states, including Tasmania; The shooting quota for each of those species, in each state, for each year The take for each species, male and female, for each state, per year.	Written	SQ16-000186	8/04/2016
28	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo population estimates	With regard to the department's publishing of the collated state by state and per species kangaroo population estimate data on its website page: "Kangaroo population estimates" (http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/natives/wild-harvest/kangaroo-wallaby-statistics/kangaroo-population) Why has the collated data for the 2014 and 2015 Kangaroo population estimates not been posted to the website; and when will it be posted?	Written	SQ16-000177	8/04/2016
29	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo population estimates	With regard to the department's publishing of the collated state by state and per species kangaroo population estimate data on its website page: "Kangaroo population estimates" (http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/natives/wild-harvest/kangaroo-wallaby-statistics/kangaroo-population) 1. Why has the Department of Environment removed the state by state collated kangaroo population estimates for commercially shot kangaroo species for 2012 and 2013; and when was it removed??	Written	SQ16-000176	8/04/2016

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30	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Primates imported from facilities and not the wild	How does the Government ensure primates imported are taken from breeding facilities and not the wild?	Written	SQ16-000210	8/04/2016
31	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Non Human Primates imported over 5yrs	How many non human primates have been imported in the last five years for research purposes? a) How many of these were imported by the Government's breeding facilities?	Written	SQ16-000204	8/04/2016

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32	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Parramatta Female Factory Precinct - National Heritage List	1. The nomination of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct to the National Heritage List has been not been included on the National Heritage Council's assessment work plan ("priority assessment list") twice since 2013. This renders the nomination now ineligible for further consideration unless it is re-nominated. In August last year, with Parramatta's Council split over the proposal to build about 4,000 apartments in the heritage precinct site – the Minister announced the site would be assessed "for the National heritage Listing: a. Was the nomination actively assessed for inclusion on the Heritage Council's work plan, or has it just dropped off the list due to the process of not being considered two sessions in a row? b. If it wasn't actively considered: i. Why not – especially given the urgency with which this site needs to be protected from high-rise development? ii. What is the process by which this is allowed to happen (non-consideration)? c. If it was actively considered: i. May I please have a copy of any advice or assessment that determined the site should not be considered or included. d. Given the importance of this historical site and recognising the local council is split on allowing development of the site – why has the site not been assessed as a matter of priority? e. Please provide a copy of advice that determined why the site should not be considered this round, especially given the contentious proposal to develop the site? f. What is the criteria that determines inclusion or no inclusion on the Council's priority assessment list? g. What advice has been provided to the nomination's proponents? h. What input has the NSW Government, or any developers' interests, had into this	Written	SQ16-000189	8/04/2016

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33	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Parramatta Female Factory Precinct – National Heritage List	Does the department consider the preservation of this historical site important, and will the department urge a moratorium on the development of the site until the National Heritage Council considers the site? If not, why not?	Written	SQ16-000190	8/04/2016
34	1.4	WHM	Rhiannon, Lee	Parramatta Female Factory Precinct – National Heritage List	Does the department have any role in Site of Conscience processes? Would the department recommend support and endorsement of designation of the site as Australia's first Site of Conscience? If not, why not?	Written	SQ16-000191	8/04/2016
35	1.4	WHM	Urquhart, Anne	Funding for Southern Ocean Research Partnership	Where is the Southern Ocean Research Partnership based? Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, in kind and in cash, from those countries involved in it?	Written	SQ16-000195	8/04/2016

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36	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	Shark reservations	<p>1. On 6 January 2015, the Australian Government entered reservations against three thresher shark species (big-eye, pelagic and common) and two hammerhead species (scalloped and great) under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. Will Australia lift these reservations under the Convention and accept that recreational fishers should not take these internationally threatened species? a. How often did the Department meet with recreational fishers on this matter? b. Which peak organisations did the Department meet with representing recreational fishers on this matter? 2. How many Commonwealth listed threatened albatrosses and petrels of species have been caught and released, or killed by Australian fishing vessels in Australian waters since 2010? a. What are reasons for the ongoing take of these listed threatened species? b. Does the Government have any planned measures to improve the measurement of the number of seabirds caught in trawling operations? c. Does the Government have any details of the number of listed albatross and petrel species that have been caught and released, or killed by recreational fishing efforts in Australia on an annual basis? d. Does the Government have plans to gather data on the impact that recreational fishing is having on seabirds in Australian waters through bycatch and interactions?</p>	Written	SQ16-000085	8/04/2016

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37	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	Hammerhead Sharks - Fin exports	3. In relation to fin exports: a. How many tonnes of scalloped hammerhead (<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>) fins, great hammerhead fins (<i>S. mokarran</i>) and smooth hammerhead fins (<i>S. zygaena</i>) have been exported in 2013, 2014, 2015? b. How much revenue came from the export of sharkfin from scalloped hammerhead (<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>) fins, great hammerhead fins (<i>S. mokarran</i>) and smooth hammerhead fins (<i>S. zygaena</i>) in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015?	Written	SQ16-000088	8/04/2016

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38	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	Hammerhead sharks	2. With regard to the recent application to commercially kill and export hammerhead sharks: a. Is the Department aware that there were two reports prepared by Dr. Ian Knuckey and Matt Koopman of Fishwell Consulting in 2014 which is currently a matter of a conflict of interest complaint by Sea Shepherd Global to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)? b. Is the Department aware that while Fishwell Consulting were providing a report to the Australia Environment Department on the sustainable harvesting of CITES Appendix II shark species, they were at the same time advising Hong Kong based airline, Cathay Pacific Airways on how they could ensure legal exportation of Australian shark fins for the Chinese market? c. Is the Department aware, that the 2014 report compiled by Fishwell Consulting for the Australian Government was used by the Environment Department to compile a non-detrimental findings report for the export of shark species which is being used currently to propose the wild life trade of hammerhead sharks in Australia - which are currently under review in terms of the conservation status? d. Is the Department aware the Fishwell Consulting provided no disclosure of the clear conflict of interest in either of their 2014 reports? e. Please provide any documentation including reports, correspondence or minutes in relation to this issue.	Written	SQ16-000087	8/04/2016

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39	1.4	WHM	Siewert, Rachel	List of threatened Albatross and Petrels Species	2. How many Commonwealth listed threatened albatrosses and petrels of species have been caught and released, or killed by Australian fishing vessels in Australian waters since 2010? a. What are reasons for the ongoing take of these listed threatened species? b. Does the Government have any planned measures to improve the measurement of the number of seabirds caught in trawling operations? c. Does the Government have any details of the number of listed albatross and petrel species that have been caught and released, or killed by recreational fishing efforts in Australia on an annual basis? d. Does the Government have plans to gather data on the impact that recreational fishing is having on seabirds in Australian waters through bycatch and interactions?	Written	SQ16-000086	8/04/2016

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40	1.5	Science	Ludlam, Scott	Ranger Leach Tank Failure	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I have a couple of questions about the investigation into the leach tank failure at Ranger, and then a couple about rehabilitation in the area of the Ranger mine. If you can just quickly bring us up to date about the leach tank failure incident that occurred in December 2013. There is actually still no concrete information on the nature of the incident or specific details on the response by government to that. Can you tell us if you know where the NT government's report or investigation into that accident is up to. Mr Tayler: The Northern Territory government report remains with their legal counsel. They are unable to release that report until they have determined whether that would advance to a prosecution. At this stage the report is not publicly available. Senator LUDLAM: So there is nothing stopping them holding onto that for years, is there? Mr Tayler: That is correct. Senator LUDLAM: Is there are a statute of limitations on prosecuting ERA? Mr Tayler: There is under the Northern Territory legislation, but I do not know the number of years off the top of my head. I could take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could. Does the OSS have a copy? Are you in receipt of it? Mr Tayler: No. Senator LUDLAM: So you are in the dark, the public is in the dark and the local Aboriginal community is in the dark, and the NT government could sit on this forever if they choose to. Mr Tayler: As you said, there is a statute of limitations. I would have to get back to you on the exact time frame.</p>	12	SQ16-000004	8/04/2016

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41	1.5	Science	Ludlam, Scott	Ranger Leach Tank Failure - NT Government Report	<p>Senator LUDLAM: ... What is your understanding of why the NT government is holding onto that study? Mr Tayler: It was the NT government that advised me that the report is with their legal counsel for review. That is a standard step in most organisations. If you are moving towards potential prosecution you need to provide the report to your legal counsel for review. The advice of the Northern Territory government to me is that that is where that report currently is. Senator LUDLAM: The focus of the government's investigation was understandably on process safety. What is in place now in terms of ongoing monitoring and reporting of ERA's move to process safety? I think there are half a dozen of those leach tanks on site. How confident are you that ERA has actually taken steps to prevent such an incident from happening again? Mr Tayler: The Northern Territory government is using an external expert contractor to work with ERA to develop their process safety management system. We have been involved in that process. ERA have made good progress towards improving their process safety culture and process safety systems. We are provided with the reports from the consultant after his quarterly site visits to ERA. The Supervising Scientist also has released a report into the environmental effects of that leach tank failure. ERA have been conducting additional groundwater monitoring and other things since the incident occurred to ensure that there are no off-site impacts. Dr Wright: That was Supervising Scientist Report 207, which was released on 28 August 2014. Senator LUDLAM: A lot of the heavy lifting was done by the NT government and its investigators. It is a very large and important body of work that still is not in the public domain.</p>	12	SQ16-000005	8/04/2016

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					<p>Mr Tayler: That is correct. The Supervising Scientist report focused on the potential for off-site impacts, whereas the Northern Territory government's report looked at the cause of the failure and the mechanism of the failure. Senator LUDLAM: What do you think are the best channels for the public to find out the outcome of that investigation? Dr de Brouwer: That would be a matter for taking up with the Northern Territory government, Senator. Senator LUDLAM: It has been nearly 2½ years since the incident. This might be more appropriate through you, Senator Birmingham: have you taken any steps to ask the NT government to expedite the release of that investigation? Senator Birmingham: I will have to take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM: I understand an investigation of this nature would take a while to conduct, but I do not feel it is appropriate that 2½ years after the event we are still waiting on the basic story of what occurred. Senator Birmingham, could you take that on notice and advise us whether you propose to take any steps to have that document—or even a redacted copy of it that has been scrubbed, I do not mind—put into the public domain.</p>			

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42	1.5	Science	Ludlam, Scott	Supervising Scientist Report 207	Senator LUDLAM: What do you think are the best channels for the public to find out the outcome of that investigation? Dr de Brouwer: That would be a matter for taking up with the Northern Territory government, Senator. Senator LUDLAM: It has been nearly 2½ years since the incident. This might be more appropriate through you, Senator Birmingham: have you taken any steps to ask the NT government to expedite the release of that investigation? Senator Birmingham: I will have to take that on notice.	13	SQ16-000095	8/04/2016
43	1.5	ESD	Rhiannon, Lee	Shenhua - Water Management Plan	Senator RHIANNON: Okay. Has the water management plan been sent to the IESC? Mr Tregurtha: The minister has indicated that he has committed to seeking the IESC's advice on the plan when it has been submitted. But the normal course of events would be that the proponent would submit the plan to the minister and then it would be provided to the IESC for consideration. Senator RHIANNON: So, again, it is waiting on the company; is that what you are saying? Mr Tregurtha: Correct. Senator RHIANNON: Will it be made public? At what stage is it made public in terms of going through this process? Mr Tregurtha: When the plan is approved, the standard course of events with management plans is that there is a requirement for the company to make them public once they have been approved. Senator RHIANNON: Does the company have to make it public immediately? What is the time line that they are under? Mr Tregurtha: I would have to take that question on notice as to whether the conditions provided for a specific time line. The conditions may in some cases provide for a specific time line. Generally, there would just be an expectation that, as soon as the minister had approved the plan, within a reasonable	127	SQ16-000057	8/04/2016

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					period of time the company would provide that on their website for anyone to be able to access it.			

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44	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	Badgery Creek and Western Sydney Airport EIS	<p>Senator CAMERON: I want to ask about the EIS process. The EPBC Act provides that there should be options available for people to consider in terms of major projects. Is that correct? Mr Tregurtha: That is correct. At a referral stage and during an assessment stage there are two opportunities for public comment on proposals. Senator CAMERON: Are you aware that the EIS that has gone out does not meet that requirement under the act? Mr Tregurtha: Sorry. Could you provide me with more information. Senator CAMERON: The only option that is available in that EIS is what is described as the 05/23 runway option. Mr Tregurtha: This is in the EIS issued by the department of infrastructure for comment? Senator CAMERON: Yes. So that does not meet the EPBC Act requirement to provide an option of no action; comparative description of impacts of each alternative on matters of national environmental significance and other matters subject to the EPBC Act; and sufficient detail to make clear why one alternative is preferred to another. There is no alternative. There is only one runway configuration. Mr Tregurtha: When draft EISs are provided to the department for consideration, the department reviews each of those EISs—in this case the EIS for the proposed Western Sydney airport. In this instance, the department and minister formed a view that the EIS was compliant with the guidelines that were issued for the development of that EIS and, on that basis, approved the draft EIS for the public consultation period. Senator CAMERON: So you just accepted, even though it is the act that you administer, the decision of the minister for infrastructure and his department in determining that it complied? Mr Tregurtha: No. The environment</p>	130	SQ16-000058	8/04/2016

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					department, our portfolio and the minister formed a view that the EIS was sufficiently compliant with the guidelines—the terms of reference, if you like—for that to be issued as a draft EIS for public comment. Senator CAMERON: Okay. Can you provide details of all the correspondence between the minister and the department that allowed the minister to come to that conclusion. Mr Tregurtha: We would have to take that on notice.			

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45	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	Badgery Creek and Western Sydney Airport - EIS internal advice	Senator CAMERON: You are obviously aware that part of the area affected by this proposal is the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area. Mr Tregurtha: Yes, we are. When the draft EIS was considered by the department, officials from our World Heritage area gave advice to us in forming a view that the EIS was appropriate to publish. Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of that internal advice? Mr Tregurtha: I would have to take that on notice. The officials who were consulted were from outcome 1.4, which has already appeared today. But I can take that on notice.	131	SQ16-000059	8/04/2016
46	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	Western Sydney Airport - Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Areas - Ambient Noise Measures	Senator CAMERON: Do you know if there were any ambient noise measures from a representative sample of locations? Mr Roberts: I will have to take that on notice. Mr Tregurtha: It is standard practice, when we have airport referrals or referrals in relation to aircraft movements, for us to get noise contours and standard noise sampling. So that would be standard practice. But in this instance, as Mr Roberts has said, we will have to take that specific one on notice so we can answer the question accurately.	131	SQ16-000061	8/04/2016

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47	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	Western Sydney Airport - Noise impacts on the wildlife in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area	Senator CAMERON: Do you know if there was a review of noise impacts on the wildlife in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area? Mr Knudson: When the decision was made that this was a controlled action, back in December of 2014, one of the provisions that was required for assessment was potential significant impacts on the World Heritage values associated with a declared World Heritage property, and also listed threatened species and ecological communities. So to the extent that those are impacted by noise, pollution and whatever, that will be required to be assessed. Senator CAMERON: It will required to be assessed? It has not been assessed, but there is draft EIS? Mr Knudson: I did not say that. Senator CAMERON: I am asking. I have a question mark behind that. Mr Knudson: Understood. I also have not read the draft EIS. It would be our staff—mine and Mr Tregurtha's—who would be looking at the details of the individual assessment. Senator CAMERON: Who is dealing with that? Mr Roberts: I will have to take your specific question on notice. I know the team that looked at this looked at a range of noise related factors. Your specific question about noise impacts on wildlife I will have to take on notice. Senator CAMERON: Do you know if there were any ambient noise measures from a representative sample of locations? Mr Roberts: I will have to take that on notice.	131	SQ16-000060	8/04/2016
48	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	Western Sydney Airport - World Heritage Committee	Senator CAMERON: Have you had any discussions with the local Indigenous community on this EIS on the heritage values that the Indigenous committee hold dear? Mr Tregurtha: Again, as I have explained, I have not read the EIS, so not wanting to mislead the committee I would have to take that on notice.	132	SQ16-000065	8/04/2016

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				- Indigenous community consultation				
49	1.5	ESD	Cameron, Doug	World Heritage Committee - Western Sydney Airport - EIS for the Blue Mountains	Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice whether you have had any discussions with the World Heritage Committee or the IUCN in relation to this EIS? Mr Tregurtha: Certainly.	132	SQ16-000064	8/04/2016

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50	1.5	ESD	Siewert, Rachel	LandCorp Industrial subdivision, Broome	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I am just following up the issue I raised this morning in the general question area. I understand that last year the department made a visit to Broome to look at some clearing by LandCorp? Mr Gaddes: Just bear with me for a moment while I find the notes on this one. Senator SIEWERT: It is not me that needs to bear with you; it is the chair. Otherwise I will get in trouble! Mr Gaddes: Is this the LandCorp industrial subdivision north of Broome? Senator SIEWERT: Yes, that you visited in April 2015. Mr Gaddes: I have notes here from my officers that we visited on 17 June, but we may have visited before that. We visited on 17 June and took an expert with us under a monitoring warrant. The expert advice provided to the department indicated that the ecological attributes of the central to eastern portions of the site constituted greater bilby habitat, and that had some conservation significance. The western portion of the site, which was the one that was subject to the clearing, was not considered to have the same landform characteristics, and they would not support the greater bilby. So, based upon that, the department formed the view that there was not going to be a significant impact caused by that action. Senator SIEWERT: That was the recommendation you provided? Mr Gaddes: That was the conclusion to our inquiries, and we then wrote to the proponents and said that we were not going to take any further action because we did not think the act applied to that activity. Senator SIEWERT: Is it possible to provide a copy of the report and a copy of that letter that you just mentioned? Mr Gaddes: I could have a look at that. To close the case, I suppose we probably could provide that. Senator SIEWERT: Okay, that would be</p>	132-133	SQ16-000066	8/04/2016

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					much appreciated. That is me done, Chair. CHAIR: Thank you very much. Dr de Brouwer: Take that on notice. Mr Gaddes: I will take that on notice, sorry. I do not have it before me, so sorry; good pick up.			

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51	1.5	ESD	McKim, Nick	Carmichael mine approval	Senator McKIM: I wanted to ask some questions about the Carmichael mine approval. You have previously provided the letter of 6 November last year that the department wrote to Adani asking them again for the environmental history of their executive officers and raising questions about their compliance with the EPBC Act and the Criminal Code Act. Could you provide a copy of their response for the committee, please. Mr Tregurtha: We do not have that response with us today, but we can take that on notice. Senator McKIM: Will you provide that to the committee on notice? Dr de Brouwer: We will take that on notice. ...	133	SQ16-000067	8/04/2016
52	1.5	ESD	McKim, Nick	Adani Mine	Senator McKIM: Okay, thank you. Was that the first time the minister was briefed on the issue of the failure to notify the department about the full environmental history of Mr Janakaraj? Mr Tregurtha: Again, we would have to take that on notice to ensure that we had not earlier provided any advice to the minister's office.	134	SQ16-000068	8/04/2016
53	1.5	ESD	McKim, Nick	Adani mine communications	"Senator McKIM: ...Will you take on notice, please, to provide the committee exactly with all communication between the department and the minister's office, including the timing of that communication on any matters involving the decision not to pursue Mr Janakaraj for his omission to fully inform the department about his environmental history. Mr Knudson: We will take that on notice. Senator McKIM: By the way, can I be clear about that question: that is the minister or anyone in the minister's office. Was there any written correspondence about this issue between the minister and the department between 6 November and 21 January 2016? Mr Tregurtha: Again, we would have to take that on notice to ensure that we provide a fulsome answer."	134-135	SQ16-000069	8/04/2016

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54	1.5	ESD	McKim, Nick	Adani environmental history	<p>Senator McKIM: ... Given that your 6 November letter basically raised the possibility that Mr Janakaraj had breached the Criminal Code Act 1995, did the department take external legal advice before deciding not to pursue this matter? Mr Tregurtha: By 'external' legal advice, do you—</p> <p>Senator McKIM: External to the department. Mr Tregurtha: I do not believe so. Senator McKIM: Did you take internal legal advice? Mr Tregurtha: The department regularly consults with its General Counsel Branch—which is internal advice—in relation to a range of matters in relation to the EPBC Act. I cannot tell you definitively today, but it would be usual practice for us to keep the General Counsel Branch apprised of all these types of the matters. Senator McKIM: Could you take that on notice, please, given that you have raised the possibility of a breach of the Criminal Code Act in your letter. Mr Tregurtha: Certainly. Senator McKIM: So: what legal advice, if any, the department sort, either internally or externally, in relation to those matters.</p>	135	SQ16-00007 1	8/04/2016

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55	1.5	ESD	O'Sullivan, Barry	QLD Land clearing - Ministerial responsibility under the EPBC Act	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: ... Is there a specific section of the act that burdens the minister, when information comes to his or her attention, that they have to take a course of action such as has been taken here? If the answer is no, just say no. If it is the whole act or if it is vibe, I am happy. Mr Tregurtha: As I said, the minister is responsible for administering the EPBC Act. Senator O'SULLIVAN: Somewhere there has been a course of events—conversations, I imagine an exchange of correspondence—that has caused the department to arrive at the decision to write the letter. Mr Tregurtha: Yes. Senator O'SULLIVAN: Given that I have no correspondence and all that raises any issue about these 55 permits, upon which you could rely, then there must be correspondence that I do not have. Are you aware of correspondence that I do not have where it details information that burdens the minister? Mr Tregurtha: As I said, I have some of the correspondence that you noted in your letter that you had. I am assuming that is the correspondence that you have— Senator O'SULLIVAN: Yes, I have that. There is nothing in that. We are both agreed on that. Mr Tregurtha: The material you do not have would include the department's inquiries of the Queensland government in relation to this matter, where, as I indicated in my first answer to the question, in the course of undertaking those inquiries the department became aware from the Queensland government that 59 permits had been issued to 54 permit holders. That is where the information accrued to the department. Senator O'SULLIVAN: Do you have correspondence about that, or a file note, or does anyone have a diary note? Mr Tregurtha: We absolutely would have material, yes. Senator O'SULLIVAN: Could you take it on</p>	136	SQ16-000072	8/04/2016

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					notice to supply me with all of the relevant documents that have any reference whatsoever to a file note, to diary note, to a letter from the Queensland government, to a response from the Queensland government, to a phone message slip or anything of that nature? If you could pull it together. Mr Gaddes: We would be happy to take that on notice.			

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56	1.5	ESD	O'Sullivan, Barry	QLD Land Clearing - Meetings with Queensland Government	Senator O'SULLIVAN: Have any of the witnesses at the table, the minister aside, been present at or held any discussions with the Queensland government or any other party in relation to the circumstances that led to this letter? Mr Gaddes: I have, Senator. Senator O'SULLIVAN: You have? Can you tell me where, when and who was present? Mr Gaddes: It would have been in June. I would have to take the specifics on notice because I do not have my diary with me. I met with officials in the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and I also met with officials in the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. Those discussions were primarily about the Olive Vale clearing matter. That was probably the largest catalyst for a lot of the correspondence that you have in the pack that you asked for.	137	SQ16-000073	8/04/2016

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57	1.5	ESD	O'Sullivan, Barry	Queensland land clearing	Senator O'SULLIVAN: That will no doubt be reflected in the file notes that you have taken. Did you make file notes during the discussions about the matters of these permits? Mr Gaddes: I am not sure if there were file notes. I had officials follow up for me at a later date to ask for the information. We followed up in correspondence requesting the information that was discussed. Senator CANAVAN: Mr Gaddes, you mentioned that you met with the Queensland government in or around June. Why did it take you six months to write this letter? Mr Gaddes: We engaged with the Queensland government a number of times to get all of the information from the Queensland government— Senator CANAVAN: Six months. Mr Gaddes: It took a little while to get all of the information that we could get. Senator CANAVAN: Was this information in writing? Mr Gaddes: I believe—and I would have to take it on notice—that it came in the format of a CD and it took them a while to compile the relevant information for us.	137-138	SQ16-000074	8/04/2016
58	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Toondah Harbour	Regarding the Toondah Harbour development (EPBC 2015/7612) – there have been 2 suspensions of the referral decision timeframe – and apparently no assessment approach decision. 1. What is the reason for the 2 delays? 2. Has the scope of the project changed since the initial application? 3. What is the assessment approach?	Written	SQ16-000226	8/04/2016

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59	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Databases	1. Can the department outline the databases it uses to track and manage project approvals, monitoring and compliance activities under the EPBC Act? 2. Can the department outline which of these databases, or any parts of them, are available to the public or stakeholders? 3. For those that are not publicly accessible, can the department outline the reasons for this?	Written	SQ16-000225	8/04/2016
60	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Update on Acland Stage 3 expansion	In February, the deadline for an EPBC decision about the expansion of the New Acland coal mine on the Darling Downs was extended to 30 April. Since then, no update about the status of the project has been made on the EPBC public register. Can you please provide an update of the Commonwealth's assessment and decision making on this mine, which would have profound consequences for farming communities in the area and their water resources?	Written	SQ16-000228	8/04/2016
61	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Yabulu Nickel Refinery	1. In relation to the Yabulu Nickel refinery – are you worried that the site will be left un-rehabilitated? 2. Do you view that as a risk to MNES? 3. Have you met with the Qld State govt or the company about the rehabilitation plan? 4. Do you have any reason to lack confidence in the Qld regulatory regime in relation to clean ups?	Written	SQ16-000229	8/04/2016
62	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	1. How many EPBC mining projects has the department placed conditions of approval that relate to the rehabilitation of the mine site? 2. Can the department provide a list?	Written	SQ16-000238	8/04/2016
63	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Continuous Monitoring Systems at Settlement Creek and	Could you advise of the status of the installation of a continuous monitoring systems at Settlement Creek and Redbank mine to track contaminants flowing into Settlement Creek, and is it fully operational?	Written	SQ16-000216	8/04/2016

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64	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Pending Compensation Cases	Are there are compensation cases currently pending for damage?	Written	SQ16-000215	8/04/2016
65	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Redbank Mine contaminants	Are mine-derived contaminants still being released into Settlement Creek or other waterways surrounding the mine?	Written	SQ16-000214	8/04/2016
66	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Compensation for damage of land and waterways	Has any compensation money for damage been paid by the former mine operators or the NT Government to Traditional Owners of the mine site and affected land and waterways?	Written	SQ16-000212	8/04/2016
67	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Redbank Mine rehabilitation bond	What is the amount and what form is the rehabilitation bond held in ie cash/bonds/bank guarantees?	Written	SQ16-000213	8/04/2016
68	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	Has the department done any analysis of these projects in relation to the companies' financial capacity to effectively rehabilitate the mine?	Written	SQ16-000236	8/04/2016
69	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Remediation costs at Redbank Mine	Which entity holds current liability status for any remediation costs at Redbank Mine?	Written	SQ16-000211	8/04/2016

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70	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Downstream impacts of Redbank Mine	Have any discussions on damages liability been held between the former operators or the NT Government with the Queensland Government relating to downstream impacts of Redbank Mine which cross the Territory/QLD border?	Written	SQ16-000218	8/04/2016

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71	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Shenhua - Environmental history	<p>In approving the Shenhua Watermark mine, the Minister's Statement of Reasons doesn't consider the company's environmental history. The Statement of Reasons dated 21 Aug 2015 says: "...the referral from the proponent (included as part of the proponent's documentation) stated that they have a good environmental history, have not been subject to any proceedings under Commonwealth, state or territory law regarding the environment or natural resource management; and if approved, there is no reason to believe the proposed action will not operate in full accordance with its Environmental Policy. [...] On this basis, there was no evidence to suggest the proponent would be unwilling or unable to comply with the proposed conditions of approval and that the proponent was not a suitable person to be granted an approval." Minister Hunt failed to consider Shenhua's very poor environmental history in China which has been well documented in relation to projects in Inner Mongolia by Greenpeace here: http://www.greenpeace.org/eastasia/Global/eastasia/publications/reports/climate-energy/2013/Thirsty%20Coal%202.pdf Media release from 2013 here: http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/news/Blogs/makingwaves/how-chinas-shenhua-group-is-plundering-water-/blog/46032/ 1. Comparing the Shenhua Watermark approval and the Adani Carmichael mine approval, in the Carmichael approval the Minister considered Adani's overseas environmental history but found that they were nevertheless suitable, but the Shenhua Watermark Statement of Reasons does not include any discussion of</p>	Written	SQ16-000239	8/04/2016

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					<p>Shenhua's Chinese environmental history at all, he didn't appear to consider it – why the difference? 2. Did anyone raise with the Department the fact that the Shenhua group has a very questionable environmental history in China? I'm aware of examples in Inner Mongolia of very serious damage to groundwater from coal operations. Did you consider that? 3. Was the Department aware in a general sense of the very controversial and sometimes harmful nature of the Chinese coal industry and the fact that Shenhua are very large players in that industry?</p>			

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72	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Settlement Creek waterways	Has any progress been made to developing a plan for the rehabilitation of and removal of copper tailings from Settlement Creek waterways and banks?	Written	SQ16-000217	8/04/2016
73	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	What work has the department done in relation to the development of policy or guidance relating to the rehabilitation of mine sites as part of the EPBC Act approval process?	Written	SQ16-000235	8/04/2016
74	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	Do you view it as a risk to MNES that State governments might fail to adequately ensure that mine sites and other resources projects are rehabilitated?	Written	SQ16-000233	8/04/2016
75	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	In cases where a mine site becomes a toxic, polluting mess – is that a controlled action – i.e. is it even captured under the EPBC Act?	Written	SQ16-000231	8/04/2016
76	1.5	ESD	Waters, Larissa	Mine site rehabilitation	What about in the case of coal mines in the GBR catchment where those mines might one day become toxic, saline lakes leaching water into the Dawson and Fitzroy rivers and polluting the Reef? Are those potential future risks captured in the EPBC Act?	Written	SQ16-000230	8/04/2016

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77	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Wind Farm Commissioner - Breakdown of Costs	Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide a breakdown of all costs associated with your position and the office including wages, office costs, travel and any other experts or professional services that will be purchased? Mr Dyer: I will refer that question to the secretary, if I may. Dr de Brouwer: Yes, we can provide all that. Senator URQUHART: You can provide all that? Thank you. What was the cost of the set-up of the commission? Mr Dyer: Again, I will defer to the secretary for that question. Dr de Brouwer: I might ask Dr Dickson. Dr Dickson: You will see that in additional estimates we have an amount that is supporting the Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee. We can provide you with the details of the various costs according to what you are after. It would probably be easiest to do that on notice.	46	SQ16-000016	8/04/2016

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78	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Wind Farm Commissioner - Conciliation Arrangements	<p>Senator URQUHART: Do you get involved in the conciliation personally? Is that part of your role? Mr Dyer: Yes. Senator URQUHART: If the conciliation does not work, then you make a recommendation? Mr Dyer: Yes. Senator URQUHART: What powers do you have? Mr Dyer: I have no powers, but I do have the ability to make recommendations and distribute those to the affected parties. Senator URQUHART: So those recommendations would go to the party that the complaint is about? What is the process? Mr Dyer: If it was a complaint against a wind farm operator, the recommendation would go to the resident and to the wind farm operator. Senator URQUHART: How many have you been involved in at this stage? Mr Dyer: It is an early time in the cycle, but I will be involved in some conciliation meetings coming up towards the end of February and going into March. Senator URQUHART: Is that the first lot? Mr Dyer: Yes. Senator URQUHART: Whereabouts are they? Mr Dyer: Unless the chair has some advice I would prefer not to identify particular wind farms or residents. I can say that the first one I will do is about a wind farm that is in development. Senator URQUHART: Are you able to tell us what state they are in? Mr Dyer: Victoria. Senator URQUHART: Have you met with any of the complainants yourself, personally? Mr Dyer: I have. Senator URQUHART: How many? Mr Dyer: I totalled up 39 people I have met with so far who are concerned residents. Senator URQUHART: Are they from both ends of the spectrum—relating to operating wind farms and plans? Mr Dyer: Yes. Senator URQUHART: What would be the ratio of those complainants? Is it the same—about fifty-fifty—that you have met with? Mr Dyer: To give you an accurate answer</p>	47	SQ16-000017	8/04/2016

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					I would probably need to take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: Could you take that on notice, please?			

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79	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Wind Farm Commissioner - Travel Budget	Senator URQUHART: What is your travel budget? Mr Dyer: I will defer to the secretary on that. Dr de Brouwer: We will come back on notice with that. Senator URQUHART: You do not know what the travel budget is? Dr de Brouwer: Not off the top of my head. We will have material. Dr Dickson: As you would appreciate, with these things it takes a while to work through exactly what the budget would be. A lot of it depends on what we expect Mr Dyer's travel to be and for him to gauge that over time. We can give you a broad indication of what we expect the budget breakdown to be over time.	48	SQ16-000018	8/04/2016
80	2.1	CCARE	Rice, Janet	Breakdown of complaints received by Wind Farm Commissioner	Senator RICE: You said before that you had had complaints from 42 concerned residents. How many actual complaints were there? Mr Dyer: I will take that on notice to give you a precise number.	49	SQ16-000094	8/04/2016

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81	2.1	CCARE	Back, Chris	Wind Farm Commissioner - Wind farm operating standards	<p>Senator BACK: Thank you. You mentioned, in response to an earlier question, that there are myriad standards. I presume you were referring to those within Australia. Could you just tell us how many different sets of standards are in operation in the different states and territories of Australia in relation to management or control of operation of wind farms. Mr Dyer: I could not give you a precise answer, but there would be standards that are guidelines issued by each state government, there might be other standards issued by their environment departments, and then there is the standard that is prescribed in the planning permit itself, which could be a variant on the state's planning guidelines and standard. Senator BACK: Do these guidelines, for example, speak of distances from dwellings to wind turbines et cetera? Is that the type of guideline that differs between the states? Mr Dyer: Typically the noise standard is the main driver of a separation distance between a turbine and a dwelling. Senator BACK: And therefore size of turbines, as they get bigger. Are you able to tell us at all—or perhaps take on notice—whether that has a different noise impact? Is a bigger turbine likely to, for example, create a wider or longer gap between the turbine and the nearest residence? Mr Dyer: It could vary, and that is probably a good question to take on notice, but my understanding is that as the turbines have increased the noise has remained about the same—but it will vary by manufacturer.</p>	51	SQ16-000022	8/04/2016

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82	2.1	CCARE	Singh, Lisa	Wind Farm Commissioner - Contract Arrangements	Senator SINGH: \$205,000 per year for the part-time role of the wind farm commissioner. Can I take you to page 17 of the additional estimates statement. It has a breakdown there of the administered expenses. Dr Dickson, could you perhaps take me through the differing figures for the forward years there and what they relate to? Dr Dickson: Can I take that on notice? That combines the wind farm commissioner and the scientific committee, so there is a different function. The scientific committee is another part of the overall expenditure on this item, so I will need to give you a more detailed breakdown that picks up those costs as well as the— Senator URQUHART: The scientific committee on wind farms? Dr Dickson: That is right. That is all rolled up in there. Senator SINGH: It is a combined figure? Dr Dickson: It is a combined figure, so I would need to give you a detailed breakdown. Senator SINGH: Could you take that on notice, and also that the differing— Dr Dickson: What is administered and what is departmental in that. Senator SINGH: Yes.	53	SQ16-000020	8/04/2016
83	2.1	CCARE	Singh, Lisa	Wind Farm Commissioner - Scientific Committee on Wind Farms	Senator SINGH: When was that committee established? Dr Dickson: It was established late last year, as well. Senator SINGH: At the same time as the commission? Dr de Brouwer: Around the same time. Dr Dickson: Around about the same time. Senator SINGH: Has it met yet? Dr Dickson: It has met. I can get you the details of its meetings, if you like. Dr de Brouwer: That committee reports to both the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Health. Senator SINGH: It would be good if you could take that on notice.	53	SQ16-000021	8/04/2016

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84	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Wind Farm Commissioner - Scientific Committee on Wind Farms	Senator URQUHART: And maybe on notice as well, just what you have done with that committee and how it interlinks with the commission role. Dr de Brouwer: We can go through that, but if it is easier we can put it on notice. Senator URQUHART: If you can go through it quickly, I am happy to do that. CHAIR: If you can go through it very quickly; otherwise I think it might be safer, if it is going to be complicated, to put it on notice. Dr de Brouwer: Alright. It is a way of getting technical advice around acoustics, health and other aspects—so it is drawing off that scientific expertise and distilling that, analogous to the way the independent expert scientific committee does on coal seam gas and water. It is a way of drawing together some expertise across a range of disciplines, but in support of the commissioner. Senator URQUHART: Maybe on notice you could provide more information around the skills and the expertise of the people who are on the committee. Dr Dickson: The people who have been appointed has been made public. Senator URQUHART: Yes, that is fine. Just their expertise and skills.	53	SQ16-000023	8/04/2016
85	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Wind Farm Commissioner - List of community group contacts	Senator URQUHART: Can also provide on notice a list of those groups and communities to whom you have emailed the information. Mr Dyer: Sure.	55	SQ16-000019	8/04/2016

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86	2.1	CCARE	Singh, Lisa	Wind Farm Commissioner - Website and contact details	Senator SINGH: Could we have a date by when this easily accessible, googleable Wind Farm Commissioner website and phone number will be available. Mr Dyer: The phone number is available now, but I will seek advice as to when and if we can give a deadline on government processes.	55	SQ16-000024	8/04/2016

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87	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	GHG Emissions Quarterly Report	<p>Senator URQUHART: ... I am talking about the data that was released on Christmas Eve that does not show a reduction in the Australian GHG emissions. Can you provide some commentary on the increases that were in that data. Ms Brunoro: I think you are referring to the quarterly update component of the documents that were released before Christmas. That covered the financial year 2014-15. Overall, there was a 1.3 per cent increase in emissions compared to the previous year. The major elements of that in terms of changes were a three per cent increase in the electricity sector, some smaller increases in fugitives and— Senator URQUHART: Sorry? Ms Brunoro: There were some smaller increases in other sectors of the inventory. There was a 0.5 per cent increase in industrial processes and product use, fugitive emissions increased by 1.6 per cent and transport had a very small percentage increase at 0.3 per cent. That was partially offset by a 3.4 per cent decrease in agricultural sector emissions. They were the major movements at the sectoral scale. Do you want me to step down into those sectors and their major drivers? Senator URQUHART: Is that a long drawn-out process? I would be interested in what some of the drivers were. How quickly can you do it? Ms Brunoro: Perhaps I should just talk about the ones that had changes of larger amounts. The three per cent change in the electricity sector was an increase. The demand did not change between those two financial years. The drivers were changes in the fuel mix. There was a very large decrease in hydro-electric generation in that period—some 30.3 per cent. Also, gas generation saw a 6.2 per cent decrease in that period. The increase was on the other side. The other</p>	93	SQ16-000037	8/04/2016

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					<p>renewals, beyond hydro, were up 12.2 per cent. But there was a 1.4 per cent increase in black coal and a 9.7 per cent increase in brown coal. So it was a fuel mix story. As to the hydro-electricity change, hydro-electricity was operating at unsustainably high levels during the carbon tax period, but water storages have gone to below long-term averages, and so that was not able to be maintained. Obviously— Senator URQUHART: In some cases, they have gone to an extreme record low, as in Tasmania at the moment. Ms Brunoro: Yes. As to the other element of that, with gas generation, obviously you would be aware of gas pricing issues there. It is actually the fuel mix that has changed. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could you just clarify whether the hydro was in Tasmania and other states or across the board. Do you have a breakdown? Ms Brunoro: We can provide a breakdown to you on notice. That is probably preferable. Senator URQUHART: I was going to ask if you can provide more detail. What you told us was great, but a more detailed breakdown on notice would be great. Ms Brunoro: Sure.</p>			

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88	2.1	CCARE	Reynolds, Linda	RepuTex Projections Report	<p>Senator Ruston: Senator Back, it is probably worth commenting that this is not the first time that information that has been put out by RepuTex in this particular area has been inaccurate. There have been a number of times over the last few years where information has been put out into the marketplace that has been quite misleading. That is probably worth noting. Senator BACK: Thank you. I have one question unrelated to that last line of questions. CHAIR: Can I interrupt, to clarify one point. Minister, with that particular organisation, are you or the department aware of any of their reports that have been accurate? Senator Ruston: I have only seen a number of times when they have been inaccurate. CHAIR: It seems that there have been quite a few times when their predictions have been very inaccurate. I am just wondering whether they have ever got it right. Are we aware of any report from them that was accurate? Dr de Brouwer: That is a hard question. Senator Ruston: We might take that on notice. CHAIR: Could you take that on notice, please? In terms of assessing their credibility, their track record might be very helpful for the committee. Senator Ruston: Happy to do that, Chair.</p>	96	SQ16-000039	8/04/2016

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89	2.1	CCARE	Ludlam, Scott	National Pollutant Inventory	Senator LUDLAM: ... What are we going to do about the fact that our greenhouse gas emissions are back on the rise? That is why I thought I should put the question to you rather than to the officials. Senator Ruston: I am quite happy to take that question on notice and ask the minister to respond. I was merely trying to make the point that there are some very obvious reasons why this has occurred in this particular year. That supports the line of reasoning that this is not necessarily a trend; it is just something that has happened in this particular 12-month period. However, I will take your question on notice and I will have the minister respond to it—whether the government has made any policy decisions in this area.	97	SQ16-000040	8/04/2016
90	2.1	CCARE	Ludlam, Scott	Inventory Quarterly Update	Senator LUDLAM: I am keen to know when the department sent the quarterly update to the minister's office, so when it passed from the departmental hands to the ministerial hands. Dr de Brouwer: We will have to take that on notice.	99	SQ16-000041	8/04/2016

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91	2.1	ERF	Singh, Lisa	Ongoing funding for the ERF	<p>Senator SINGH: Let us go into that. We will go into the abatement. At the moment I am looking at where the ongoing funding for the ERF is coming from in the following years, and I am also looking at how the comments of Minister Hunt, as I understand, saying there is \$200 million a year into the future equate with what you are providing us with here today. CHAIR: Minister, if you could answer that question, we will then suspend for dinner and then come back and continue on with 2.1. Senator Ruston: In the dinner break I will seek some clarification from the minister, but my point is that the expenditure of the money and the actual contracting of the money do not necessarily occur at the same time. I will certainly seek some clarification from the minister's office during the break and I will answer that when we come back.</p> <p>... Senator SINGH: Thank you. I acknowledge that you are not at the cabinet table where, obviously, these decisions are made. You are put in a hot seat in this situation right now here in this estimates committee. But I am sorry, this is not splitting hairs. This is two conflicting pieces of evidence from two ministers that does not add up. This is estimates, which is all about getting to the truth and the facts for the sake of transparency and good governance. At this point in time, until we have that answer on notice, we do not have a clear indication as to the forward funding of the ERF beyond 2024 other than what Minister Hunt has said, which is in conflict with what Minister Cormann has said. Senator Ruston: You are entirely entitled to your opinion and I am entirely entitled to mine. Senator SINGH: It is not an opinion; it is a fact. Senator Ruston: Would it be okay if I finished? CHAIR: Senator Singh, please let the minister finish. Senator Ruston:</p>	100-102	SQ16-00020 1	8/04/2016

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					I said the entirely entitled to your interpretation of what has been put on the table, as am I. I have given you an undertaking to get further information for you. I do not think it is necessary that you are so patronising in your comments; however, I will give you an undertaking that I will get you the additional information for which you have sought advice on.			

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92	2.1	CCARE	Abetz, Eric	International shipping and aviation	Is it correct that taken together international shipping and aviation would make the list of the top 10 emitting countries in the world if allocated in that particular way?	Written	SQ16-000092	8/04/2016
93	2.1	CCARE	Abetz, Eric	International shipping and aviation sectors growth	2. Is it acknowledged that the international shipping and aviation sectors have grown 80 per cent between 1990 and 2010? a) If not, by how much has it grown? b) Are these sectors projected to grow even further? c) If so, by how much by the year 2050? d) Or any other suitable time delineation?	Written	SQ16-000091	8/04/2016
94	2.1	CCARE	Waters, Larissa	Coal Seam Gas emissions	1. I notice on your outcomes structure a section called “Coal Seam Gas – Emissions” – what does that section do? 2. How many FTE does it have? 3. When was it established? 4. What is its objective? Are you doing a review of the emissions factors for fugitives in CSG production? 5. Does that section liaise with the CSIRO team working on the fugitives project for DoE prog 4.1/Office for Water Science?	Written	SQ16-000224	8/04/2016
95	2.1	CCARE	Madigan, John	Federal-Victorian LV Transition Committee	In 2011-12, the then Federal Labor government and the then NLP Victorian State government formally established a joint LV Transition Committee. Does the Federal-Victorian LV Transition Committee still exist? If so, which Federal and Victorian portfolios is it located in? If it no longer exists, is there any mechanism in place currently to plan out and manage economic and industry transition of the Latrobe Valley in anticipation of power station closure? If such a mechanism exists, what is it and in which Federal portfolio is it located?	Written	SQ16-000099	8/04/2016

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96	2.1	CCARE	Waters, Larissa	Projections - land clearing and deforestation	1. As I understand it, land clearing has increased massively since 2012 when the former Queensland State government scrapped much of its land clearing laws – it rose from 78,000 ha in 2009-10 to 296,000 ha in 2014-15 – and yet your graph shows a gentle decline nationally – do you view the recent results as a temporary blip? 2. Do your results show a different picture for Queensland?	Written	SQ16-000253	8/04/2016
97	2.1	CCARE	Waters, Larissa	Projections - land clearing and deforestation	1. In reference to your carbon pollution projections from 2014-15 (document called Australia's emissions projections 2014-15), and in particular to LULUCF – I understand that on the basis of current regulatory arrangements (and excluding the impact of the ERF), you project that overall land clearing and deforestation will go down to 2020 and 2030? 2. Can I confirm that you have made those projections on the basis that the Queensland Vegetation Management Act stays the way it is now? 3. Can I also confirm that you have not modelled the impact of the Baird government's plan to roll back land clearing protections?	Written	SQ16-000251	8/04/2016
98	2.1	CCARE	Waters, Larissa	National Pollutant Inventory	1. Referring to the Quarterly Updates - Can the Department please compile the standard table 2 (Sectoral Summary) for both quarters separately and provide them on notice? [the table is copied below for reference]. 2. Once this is complete, will you put this on your website for transparency and so that researchers can access the data and compare apples with apples?	Written	SQ16-000249	8/04/2016

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99	2.1	CCARE	Waters, Larissa	National Pollutant Inventory	1. Please confirm the Department's explanation for the wide divergence between the SLATS database and the Department's own tree-clearing emissions data. In previous Questions on Notice, the Department has asserted that SLATS does not use a metric requiring 20% crown cover, but our understanding is that is incorrect. 2. Has the Department taken any action to investigate the reasons for the growing inconsistency between the results of SLATS and the Department's own model regarding Queensland tree-clearing emissions? 3. Is the Department confident that its own model is accurate?	Written	SQ16-000246	8/04/2016
100	2.1	CCARE	Urquhart, Anne	Native forest biomass	Has the Government assessed the prospective regional health impacts and medical costs of burning native forest biomass for energy production, at various scales including co-generation with coal?	Written	SQ16-000194	8/04/2016
101	2.1	CCARE	Abetz, Eric	CoP-21 resolution in relation to International shipping and aviation	Is it correct that the CoP-21 resolution does not include restraints on international shipping and aviation?	Written	SQ16-000090	8/04/2016
102	2.1	ERF	Madigan, John	Latrobe Valley Power Station Closures - consultation	Has the Federal Department of the Environment consulted with the local government authority, i.e. Latrobe City Council, about any of the issues arising from future power station closure in the Latrobe Valley?	Written	SQ16-000102	8/04/2016

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103	2.1	ERF	Madigan, John	Latrobe Valley Power Station Closures - Planning and Management process	If the Federal Department of the Environment has not established a transition planning and management process or committed funds to help ameliorate the impact of power station closure in the Latrobe Valley, has the Department taken any other actions, alone or with the Victorian government, to facilitate and assist the region with economic transition? If so, what are these?	Written	SQ16-000101	8/04/2016
104	2.1	ERF	Madigan, John	Power Station Closures in the Latrobe Valley	Has the Federal Department of the Environment alone, or in partnership with the Victorian government, committed funds to help ameliorate the negative impact of power station closure in the Latrobe Valley? If so, how much?	Written	SQ16-000100	8/04/2016
105	2.1	ERF	Madigan, John	Portland smelter	On Thursday, 18th February 2016 the front page of the Age newspaper carried a story about the possible closure of Portland smelter. Given that Portland smelter uses some 1000 megawatts of electricity, or about half the generation output of Loy Yang A power station, did the Age story cause the Federal Department of the Environment to contact the Victorian State government about smelter closure implications for power generation and the economic impact in the Latrobe Valley?	Written	SQ16-000098	8/04/2016

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106	2.1	ERF	Madigan, John	Latrobe Valley Coal Fired Power Station Closure	Professor Ross Garnaut predicted in 2011 that the economy of the Latrobe Valley region in Victoria would be the hardest hit nationally from coal fired power station closure. His view was later supported by independent studies commissioned in 2012 by the Federal and Victorian governments. However, these were not coupled with any ongoing commitments at Federal or State levels of structural adjustment assistance or industry planning to ameliorate damage to that region's economy. In 2016, the Latrobe Valley is rife with rumours emanating from management levels of GDF-Suez Hazelwood power station and Energy Australia Yallourn power station of their partial and/or complete closure this year. 1. Has the Federal Department of the Environment been advised by GDF-Suez and Energy Australia when either partial or complete closure of these power stations may occur? 2. Has the Federal Department of Environment initiated or been in contact with the Victorian government about when either partial or complete closure of these power stations may occur and, if so, with whom in the Victorian government has the Department been in contact? 3. Why are the dates of Latrobe Valley power station closure being kept secret from the Latrobe Valley community	Written	SQ16-00008 1	8/04/2016

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107	2.2	Science	Singh, Lisa	Departmental measuring and monitoring of climate data	Senator SINGH: Can you provide us with a list, so the committee can actually see where that basic data gathering in relation to climate is occurring currently? We are aware of it occurring at CSIRO in the Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship, but I am interested in the other areas. Senator Birmingham: Just for agencies of the Commonwealth government? Senator SINGH: Yes. Senator Birmingham: Because, of course, there are many research institutions beyond government. Senator SINGH: No. Obviously, this is estimates, which questions government. Dr Dickson: We do have information here, but it would probably be simpler to pull it all together for you on notice and to provide you with a summary across the agencies. Senator SINGH: Thank you. And also the number of staff in each of those areas that are doing that work? Dr Dickson: Yes, I am pretty sure we can do that. Mr Thompson: We can probably get an indicative estimate of that.	10	SQ16-000003	8/04/2016

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108	3.1	AAD	Singh, Lisa	Icebreaker contract - progress	<p>Senator SINGH: ... I understand the Prime Minister's media release on 29 October said it would be commissioned in October 2019. You can take this on notice, but are you able to provide a clear time line for each step in the process for the icebreaker? Dr Gales: I can provide the answer now. Mr Rob Bryson, who is leading our negotiations, is here. I might ask Rob to step forward and provide an answer. If you wish further details, we will take that on notice. Mr Bryson: I am responsible for the icebreaker project. The time line at the moment is that, hopefully, we will have a contract signed in the next month or so. Following that we move into a detailed design process, which will take about nine to 12 months. Following that you are pretty much into a three-year build program, which would involve cutting the steel, building the vessel, going through harbour acceptance trials and into sea acceptance trials. On top of that you have a delivery voyage. We are still hopeful for about late 2019, but, as the contract negotiations and complexity of vessels come to fruition, that might move into early 2020. But that is where it is at the moment. Senator SINGH: I might still need you to take it on notice just because I am sure you have some kind of clear table that shows all of those processes in date order. Mr Bryson: Yes. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	60	SQ16-000025	8/04/2016

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109	3.1	AAD	Urquhart, Anne	Australia's communications set-up and technology in the Antarctic	Senator URQUHART: Great. How does Australia's communications set-up and technology compare to that used by other countries' stations in the Antarctic? Dr Wooding: I think we are very much in the forefront. We have very good satellite communication that has been provided through Telstra for many years and is very effective. We pretty much have coverage 24/7, other than when there are faults like the one you have mentioned. Obviously, bandwidth is not massive. We are exploring ways to try and expand the bandwidth. Senator URQUHART: What is the bandwidth? Dr Wooding: It is in the megabytes. We do not have broadband or anything remotely like it, because it varies from station to station. I can give you the answer to that on notice if you wish, but it varies from station to station. We are working to expand the bandwidth. We are hoping to actually be able to achieve something there in the next year or so.	65	SQ16-000076	8/04/2016
110	3.1	AAD	Urquhart, Anne	Australian Mammal Grants	What did the Australian Mammal Grants program achieve?	Written	SQ16-000193	8/04/2016
111	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	Communications Strategy	1. In November 2015, and on various other occasions, the IESC “advised the Office of Water Science of the importance of a commissioning an appropriately resourced communications strategy” can you tell us what that means? Communicating to the public? 2. Have you got any resources allocated (either in OWS or in NICNAS) to a communications strategy? How much?	Written	SQ16-000245	8/04/2016
112	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	National Assessment - Lead Agency	1. Who is the lead agency for the National Assessment? Is it still NICNAS? 2. Is the final report sitting with the DoE? 3. If so, when did you receive it from NICNAS?	Written	SQ16-000248	8/04/2016

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113	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	PEC recalculation	Background: At a meeting of the IESC on 18: June 2014 the following was minuted: National Assessment of Chemicals associated with Coal Seam Gas Extraction The IESC reviewed two reports from the chemicals risk assessment project on predicted environmental concentrations (PECs) to inform the health and environment risk assessment and geogenic contaminants. IESC members emphasised the importance of summaries that could be readily understood by a broad audience, encouraged careful consideration of the scenarios being analysed, sought clarification on the applicability of the PECs to different catchments, suggested consideration of organic and inorganic chemicals, and sought clarification regarding the use of the coal samples. 1. Did industry have input into the recalculation of the predicted environmental concentrations (PECs) of chemicals which informed the health and envtl assessments? 2. Did industry have input into other elements of the report? Did you or NICNAS rely on industry figures for other elements of your work?	Written	SQ16-000247	8/04/2016

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114	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	Follow on work from CSG Assessment	Background: At a meeting of the IESC on 15 in March 2014 the following was minuted: “There was also discussion on the feasibility of a follow-on stage to the current National Chemical Assessment Project, and whether this would be a priority to augment the current project to better cover deep groundwater under the chemical research priority theme. It was agreed feasibility work would be undertaken by the OWS” [Office of Water Science] 1. What were the results of this feasibility of a follow on stage to the NICNAS assessment in a later project to better cover deep groundwater? 2. I am aware that the CSIRO are undertaking “preliminary” work in that area – is that the outcome? 3. Will DoE or OWS be doing or commissioning any further work? 4. In October 2015, NICNAS officers told me that they had not been involved in any discussions with DoE about any further follow on work. Does that sound accurate to you?	Written	SQ16-000243	8/04/2016
115	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	National Assessment of CSG Chemicals - timing of release	IESC raised concerns about the delay in delivering the final report in April 2014, October 2014 at Meeting 22 of the IESC. It also seems like there was a “draft final report” completed in October 2014 but it still hasn’t been published – can you explain that?	Written	SQ16-000250	8/04/2016
116	4.1	Science	Waters, Larissa	National Assessment of CSG Chemical - Timing of release	Can you tell us why the delay in releasing the NICNAS National Assessment of CSG Chemicals has occurred? Originally slated for release at the end of 2013.	Written	SQ16-000252	8/04/2016

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117	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Simms, Robert	CEWH funding	What would be the likely impact on the CEWH's ability to operate effectively if funding is not continued to sufficiently cover the projected expenses?	Written	SQ16-000221	8/04/2016
118	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Simms, Robert	CEWH funding	Can you confirm that there is currently no funding in the budget for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder beyond the 2016/17 financial year?	Written	SQ16-000219	8/04/2016
119	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Simms, Robert	CEWH funding	Has the CEWH conducted any modelling to determine what impact this change would have on water flows and the environment of the MDB?	Written	SQ16-000223	8/04/2016
120	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Simms, Robert	CEWH funding	Changes in the Water Amendment Bill currently before Parliament will give the CEWH the power to use trade revenue for environmental activities. Has the CEWH determined how a project will be classified as an 'environmental activity'?	Written	SQ16-000222	8/04/2016

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121	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Simms, Robert	CEWH funding	The CEWH costs about \$30 million for fees, delivery costs and monitoring with costs rising to \$40 million per year by 2024 as further water is recovered. Furthermore, the CEWH requires departmental funding of \$9.2 million for staff and suppliers in 2015-16, rising to about \$11 million per annum once full allocations of water are recovered. Can the Department confirm that the CEWH will be funded according to these cost estimates to ensure that the agency can continue to operate competently?	Written	SQ16-000220	8/04/2016
122	Corporate	PAAI	Urquhart, Anne	Departmental spending on Media Monitoring	How much has the department spent on media monitoring so far this financial year?	9	SQ16-000002	8/04/2016
123	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial staff turnover	1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment	Written	SQ16-000167	8/04/2016

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124	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written	SQ16-000159	8/04/2016

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125	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? 1. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level 2. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? 3. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? 1. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? 2. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? 1. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? 1. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>	Written	SQ16-000121	8/04/2016

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126	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Travel costs - Ministerial	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written	SQ16-000156	8/04/2016
127	Corporate	CSD	Bilyk, Catryna	Secretary's speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings since 20 October 2015 please be provided?	Written	SQ16-000104	8/04/2016

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128	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Kitchen Appliances	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000? 1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased? 2. Why were the appliances purchased? 3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? 4. Where did the funding for the appliances come from? 5. Who has access? 6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 7. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?	Written	SQ16-000114	8/04/2016

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129	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Staffing reductions	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? 1. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?	Written	SQ16-000112	8/04/2016
130	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Staffing profile	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written	SQ16-000111	8/04/2016

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131	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 1. The location used 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to</p>	Written	SQ16-000110	8/04/2016

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					<p>continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			

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132	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Corporate cars	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period?	Written	SQ16-000116	8/04/2016
133	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Taxi Costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written	SQ16-000108	8/04/2016
134	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Staffing recruitment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	SQ16-000113	8/04/2016

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135	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Government payments of accounts	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014? 7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	SQ16-000117	8/04/2016

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136	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Grants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants? 2. How are grants applied for? 3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. 1. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved. 4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? 5. Who is involved in this selection process? 6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. 1. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail. 7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>	Written	SQ16-000174	8/04/2016

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137	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: 1. Date the lease agreement is active from. 2. Date the lease agreement ends. 3. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? 4. Location of the building (City and state). 5. Cost of the lease. 6. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: 1. Date from which the lease agreement was active. 2. Date the lease agreement ended. 3. Why was the lease not renewed? 4. Location of the building (City and state). 5. Cost of the lease. 6. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: 1. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. 2. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. 3. Expected location of the building (City and state). 4. Expected cost of the lease. 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? 5. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 5. For each building owned or leased by the department: 1. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? 2. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>	Written	SQ16-000179	8/04/2016

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138	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Office recreation facilities	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written	SQ16-000178	8/04/2016
139	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Electronic Equipment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office. 1. List the items 2. List the items location or normal location 3. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level 4. List the total cost of the items 5. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items 6. List the date they were provided to the office 7. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department	Written	SQ16-000172	8/04/2016
140	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Office Plants	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written	SQ16-000169	8/04/2016

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141	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Workplace assessments	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written	SQ16-000163	8/04/2016
142	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.	Written	SQ16-000153	8/04/2016

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143	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written	SQ16-000150	8/04/2016
144	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Ministerial Website	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written	SQ16-000149	8/04/2016

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145	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Domain Usage	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: 1. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). 2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. 3. Number of times the site was accessed.	Written	SQ16-000148	8/04/2016
146	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Departmental Staff Misconduct	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? 1. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. 2. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? 3. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 4. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.	Written	SQ16-000144	8/04/2016
147	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Change Management	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the Department/Agency engaged in a policy of Change Management? If yes: 1. Please detail the policy. 2. When was the policy introduced? 3. What are the goals of the policy? 4. How much was spent on consulting for the policy and who was contracted for this consultation? 5. How much was spent implementing this policy?	Written	SQ16-000143	8/04/2016

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148	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Staff Awards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes: 1. What was the reason for the awards? 2. What was the criteria for the awards? 3. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc) 4. How much was spent on the award? 2. How were the awards presented? 3. Who presented the awards? 4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes: 1. Where was it held? 2. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much? 3. How much was spent on catering? 4. How many people attended? 5. Did the minister attend? 6. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?	Written	SQ16-00014 2	8/04/2016
149	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Self Initiated Work	1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)? 2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: 3. When did the project commence? 4. When is it expected to conclude? 5. What will the total cost of the project be? 6. Where did the money for the project come from? 7. Where is the project based?	Written	SQ16-00014 1	8/04/2016
150	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?	Written	SQ16-00013 9	8/04/2016

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151	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	computers	1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written	SQ16-000136	8/04/2016
152	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Who is the manual distributed to? 5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?	Written	SQ16-000135	8/04/2016
153	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Provision of equipment - Departmental	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written	SQ16-000134	8/04/2016

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154	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Provision of equipment - Ministerial	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? 1. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: 3. What is provided? 4. The purchase cost. 5. The ongoing cost. 6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written	SQ16-00013 2	8/04/2016
155	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Wine Coolers / Fridges	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written	SQ16-00012 4	8/04/2016
156	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.	Written	SQ16-00012 3	8/04/2016

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157	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Departmental upgrades	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written	SQ16-000122	8/04/2016
158	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Stationery Requirements	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? 1. Detail the items provided to the minister's office. 2. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date. 3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.	Written	SQ16-000171	8/04/2016
159	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Contracts for temporary staff	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written	SQ16-000158	8/04/2016

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160	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Land costs	How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or pursue (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?	Written	SQ16-000155	8/04/2016

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161	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Credit cards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.	Written	SQ16-000119	8/04/2016
162	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Hire cars	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written	SQ16-000118	8/04/2016

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163	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Hospitality and Entertainment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written	SQ16-000109	8/04/2016

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164	Corporate	CSD	Bilyk, Catryna	AusTender Contracts	In relation to the contract CN3311955 as notified on AusTender, award to Orima Research Pty Ltd for “Media and Public Relations”: • Which division of the Department commissioned the research? • Was there an open tender process for this contract? • What topic or policy was subject to research? Provide a summary of the subject matter of the research exercise. • Is it the Government’s intention for the research to inform an advertising campaign? If so, what budget has been allocated for the advertising campaign? • Where was the research conducted? • In what way was the research conducted, and what research tools were used? • Were focus groups used? If so, on what dates, and how many participants were involved for each the focus groups convened? • What other forms of research tools were used? • Has the Minister been briefed, and/or provided with a copy of the results of the research (please specify)?	Written	SQ16-000106	8/04/2016
165	Corporate	CSD	Bilyk, Catryna	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 20 October 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written	SQ16-000105	8/04/2016
166	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Multiple tenders	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applications received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written	SQ16-000168	8/04/2016

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167	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Travel costs - departmental	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 7. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel? 9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written	SQ16-000137	8/04/2016

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168	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Consultancies	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? 1. List each, including name, cost and purpose 2. If so, why?	Written	SQ16-000130	8/04/2016
169	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Meeting costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written	SQ16-000128	8/04/2016

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170	Corporate	CSD	Ludwig, Joe	Functions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister . Include: 1. The guest list of each function 2. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function 3. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function 4. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</p>	Written	SQ16-000120	8/04/2016

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171	Corporate	Legal	Ludwig, Joe	Sunset Provisions	<p>1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? 2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? 3. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active 4. When did/will this work begin?</p> <p>2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes: 1. When is/was the review due to commence. 2. What is the expected report date. 3. Who is the minister responsible for the review 4. What department is responsible for the review 5. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 6. List the terms of reference. 7. What is the scope of the review. 8. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 9. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 10. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 11. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 12. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 13. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>	Written	SQ16-000133	8/04/2016

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172	Corporate	Legal	Ludwig, Joe	Legal Costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written	SQ16-000138	8/04/2016
173	Corporate	Legal	Ludwig, Joe	Freedom of Information - Status	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many FOI requests were received to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?	Written	SQ16-000166	8/04/2016
174	Corporate	Legal	Ludwig, Joe	FoI Request	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: 1. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? 2. For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written	SQ16-000152	8/04/2016

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175	Corporate	Legal	Abetz, Eric	The Mercury article	Reference is made to an article in The Mercury on 8th January, 2016 entitled Polar Rescue Bill Unpaid. 1. Is the report correct that there is an unpaid bill of \$2.4 million. a) If not, how much is owing, if any? 2. What avenues are being pursued, if any, to recover the unpaid money? 3. From which budget area has the expense been covered to date? For example, the Department's general budget, the specific Australian Antarctic Division budget, Government general revenue? (Please specify) 4. Is an option being considered to seek recovery from each individual on this tourist venture?	Written	SQ16-000093	8/04/2016

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176	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Media subscriptions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? 1. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>	Written	SQ16-000173	8/04/2016

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177	Corporate	PAAI	Bilyk, Catryna	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries in the Environment portfolio since 20 October 2015, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs; • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	SQ16-000103	8/04/2016
178	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Documents provided to Minister	1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature. 2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3. How are they transmitted to the office? 4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?	Written	SQ16-000146	8/04/2016
179	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Vending machines	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written	SQ16-000140	8/04/2016

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180	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Media Training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: 1. Total spending on these services 2. An itemised cost breakdown of these services 3. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 4. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification 5. The names of all service providers engaged 6. The location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 4. The location used 5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	SQ16-000129	8/04/2016

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181	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Government advertising / marketing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on marketing? 1. List the total cost 2. List each item of expenditure and cost 3. List the approving officer for each item. 4. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. 5. Which firm provided the marketing? 2. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)? 1. List the total cost 2. List each item of expenditure and cost 3. Where the advertising appeared 4. List the approving officer for each item. 5. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. 6. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. 3. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? 1. List the total expected cost. 2. List each item of expenditure and cost. 3. Where the advertising will appear 4. List the approving officer for each item. 5. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. 6. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising. 4. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.</p>	Written	SQ16-000180	8/04/2016

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182	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Market Research	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 9. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? 10. What input did the Minister have? 11. How was it approved? 12. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.	Written	SQ16-000157	8/04/2016
183	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Boards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	Written	SQ16-000115	8/04/2016

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184	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Lobbyist Register Meetings	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written	SQ16-00016 1	8/04/2016
185	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Report Printing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? 2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.	Written	SQ16-00015 1	8/04/2016
186	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Merchandise or Promotional Material	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?	Written	SQ16-00014 7	8/04/2016

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187	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Fee for Service	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee?	Written	SQ16-000145	8/04/2016
188	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Media Monitoring	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? 3. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period? 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? 3. Itemise these expenses	Written	SQ16-000126	8/04/2016

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189	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Statutory Review Provisions	Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide: 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written	SQ16-000131	8/04/2016

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190	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?	Written	SQ16-000127	8/04/2016

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191	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Existing Resources Program	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written	SQ16-000125	8/04/2016
192	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Printing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? 1. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? 1. If so, what companies were used? 2. How were they selected? 3. What was the total cost of this printing by item?	Written	SQ16-000160	8/04/2016

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193	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Departmental Rebranding	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding? If so: a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.	Written	SQ16-000175	8/04/2016
194	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Appointments	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please detail any board appointments made to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.	Written	SQ16-000170	8/04/2016

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195	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Commissioned reports	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?</p> <p>1. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	SQ16-000165	8/04/2016

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196	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Reviews	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <p>1. the date they were ordered 2. the date they commenced 3. the minister responsible 4. the department responsible 5. the nature of the review 6. their terms of reference 7. the scope of the review 8. Who is conducting the review 9. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 10. the expected report date 11. the budgeted, projected or expected costs 12. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? 1. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names 2. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent 3. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item 4. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement 5. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. 6. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them 7. If yes, for each, who selected them 8. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, 1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was 2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list 3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department 5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 3. Which reviews are on-going? 1.</p>	Written	SQ16-000164	8/04/2016

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					<p>Please list them. 2. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? 1. When will each planned review be commenced? 2. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 3. When will government respond to each review? 4. Will the government release each review? 1. If so, when? If not, why not?</p>			

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197	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Communications staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 5. How many are graphic designers? 6. How many are media managers? 7. How many organise events? Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.	Written	SQ16-000162	8/04/2016
198	Corporate	PAAI	Ludwig, Joe	Deregulation	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? 1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?	Written	SQ16-000154	8/04/2016

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199	Corporate	PAAI	Bilyk, Catryna	Statutory Board and Legislated office vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	SQ16-000107	8/04/2016
200		ARENA	Ludlam, Scott	Breakdown of current applications for funding by State	Senator LUDLAM: ... could you just table for us, or take on notice if you prefer, the current applications for funding by state? Then I can just go through the details, rather than tying us up now. Mr Frischknecht: The applications themselves are commercial-in-confidence, but of course we can tell you the numbers. There is no problem with that at all. Senator LUDWIG: Okay, and perhaps you could break them out without identifying them by category. Mr Frischknecht: Yes, we will do that. Senator LUDWIG: Wonderful. Thank you very much.	121	SQ16-000054	
201		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Canavan, Matthew	Third Party Monitoring Networks	On notice, could you provide what failover and third party networks you would be relying on in Queensland? If other senators want to expand that they are welcome to, but I am interested in Queensland particularly. My final question is: you mentioned that over time you will be looking to consolidate the resources out of Rockhampton and Townsville, I think, as well. Where will those people go—because you are relocating people or offering relocation? That is my understanding.	18-19	SQ16-000006	8/04/2016
202		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Xenophon, Nick	Departmental Voluntary Redundancy Costs and Associated Feedback	Can you take on notice what the redundancies are likely to cost and whether there has been consideration given to the matters raised by Senator Williams—you might be offering someone a position in a capital city but it would be impossible for them to take it, and what feedback you have had from your staff in respect of that.	20	SQ16-000007	8/04/2016

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203		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Urquhart, Anne	Staff Relocations	Senator URQUHART: Out of those 22 sites—the 13 sites that you talked about and then the next nine—that are going to be automated, how many of those employees would have the option? You may need to take this on notice; I do not know. Dr Barrell: I can take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: I just want to know how many have the condition that they move back to a capital city and how many do not. Dr Barrell: Certainly. Senator URQUHART: Are you able to get that to us before the end of today? Dr Barrell: Yes.	21	SQ16-000008	8/04/2016
204		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Rice, Janet	Contracting arrangements	Senator RICE: Is there a possibility that former BOM staff may be employed as contractors to do that work? Dr Barrell: It is a possibility. If, for instance, staff do take a redundancy and stay in town, there is a possibility they may be able to be reused in that role. Let me just clarify. The technical work requires electrical skills. Some of the cooperative observations that currently happen are a much more general skill base, and we train people to do that work. Senator RICE: Do you think it is likely that some of the current observers would take on those jobs as contractors? Dr Barrell: It is possible. Senator RICE: Would it be the same level of work as they are currently doing? Dr Barrell: No. It would be a very much part-time role. Senator RICE: What do you see the role being, compared with what the current situation is? Dr Barrell: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the detail. But it would certainly be less than a 10th of the role they currently have, so it would be very much a part-time role.	26	SQ16-000009	8/04/2016

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205		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Urquhart, Anne	BoM/CSIRO Partnered Projects	Senator URQUHART: I know we have done with CSIRO, but I am interested in how many projects are BOM in partnership with CSIRO, if you are in any. Dr Vertessy: I am sorry, I do not know the numeric number. It would be many; several. I would have to take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: Can you find that out, please? Dr Vertessy: Yes.	29	SQ16-000010	8/04/2016
206		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Urquhart, Anne	Mackay Radar Upgrade	Senator URQUHART: So when was the Mackay radar last upgraded? Dr Barrell: I would have to take that on notice, sorry.	32	SQ16-000011	8/04/2016
207		Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Williams, John	Closure of Manned Weather Stations	1. Where a staff member wishes to accept an offer to relocate to a capital city hub from a regional area, are they compensated for incurred relocation expenses? 2. If so, are they compensated for the full amount or is there a cap on those expenses? 3. How much time is allowed for a staff member to relocate?	Written	SQ16-000053	8/04/2016

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208		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Singh, Lisa	Emerging state renewable energy schemes	Senator SINGH: Are you able to give us a summary of the impact of the emerging state renewable energy schemes, such as the ACT reverse auction scheme? Mr Yates: Those schemes have been critical for most of the successful projects that have been contracted in the last 12 months. They provide that certainty of a long-term contract, and the ACT was offering a 20-year fixed price contract for power from renewable energy resources. And that obviously provides certainty to a developer about their income stream and therefore they can develop a project. So they are a very important part of the landscape at the moment, because whilst the commercial sector is reluctant to provide long-term power contracts, we are seeing state governments step up to provide these long-term contracts, which are necessary to enable developments to get underway. Senator SINGH: Is there some kind of summary? Mr Yates: I can probably on notice come back to you with a summary of what all the state schemes are and their likely impact in terms of generation capacity.	77	SQ16-000079	8/04/2016
209		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Ludlam, Scott	Private Sector Investment	Senator LUDLAM: Do you have a rough estimate of how much private sector investment you have generated to date? Mr Yates: Currently our leverage multiple is about 1.9. In other words, for every dollar the CEFC puts in, we are seeing about \$1.9 worth of private investment coming into the transactions. CHAIR: Sorry; Mr Yates offered to put something on notice, but was that the question you just answered? Mr Yates: No, that was a different one. CHAIR: You did not say whether or not you wanted it on notice. Senator LUDLAM: Yes, I would appreciate rough numbers.	79	SQ16-000034	8/04/2016

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210		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Ludlam, Scott	CEFC's projects breakdown	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Mr Yates, what proportion of CEFC's projects are in regional or rural areas? Is there a handy break-up without going into too much detail? Mr Yates: I do not have a handy break-up, but I could provide that on notice for you—if we can; normally we do it on a state basis. I can provide you with a state breakdown if you would like.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: It was more the breakdown between metro and rural and regional that I am interested in. I presume the vast majority are rural and regional. Mr Yates: The vast majority of renewable energy projects are obviously in regional and rural areas; however, there is an enormous amount to be done in cities from an energy-efficiency perspective. Senator LUDLAM: I will come to some specifics on that in a sec. I do not want to have it become a real headache for somebody to work it out to tender some more places, but just rough numbers for what is going on and what sort of work you are financing and supporting in metro as opposed to outside it. Mr Yates: We will take that on notice and provide it to you.</p>	79	SQ16-000033	8/04/2016
211		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Ludlam, Scott	Options for reinvestment of profit	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay, there are two choices. That is helpful to clarify. Minister, you have just taken a question on notice as to whether there was a direction, although Ms Dickson has just identified that no direction was given as far as CEFC was concerned. So I might just put a second one on notice to you, if I could, around whether it is a conscious decision to let the CEFC retain that money and reinvest it in its own work or whether you have a view as to whether it should go to ARENA—more at the start-up R&D innovation?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I will take that on notice and get the minister to respond. Senator LUDLAM: Thank you. ...</p>	81	SQ16-000035	8/04/2016

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212		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Ludlam, Scott	St George Community Housing project	Senator LUDLAM: That sounds brilliant. I know your remit is principally around getting investment done, leveraging investment around reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but this happens to have the additional benefit of making energy bills for people in inefficient housing a lot cheaper. Are there any ways of estimating how much cheaper you have made people's bills in that housing? Mr Yates: Actually, I think we looked at it—and don't quote me on this—and I think the difference between six star and seven star is like a 25 per cent reduction in the energy cost. As you go through the stars, there is actually a set multiple. If you like, I will come back and let you know what the difference is on average between a NatHERS six star and a NatHERS eight star. I will take that on notice and come back to you.	81	SQ16-000036	8/04/2016
213		Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	Urquhart, Anne	Emerging state renewable energy schemes - broken down by State	Senator URQUHART: Senator Singh asked earlier—and I think you were going to provide it on notice—about the emerging state renewable energy schemes and some information on that. Are you able to provide that in a state-by-state breakdown and the gigawatts that have been provided? Mr Yates: Sure. I can, and there are at least three states—four states now—contemplating programs. Senator URQUHART: Good, and the gigawatts that have been provided? Mr Yates: Yes.	85	SQ16-000080	8/04/2016

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214		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Urquhart, Anne	Project breakdown by methods	Senator URQUHART: Is it true that 90 per cent of the projects are covered by just three methodologies? Ms Wilson: No, that is not quite entirely accurate. At the moment, of the 32 available ERF methods that we have, 19 have registered projects. We do have pretty broad coverage across a range of methods. I can go into some more details, if you like, of the sorts of projects that we have purchased abatement at auction. Senator URQUHART: Yes. What I would really like is a breakdown of the number of projects under each methodology. Are you able to provide that? Ms Wilson: Yes. Why don't I take that on notice and get that for you? Senator URQUHART: Okay. ...	95	SQ16-000038	8/04/2016

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215		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Singh, Lisa	Second auction methods	<p>Senator SINGH: ... Can we go back to the second auction, then. I specifically want to know about what kind of new methodologies, if any, were part of the second auction and, therefore, whether that resulted in different organisations coming forward, because of the various different methodologies. Ms Wilson: The second auction did result in some new methods being used and we will outline that for you now. Ms Milnes: We do not have the specifics here, but, as Ms Wilson has outlined, there were a number of new methods that were available for the last auction. Projects have been utilised and successful in the auction and they have subsequently had projects registered against them. For example, the commercial and public lighting method was one that was available for the first time at the last auction and against which there were successful projects. There have been— Senator SINGH: Public lighting—is that like T5 lighting or something? Ms Milnes: It involves upgrades to public lighting or improved efficiency in public lighting. There has also been a recent announcement by the Clean Energy Regulator of a Melbourne public lighting project that has been registered. They are the kind of uses that are being made of that method. Senator SINGH: Any others? Ms Milnes: We can take that on notice and give you some further examples. Senator SINGH: Could you also take on notice the types of bodies that were successful in that second option.</p>	103	SQ16-000042	8/04/2016

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216		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Singh, Lisa	New methods	Senator SINGH: Can I get a list of what those 10 new methodologies were? Mr Taylor: Yes. I think we supplied that at the last estimates. The estimates and the auction were very close together in November. So it could be the same list, but we are happy to supply that again. Senator SINGH: Okay. Then I also want to know what the effect of those new methodologies was. Did you have new projects and groups— Ms Wilson: Absolutely. Ms Milnes: We can provide you with that information.	104	SQ16-000043	8/04/2016
217		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Lake Bonney Wind Farm	Senator BACK: I am aware of the time constraints, so I have three issues to raise very quickly, and I just hope we can get through them, or you can take some of them on notice. The first relates to the Lake Bonney Wind Farm in South Australia. The registered person named on the REC registry is the Lake Bonney Wind Farm Pty Ltd, and the person applying for accreditation of the power station must be the owner or the operator. I wonder if you could advise or take on notice who is or has been the legal person, to use the term in legislation, who has signed the application for accreditation of the power station for stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Lake Bonney power station. Could you take that on notice? Ms Munro: I could. I do not have that detailed information from the registry to hand. Senator BACK: Certainly. Also, in answering that, perhaps you could provide me with advice as to what, if any, investigation may have been undertaken to determine each time that the person qualified as a legal person under your regulations in terms of their being a fit and proper person. Could you do that? Ms Munro: Yes. So, your specific question is about the fit and proper person test, and, again, we can certainly respond to that on notice	121-122	SQ16-000052	8/04/2016

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218		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Lake Bonney Wind Farm Applications Regulations	<p>Senator BACK: And further to that, now, could you just give us an overview as to what would be the criteria by which you would determine a person as being a fit and proper person to be that legal person? Ms Munro: I might turn to Mr Purvis-Smith, who is our general counsel, because this is really a matter of the tests that are defined in the law. It might take a moment just to pull up the— Mr Purvis-Smith: pull up the legislation, but as I am doing that I will say that there are a number of statutory criteria that we assess. They go to, for example, whether a person has committed any offences, particularly in relation to our legislation, and also whether they have been bankrupt and so on. It will just take me a moment to bring up the relevant information. Senator Back, I think you said you had three questions. Senator BACK: Yes, I do. I can go on to the second and third, if that provides you with time. Senator BACK: Before I go on to my third and last area, were you able to provide further information, Mr Purvis-Smith, or do you want to wait a bit longer? Mr Purvis-Smith: The short answer is that it is regulation 3L of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations. As I said, it is relevant as to whether a person has been convicted of an offence—a law of the Commonwealth or a state or territory that relates to dishonest conduct or that relates to the conduct of a business. There are some matters in relation to what are effectively false or misleading statements made under the criminal code and foreign laws. There are some other provisions, which are whether the relevant person has been deregistered from state based schemes. And then, as I said, there are also matters about whether, if it is a body corporate, it has been wound up, and those sorts of things. From memory, I think there is also something in relation to being bankrupt, but I just cannot find that at the moment. There is a long list, but it is easily found in the regulations. Senator BACK: That is fine. So, on notice, you can provide us with the evidence of those three.</p>	122-123	SQ16-000055	8/04/2016

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219		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Rice, Janet	Voluntary survey of power stations results	<p>Senator RICE: Hello, everyone. Last estimates, in response to questions on notice from the Greens, you discussed the results of a voluntary survey of power stations as to whether they were planning to burn wood from native forests for energy under the renewable energy target, and five responded that they were. Can you tell us which five they were? Ms Munro: Mr Williamson will be able to identify those. Essentially it is a subset of power stations which were previously accredited for native timber wood waste as a fuel source. They have said they have certainly kept that option open. It does not mean to say that they are. In fact, our overall observation of this is really that we have seen no change. There have been no new power stations seeking registration for this. We have seen no change in the number of certificates that have been issued for this narrower class of fuel. I think Mr Williamson will have all of that to hand now. Mr Williamson: I believe I might need to seek some advice from Mr Purvis-Smith. I do not believe I can name those from the survey. What I can say in addition to what Ms Munro has said is that, of those five, only one since the legislation passed has created any wood waste large generation certificates, and there is no suggestion that any of those wood waste certificates relate to native forest wood waste. Senator RICE: So which one was that? Ms Munro: I am sorry; I think we are advised that we cannot disclose that. There is quite a lot of information that is protected under the legislation. Mr Purvis-Smith: Under the Clean Energy Regulator Act, any information that we obtain in the course of our duties is what is called protected information, and it should only be disclosed in very certain circumstances. I think</p>	124	SQ16-000056	8/04/2016

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					<p>the nature of this information would contain some commercial-in-confidence information. I understand that the normal practice of the Senate committees is that commercial in confidence would not ordinarily be a reason not to disclose, but we have the added impact of the protected information provisions. I think it is important that when we conduct these surveys we are able to receive that information from industry so that we can do an assessment of what is happening. Perhaps the better course might be for us to take that question on notice and for us to consider how we might be able to release that information. Senator RICE: If you could, that would be much appreciated. Mr Purvis-Smith: Thank you.</p>			

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220		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Fit and proper person test	Why is it necessary to have a fit and proper person test in the Regulations?	Written	SQ16-000256	8/04/2016
221		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Clean Energy Council membership	Given the Clean Energy Council receives circa \$14,520 as an annual membership payment from the CER, please comment on why this is consistent with good financial management under the FMA Act and/or other applicable standards of good public accountability and governance?	Written	SQ16-000259	8/04/2016
222		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Clean Energy Council	Referring to the Regulations: 3L Determining a fit and proper person, (1)e and 2(e) require the Regulator to take into account the membership status of the applicant with the Clean Energy Council – The Clean Energy Council is given as a specific example in Regulation 3L (3). The Chairman of the Clean Energy Council is Mr Miles George, who is concurrently the managing director of Infigen Energy (formerly Babcock and Brown), a company whose subsidiaries own a number of both accredited power stations and power stations that may be applying for accreditation. Other members of the board of the Clean Energy Council are also executive officers of companies whose subsidiaries own a number of accredited power stations and power stations that may be applying for accreditation. 1. What steps does the CER propose to resolve this conflict of interest?	Written	SQ16-000258	8/04/2016

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223		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Accredited wind farms	1. Would you please provide a full list of power stations with wind as the power source that have been accredited by the CER, including the date and the name of the nominated person at the time of accreditation? Please include all changes of nominated persons to date and the dates on which these changes occurred. Please also include the date that the application for accreditation was made. 2. Would you please add to the above list whether each of these power stations have generated LGCs and how many have been generated to date? (or to a recent date for ease of calculation).	Written	SQ16-000257	8/04/2016
224		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Accreditation of Lake Bonney wind farm	1. Referring to the REC registry, for the Lake Bonney Wind Farm in SA, the 'nominated person name' recorded on the registry is Lake Bonney Wind Power Pty Ltd, a subsidiary company of Infigen Energy (previously Babcock and Brown). Noting that the nominated person applying for accreditation of a power station must be the owner or operator of the power station, would you please confirm who is the person who signed the application for accreditation of a power station, as a legal person, for the Lake Bonney Wind Farm? Please confirm for each of Lake Bonney stages 1, 2 and 3. 2. Will you please confirm if, at the time that each of these stages was accredited as a power station, there was investigation into whether the nominated person/s who signed each of the applications qualified as a fit and proper person with reference to the Regulations: 3L Determining a fit and proper person? (Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 and all relevant legislation).	Written	SQ16-000255	8/04/2016

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225		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Did the CER undertake any due diligence when the Redbank Power Station was issued with 365,600 carbon units in September 2013, just weeks before the receivers, KordaMentha, were appointed?	Written	SQ16-000265	8/04/2016
226		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Did the CER undertake any due diligence before the Redbank Power Station was paid \$8.8 million as a cash payment from the Energy Security Fund in September 2013 just weeks before the receivers, KordaMentha, were appointed on 5 October 2013?	Written	SQ16-000264	8/04/2016
227		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Large-scale Generation Certificates	Referring to the answer to QON 123, where the CER advises that undertaking a cost/benefit analysis of the current REC scheme is not within your remit, has the CER ever done an economic analysis of the cost of the Large-scale generation certificates issued to date?	Written	SQ16-000263	8/04/2016
228		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Large-scale Generation Certificates	Referring to the answer to QON 122 (Supplementary estimates in October 2015), in which it was stated that the CER does not keep a record of the daily spot prices but does keep a record of weekly prices that are recorded at the 4pm close of market each Friday, does the CER keep a record of the number of LGCs issued each week? In order to ascertain the cost of the scheme to the electricity consumer, would it be fairly straightforward to multiply the number of LGCs issued historically each week by the market price recorded each Friday for that week?	Written	SQ16-000262	8/04/2016
229		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Large-scale Generation Certificates	Will you please confirm how many Large-scale generation certificates have been issued to date?	Written	SQ16-000261	8/04/2016

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230		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Clean Energy Council	Has the CER ever conducted a fraud and risk management assessment of the Clean Energy Council? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	SQ16-000260	8/04/2016
231		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Has the Australian Government Solicitor or the Investigations and Enforcement branch of the CER made any progress in the recovery of the remaining \$45.4 million carbon tax liability owing to the federal government by the receivers, now that the remaining assets of the Redbank Power Station have been sold? Assets including the fuel supply agreement with Rio-Tinto (termination fee ~\$80+ million) and the electricity supply agreement with Energy Australia (~\$60+ million)?	Written	SQ16-000274	8/04/2016
232		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Is the CER aware that '333,' a subsidiary company of KordaMentha, were advising the secured creditors of the Redbank Power Station for a number of years prior to it being placed into receivership with KordaMentha on 5 October 2013? If so, when did the CER become aware of this?	Written	SQ16-000273	8/04/2016
233		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Were KordaMentha and their representatives successful in dissuading the CER from collecting the remaining unpaid carbon tax liability?	Written	SQ16-000272	8/04/2016
234		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	What documentation was used by KordaMentha/333 in negotiating with the CER that purported as to when the federal government became an unsecured creditor of the \$51 million carbon tax collected from Energy Australia consumers by the Redbank Power Station?	Written	SQ16-000271	8/04/2016

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235		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	What was the evidence that was used by KordaMentha/333 during the negotiation with the CER that gave the impression as stated by Ms Munro that: “it was evident that it was unlikely that later on there would be such a degree of recovery available.”?	Written	SQ16-000270	8/04/2016
236		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	During the CER negotiation with KordaMentha to discuss the part-payment of the liability (\$5.75 million), what legal advice was used by KordaMentha in purporting that the government is an unsecured creditor in this case and when was this advice drawn up?	Written	SQ16-000269	8/04/2016
237		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	In relation to the carbon tax collected on behalf of the federal government by the Redbank Power Station from Energy Australia’s consumers and now owing to the federal government by the receivers, KordaMentha, what legal advice was relied upon in determining that the government is an unsecured creditor in this case?	Written	SQ16-000268	8/04/2016
238		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Was there a fraud or risk assessment done under the Commonwealth guidelines in respect of the Redbank Power Station and the risk that it would avoid its financial obligations to the Commonwealth? If so, will you please provide a copy? If not, why not? Who is responsible for the failure to manage this risk?	Written	SQ16-000267	8/04/2016
239		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Back, Chris	Redbank Power Station	Was there any investigation undertaken by the CER into the financial viability and sustainability of the Redbank Power Station prior to the payment of \$8.8 million in cash and the issuing of 365,600 carbon units to the Redbank Power Station in September 2013?	Written	SQ16-000266	8/04/2016

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240		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Rice, Janet	RET - Native Forests burning	1. Has the government assessed the forestry operations in the southern forests in Tasmania against the so-called sustainability criteria in the RET legislation? 2. How many staff do you have assigned to monitor and enforce the sustainability criteria? 3. When could a facility feasibly obtain clearance under the RET legislation to start claiming certificates for burning native forests?	Written	SQ16-000097	8/04/2016
241		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Urquhart, Anne	RET monitoring new biomass projects	Has the government been monitoring new biomass projects under the RET, including assessing the amount of native forest wood being logged for energy production, and making sure the high value clause is being met? If so, how many staff and what resources have been allocated to this monitoring?	Written	SQ16-000192	8/04/2016
242		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Urquhart, Anne	Native forest biomass RECs under RET	How many RECs have been awarded under the RET for energy derived from native forest biomass as opposed to plantation based biomass?	Written	SQ16-000196	8/04/2016
243		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Urquhart, Anne	Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Independent Review	Senator URQUHART: Okay. And how much has the review cost so far? Ms Barnes: I will get you the figures for that. Mr Thompson: The budget for the review, if I could help Ms Barnes, is approximately \$4.2 million, including staffing costs. Senator URQUHART: That is the budget? Mr Thompson: That is right. Senator URQUHART: What are the costs so far? Have you got a figure to date? Ms Barnes: I will take that on notice.	67	SQ16-000026	8/04/2016

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244		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Review	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I wanted to follow up with some questions around the marine parks and marine reserves review. In the last round of estimates—I have an answer to a question on notice here—the expenditure was listed as \$3.1 million; it is now budgeted at \$4.2 million. Ms Barnes: There was more work done after that—the team continued. I understand from the secretariat that there was more consultation and more meetings. The \$4.2 million is the cost to date now. Dr de Brouwer: It is a budget over two financial years. Senator SIEWERT: So that is what has been spent to date? Ms Barnes: Yes. Senator SIEWERT: What is the budget? Is that what you took on notice? Ms Barnes: The budget was approximately \$4.2 million. It does go across two financial years. In the 2015-16 budget, it was approximately \$2 million, and in the year before, 2014-15, it was \$2.17 million. Senator SIEWERT: Sorry, maybe I got caught up in the semantics here. That is the budget? Ms Barnes: Yes. Senator SIEWERT: So the \$3.1 million was expenditure? Ms Barnes: It was expenditure until October. Senator SIEWERT: So the budget was always \$4.2 million? Ms Barnes: Yes—spread over two years. Senator SIEWERT: Have you now expended that \$4.2 million? Ms Barnes: I will get you that answer on notice.</p>	68	SQ16-000027	8/04/2016

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245		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Review release date	Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Minister, can you update us on when the review is likely to be released? Senator Birmingham: I am afraid I probably cannot, Senator Siewert. Senator SIEWERT: You are about to disappoint me, aren't you! Senator Birmingham: I probably am about to disappoint you. That is not the first time that has happened! Senator SIEWERT: I was not going there! Senator Birmingham: But I am happy to take that on notice and see if I can get some further information from the minister for you. Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. That would be appreciated. ...	69	SQ16-000028	8/04/2016
246		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Potential Coral Bleaching	Senator SIEWERT: In terms of potential coral bleaching, have you done or got any assessment of the impact so far of current ocean warming? Have you done any assessment of both the existing marine parks that are not part of the review process and those parks that are subject to the review process? Ms Barnes: I understand that, in the review process, there has been quite a lot of discussion around corals and the importance of protecting corals. I am not sure whether there has been assessment of the bleaching of the corals, but I can get back to you on any information we have.	70	SQ16-000029	8/04/2016
247		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Gascoyne and Carnarvon Habitat Protection Zones	In relation to the Gascoyne and Carnarvon Habitat Protection Zones: • What was the activity in each of the Gascoyne and Carnarvon habitat protected zones? • What were the dates of that activity? • Which companies/projects were associated with that activity? • Is it correct that under the 2012 plans, Habitat Protection Zones precluded mining activity in both of those reserves?	Written	SQ16-000084	8/04/2016

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248		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Abrolhos special pupose zone	In relation to the Abrolhos special purpose zone, did the oil and gas activity referred to in QoN 175 from Supplementary Budget Estimates occur in an area that was zoned under the 2012 zoning scheme as 'Special Purpose Zone (Oil and Gas Exclusion)', or was it in an area zoned as 'Special Purpose Zone'?	Written	SQ16-000083	8/04/2016
249		Director of National Parks (PAD)	Siewert, Rachel	Oil and Gas Activity	Please provide a list (including locations and dates) of oil and gas activity which has occurred since 1 September 2013 in: • Marine reserves under active management, and • Marine reserves which under review but not under active management.	Written	SQ16-000082	8/04/2016
250		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Singh, Lisa	Coral bleaching	Senator SINGH: Dr Reichelt, you mentioned in your opening statement climate change being obviously a threat, with coral bleaching predicted to become more frequent and severe as the climate changes. Is 2002 still the largest assault that has occurred on our Great Barrier Reef in relation to coral bleaching? Dr Reichelt: To my knowledge, I think 1998 was probably the largest single one—2002, 2004 and 2006 all saw events; 2002 was certainly significant. Senator SINGH: Your website says that 2002 was the largest coral-bleaching event on record. Dr Reichelt: I would have to check what exactly—are we referring to the corals that died or the amount that bleached? It could well be. To put some figures around it, in both those events something like 50 per cent of the corals of the reef did bleach. Not all of them died. Only five per cent of them died.	34	SQ16-000077	8/04/2016

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251		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Singh, Lisa	Seagrass in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	<p>Senator SINGH: All right. How many types of seagrass do we have in the marine park? Dr Reichelt: I will have to check. I am prone to have a guess but I should not on that one.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Because that is one of the key habitats that is declining, is there anything that can be done to promote the growth of seagrass? I am interested in knowing what kinds of seagrass there are, which ones have declined more than others and what is being done to promote the growth of those ones that have declined? If you want to take in on notice, that is fine. Dr Reichelt: If I could on the first—that would give you an accurate answer that way. We do have a diverse range of seagrasses, and they breed in different ways. Some of them generate proper gills that move along the coast. Some of the things we are starting to recognise is that the potential for recovery may be strong but it may be that the habitats have been altered by flood and sediment movements to prevent that. There are discussions on interventions happening now amongst researchers and program managers at the authority: are there simple, low-risk interventions we could take along the coast to greatly enhance the recovery rate? The other thing I am pleased to see is that discussions around water quality are happening in both the federal programs, which are very significant. The reef trust now are also encompassing ecosystem repair. The best thing, perhaps, in some places will be to repair the adjacent wetland. Senator SINGH: Are you taking on notice the types and those that have declined versus— Dr Reichelt: I will take on notice the types, yes. If I could take that on notice and regard that I have answered the types of things that people are considering, because the actual restoration</p>	35-36	SQ16-000012	8/04/2016

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					<p>work, I would say, is not at a mature stage. There are discussions occurring among scientific groups but we do not have a program now that we can report to. Senator SINGH: No, that is fine. I would just like to know the types of seagrass that we have in the marine park and particularly those that are deteriorating. Dr Reichelt: Yes, I will. Senator SINGH: I understand there is no program or project in place, so I presume there is nothing being done to promote the growth of seagrass that is declining. You said there is no program, so I probably do not need an answer to that. Dr Reichelt: Sorry, I just want to be clear that there are massive programs underway to provide improved water quality in habitats along the coast—huge programs, one of the world's largest—Senator SINGH: I am just talking about the seagrass. Dr Reichelt: If you are thinking just of seagrass, I would have to check. If find I am wrong I will report that. We will tell you about the types and nature and what we see as the risks and vulnerabilities to seagrass, which we have published, and will draw your attention to those.</p>			

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252		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Siewert, Rachel	Global coral bleaching	Senator SIEWERT: I am asking particularly about this global event, and I will come back to the comment you made about local conditions in a minute. But for the current global event over this summer period you do not have an idea, really, of how much is affected. Dr Reichelt: That is my understanding, but I could not give you a specific amount. Senator SIEWERT: When are you likely to, or will you? Dr Reichelt: The way the monitoring is being done, it is done regionally, principally by AMES in their long-term monitoring program. We see their reports every few months as they cover an area. We have recently seen one for the Innisfail and Cairns area. During this session we can check whether that contains specific statistics. It may be that for some quite substantial areas there are statistics and I just do not have them in my briefing. Senator SIEWERT: If you could check before the end, that would be great. Dr Reichelt: I will. Senator SIEWERT: If you cannot, or if you need to update it, could you take on notice if at all you will have an idea, and when you will have an idea, of what is the impact of this particular global event.	36	SQ16-000078	8/04/2016
253		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Rhiannon, Lee	Townsville Air Force Base Toxic Firefighting Foam	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you very much. Today, it was reported on the ABC that Colin Trinder, a former director of environmental impact management, Australian Defence Force, stated, 'It is highly likely toxic firefighting foam has run off from Townsville Air Force base and onto the Great Barrier Reef.' Is this something that you are aware of? Could you comment on your knowledge of this, please. Dr Reichelt: Sorry, Senator. I am not aware of an incident like that in the Townsville port. I can take on notice and correct that, but my understanding is: 'No, we are not aware of it.' That is all I can say on that. Senator RHIANNON: So if you could take it on	39	SQ16-000013	8/04/2016

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254		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Marine debris plastics	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have a question in relation to marine monitoring and the Reef Report Card. I am interested in what it spells out about the amount of plastic in the water washing up on the Great Barrier Reef islands and beaches. Dr Reichelt : We have a specific program on cleaning up plastics and debris, and I mentioned the 22 tonnes this year. My understanding is that we do not specifically collect statistics, other than what is cleaned up—and it is quite a lot—and where it is distributed. But I do not have statistics on things like microparticles and other ways that plastics can pollute the ocean. I would have to check whether any are collected.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is there any breakdown of that? Does it go to any database like Tangaroa Blue or anyone else to actually look at what types of items you are finding? Dr Reichelt : I have been with Tangaroa Blue and have seen how they operate. They do a sorting, and I think they would break it down. Could I get those statistics for you? Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes, if you could—and if, under the National Threat Abatement Plan, there is any effort put towards looking at marine animals that are impacted by various forms of debris.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I will take that on notice, and I am particularly concerned about microparticles as well as the macro. The macro chokes turtles; the micro: it turns out corals can eat them. Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is right. Dr Reichelt: So, it is a matter of great concern to us. I will see what statistics we have. Senator WHISH-WILSON: And do you have any interactions with the tourism industry on marine plastics at all? Dr Reichelt: We have a close relationship and working relationship with Tourism on that specific issue. I am not sure whether our advisory group, which meets regularly from</p>	40	SQ16-000014	8/04/2016

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					Tourism, has raised that with us, but I will check that as well. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you.			

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255		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Urquhart, Anne	Offshore Dumping Permits	Senator URQUHART: I just wonder how many offshore dumping permits have been approved this financial year and how many last financial year. Mr Elliot: I would not have those statistics to hand. Senator URQUHART: You do have them, though. Mr Elliot: There would not be many; you would probably be able to number them on one hand. But I would have to take that on notice. Senator URQUHART: Okay. Can you provide that to us? Thanks. Mr Elliot: Yes. Senator URQUHART: Thank you—the numbers, and also the detail on the approvals, for example, how much waste would be dumped in line with each of the approvals. Have any offshore dumping permits been refused so far this financial year? Mr Elliot: Not that I am aware of. Senator URQUHART: Can you check that? Thanks. ...	40-41	SQ16-000015	8/04/2016
256		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Waters, Larissa	Townsville Air Force Base	1. Have you met with the ADF environmental impact section? 2. Are there any compliance, mitigation or other measures under consideration? Have any been taken already?	Written	SQ16-000244	8/04/2016
257		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters, Larissa	Townsville Air Force Base	Can you please provide an update on GBRMPA's engagement about the speculation about the Townsville Air Force base contamination?	Written	SQ16-000242	8/04/2016

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258		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Waters, Larissa	Maintenance Dredging framework	1. Will GBRMPA have a chance to review the Framework? Does it require sign off from GBRMPA before it's finalised? Or are you only offering advice? 2. Who makes the final decision? 3. The strategy was due to be implemented in May 2016, is that still on track to occur?	Written	SQ16-000237	8/04/2016
259		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Waters, Larissa	Maintenance Dredging framework	1. Previously, GBRMPA has expressed a desire to put in quantitative limits on offshore dumping of maintenance dredging. Since there are about 1 million m3 of maintenance dredge spoil dumped in the Reef every year, what level are you proposing? 2. Are you still hopeful of getting hard limits included?	Written	SQ16-000234	8/04/2016
260		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters, Larissa	Maintenance Dredging framework	In answer to a QoN (number 155) in the October 2015 estimates session, GBRMPA said that the Maintenance Dredging Framework which was promised under the Reef 2050 Plan would be finalised in Feb 2016 after a consultant to the Qld government completed their report (Qld Dept of Transport and Main Roads are the lead agency). Is that	Written	SQ16-000232	8/04/2016

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		y (GBRMPA)			timeframe still on track as far as you know?			
261		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Waters, Larissa	Yabulu Nickel Refinery	What is the Authority's role if the Queensland government does not ensure the refinery site is cleaned up, or cannot pay for any clean up?	Written	SQ16-000227	8/04/2016
262		Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	Waters, Larissa	Yabulu Nickel Refinery	1. It's been reported that BHP previously estimated the cost of clean up at Yabulu (as well as redundancies for its workers) to be \$1.4 billion. Was GBRMPA involved at all in the sale of the refinery in 2009? 2. Did you advise the Queensland government about the likely impacts on the reef if the site was not cleaned up at the time of the sale by BHP to the current owners in 2009? 3. Did you advise anyone (including the Federal Minister) about the rehabilitation implications of the sale from BHP?	Written	SQ16-000198	8/04/2016

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263		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Rice, Janet	Burning wood from native forests for energy under the Renewable Energy Target	<p>Senator RICE: Do you know whether the Hazelwood power station is one of those and has any plans to burn wood from native forests for energy?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: As Mr Purvis-Smith said, we would need to take that on notice—as for the other—in terms of whether or not we can specifically talk about any response from an individual power station. I can certainly say they have never created a large generation certificate at all.</p>	124	SQ16-000185	8/04/2016
264		Clean Energy Regulator (CER)	Rice, Janet	Power station in Huon Valley registered to burn biomass	<p>Senator RICE: Is there currently any power station registered to burn biomass in the Huon Valley?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: In Tasmania there is one power station which could, but the information we have is that it has not operated for a number of years, and it has not generated any LGCs, large generation certificates, from wood waste of any type for the last three calendar years.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you tell me whether that is in the Huon Valley?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Again, for the reasons Mr Purvis-Smith gave before, I think we would need to take that on notice. But there are no accredited power stations in Tasmania that have been creating any large generation certificates for a number of years.</p>	125	SQ16-000197	8/04/2016

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265	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Reef 2050 Plan - private investments and offsets	Senator URQUHART: In question on notice 32 from the estimates, the department said that it would provide details of which stakeholders it had been talking to about private investments and offsets, and that further information regarding private and philanthropic investment in The Reef Trust would be made available later in 2015. Is that information available? Ms Parry: I would need to go back and look specifically at the question. I do not have that with me.	5	SQ16-000207	22/04/2016
266	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Reef 2050 Plan implementation strategy	Senator SINGH: For the basis of expense, could you take on notice—because it was quite a detailed verbal outline that Ms Parry gave me in relation to which agencies were dealing with which actions and what is being funded by government, philanthropic and so on—to provide that in some kind of document. That, I think, would be more helpful than just this kind of verbal answer and also because we do not have enough time, obviously, to go into each and every agency and each and every action and how each and every action is being funded or not funded or waiting for budget and so on. So could you take that on notice. Ms Parry: Sure. Can I just zero in on your question a little bit so I am quite clear about what you are asking for. Are you referring to the actions specifically identified in the implementation strategy for the outward six months? Senator SINGH: Yes. The implementation strategy that was released in December and outlined all of those actions—the ones that I went through.	5	SQ16-000202	22/04/2016

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267	1.1	BCD	Urquhart, Anne	Reef Trust special account	Senator URQUHART: Question on notice No. 28 from the recent estimates asked: 1. How do non-government funds get deposited into the Reef Trust Special account, that is to say what is the mechanism for moving private funds into the special account? 2. Which, if any, agencies or ministers need to approve this? Your answer said that you were 'finalising arrangements that will present opportunities to potential investors.' Have those arrangements been finalised? Ms Parry: I will have to take that on notice as we have not receipted any private funding through the Reef Trust yet. Again, it would depend on the mechanism—whether or not it is an offset, which would be slightly different than a private and philanthropic donation. As we have not yet receipted any money through the Reef Trust through either of those I do not have a final answer for you on that.	6	SQ16-000209	22/04/2016
268	1.1	BCD	Urquhart, Anne	Reef Trust - private and philanthropic investment variances	Senator URQUHART: Can you provide on notice a complete list what you and Dr de Brouwer have just gone through there in terms of those different variances? Ms Parry: Yes.	7	SQ16-000275	22/04/2016
269	1.1	BCD	Urquhart, Anne	Green Army - breakdown of participants	Senator URQUHART: Do you have a breakdown of the past and present participants by age, gender and location? Mr Dadswell: No, I would have to take that on notice.	8	SQ16-000276	22/04/2016
270	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Dredging or silt raking projects	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Does the environment department fund other dredging or silt raking projects anywhere else in the country for rivers? Mr Costello: I will have to take that on notice.	9	SQ16-000277	22/04/2016

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271	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River - sediment management	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is there anything else in sediment management apart from raking? Mr Costello: There is some monitoring that goes along with that and some riverbank stabilisation work as well. So, yes, there are some— Senator WHISH-WILSON: So that is included under sediment management. Mr Costello: That is correct. We could provide a further breakdown, if that is what you are after. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Please. ...	9	SQ16-000281	22/04/2016
272	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River Recovery Plan	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can you tell us how much of the \$3 million has now been used and, if possible, how much of it has been allocated to raking versus stabilisation versus stormwater versus revegetation? Mr Costello: I may have to take the details of the breakdown on notice, if that is okay.	9	SQ16-000278	22/04/2016

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273	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River - Matter of National Environmental Significance	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: : If you could let us know that would be great, but perhaps you, or someone, could explain what is the matter of national environmental significance around raking silt in the Tamar River? Ms Jonasson: I will have to take that on notice. Senator WHISH-WILSON: It is a \$3 million grant that was provided over— Ms Campbell: The Tamar River project and a number of coastal river projects around the country were announced in the 2014 budget. There are other projects in the Yarra River, the Swan River and the River Torrens. I do not know the details about whether they are being raked or not in those particular rivers. The matter of NES that is being addressed, and the environmental significance that is being addressed, is really about species. There are species in those rivers. When assessing projects, we would have been very clear that threatened species and communities are addressed in all those projects. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Where I live, I look out over the dredger every night that it is out there, so this is of interest to me. I understand there are species in the river, of course, and the river has issues with pollution—heavy metals and that kind of thing. I am just wondering what the raking and silt management has to do with that? Ms Campbell: I think we will have to take on notice the detail of the specific species that were identified in the proposal and the specific benefits for matters of NES.</p>	9-10	SQ16-000279	22/04/2016

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274	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River threatened species	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could you tell us about the threatened species impact? You have been involved with a briefing. Do you know what the threatened species target of this grant is? Mr Andrews: I would need to take that on notice to make sure I am accurate for you. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. ...	10-11	SQ16-000280	22/04/2016
275	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River forestry practices	Senator WHISH-WILSON: How many progress reports have you had to date? Mr Costello: In general—and I will have to confirm this—there are two per year. There would have been two reports in 2014-15 and probably one report so far in 2015-16, but I will confirm that. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are they publicly available? Mr Costello: Not in the form that we receive them, but we can make information available. The proponent may well have information that they make available.	11	SQ16-000312	22/04/2016
276	1.1	BCD	Whish-Wilson, Peter	Tamar River forestry practices	Senator WHISH-WILSON: ... In relation to the dairy farms, is the department also talking to Forestry Tasmania to address the large source of sediment washing off their estate from forestry practices? Mr Costello: We would have to take that one on notice. It would not be the department itself; we are not directly delivering the project. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could it be Launceston City Council? Mr Costello: We would probably need to check which proponent is delivering which element, but they are the major delivery partner. I will also mention another element of the project. There have been 13 grants to landholders to do bank stabilisation works within the Tamar Estuary and the Esk rivers. That is the sort of community engagement and management.	11	SQ16-000282	22/04/2016

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277	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Funds allocated to Threatened Species	Senator SINGH: ... You might have to take this question on notice because it may take too much time to go through this. You gave me the large quantum and, obviously, there were the announcements by the minister yesterday and back on 22 January. I would like to know the average amount of money that is allocated to each species. I understand that that would be quite a big breakdown, so perhaps you could take that on notice. ...	13	SQ16-000284	22/04/2016

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278	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Threatened Species recovery plan costs	<p>Senator SINGH: ... But I would like to know what the cost of each of these recovery plans is. Mr Andrews: I have to be frank with you and advise that, if we gave you that, it would literally be the volume of money divided by the number of species. The reason for that is that each species has an extraordinarily different set of circumstances. Some species do not need money. ... Mr Andrews: All of this investment is to invest in and support recovery plans for species. This is before the additional \$51 million announced by Minister Hunt yesterday. Sorry, I have not had time to update my reports. The value of Green Army investments for recovery processes for our species is \$48 million. From 20 Million Trees it is \$30.2 million. From the 25th anniversary Landcare grants, there are 92 projects worth \$105 million supporting threatened species recovery. There is \$2.7 million from the first tranche of Threatened Species Commissioner projects, including the Commonwealth national parks supporting 12 recovery activities. There are 20 recovery activities supported by projects that were announced at the Threatened Species Summit worth \$6.6 million. Tasmanian devil conservation projects are valued at \$3.3 million. Turtle and dugong protection plans are worth \$5 million. The Nest to Ocean turtle program is worth \$3.5 million. The Raine Island recovery project is worth \$4.5 million. And then we have got \$30 million under the National Environmental Science Program's Threatened Species Recovery Hub. That brings it up to \$131.2 million. On notice I can go through and give you, project by project, line descriptions for each thing.</p>	14	SQ16-000283	22/04/2016

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279	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Green Army and 20 Million Trees funding	Senator SINGH: Can someone from the department provide us with a breakdown of this extra \$59 million—how it relates directly to threatened species and each of the programs it is coming from—so we can get an accurate understanding and this is not fluffed up with other funding. Mr Dadswell: Under Green Army round 4, of the 397 projects approved, 311 of them directly addressed threatened species outcomes. Senator SINGH: That is fine. But someone here has come to a figure of \$59 million. I am trying to understand how that figure has come about and whether it is directly related to threatened species—or whether there is even 10 per cent or more that is not related to threatened species. The minister said yesterday that there is an increase of \$59 million for threatened species. Mr Andrews: I would be delighted to take responsibility for that. I take responsibility also for any confusion—that is my fault because I am not prepared today. We made the announcement yesterday. As a public servant, it is not my job to pre-announce things for the minister. So, until the minister announced the latest total figure, I could not announce it. I can get that information to you. ...	15	SQ16-000285	22/04/2016
280	1.1	BCD	Rice, Janet	Strategic Species Plan	Senator RICE: Can you complete the recovery plan without the strategic species plan? Mr Andrews: I would need to take that on notice, because the strategic species plan is still being finalised so I would need to see what the final plan was. It is a Tasmanian government document, not an Australian government document. ...	18	SQ16-000288	22/04/2016

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281	1.1	BCD	Singh, Lisa	Movement from Threatened Species listing	<p>Senator SINGH: I was asking what the process is for moving species from the threatened species list to the endangered list? Mr Andrews: Ideally, something that is on our threatened species list is going to be recovered and then it moves off the threatened species EPBC list. In the EPBC categories for the level of threat, 'endangered' is the second highest classification before 'critically endangered' and then 'extinction'. I should let you know that if you look at what 'vulnerable' means it is also very close to extinction. To use mainstream language, 'endangered' is basically in serious trouble. There is no endangered list except, of course, there is a list of species that are classified endangered. But by investing in threatened species recovery activities under the threatened species recovery plans that we are establishing—the target for that is to have up-to-date plans by the end of this year and up-to-date conservation advices, so that is what Mr Richardson is working with me on—we will graduate them off, and they will go back from endangered, to vulnerable, to near threatened and then to not being on our threatened species list. So the headline KPI of this work is to get things off the EPBC list, and once they are recovering then we can achieve that. The definitions for that are set down in the EPBC Act. Mr Knudson: I will add—exactly as Mr Andrews just said—we can come back to you and give you the specifics of what the process is to proceed for reclassification under the EPBC Act of the status of a species, if that would be helpful. Senator SINGH: Thank you, because that is very optimistic, which is obviously a good way to approach it. But you said 'ideally', so there must be occasions where there are threatened species that move onto this endangered list and</p>	19	SQ16-000289	22/04/2016

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					not the other way around. That is what my question was really about.			

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282	1.1	BCD	Reynolds, Linda	Feral cat bait	<p>Mr Andrews: The good news is that Curiosity feral cat bait, which we are developing—which is humane, because it just puts the cats to sleep—will really help farmers with dogs. It can be thrown—under a licence, of course—off the backs of Toyota LandCruisers or even distributed out of aeroplanes. It is cat specific so bilbies, bandicoots, quolls and quokkas have been tested not to be affected but dogs and pigs are affected by this bait. So farmers will be able to distribute this bait and it will reduce feral cat, dog and pig numbers, if used appropriately. CHAIR: So when is that going to be available? Mr Andrews: That application for its approval is currently sitting—the science has all been done. Mr Murphy's branch—that is, Paul Murphy—looks after all of those issues and they are working and doing their best to have that approved as soon as possible. The APVMA is currently assessing it, and I have written to them and asked them if they can expedite that process without cutting any corners, because of course we need to ensure human, agricultural and environmental safety and the safety of our wildlife. CHAIR: So that will be fantastic news for WA farmers in particular. If it is expedited, as you have requested, how long will that take, do you think? Mr Andrews: I hope it will be available next winter, and winter is the best time for baiting, because that is when the feral predators are hungry and they are more likely to take the most baits and then the baits are most likely to be effective. CHAIR: So what is it called? Mr Andrews: It is called Curiosity. It is a bait that the Australian government has put over \$4 million into, and the beauty of the bait is that its design and distribution mechanism make it humane. It has a compound called PAPP, which used to be an antidote for</p>	21	SQ16-000290	22/04/2016

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					strychnine poisoning and it has been used on humans. It just makes the feral cats go to sleep, and the dogs and foxes. The fox baiters will not have to bury their bait and do all of those much more expensive things that farmers need to do with the 1080 baits, which need to be buried for foxes. So it is humane. The tests have shown that 80 per cent of feral cats that eat it die, and it is cat specific because the design of the delivery mechanism ensures that there is what the scientists call an acceptable level of non-target impact. I find that a bit hard to describe on Facebook, but it basically means it is a net benefit to our wildlife and it does not harm non-targeted animals to an extent that should concern us. CHAIR: Thank you very much. If you have some more information that sits behind that program that we could distribute more widely in Western Australia, I think that would be very welcomed, particularly by the Western Australian senators. Mr Andrews: Sure. I should say that the Western Australian government has just invested \$1.75 million in the rollout of Eradicat, which is a similar bait that has 1080 compound in it, because your animals are immune to 1080— Senator BACK: Sodium monofluoroacetate. Mr Andrews: yes, because it is naturally occurring in the plants in Western Australia. I can follow up for you and see if that has a benefit. CHAIR: If you could take both of those on notice and provide some more information that we could then use more widely, that would be much appreciated.			

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283	1.1	BCD	Rice, Janet	Large-scale tree species conversion	Senator RICE: There is evidence of basically a systematic shifting of native forests. They are being replanted with species that are not suitable for koalas as preferred food trees. If no-one has information here— Mr Andrews: We are updating the recovery plan and working with our state and territory partners on that, particularly Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT. The public consultation on that plan will be sought in mid-2016. The government is also working to finalise the National Koala Conservation and Management Strategy. That document will guide koala conservation nationally. At the meeting of the environment ministers in 2015 the Australian government and the Victorian governments jointly agreed to lead the development of national koala translocation guidelines, particularly focused on health and welfare and the genetic implications. The specific question about the trees could be in the recovery plan. Mr Richardson would know that, so we will have to take that on notice. Senator RICE: You can take that on notice and, relatedly, whether you are aware of large-scale tree species conversion in public forest areas—whether there is data on food stocks for koala populations in terms of their preferred tree species and what protections or checks exist to ensure that koala food species are not being deliberately or inadvertently stripped from their habitat areas. Mr Andrews: Okay.	22	SQ16-000293	22/04/2016
284	1.1	BCD	Rice, Janet	Koalas preferred food species in NSW	Senator RICE: ... What about koalas in New South Wales? Does the department monitor koala populations' preferred food tree species in New South Wales? Mr Andrews: I would have to take that specific question about whether we monitor food tree species on notice.	22	SQ16-000292	22/04/2016

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285	1.1	BCD	Rice, Janet	Greater Glider	Senator RICE: ... I will move on to the greater glider, so back to threatened species. What is the current status of the threatened species nomination for the greater glider? Mr Andrews: I will have to take that one on notice. ...	22	SQ16-000291	22/04/2016
286	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Tiger Quoll recovery plan	Senator RICE: Is it acceptable that, for a species that was classified as endangered in 2002, it has taken 14 years to develop the recovery plan? Mr Andrews: I do not think it is, and that is why the Threatened Species Strategy has made a commitment to have up-to-date recovery plans and conservation advices for all threatened species. That was what was announced last year when Australia's Threatened Species Strategy was launched. Mr Knudson: As Dr de Brouwer talked about, this is a different outcome, but, that being said, we can certainly take the question on notice and come back on the specifics of this recovery plan and why it has taken so long. That seems to be the essence of your question. Senator RICE: Yes, an inordinate amount of time. ...	16	SQ16-000287	22/04/2016
287	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Spot Tailed Quoll recovery plan	Senator RICE: ... Can you tell me the current status of the recovery plan for the spot tailed quoll. Mr Andrews: To be accurate, I will need to get Mr Richardson to answer that question because he is responsible for the recovery plans. I am not sure of the exact status at the moment. There are 1,800 recovery plans. Dr de Brouwer: Senator, that is a different outcome and Mr Richardson already appeared in that earlier hearing on 8 February. We can take the question on notice. Senator RICE: So you cannot tell me the exact status. Do you know, Mr Andrews? Mr Andrews: I would have to take it on notice for you to ensure accuracy for the	16	SQ16-000286	22/04/2016

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288	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Planned burns strategic assessment	Senator RICE: What is your process for making sure that occurs? Mr Gaddes: We have regular engagement with states, similar to the engagement Senator O'Sullivan discussed there with landowners, where, if we become aware of a planned burn that we think might have a significant impact, we would then discuss it with the relevant authority and ask them to either refer it or—in most circumstances we would prefer that they do this—alter the activity so that it does not have a significant impact on our nationally protected matters. We have a bushfire fact sheet that I would be happy to provide to you, which sets out our expectations and the way that we engage with states. Senator RICE: And could you provide to me the strategic assessment that you have with South Australia as well. Mr Gaddes: Yes, we can provide some details on the strategic assessment.	27	SQ16-000294	22/04/2016

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289	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Planned burn referrals nummmbers	Senator RICE: I do not know how many referrals you have. If we could have on notice what the response to that referral has been— Mr Knudson: Could I just clarify, though, that in most instances what we are going to try to do is work with the state agency. Remember, the trigger is that you are likely to have a significant impact, so quite often we will have discussions with private sector proponents, state governments et cetera to work with them so that they are comfortable that they are not going to have a significant impact and therefore do not need to refer even in the first instance, because it is a self-assessment. Senator RICE: Yes. So, on that determination of whether it will have a significant impact, you say you have that process in place for South Australia but not the other states at the moment. So South Australia does not require surveys to be done for threatened species? Mr Knudson: On the specifics of the strategic assessment, what I would suggest is that I think it is probably best to come back and talk through the very specific provisions through a question on notice on how it deals with doing surveying and what sort of mitigation and/or avoidance measures they would put in place for dealing with impacts on matters of national environmental significance—because, as I understand it, that is your specific question.	28	SQ16-00029 6	22/04/2016
290	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Planned burns referrals	Senator RICE: Yes, exactly—well, there are two situations: the standard planned burns in autumn and spring. How many referrals have you had or do you have from each state? Mr Gaddes: I would have to take that on notice. Senator RICE: Could you take it on notice as to how many referrals and where they have been, say, over the last three years. Mr Gaddes: Yes. Senator RICE: That would be useful.	28	SQ16-00029 5	22/04/2016

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291	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Fire related strategic assessment	Senator RICE: Could you take on notice whether there have been discussions, specifically fire related strategic assessment discussions, with each of the states I mentioned? Mr Tregurtha: Certainly.	29	SQ16-000298	22/04/2016
292	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Referral surveys	Senator RICE: Perhaps you could provide on notice the details of the referral and what conditions were asked for, until now, before we got the strategic assessments. What is the time line for expecting to have similar processes operational in other states?	29	SQ16-000297	22/04/2016

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293	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Prescribed burns	<p>Senator BACK: In terms of South Australia, it has always been the case that, when an agency is preparing a prescribed burn, there are a number of factors taken into account, one of which is assets of the type. Is there a concern that those preparing the prescribed burns have not sufficiently taken into account the sorts of assets that you are looking to protect? Mr Knudson: I guess I would answer that in the sense that there is always a concern by the department that we would want everyone to be cognisant of— Senator BACK: That is the point of my question. My experience for 25 years is that people have always been cognisant, so therefore I am interested to know where there is a specific concern that has not been addressed. Mr Knudson: I do not believe that we have had a specific concern that we have not addressed. Mr Gaddes can talk more about that. Mr Gaddes: I could probably give you one recent example in Victoria. I spoke about the widowmakers, where some of the preparatory works before the prescribed burn had cleared a number of trees and we were looking at whether that was at the border of significance, because of some of the hollow-bearing trees and the importance of them. In that area of the world, in Victoria, it is important for the south-east red tailed black cockatoo and some of those species. Senator RICE: Where was that? Mr Gaddes: I would have to take that on notice. ...</p>	29-30	SQ16-000299	22/04/2016

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294	1.5	ESD	Urquhart, Anne	Hazardous Waste Technical Group	Senator URQUHART: I just wanted to see if there had been an update since then. Has the Hazardous Waste Technical Group provided expert advice to the government in the last quarter? Mr McNee: I may have to take that on notice and check that, but my understanding is no. Senator URQUHART: If there has been advice provided, when you give that information back to us can you tell me what form that has taken. Has it been in guidance documents? What has been the nature of that? Mr McNee: Yes.	44	SQ16-000309	22/04/2016
295	1.5	ESD	Singh, Lisa	Rotterdam Convention	Senator SINGH: Where are we at with the Rotterdam Convention? When is the next meeting of the parties? Mr McNee: The next Conference of the Parties of the Rotterdam Convention will be in May 2017. Senator SINGH: So that is a while away. Mr McNee: As you are aware, asbestos was a significant issue at the previous meeting and an intersessional process was established to deal with the fact that the Rotterdam Convention had not been able to successfully conclude with a listing— Senator SINGH: Which Australia led on. Mr McNee: Mr Edwards led the last time, and I did the previous time. So the intersessional process has been established. Australia is leading that process. We have recently circulated a thought starter paper about the kinds of issues that arise from the situation that the convention finds itself in Senator SINGH: That paper you referred to, that Australia has written to initiate the intersessional process, is that publicly available? Mr McNee: Yes. It has been circulated by the convention secretariat. I can have a copy of it made available.	45-46	SQ16-000310	22/04/2016

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296	1.5	ESD	Singh, Lisa	Asbestos imports	Senator SINGH: Has there been any kind of representation made to the department in relation to this issue of asbestos imports into Australia? Mr McNee: I might need to take that on notice. ...	46-47	SQ16-00031 1	22/04/2016
297	1.7	CITIES	Urquhart, Anne	Cities Taskforce travel costs	ACTING CHAIR: Are you able to provide a breakdown on how much this was for accommodation, flights and the facilitation of meetings? Mr Thompson: Do you mean a breakdown for Ms Cvijanovic's travel? ACTING CHAIR: I would be happy to have all of it— Mr Thompson: I think we just said that we cannot provide a breakdown for Minister Briggs. ACTING CHAIR: but I think she has indicated that the Department of Finance has the other. Mr Thompson: I just wanted to clarify. Ms Cvijanovic: I do not have all of that detail with me, so I will have to take that on notice. ACTING CHAIR: Do you have any of it? Ms Cvijanovic: I have some detail. ACTING CHAIR: Could you provide that. Ms Cvijanovic: The receipts paid for by the department, which would have included accommodation, flights and some meals, were \$14,816.22. The receipts reimbursed to me, which would have been mainly in relation to foreign exchange and some minor incidentals, were \$182.20. ACTING CHAIR: Can you break those up into what was accommodation and what was flights. Ms Cvijanovic: Can I just correct that to \$187.20. Could you repeat the question. ACTING CHAIR: Could you break that down into accommodation and flights. Ms Cvijanovic: I would have to take that on notice.	31	SQ16-00030 6	22/04/2016

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298	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Rice, Janet	Alternatives to red gum forest thinning	Senator RICE: Maybe you could take on notice whether you were asked for alternatives other than the thinning? Mr Papps: I am happy to take that on notice. ...	42	SQ16-000301	22/04/2016
299	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Rice, Janet	Red Gum forest thinning scientific trial	Senator RICE: Perhaps you could take on notice then any input that you had into the trial and what the criteria were to assess the impact of the trial on the ecosystems. Mr Papps: Sure.	42	SQ16-000303	22/04/2016
300	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Rice, Janet	Red Gum forest thinning	Senator RICE: By thinning out the red gum forest, you were changing the amount of water that is essentially being soaked up by the red gums, which means there is more water to maintain inundation levels in the Moira grasslands for longer. What is the period of time that that process would be expected to occur over? Mr Papps: I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice. If you are talking about the recovery of an ecological community—and we, and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and the Living Murray, have been manipulating the water regime in those forests for a number of years now—it is certainly very clear that, first of all, you need long periods of inundation for the Moira grass community to recover, and, like any ecological community that has got close to a tipping point, the recovery itself is going to take probably a number of years.	42	SQ16-000302	22/04/2016

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301	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Macdonald, Ian	Ord River Ramsar wetlands stage 3 proposal	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: My question was going to be—and I guess I can just throw it in; it is a pretty general one—how is that Ramsar wetland going? Is it healthy and operating well, as far as you are aware, or is that an unfair question to ask you? Mr Papps: It is probably a question better directed at the management agency, but my understanding is that there is an active consideration of that wetland because it is subject to proposals to expand the dam. That automatically triggers a consideration under Ramsar about the likely impact, and those questions of likely impact go to: is it likely to have a negative impact on the values for which—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: They are impacts that, of course, were not there 50 or 60 years ago. Mr Papps: Yes, that is right. It is an interesting question and, without going into a lot of detail, you make the observation, and I want to reinforce it, that a lot of the wetlands that have significant conservation value are not natural in that sense. For example, there is a Ramsar listed wetland in Victoria that is effectively the flow that emerges from the major sewerage works and has inundated what was a small natural wetland and turned it into a large natural wetland. It has become a very significant breeding ground for important wetland birds. It is a listed Ramsar site because it has those values. Whether those values are being generated in part by human intervention or not is, in a sense, irrelevant to its listing. That is the test that we keep going back to—what the values were that that site was listed for at the time of listing. The management agencies' challenge with our systems is to try to manage those wetlands to perpetuate those values. Senator IAN MACDONALD: As we move forward with stage 3, how would I find out about the issues</p>	43	SQ16-000304	22/04/2016

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					<p>you are talking about? Is it through you or do I have to somehow try to get the state agency here? Mr Papps: No, we can facilitate an interaction. We can either provide you with an update that comes from the relevant agency or provide you with direct contacts for the most relevant people. We would be happy to take that on notice and provide you that information. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, please do that. I am very interested in stage 3 and how this element of that is progressing, so if you can take that on notice— Mr Papps: I am happy to do so.</p>			

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302	4.2	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)	Macdonald, Ian	Ord River Ramsar wetlands stage 3 assessment	Mr Knudson: I will just add quickly that, when Ord River stage 3 goes through the environmental assessment process, the results will all be in the public domain. If the Ramsar wetland is one of the triggers for the assessment then that will be included in the assessment by the proponents and the information will all be in the public domain, including the likely impacts and what sort of mitigation efforts are being proposed if there are any negative impacts on the wetlands. All of that will be in the public domain. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Perhaps this is not your area, but do you know where the environmental assessment of stage 3 is at? Mr Knudson: The people from that area were here before. I do not know the specifics, but we can certainly come back to you on that. Senator IAN MACDONALD: You can take it on notice? Mr Knudson: Absolutely.	44	SQ16-000307	22/04/2016

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303	Corporate	CSD	Singh, Lisa	Machinery of Government costs for water responsibilities	Dr de Brouwer: In the machinery-of-government changes in September or October last year all the responsibility for the Water Act—except part 6, which relates to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder—was transferred over to the newly termed Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. That is now Minister Joyce's portfolio. Senator SINGH: What was the final total cost of that transition? Dr de Brouwer: What you mean? The machinery of government and the costs of— Senator SINGH: The cost of transferring the water portfolio over to the agriculture department. Dr de Brouwer: I will take that on notice. If you are asking about the administrative costs to us— Senator SINGH: I guess a breakdown would be good. You could start with administrative— Dr de Brouwer: The machinery-of-government changes happen and there is a process around that. We will try to see whether we can get what the cost of that process is.	36-37	SQ16-000305	22/04/2016

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304	Corporate	CSD	Singh, Lisa	Machinery of Government - staff transfers	Senator SINGH: In the October estimates, Dr de Brouwer, you said that around 150 staff from the water division had moved to the agriculture department. Dr de Brouwer: Yes. Senator SINGH: Can you now confirm those staffing numbers are unchanged, and what was the cost of transitioning them from your department to the agriculture department? Dr de Brouwer: In general, when a group moves over the costs are not significant. Because of the policy integrity they just move over as a bunch. They had been doing their work in the environment department and working with us, more generally. They are now working in the agriculture department. The administrative costs associated with creating their IT system over in agriculture are really a matter for that department. That is not something that we are privy to. Then there are our administrative costs of working through what the transfer is. I will come back with that on notice. Senator SINGH: What about the staffing numbers? Are they unchanged—is it still a 150? Dr de Brouwer: I think so. I will come back with that on notice. I do not have that at hand. But I suspect so; there is no reason why it would be different now to what we advised in October.	37	SQ16-000300	22/04/2016
305	1.1	BCD	Rice, Janet	Tasmanian Masked owl (Tytonaehollandica castanops)	Written	Written	SQ16-000314	22/04/2016
306	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster	Written	Written	SQ16-000321	22/04/2016

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				(Astacopsis Gouldi) - Tasmanian streams siltation				
307	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) - Recovery plan funding	Written	Written	SQ16-000320	22/04/2016
308	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) - federal and Tasmanian state funding	Written	Written	SQ16-000319	22/04/2016
309	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) - Recovery Plan performanc	Written	Written	SQ16-000318	22/04/2016

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310	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) - protection from logging	Written	Written	SQ16-000317	22/04/2016
311	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) - recovery plan evaluation	Written	Written	SQ16-000315	22/04/2016
312	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Spotted tailed quolls (Dasyurus maculatus)	Written	Written	SQ16-000313	22/04/2016
313	1.4	WHM	Rice, Janet	Giant Freshwater Lobster (Astacopsis Gouldi) -	Written	Written	SQ16-000199	22/04/2016

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				new recovery plan				
314	1.5	ESD	Rice, Janet	Melbourne Strategic Assessment	Written	Written	SQ16-000316	22/04/2016