

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 AND 27 MAY 2014

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1	1.1: BCD	Waters	Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	<p>Senator WATERS: What assessment did the department do to determine how organisations would be impacted by this cut?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Advice is given to the government on a range of budget measures in the budget context, so the department provided advice on this measure as it did on the others, including the impact.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So this government did ask for advice on how this particular cut would impact those organisations.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I am not going to comment on what the government asked, but the department provides advice on the range of impacts in that context of the budget.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: What assessment did that department do of whether the organisations are likely to be able to access other funding to cover what has now been cut?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: You are asking me to go to the content of the advice that the department provided.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: No, I am asking what assessment the department did in relation to the capacity of those organisations to source funds from elsewhere to make up for these lost funds.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: And I am answering, Senator, in the context of the advice that the department provided to the government at the time. As you know, it is not normal for the department to disclose the nature of the advice that it provides to government, especially in the budget context.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Right. So you can't tell me whether you did give advice on that point?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	<p>26 May 14</p> <p>19</p>

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2	1.1: BCD	Waters	Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	<p>Senator WATERS: Will the government be increasing the funding for community consultation to replace that reduction of GVESHO funding?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you are asking me on behalf of the government what judgements will be made by the Minister for the Environment in the environment portfolio, I will take that question on notice and consult with the minister to see whether I can assist you further.</p>	26 May 14 19
3	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army funding profile	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you run us through the funding profile for the Green Army?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I will give you a funding profile that includes departmental figures. There is a funding profile in the portfolio budget statement at page 39. But the departmental figures are not attributed. If I include the departmental component of that, Green Army will receive \$50.8 million in 2014-15, \$99.8 million in 2015-16, \$151 million in 2016-17, and \$233.1 million in 2017-18, to give a four-year total over the forward estimates of \$534.7 million. There are some other minor appropriations that have gone to other departments. I think we have outlined those at a previous estimates hearing.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Would you be able to provide them on notice to save us digging them out?</p>	27 May 14 86
4	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army – work health and safety insurance	<p>Senator URQUHART: Will the participant need to prove negligence of the provider or the Commonwealth to enable a claim?</p> <p>Ms Lane: That is probably a difficult question to answer. If there is a claim to be made, it will be made through either the service provider's insurance provider or the Commonwealth's provider, depending on the nature of the incident.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART:Sorry, before I deal with that one, can I just go back to the question about the negligence: will the participant</p>	27 May 14 87/88

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				need to prove negligence? I think, Ms Lane, you said that you did not have the expertise. I am just wondering if you could take that on notice and provide an answer. Ms Lane: Sure.	
5	1.1: BCD	Waters	Reef Rescue funding	Senator WATERS: Minister Cormann, I recall a pre-election commitment that the Reef Rescue funding would be maintained at \$200 million. What happened there? Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice. Any election commitments that we have made we are keeping—	27 May 14 99
6	1.1: BCD	Waters	Reef Trust branding	Senator WATERS: Thank you. Have there been any discussions of allowing corporations who are required to make contributions to Reef Trust under conditions to use Reef Trust branding or their association with Reef Trust in any kind of PR materials? Ms Lane: Are you talking about in relation to offsets or more generally? Senator WATERS: Or both if there is a distinction. Ms Lane: Not to my knowledge. There are some conditions that have been made as part of some recent approvals which do talk about the Reef Trust, but I will have to take on notice the question about branding.	27 May 14 99
7	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	20 Million Trees Programme – modelling	Could you provide any figures or modelling you have, or have had done, on survival rates of planned tree plantings, in relation to the 20 Million Trees program?	Written
8	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	20 Million Trees Programme – monitoring and reporting	Could you provide any information you have on the monitoring and reporting systems, including any ‘apps’ (mobile phone applications) that show in real time where plantings have been undertaken as part of the 20 Million Trees Program?	Written
9	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	National Landcare Programme	Please provide details on all the Budget measures being funded from redirected funding from the new National Landcare Program, including	Written

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				funding profiles over the forward estimates.	
10	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army Programme - insurance	In regard to insurance cover for Green Army participants, please provide information on the onus of proof required by a participant in order to access insurance in the case of injury. Please provide this on a jurisdiction by jurisdiction basis if necessary.	Written
11	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army Programme – Joint steering committee	Please provide any/all information on the potential joint steering committee with NSW state government agencies and local stakeholders in relation to the Cumberland Conservation Corridor and potential cross-overs between the Green Army, 20 Million Trees, the Cumberland Conservation Corridor commitment and any other programs that may be involved.	Written
12	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Tasmanian Forests Agreement - consultation	Can you provide a detailed explanation of the consultation around the Tasmanian Forests Agreement, including dates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Open, public consultation rounds, including who submitted b) Targeted consultation, including who was contacted and who responded c) Meetings and roundtables, including organisations present d) Any other consultation opportunities for participation in the development process, including through third parties 	Written
13	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army Programme – participants skills	Which particular skills sets will be targeted under the Green Army program? Has the Government considered targeting skills shortage areas – either by industry or geographic regions? If so, which skills shortage areas are under consideration?	Written
14	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army Programme – training	The response to Question AI-147 (4) Additional Budget Estimates (February 2014) stated that participants in the Green Army program would have access to individual training programs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department provided any costing analysis to the Minister 	Written

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				<p>on the cost of devising individual training programs?</p> <p>2. How many people does the Green Army program plan to train?</p> <p>3. What funding has been allocated per person?</p>	
15	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army Programme - MoU	Has a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Industry and the Department of Environment been drafted for the Green Army program? Can a copy be provided?	Written
16	1.1: BCD	Siewert	Unallocated funds	<p>1. Does the Government intend to allocate some the environment funding to landcare and NRM?</p> <p>2. If so how much?</p> <p>3. What programs will be funded out of the remaining \$173.9 million in unallocated funds in the National Landcare program (environment)?</p>	Written
17	1.1: BCD	Siewert	Green Army - work hours	Is there a guarantee of minimum work hours for participants?	Written
18	1.1: BCD	Waters	Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	Please provide a breakdown of money granted under this scheme, including which groups received funding, how much was received, the purpose of the grant, and which State or Territory the group operates in, where they are not national bodies.	Written
19	1.1: BCD	Waters	Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	The Queensland Conservation Council, as part of its regular work to input into Commonwealth activities in Queensland, such as the EPBC strategic assessments, work on protecting the Reef, QCC does extensive consultation with its broad membership and diverse communities, researches and develops informed policy positions, convenes public meetings, participates in Commonwealth meetings and processes and regularly provides high quality, considered submissions to the Government on policy initiatives. Would it be more cost effective for the	Written

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				Commonwealth to support community organisations such as QCC that trying to orchestrate all that community consultation and input yourselves?	
20	1.1: BCD	Waters	Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	Will the Govt increase its funding for community consultation and outreach to replace the cuts to GVESHO?	Written
21	1.1: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Threat Abatement Plan – marine debris	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What scientific studies are ongoing this financial year in relation to addressing the challenge of marine debris under the Threat Abatement Plan? 2. What scientific studies have been funded over the forward estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What has been the level of funding for these studies in the current financial? b) What funding is being made available to continue this work into the future? c) Are the outcomes of these studies published? 	Written
22	1.1: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Marine debris on cetaceans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much work has been done that directly applies to the impact of marine debris on Cetaceans? - marine mammals commonly known as whales, dolphins, and porpoises? 2. What has been the result of that work? 3. Is dealing with the possible impacts of marine debris on Cetaceans a priority for the Department? 	Written
23	1.1: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Threat Abatement Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When is the Threat Abatement Plan due to be reviewed and what measures will be used to assess it? 2. Will the assessment of the Threat Abatement Plan be made public and when will it be released? 	Written

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24	1.1: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	The Expert Panel on the Declared Commercial Fishing Activity	<p>In relation to the terms of reference linked here: http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/41b182ca-9bfc-48b2-92a1-8a21f729f337/files/tor-expert-panel.pdf</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What percentage of the total budget available to the Expert Panel on the Declared Commercial Fishing Activity that is the subject of the Final (Small Pelagic Fishery) Declaration 2012 has been spent to date? 2. How much of this expenditure has been spent on in-situ studies in the SPF and how much has been on desktop analysis of existing information? 3. With respect to the Terms of Reference, and as part of the investigation, has the panel come to agreement on what the definition of "localised depletion of target species" means and what is that definition? 4. Has the panel considered how the recent call from Minister Joyce for the deregulation of AFMA management practices and for the industry itself to take on more responsibility for monitoring and reporting against fishery regulations will impact their findings and recommendations to Government? What would that impact be? 	Written
25	1.1: WHMD	Pratt	Whale and Dolphin Action Plan	<p>Senator PRATT: I understand the Whale and Dolphin Action Plan comes under program 1.1—I think the funding is listed in table 1.2 on page 24. I think it has a total funding of just over half a million dollars over three years. The developing plan is listed as a deliverable under program 1.4. So it is not clear to me to which program this question is best directed. I will start there. Before the election, Minister Hunt pledged \$2 million towards a whale and dolphin action plan. Since the budget, there have been claims in the media of \$2 million for this initiative. However, as far as I can tell, the budget statements appear to only commit \$0.6 million over the forward estimates. Can you tell me where the money is in the</p>	27 May 14 73

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				<p>budget and confirm the actual amount of funding that is available for this plan?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: If it is possible, can we come back to that in program 1.1?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We will try to get you an answer. That program is administered by our Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division colleagues. If possible, we will come back to you with an answer on that.</p>	
26	1.2: PCD	Whish-Wilson	International Whaling	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could I ask, Minister, if you would be prepared to formally invite the Japanese to join with our world-leading scientists in a non-lethal, non-commercial research—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: They would have to fund it first, past 2015.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Correct. This is where I am going with it, but certainly there is funding available for some research. Perhaps you could take that on notice, Senator Cormann—whether that might be something: to develop bi-lateral relationships and bring the countries closure together on this issue?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am happy to take the question on notice and to see whether Minister Hunt has got anything to add here to the evidence provided by the officers from the department. But let me just make the general point, and also respond to the interjections by Senator Pratt: it is very important to always remind ourselves that we have inherited from the previous government a budget in an absolute mess. There is not much spare cash around to direct at—</p>	27 May 14 77
27	1.2: PCD	Whish-Wilson	International Whaling	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Then could I put this question, on notice: Senator Cormann, could you ask Minister Hunt whether he would write a letter on behalf of the concerned Australians to the Japanese government around the dolphin hunt and slaughter at Taiji?</p>	27 May 14 78

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				It is a very significant matter of public interest. Senator Cormann: I am happy to take that inquiry.	
28	1.2: SPAD	Pratt	ACCESS	<p>Senator PRATT: Thank you for contextualising that, Ms Jensen. Some of the funds for ACCESS will possibly come out of that \$25 million a year and it may or may not have other sources, so do we not yet know if there will be any impact that the consolidations and cuts will have on the 20 members and staff?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: As you will appreciate, science and research programs generally speaking tend to fund programs that run for a particular period, so out of a science or research program they will fund individual projects that run for a particular time. Those projects complete; new projects are funded. I do not know the particular one you are referring to off the top of my head, but it is not that there would necessarily be an expectation that that would continue for ever and ever. Discrete projects are funded out of these types of programs all of the time and that, I imagine, is how the new program will operate. If on a merits basis against the guidelines it warrants funding for a longer period out of the new program then it may secure that funding, or it may not.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Can you take on notice, then, whether ACCESS is projected to conclude its work within its currently funded time period, by June 2016.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I am sure we can take that on notice. I imagine they would have a whole range of project deliverables to complete in that time in accordance with their funding contracts.</p>	27 May 14 72
29	1.2: SPAD	Urquhart	Climate Change Science Programme amalgamation with	Senator URQUHART: I am looking at program 2.2, expenses. The expenses are reduced quite significantly. Does that mean that there are cuts? It is on page 70.	26 May 14

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			the National Environmental Science Programme	<p>Dr Kennedy: From memory, the broad order of the magnitude of the savings was around \$4.6 million across the combined programs for the first two years and in the order of \$6.1 million or \$6.2 million—I will just ask Jo to confirm in a moment—for the next two years. So the overall saving across the combined program is the sum of those four years.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Maybe Ms Mummery, you could provide detail on notice about what is in and what is out.</p> <p>Ms Mummery: We will do the best we can, but I would note there are still some decisions for the minister in the priorities which will be set for the program.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I understand that. On notice, please provide details of what you are aware of what is in and what is out.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: We can perhaps assist. As Ms Mummery was saying, there are some existing contracts which will continue to be paid out over the next two years, including with the Bureau of Meteorology and with CSIRO. We can detail those. As Ms Mummery was saying, the minister will make decisions about the whole program as moneys free up from various contracts.</p>	97-98
30	1.2: SPAD	Urquhart	NRM planning for Climate Change Fund - regions	<p>Senator URQUHART: I have two questions left on natural resource management. I will have more questions on the NRM funding in outcome 1 tomorrow and the significant cuts being made to that as part of the creation of the National Landcare Program. But, in regard to adapting to climate change, what is happening in NRM funding in this space?</p> <p>Ms Mummery: As noted earlier, there is a natural resource management planning for climate change fund. Part of that fund, which has been managed in this program, is \$13.6 million of administered funding over four years for research to deliver regional level information on future</p>	26 May 14 100

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				<p>climate and also on climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. That information is currently being developed by a range of research providers. In the first instance we are looking at some delivery of climate futures information later in 2014. There has been a high level of engagement with the regional natural resource management groups to ensure that that science is meeting their needs and that the climate variables that are being considered align with the decision making of the regional natural resource management groups. The impacts and adaptation strategies information is also being delivered over the next year or so. The program goes until the end of 2015-16 and is intended to provide quite targeted information for those regions. There are eight major regions in Australia which have been established through their different climates and how those link with land-use activities.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What are those regions?</p> <p>Ms Mummery: It might be easier if I take that on notice. They have all got slightly different names, from our monsoonal through to the south coast and the Murray Darling Basin.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: That is fine; take that on notice.</p>	
31	1.2: SPAD	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target b) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? c) How have they been recruited? d) What process was used for their appointment? e) What is the total cost of this unit? f) What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to 	Written

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				<p>the unit.</p> <p>g) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>h) Lease 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.</p> <p>i) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	
32	1.3: BCD	Urquhart	Savings related to the National Landcare Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: So that \$400,000 in savings is not just linked to the stewardship program? It could be cuts?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: No, Mr Sullivan is right in saying it is linked to the stewardship program. What I am pointing to is that there is a broader range of savings which come through as a result of decisions by the previous government and decisions in the budget which will translate into savings.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So it is the stewardship program and—what are the other areas?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: They are other savings related to the National Landcare Program. I do not have the numbers in front of me about how that translates. We are still working that through—how that transfers through into reductions in departmental expenses and reductions in staff.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We can seek to provide some clarity around that.</p>	27 May 14 85
33	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	20 Million Trees Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: I know that we will get to the 20 million trees program a bit later on today, but how many trees would be in the 74,000 hectares?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I do not know how many trees that would be, Senator. Possibly we could make an estimate.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I doubt that it would be 20 million. It would be less</p>	27 May 14 24

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				<p>than that. Are you able to have a look at that and provide some information?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We will endeavour to do so on notice.</p>	
34	1.4: WHMD	Rhiannon	Parramatta Female Factory nomination for the Natural Heritage List	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Will the precinct be considered for inclusion on the National Heritage List? Will that come up again or does it actually have to be resubmitted?</p> <p>Mr Routh: I would have to check the process, but I think it is in the category that it would need to be resubmitted. But I would have to check.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take it on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Routh: Yes.</p>	27 May 14 19
35	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Australian Heritage Council funding	<p>Senator URQUHART: Thank you very much. The Australian Heritage Council received \$50,000 a year for three years. How does this compare with current funding to the council and would it be additional to current funding?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: This is a new funding allocation to the Heritage Council over and above the resourcing that the department currently provides to underpin the Heritage Council's operations.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If it is over and above, what is the total amount?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Senator, we will need to take that on notice. It is a complex question because in many respects a large part of the operations of the Heritage Branch in the department is directed towards the business of the Australian Heritage Council—not exclusively—and it may be quite a difficult thing for us to disaggregate that and the resources required to do so. So, if you do not mind, I would like to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Yes, that is fine—thank you</p>	27 May 14 22
36	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Federation of Australian Historical	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell us more about the funding to the Federation of Australian Historical Societies? Do they currently receive</p>	27 May 14

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			societies funding	<p>any competitive or non-competitive funding?</p> <p>Mr Routh: That 80,000, as we were saying, was part of the 1.4 million—the election commitment for funding. As far as—I am not aware that they receive any funding at present. So it is funding towards their operations, I understand.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So the 80,000 is for their operation?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Routh: As I said, it was in the election commitment.</p> <p>Mr Oxley: And for purposes yet to be agreed—</p> <p>Mr Routh: In an agreement—</p> <p>Mr Oxley: between the department and the federation.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Okay. So you do not know if they receive any competitive or non-competitive—</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I am not aware of their organisational funding arrangements, Senator.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to take that on notice and provide some further information on that?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Yes—to the extent that we can do that from within our portfolio, we could certainly do that.</p>	22
37	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	National World Heritage listings – Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area delisting	<p>Senator URQUHART: Thank you. I just want to talk about the national World Heritage listings. On the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area delisting request, can you inform the committee what has been spent on this?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Senator, we would have to take that question on notice because it has been departmental officers working on the documents that were submitted on 1 February and so we would have to undertake a calculation of the amount of time that those officers have spent on that.</p>	27 May 14 22

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				<p>Senator URQUHART: Okay—if you could take that on notice, that would be great. Can you provide details on the staffing resources, the travel et cetera that has been invested in pursuing this request to the World Heritage Committee?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Thank you, we will take that question on notice. I would just draw your attention to the fact that, with our World Heritage engagement, we undertake work on a range of different fronts and we do not take additional trips for specific projects. We have the DFAT ambassador to UNESCO, who is located in Paris and who does a lot of work—as part of his other work he is also the ambassador to Chad in the Central African Republic. So part of his role is in being the ambassador to UNESCO. We do attend the General Assembly of States Parties and other meetings such as the meeting that was held in March on the voting procedures of the World Heritage Committee. As part of those meetings we do deliver on our other policy objectives at the same time.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Okay. But, if you can break that down on notice, that would be great.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Senator Urquhart, can I just a supplementary question to that?</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I have a couple more on this, so—</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Only in as much as I was just wondering if you could provide similar sorts of information in relation to the 2013 listing in terms of the expenses.</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Yes, of course.</p>	
38	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	International Union for Conservation of	Senator URQUHART: So, effectively, you will be providing information on how you are going to counter the information that has come from the International Union for Conservation of Nature?	27 May 14

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			Nature	<p>Dr Dripps: We certainly have a different policy perspective, from the Australian government's point of view, than the IUCN does, yes.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell us if there are further resources that are expected to be spent pursuing that request?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Senator, there will be a delegation from Australia that attends the meeting of the World Heritage Committee and that delegation has yet to receive its delegation instructions. However, I would anticipate that they would be to pursue the government's election commitment in having the area delisted.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What would be the cost of that?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: As I indicated, the delegation will be pursuing a number of objectives for Australia as part of that meeting. We can provide you with the membership of that delegation and the costs of their travel to the meeting. However, I would note that not all of their time will be spent on the Tasmanian matter.</p>	23
39	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Senate Environment and Communications Committee Report – Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area	<p>Senator URQUHART: Has the department put any resources, or are you intending to put any resources, into responding to the inquiry report?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Senator, I would have to take that question on notice. Certainly, we have been preoccupied with other things. I think it is only a week or so since we received that Senate committee response, so I would have to take that question on notice</p>	27 May 14 23
40	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Senate Environment and Communications Committee Report –	<p>Senator URQUHART: Has the department undertaken any analysis of potential further work should the proposal be rejected?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We would plan any future work that was needed to be done after we had the decision of the World Heritage Committee. As was</p>	27 May 14 23

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			Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area	<p>covered in the evidence to that Senate inquiry, there are four possible outcomes that could occur: Australia's request could be accepted; Australia's request could be rejected; the decision could be referred back to the state party for more work; or it could be deferred the future consideration by the World Heritage Committee.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So have you taken into account what work you would need to do if it was rejected or it was not in line with the policy at the moment?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We are in the process of planning next year's work and we will finalise that after we have the decision of the World Heritage Committee.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide that when you have done that?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Certainly—we can provide a response to that.</p>	
41	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Tasmanian Upper Florentine Forest	<p>Senator URQUHART: Is it true that the Tasmanian Upper Florentine forest meets seven out of 10 of the World Heritage criteria?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I am aware that the areas that have been proposed to be included in the area of the delisting contain logging cribs and degraded areas. In terms of meeting seven out of the 10 criteria for World Heritage listing, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I guess what I would ask is which specific criteria is it currently recognised as meeting. I would like you to take that on notice as well, if you can.</p>	27 May 14 24
42	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Tasmanian Upper Florentine Forest – Age of trees	<p>Senator URQUHART: ... Do you know how old the trees are in that area?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Not the individual trees—no. But there are old trees there.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Of variable duration, I would expect.</p>	27 May 14 24

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				<p>Dr Dripps: I cannot imagine that they are all the same age.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to find that information? Clearly if you are opposing the listing then you would have some idea, I guess, as to how old the trees are.</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Senator, we can take on notice and seek to provide information to you on the age class of that particular area of forest.</p>	
43	1.4: WHMD	Urquhart	Tasmanian Upper Florentine Forest – endangered species	<p>Senator URQUHART: Do you know what endangered species live in the area?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We can take on notice to provide you with a list of those species. I could make some assumptions, but I am quite sure that the Tasmanian senators would tell me that I had not quite got them all.</p>	27 May 14 24
44	1.4: WHMD	Ruston	Management Planning for specialty timbers	<p>Senator RUSTON: Thank you. Can I just perhaps whizz back to the heritage listing again. What is your understanding of the ability for the specialist timber people to be able to operate within any of the jurisdictions that are covered—whether they be parks or whether they be wilderness heritage areas et cetera? My understanding is that they actually only take fallen trees; they do not actually cut them down. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: Senator, we just have to find the right page of our notes. I have a recollection of reading something recently about the management planning process for specialty timbers, but I do not have the detail precisely at hand. It may be that we might be able to see if we can find that while we are here and get back to you a little later in the session.</p>	27 May 14 26
45	1.4: WHMD	Waters	World Heritage - staff numbers	<p>Senator WATERS: How many staff do you have working on World Heritage matters?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I will take that on notice because the number of staff working on World Heritage matters varies significantly according to what we are</p>	27 May 14 28/29

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				<p>needing to deal with at any particular time in the World Heritage space. The staff of the Heritage Branch in the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division—some but not all of their efforts are directed towards World Heritage matters. A lot of their effort is directed towards National Heritage places assessments and so on.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: The 19 Australian World Heritage Areas that we have—how many staff do you have working on those?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Again, this is something I will take on notice. The efforts of the Heritage Branch are generally directed towards World Heritage. We are structured into streams. We have a natural heritage team, an historic heritage team and an Indigenous heritage team, and embedded in their responsibilities is a focus on World Heritage. So I cannot be precise without taking that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am interested in your remark that those staff do a range of tasks. I would be concerned if we did not have people who are solely dedicated to World Heritage.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I am sure there are some who are solely dedicated; I am sure there are some who perform numerous functions. Obviously some of Mr Oxley's time is spent on such matters. Some of Dr Dripps's time is spent on such matters. Would you like them to spend time trying to apportion how much of their time they spend on such matters to answer your question?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am more interested in the dedicated staff in that area. I will await that response on notice. Can you turn your minds specifically to World Heritage areas. Firstly the Tasmanian World Heritage area. Are you able to give me an approximation, if not a definitive answer, on how many staff are dedicated to the ongoing</p>	

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				management of that area? Dr Dripps: Mr Oxley has responded to the question in the general sense, and the answer in the specific sense can be also covered off in the question on notice.	
46	1.4: WHMD	Waters	World Heritage Areas – manager numbers	Senator WATERS: Can you at least tell me how many are on the team that manages relations between the government and the World Heritage Committee? Mr Oxley: There are approximately six people in that team who manage directly our engagement with the World Heritage Committee. But I would not want that to be in any way represented as the totality of our efforts directed around World Heritage; that is certainly not the case. Senator WATERS: Okay, but it would have been helpful if you could have given more clarity about the totality of efforts. Mr Oxley: I understand, and that is why is I have offered to take the question on notice because I do not have precise numbers. Senator WATERS: Thank you.	27 May 14 28/29
47	1.4: WHMD	Siewert	Shark population – research into nursery area in Western Australia	Senator SIEWERT: Maybe you could take this next one on notice. Do you have any information on the research that is being undertaken on a possible nursery area off the coast of WA? And has there been any progress? Dr Dripps: I am sure we could take that on notice. The staff who look after shark population data in the department belong with the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division, who were here previously. I have personally been briefed on the east coast nursery populations but not the west. So I am sure we have officers who have relevant information to hand, but I am not sure that they are here. Senator SIEWERT: That would be really useful, if you could take that on	27 May 14 58

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				notice. Thank you.	
48	1.4: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Marine debris threat abatement plan	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I want to continue the questions I have asked at previous estimates around the threat abatement plan for marine debris. We heard tonight about some mitigation strategies for rivers, but is any scientific work being done on the impacts of marine debris and is there any funding in forward estimates for this area?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: There are a few aspects to that question. Concerning the threat abatement plan for marine debris, the substance of that would be covered under program 1.4 rather than here. On research in relation to marine debris, there may be some extant research being undertaken by the national environment research program hubs. We have a couple that may have that within their research program. I would have to take that on notice. The last bit of your question was around whether there was any funding going into addressing marine debris.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Could you give us an idea of how much has been spent since the threat abatement plan and the threatening process was identified by the environment department?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Again, I would have to take that question on notice for outcome 1.4 to report back on. In terms of the funding as it relates to 1.1, this outcome, we have current existing contracts with respect to marine debris in Northern Australia</p>	27 May 14 92
49	1.4: WHMD	Whish-Wilson	Marine debris	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: But there is no money going into studies such as collating data around marine debris? I think Shell might be funding a study at the moment that some CSIRO scientists are doing.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: Some of the funding that goes towards ghost nets has had a massive data collection component which has been used by others in terms of further research on where marine debris is originating and</p>	27 May 14 93

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				<p>whether it can be addressed at the source. There is a long history of addressing that with Indigenous rangers working with ghost nets and in terms of not just clean-up activities but also extent data collection in terms of point of origin.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is there any specific work going on around cetaceans—whales and dolphins—and marine debris?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
50	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Heritage funding	<p>Senator WATERS: In relation to the heritage funding, I note that there will be a reduction from \$41.5 million to \$32 million. What are the implications of that cut? What work will not proceed?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Senator, can you give me a reference to where you are drawing that number?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: No, unfortunately I cannot.</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I am not aware of the reduction you are referring to.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It is in the portfolio budget statement, but I do not have a page number here, I am sorry.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: Could you repeat it, Senator?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It is the heritage funding to be cut from \$41.5 million to \$32 million.</p> <p>Mr Oxley: We are on page 34 of the portfolio budget statement. It is the total funding for program 1.4, which is reducing by the amount you have identified, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Which heritage work will you not proceed with as a result of that cut?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: Outcome 1.4 is a very broad outcome and I am not in a position now where I can advise you on that. I will need to take that on notice.</p>	27 May 14 30
51	1.4: WHMD	Siewert	Giant clam harvest	<p>Are you aware of fisherman plundering over 200 giant clams (<i>Tridacna gigas</i>) from Evans and neighbouring shoals 120 nm NNW of the Tiwi Islands inside the AFZ?</p>	Written

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				What is being done to protect this natural resource?	
52	1.4: WHMD	Waters	Cape York Peninsula World Heritage listing	<p>In your response to my QoN #30 from the February estimates I was advised that “a restructure in the Division that provides oversight for the Department’s involvement in world heritage nominations, including Cape York Peninsula, has resulted in a reduction of FTE on the project [that is, all World Heritage nominations] from 5.8 to 1.5”(QoN #30) .</p> <p>How many “nomination projects” are currently on foot? Does this include Cape York?</p> <p>Is the Government genuinely committed to progressing the Cape York WHA nomination with 1.5 staff?</p> <p>a) How long is it expected to take?</p> <p>b) What are the next steps?</p>	Written
53	1.5: EACD	Ludlam	Environmental Impacts Assessment – Ranger 3 Deeps	<p>Senator LUDLAM: We got correspondence from the minister's office that indicates that the environmental impact assessment process for the Ranger 3 Deeps won't be progressing until the task force investigations are complete, which seems reasonable to me. Is that your understanding?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: That might be a matter for Dr Dripps.</p> <p>Dr Dripps: As you may recall, the Supervising Scientist does not lead the assessment of environmental impacts for Ranger 3 Deeps. That is run by the environmental assessment and compliance division, who will be here in 1.5 later in the day. So the EIA process is necessarily quite a detailed one for a mine of this kind. The expectation is that we will not be receiving the next step in that process for some time.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Can I put more of that to you or would you rather I wait until those folks show up?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I can give it a go.</p>	27 May 14 9

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				<p>Senator LUDLAM: It is a fairly simple yes or no. Will that process of assessment remain suspended until the investigations that Mr McAllister and his colleagues are up to are completed?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I would have to have the minister's correspondence in front of me, but if it is as you have described it, and it says that the assessment won't progress, then that will be what occurs.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I suspect that I don't. Can you pop that on notice and I can come back in 1.5?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We will come back with the answer in 1.5.</p>	
54	1.5: EACD	Pratt	Queensland land clearing	<p>Senator PRATT: Can I go back to the previous example that I gave about Queensland land clearing. If that process itself is not up for assessment under the EPBC Act, if it has negative effects for example on the Great Barrier Reef, would the clearing of that land, hypothetically, have to be assessed for its impacts under an equivalent standard to the EPBC Act to see if it has a negative effect on the reef or not?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We might have to take that question on notice. We are aware of changes to the Queensland land clearing legislation and have been briefed that there are a special considerations in place in the reef catchments. I do not have the information precisely to hand, unless Mr Knudson or one of the colleagues from the EACD does.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Clearly, for the Commonwealth, under the EPBC Act, irrespective of what the state does with that, if that land is cleared and it is likely to have an impact then it becomes assessable, but it seems that what the state is doing could be entirely internally contradictory.</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We will take that question on notice. I do take the point. However, the recollection I have of the briefing on Queensland land clearing legislation is that there are special provisions within the reef</p>	27 May 14 46

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				catchment that mean that the new native vegetation laws do not apply there, but we will have to take that on notice.	
55	1.5: EACD	Waters	Staffing levels - EPBC compliance	<p>Senator WATERS: In relation to compliance jobs in the department, I think Senator Urquhart earlier asked and you said that there were 236 folk in the environmental assessment and compliance division.</p> <p>Ms Carlos: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: She asked how many would be lost out of that division and you basically said that you are not sure just yet. I am interested to know, of that 236 how many are in EPBC compliance?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I think we would have to take that on notice. That would require us to look at the organisational structure within that division and outline what activities staff work on. It is a little bit more detailed than just the divisional number.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: You don't have that to hand?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: No.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you could please take that on notice, and again ideally tomorrow because I am keen to pursue this in detail. Specifically, I am interested in conditions enforcement. So if I can have general EPBC compliance and also, underneath that, what proportion of that is conditions enforcement and compliance monitoring conditions. I am also interested in how many of the 184, or indeed the 250, will come from those positions.</p> <p>Ms Carlos: That really has not been determined, because what we are doing with both our voluntary redundancy program and any capability assessment programs is to look to ensure that we move resources around the organisation. The line and area, in working through its budget,</p>	26 May 14 16-17

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				<p>will have a view about its staffing levels—or the organisational unit—through the remainder of this financial year. But that won't be finalised for several weeks until we have done those budget bills internally.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: How does that sit with the minister's commitment on 9 May that there would be a significant increase in compliance monitoring staff numbers?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I think the staff numbers in the compliance area have gone up significantly.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Since 9 May?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: They have certainly gone up over the last couple of years. We now have a number of sections delivering post-approvals monitoring, and we can bring you the numbers of folk in each of those sections either later today or first thing tomorrow.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Also if you could reflect on that commitment that after 9 May there would be a further increase and how that sits with the cuts that are going to be across the board.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: Yes. The cuts are not mechanistic. Ultimately the department has to meet its responsibilities and deliver on the government's program. We will organise our staff and allocate staff according to those priorities. It is not that everyone has the same proportional cuts.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, precisely. That is why I was asking what sections will bear the brunt of it. I look forward to that information.</p>	
56	1.5: EACD	Siewert	Sharks	If Western Australia doesn't produce an adequate assessment what process will the commonwealth use to make sure there is an appropriate assessment?	Written

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57	1.5: EACD	Waters	Compliance staffing	After the findings of the Independent Review of the Port of Gladstone, Minister Hunt stated that he would increase compliance staffing numbers. a) What are the current staffing levels? b) What were they on average each year over the last five years? c) How much will they increase by? d) When will this increase occur and at what APS levels?	Written
58	1.5: EACD	Waters	Compliance staffing	The budget for Environmental Regulation (1.5) will be reduced from \$69.4 in 2013/14 to \$61.6M in 2014/15. How many compliance jobs are expected to be lost over the forward estimates as projected in the Federal Budget?	Written
59	1.5: EACD	Waters	Bilateral Agreements NSW and QLD	What percentage of projects that would normally trigger the EPBC Act will be covered by approval bilateral agreements in NSW and Queensland once approval bilateral agreements are in place? Please answer by reference to average numbers of projects of the last five years.	Written
60	1.5: EACD	Waters	EPBC Bills - RIS	On what grounds did OBPR decide that the latest EPBC bills did not require any regulatory impact statements? What is the average saving of time expected? Can the department provide a list of the 30 most recent concluded EPBC referrals indicating whether State or local government approvals were still outstanding at the time the Commonwealth referral was concluded, and when those projects received their final State and local government approval?	Written
61	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine	SEWPAC got "peer review" of the report by Alison Martin by ecologist, Peter Irish. On page 87 of Part 1 of the documents tabled in response to the Senate order for production of documents on Maules Creek, includes	Written

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				<p>Mr Irish's feedback. Including that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) On the South-eastern Long-eared Bat habitat: "the argument that the offset habitat is equal or better is not supported" b) More generally, "As far as I can tell, there is no systematic analysis of the broad vegetation types mapped across the impact and offset sites and their relative condition and suitability as habitat for the three species..." c) The habitat scores are of limited value and do not allow for an accurate or comprehensive quality assessment for the species at the impact and offset sites." <p>Why did the Department accept the Martin Report? Did you ignore your own internal advice, or how do you explain that in accepting the report you were adequately protecting MNES?</p>	
62	1.5: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek coal mine	<p>The Senate documents also make reference to a 'peer review' of the material submitted by the Northern Inland Council for the Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where is this review? b) Was it completed? c) Can it be be tabled? 	Written
63	1.5: EACD	Waters	CSG bore well integrity	<p>In response to my February QoN #61 re CSG bore well integrity I was advised the Department is undertaking a number of studies of CSG bore well integrity yourselves. Can you please provide details including who is doing the work, what the work concerns, and when will it be made public?</p>	Written
64	1.5: EACD	Waters	Stradbroke Island – ten years of illegal mining	<p>Please provide an update on your compliance work in relation to the particular allegation that the sand mining which has been happening on Stradbroke Island for ten years has taken place without an EPBC permit. Where is that at?</p>	Written

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				<p>Has the Dept or Minister had any exchange with the Qld Premier or any representative regarding this?</p> <p>Does Sibelco have a prima facie case to answer?</p> <p>How has the Department performed against its own standards for responding to and investigating complaints by members of the community in relation to this matter?</p>	
65	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point project	<p>Comparing the approval conditions in relation to the capital dredging at Abbot Point to the Gladstone Western Basin Strategic Dredging and Disposal Project, it appears that the Gladstone project had a higher level of transparency. For instance, in relation to water quality, monitoring and ecosystem research and monitoring, the approval conditions for Gladstone states “the person taking the action must make the findings, including related data, or any or all of these studies or activities publicly available upon request by any interested parties.”</p> <p>a) Can the Department clarify why the Abbot point did not include equivalent transparency provisions?</p> <p>b) Did the Department or the Minister ever receive a submission from proponents that such transparency provisions be omitted?</p>	Written
66	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point project	Did you advise the minister that GBRMPA officials believed the offset proposed by the proponents was 'unachievable'?	Written
67	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point project – public consultation	Is it the case that there will be no public consultation on the Offsets Plan before it is approved?	Written
68	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point project	The conditions of approval include, at condition 31(d), a reference to sediment which is potentially available for re-suspension. This is not	Written

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				defined. a) What is the Department's best understanding of this concept? b) What proportion of the total sediment dumped at sea under the approval does the Department expect to be available for re-suspension?	
69	1.5: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point project - offsets	The EPBC Offsets Policy states that offsets must be additional to what is already agreed to under other schemes or programs. Does the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013 meet the definition of a "scheme or program?" If so, since the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan aims to "ensure to that by 2020 the quality of water entering the reef from broadscale land use has no detrimental impact on the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef", how can water quality offset be regarded as additional?	Written
70	1.5: SSD	Ludlam	Ranger 3 Deeps – rehabilitation bond	Senator LUDLAM: I would have thought, though, that if there is an unfunded liability in one of the country's most important World Heritage areas it would be of interest to the supervising scientist. The company has just told us that there is. Senator Birmingham: This is the first that I have been made aware of that quote from their annual report, and I will happily seek some information from the Department of Industry about their auditing processes and, if need be, some explanation from ERA. Ultimately, I would expect and the government would expect that the full legal obligations of ERA to ensure full rehabilitation of the site, which they have committed to, are met. If it can't be met from within their balance sheet, then one would expect that discussions may be had with some of their key owners who have rather deeper balance sheets. Senator LUDLAM: They do. They have also told their AGM that they	27 May 14 7

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				<p>have no interest at all in bailing out ERA. But nonetheless, I appreciate that, Senator Birmingham. So you have undertaken to make those inquiries with the department?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: We will be making some inquiries with the Department of Industry and, if need be, with ERA.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If you are able then to provide us with whatever you come up with, that would be greatly appreciated. I suppose if you can, in the course of those inquiries, assess whether effectively the company is attempting to blackmail regulators and the taxpayer. What it looks like to me is that they have said, 'Unless we get our project expanded we can't afford to clean the place up.'</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: That is slightly emotive language. Let's get to the bottom of the facts in the matter. Mr McAllister has taken us to the fact that there is an independent audit process undertaken by the Department of Industry. So we will get some information on that. Mr McAllister's relevant area of responsibility is about what is required to undertake the clean-up, and that is, of course, the work that he assesses each year.</p>	
71	1.5: SSD	Williams	Cost of videoconference	<p>CHAIR: Could you take on notice what it costs to have this videoconference compared to what it would have cost you for airfares, accommodation and loss of time in your job? And, of course, don't forget your carbon footprint as well, please. I think this has worked very well and has clearly has saved a lot of time, trouble and cost. I would be interested, as Chair of the committee, to see the savings. Thank you, Mr McAllister and Mr Tayler, for your time.</p>	27 May 14 10
72	1.5: WHMD	Waters	Threatened Species Commissioner	<p>Do you have any guidance for what qualifications the new Commissioner will have to have?</p> <p>What resources will be dedicated to the Commissioner – will he or she</p>	Written

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				have any dedicated staff?	
73	1.5: WHMD	Waters	International wildlife trade	Has the Department been involved in consultations re the new Border Force agency in regard to functions that may be transferred to it, such as CITES laws in the EPBC Act that relate to the international wildlife trade? What is the scope of these discussions?	Written
74	1.6: EQD	Pratt	PBS – comparison 2013-14 and 2014-15	<p>Senator PRATT: I will refresh my memory there. But what I am trying to do here is trace through on the programs that are affected, some of the details of which I imagine is in MYEFO, and I can refresh my memory there. Dr Wright, when I asked my original question you said what had been cut and how, including staffing, but you did not have all of those details here. I appreciate that it goes through a broad range of programs. What is the best way of me asking the question to you so that I can get some of that information back on notice?</p> <p>Dr Wright: As I have indicated I will have to take that question on notice. The reduction in funding was based on the original costings that were done for the new policy proposal, so they can be attributed to staffing systems and the like, but I do not have those detailed tables with me.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I do not expect you to have those details now. The problem is that unless I ask an explicit question on notice it is hard for me to get the right answer back. I just wanted to make sure that we have a clear understanding that I am seeking what is being cut, and how, including staffing.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Possibly a way to frame the question in relation to the changes as a result of the repeal of the carbon tax is: how is that translated through to reductions in staff required in the department to</p>	27 May 14 64/65

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				administer the relevant aspects of the program? Senator PRATT: Terrific! So if you could take that on notice! Mr Thompson: Take my own question on notice! I would love to. Senator PRATT: It is good to be explicit so that I can get the right answer back.	
75	2.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emissions Reduction Fund - modelling	Senator URQUHART: So can you provide that material, the modelling that you have received? Mr Power: Those modellings are all publicly available modellings that have been put out by various other institutions, like the Climate Institute and others. Senator URQUHART: Where would you find them? Mr Power: I can provide links to you on notice. Senator URQUHART: Yes, perhaps you could provide that.	26 May 14 73
76	2.1: ERFT	Pratt	Emissions Reduction Fund – working groups	Senator PRATT: On notice, in relation to the working groups to develop methodology, that Dr Kennedy mentioned, which groups will be included, the area covered and a list of membership for that working group for that development. Dr Kennedy: I do not have that in front of me, but I would be happy to take it on notice.	26 May 14 94
77	2.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund - budget	On 24 April 2014, the Minister announced that the Emission Reduction Fund (ERF) would spend \$2.55 billion in the first four years but the Budget Overview states that the ERF will spread this sum over a decade (p.27), while in Budget Paper 2, the appropriation table shows just \$1.147 billion spent over the four year forward estimates. Budget Paper No 2 notes the “Clean Energy Regulator will be able to commit the full level of funding [\$2.55 billion] under contract funding from the commencement of the Fund,” and says there will be consideration of	Written

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				future expenditure. However, the \$1.147 billion reflects expected expenditure forecast by Treasury and the Finance Department. This disparity appears as a \$1.4 billion shortfall. How much is officially allocated and under what authority? How will the expenditure of unallocated funds work within the Financial Management Act?	
78	2.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund – assessment of projects	Can the Department clearly outline the approach to assessment of projects under the ERF given the articulated Lowest Cost Approach?	Written
79	2.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund – categories and assessment	We anticipate three broad categories household and community; industrial and farming practice/land use. Can the Department confirm if these categories line up with your expectation of submissions and explain exactly how the assessment will recognise the differing costs of differing industries who would be tendering for the ERF? In addition can the Department explain how the intended price signal will work given the broad spectrum of projects and the Lowest Cost Approach if you are only going to provide weighted average price post auction?	Written
80	2.1: ERFT	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund - modelling	Can the Department provide any modelling conducted internally or contracted by the Department related to the Emissions Reduction Fund and its intended abatement achievements? Can the Department provide any research conducted related to the Emissions Reduction Fund and its intended abatement achievements? If there are no such documents can the Department explain how it came to the conclusion that the ERF would achieve the required abatement to reach the target?	Written
81	2.1: LD	Urquhart	Carbon Farming Initiative	1. Has the Department sought advice from financial institutions relating to their treatment of carbon certificates as assets when assessing loan applications or financing arrangements?	Written

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				<p>2. Has the Department received any advice from potential participants in the CFI program relating to concerns about the recognition of carbon certificates as assets?</p> <p>3. Does the Department consider the prospect that banks may not recognise carbon certificates as assets as a potential disincentive to people participating in the CFI program?</p>	
82	2.1: RPGAD	Ludlam	Emissions Reduction Fund - Large LNG projects	<p>Senator LUDLAM: To cut this short, because I am going to change the subject in a moment, could you table your most recent data on the large LNG projects that are coming online in Australia in the next decade, and their expected impact on our national emissions profile. It is a small number of plants but it is a very large greenhouse impact. I am wondering if you could put for us what your expectation of business as usual emissions from these plants would be, specifically LNG—and this would have been a big issue for the previous government, so it is not a political question—and what the expected profile would be under Direct Action or any other measures that you bring into being?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: We can take on notice the question of our information that underpins the projects. We were talking about them earlier—the 17 per cent growth. But we will take on notice how we construct estimates for fugitives and for energy use in those plants and those types of things. As to the question of policy, that is a matter the parliamentary secretary might like to answer.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am not asking what the government's policy is. I think we have a reasonable idea. Given the policy tools you have to work with, and those that have been taken off the table, what do you expect the impact on those business-as-usual emissions will be. So it is not a political question; it is about what is going to be done.</p>	26 May 14 87

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				<p>Dr de Brouwer: The difficulty is that the safeguard mechanism is being discussed and negotiated and worked through at the moment, so that is not finalised. This is in reference to the safeguard mechanisms.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So we do not know that either.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The officials will take it on notice and will answer that which they are able to from your questions.</p>	
83	2.1: RPGAD	Ruston	Carbon Tax – Assistance package	<p>Senator RUSTON: What was the total amount of the funding of the compensation and the financial assistance packages that sat alongside the introduction of this carbon tax?</p> <p>Mr Writer: I think last time you asked us a question on notice about this issue. It was question 69. What was provided there were some tables that were included with the original carbon tax legislation. There has been no total quantification as those programs have been rolled out. I cannot off the top of my head give you the figure; my maths is not that good. But we can try to provide something on notice if you would like.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I was interested to do a comparison of the \$7-odd billion that has been paid that has obviously been translated to the households—how much was paid out in terms of compensation to make up for that increase against what was actually achieved in terms of the carbon emission benefit to Australia would be interesting, in three little columns.</p> <p>Mr Writer: I do not know that that analysis has been done.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: We are happy to take that on notice and provide that information.</p>	26 May 14 90
84	2.1: RPGAD	Urquhart	Renewable Energy uptake programme	In the outline for outcome 2.1 a key point is encouraging the uptake of renewable energy. Can the Department outline the exact program activity in relation to renewable energy? Can you outline exactly how you intend	Written

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				to achieve this program objective and the total sum allocated to it?	
85	2.1: RPGAD	Urquhart	One Million Solar Roofs Programme	On 3 December 2011, then Opposition Environment Spokesperson committed \$100 million to deliver one million solar roofs and a further \$100 million for solar towns and solar schools. Following the election, the Department released the “Plan for a Cleaner Environment” policy which included the commitment to the One Million Solar Roofs and solar towns and solar school programs. On 3 December 2013, the Minister for Environment committed \$600 million to solar roofs, schools and towns. However, in the Budget Papers, only \$2.1 million has been allocated for the solar towns and schools programs and the whole solar roofs program has been scrapped. Why was the Solar Roofs program scrapped entirely? Why has the Solar Towns and Schools program been stripped of half a billion dollars? Has the ongoing RET Review had any impact on the Government’s decision to scrap \$597.8m from its solar programs?	Written
86	2.2: RPGAD	Urquhart	Climate Change adaptation programmes	With relation to AusAid climate change adaptation programs, can the Department (with assistance from Foreign Affairs if required) provide a detailed account of exactly which programs, facilitated by, or with the assistance of, the Department, are continuing and those that are ending or being adjusted in terms of focus, outcome and or funding.	Written
87	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	PBS – Decline in spending	On page 76 of the Portfolio budget statement the table shows a decline in spending across the forward estimates. What is the explanation for this decrease?	Written
88	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What staff cuts are planned in the Australian Antarctic Division over the next year? 2. How many rounds of voluntary redundancies have there been over the past 5 years? 3. Is there a voluntary redundancy round currently under way in the division? 	Written

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				4. What communication has there been with staff on this issue?	
89	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Funding	Other than staffing cuts, how does AAD plan to deal with the increased efficiency divided and decreased funding?	Written
90	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Antarctic bases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the budget is dedicated to servicing our Antarctic bases? 2. Will there be less staff on Antarctic bases? 3. Are their plans being prepared to close any Antarctic bases? 4. What would it cost to decommission a base and which one would be the most likely to be considered for closure? 	Written
91	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Southern ocean research	How does not having the ACV Ocean Protector available for Southern Ocean research affect your research program and logistics?	Written
92	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	New icebreaker	Where are the funds for the new icebreaker in the budget? Which year of the forward estimates are they in?	Written
93	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Antarctic base	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the discussions with China up to for regarding them opening a new base in the Australian Antarctic Territory? 2. Are discussions underway between the AAD and any other country regarding us offering contracting services for them to run Antarctic bases? 	Written
94	3.1: AAD	Whish-Wilson	Cooperation in the Southern Ocean	<p>How is the relationship between Australia and France managed in regards to cooperation in the Southern Ocean?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is it managed by DFAT? b) How involved are the Department of Environment? c) How often are there formal meetings in regards to these arrangements? 	Written
95	4.1: OWS	Waters	Independent Expert Scientific Committee	In relation to the IESC's advice on the Carmichael coal mine, have members of the IESC communicated with the secretariat in relation to the "peer review" of IESC's advice conducted by Dr Noel Merrick.	Written

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				To your knowledge, was the IESC contacted by Adani, the Queensland government or Dr Merrick regarding Dr Merrick's "peer review"?	
96	4.1: OWS	Urquhart	Independent Expert Scientific Committee	The Independent Expert Scientific Committee was not just commissioned to undertake individual assessments, it was also commissioned to undertake broader work. Can you outline the original program brief for the IESC and how it has progressed against these requirements?	Written
97	4.1: OWS	Urquhart	Office of Water Science Research	The Budget papers show that the Office of Water Science Research will be discontinued. What impact will this have on the work of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee?	Written
98	4.1: OWS	Pratt	Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas	<p>Senator PRATT: Okay. The IESC was commissioned to undertake a broader scope of work, not just individual assessments. Can you outline the original project brief and how it has progressed against those requirements?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: The officers responsible for the operation of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee are in the Water Group, who were here yesterday. We can outline the operation of the IESC from the perspective of one of the regulators who receives advice from it. But in terms of the broader scope of its work and the progress of the bi-regional assessments program—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: No that is fine, we can do that on notice with them.</p>	27 May 14 47
99	4.1: WED	Xenophon	PIIP-SA - due diligence assessment	<p>Senator XENOPHON: The response to my question on notice 18 from last estimates states about PIIP-SA: Subject to suitable activities being identified and passing due diligence assessment, the funding is available for value for money projects ... On notice, can the department clarify what types of projects are considered 'suitable'? What does the due diligence process consist of? How is 'value for money' defined? I am happy for that to be on notice, given that I have other questions to ask.</p>	26 May 14 67

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				<p>Senator Birmingham: I am sure the department can happily do that. This has gone on for many estimates. It is important as well to make sure that the record for this estimates indicates that there were not further rounds of PIIP-SA, because the South Australian government asked for there not to be at the time. That was under the previous government. We are just trying to reach a resolution as to: if not PIIP-SA in its current form, what else? That is something where the South Australian government is looking at options and apparently developing a business case for us.</p>	
100	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Menindee lakes project	<p>Senator XENOPHON: To save me having to FOI this, can you, on notice, advise when the negotiations took place with the New South Wales government and what the nature and scope of those negotiations were, and when were there similar negotiations with respect to Menindee Lakes with both the Victorian and the South Australian governments?</p> <p>Mr McLoughlin: I could certainly advise you on notice about when those discussions were held with South Australia and Victoria at the scope of works in negotiation.</p>	26 May 14 68
101	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Menindee lakes project	<p>Senator Birmingham: In the budget presented recently, which we are talking about here, the funding changes that have been made, including the change made to Menindee, are still premised on the fact that we will meet the full task of bridging the gap to the new sustainable diversion limits under the Basin Plan. We will do that within the 1,500 gigalitre cap and with the priority given to infrastructure measures. If we could achieve a greater saving from Menindee, I would love us to; but equally we should not underplay the fact that if we can achieve a 70 gigalitre saving from the infrastructure works at Menindee, or something in that order, that is a very significant part of the remaining challenge. It will be a major</p>	26 May 14 70

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				<p>contribution.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It was meant to be about 300 gegalitres, wasn't it?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Two hundred was the figure that has been floated since at least the 2007 election. I am sure that if possible that Mr McLachlan, in his answer to your earlier question, could perhaps provide information on how and why that is a smaller figure today.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So I can get that on notice.</p>	
102	4.1: WRD	Pratt	Existing statutory functions	<p>Senator PRATT: Can you confirm what the existing statutory functions are? You do not need to go through the ones we have discussed that have been retained, but which functions are being dropped?</p> <p>Mr Fisher: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I assume that there is a list that relates to the statutes, and then there are those that evolve as things within those statutes, such as various activities. Could you take that on notice and reflect not just on the statute, but the activities that have evolved to take place within it?</p>	26 May 14 45
103	4.1: WRD	Xenophon/ Pratt	Mechanisms in regards to water quality	<p>Senator XENOPHON: But you have said their role in providing expert analysis and advice is absolutely critical.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Their role and the functions they undertake in a number of areas are quite critical. A number of those functions will be continued by the government. I have said that. A number of those functions will be continued by the government, just without a stand-alone agency. Urban water provision, whether that is in cities or regional centres, is a task and responsibility of state governments and sometimes local government authorities as well. Ultimately they will be responsible for doing that, but there are a range of mechanisms in place regarding the quality of water that are quite unrelated to the operations of the National Water Commission.</p>	26 May 14 48

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				<p>Senator PRATT: Can you outline what those are.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I can get some detail for you on notice. A lot of them relate to the health portfolio, actually.</p> <p>Mr Parker: We can provide details on notice. We have used a cooperative Commonwealth-state framework called the national water quality management system. It is an arrangement where the states and the Commonwealth are responsible for the preparation of water guidelines which set water quality standards. This covers drinking water and all sorts of other elements of water quality relating to discharges and so forth. It is then a responsibility of the state and in some cases local government authorities to implement those standards.</p>	
104	4.1: WRD	Pratt	Staffing levels – water programmes	<p>Senator PRATT: They will be in the average staffing outcomes across the programs as well as within this particular outcome, being water. They will be reflected within both sets of figures, and the staffing reduction is reflected in this as well. And then there is the change from the policy phase into the program phase for water. So what is the change? Do you know what the staffing reduction is associated with that change from policy to implementation?</p> <p>Mr Parker: I would have to take the specifics of that on notice. There are literally dozens of programs here ranging from water recovery, urban programs and so forth. The question you have asked is actually a very complicated question to provide an answer to. If you like, we are happy to take that on notice and make an estimate for you.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I am just trying to get a view of which programs have lost staff thanks to operational requirement changes versus those that have been reduced. Clearly you try and match up the operational requirements with the efficiencies et cetera. But really the layering of both</p>	26 May 14 11

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				<p>of those—</p> <p>Ms Carlos: It is very difficult to try to break that down because we manage our departmental budget on a holistic basis. Whilst we have notional allocation to each of the outcomes within this document, as I said, that includes the corporate staffing components as well. But we also manage our departmental expenses quite holistically and each budget year we may have to move our resources around depending on the priorities of the government. So we can give you information around the organisational unit from one year to the next, other than when we are changing structures, but to do anything more detailed than that is quite difficult because we do not manage our budget on the basis that this efficiency belongs to this person. It is managed as a total departmental budget.</p>	
105	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	Publication costs	<p>Senator URQUHART: What sorts of figures are there for your publication print runs for the last financial year?</p> <p>Ms Middleton: I think we would have to take that on notice. We did provide that in response to some questions on notice back in February, but to give you an update I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you could get an update that would be great. That includes any additional print runs for any publications.</p> <p>Ms Middleton: We do not generally do print runs. Predominantly we do digital printing. We print to our website and those publications, if requested—if someone has a special need or a particular reason for a hard copy, they can request it and we will provide it.</p>	26 May 14 26
106	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	Seasonal temperature anomalies	Has BOM been instructed to cease analysis and/or not release any reports on seasonal temperature anomalies and extreme weather events?	Written

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107	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Renewable Energy Certificates	<p>Senator BACK: What are the total number of renewable energy certificates and large-scale generation certificates that the regulator has issued since the implementation of the scheme in 2001? Further to that, has a calculation now been made of the estimated value of the total of all RET subsidies to operators, and is that available to the committee?</p> <p>Ms Munro: I might just answer that second question.....</p> <p>Senator BACK: So that is not information that you have been asked to make available to the review panel?</p> <p>Ms Munro: No, it is not. We provided a lot of information on how the scheme operates, the dynamics of it if you like, and those sorts of numbers you have just asked for on certificates, which I think Mr Williamson is now able to supply.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We do not have the numbers since the scheme's inception with us. We could take that on notice and get that for you. I do have data for the more recent year. The RET works on a calendar-year basis and up to 12 months after the end of the calendar year the certificates can still be created. But as to the total surrendered since the scheme's inception, which accounts for the total liability, we would need to take that on notice.</p>	26 May 14 94
108	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Investigations	<p>Senator BACK: Can you give us, again on notice if you need to, the number of instances in which you have investigated those complaints and found them to be accurate, and therefore the operator has been operating outside the conditions of approval for their operations.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Yes. What I can advise in relation to those questions is that at this time we have not reached a conclusion confirming that any accredited power station is operating in contravention of any state or local government or territory laws. It is a relatively small number of</p>	26 May 14 95

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				investigations. I would probably need to take on notice the actual number, but certainly we have not at this stage in those investigations concluded that any accredited power station is operating in contravention of state laws.	
109	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Large and small scales RET certificates	<p>Please provide as much detail regarding numbers and the categories within the large and small scale as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many RET certificates have been issued to date since the scheme was introduced in 2001? Will you please provide the total number of RET certificates from inception of the scheme to when the scheme was split into Large-scale and Small-scale? Will you please provide the total number of Large-scale RET certificates (LGCs) that have been issued since the split to date? Will you please provide the total number of Small-scale certificates that have been issued since the split to date? 	Written
110	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	RET certificates	<p>Have any RET certificates been forward issued or issued in advance of actual generation?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, how many certificates have been forward issued or issued in advance of actual generation? When were these certificates issued? When will these certificates be validated and or surrendered (ie. have their value realised)? In relation to Small-scale certificates, what are 'phantom credits'? Have any Large-scale certificates been forward issued and/or validated in advance of actual generation? In relation to Large-scale certificates, are there phantom credits? 	Written

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				g. Are there any restrictions or time-limits pertaining to d, e and f?	
111	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	RET certificates issued	Of the total amount of RET certificates that have been issued how many are yet to be surrendered to the CER? a. How many of these are Small-scale certificates? b. How many of these are Large-scale certificates? c. Does the CER have a record of who is holding the RET certificates that have been issued but not yet surrendered? Will you please outline the major owners of these certificates and the number of certificates that they currently hold/own, including the date that this was recorded. As an example: Origin, 4.5 million LGCs, yet to be surrendered as of (date).	Written
112	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Large-scale certificates	Will you please provide a brief description of the Large-scale certificate issue, validation and surrender process?	Written
113	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Small-scale certificates	Will you please provide a brief description of the Small-scale certificate issue, validation and surrender process?	Written
114	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Clean Energy Regulator's fraud control plan	Will you please provide details of the CER's fraud control plan and investigations team? What are the investigative powers of the CER?	Written
115	Climate Change Authority	Ruston	Operating cost of Board	Senator RUSTON: Thank you. As a matter of record, what is the cost of operating your board? Mr Fraser may prefer to answer that, or may not. Mr Fraser: I do not know to be honest. It is pretty modest. We are not overly paid. We do not travel first class or business class. Ms Harris: The arrangements for the board members, the payments, are all determined by the Remuneration Tribunal? That is not something that is within our control at all. That is all in the public domain. I do have figures here. Senator RUSTON: Just in total.	27 May 14 40

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				Ms Harris: Excuse me, Senator, while I find the relevant numbers. I might take that on notice. I might be able to get back to you later in this session if I find the right numbers.	
116	Climate Change Authority	Urquhart	Vehicle emissions, international agreements and international credits programmes	Could you please provide further information on the three projects identified at Estimates (vehicle emissions; international agreement; and the use of international credits)?	Written
117	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification b) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification c) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification d) 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
118	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? * If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level * If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? * 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? * If 	Written

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				<p>not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? * How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? * If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? * If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>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>	
119	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund – Regulation 10 FMA	On 26 May the Department referred to Regulation 10 of the FMA when asked for an explanation of the interpretation of the FMA in regard to the treatment of the 2.55 billion for the ERF. Can the Department (with the assistance of Finance if required) explain its interpretation of those rules?	Written
120	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Emission Reduction Fund – Financial Management Act	<p>On 15 May 2014 in Question Time the Prime Minister provided the following response to a question relating to the \$80 billion of cuts to health and education. The Prime Minister said:</p> <p>“We said pre-election that we would not be bound by Labor's pie-in-the-sky promises for the out years.”</p> <p>At Senate Estimates on 26 May the Department of Environment provided the following response to a question about the allocation of the full \$2.5bn of promised funding for the ERF:</p> <p>“For the purposes of the budget appropriations, the Department prepares an estimate of how much money is expected to be expended over the forward estimates....that [the \$1.1bn in the Budget papers] is our best</p>	Written

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				<p>estimate of how much money the regulator will pay out over the first four years of the scheme for contracts that it has signed and committed to. Of course, that is our estimate at the commencement of the scheme. If more or fewer contracts were signed and more moneys were paid out because more abatement came forward earlier, then the profile would naturally change. “</p> <p>How does the interpretation of the Financial Management Act differ for the \$2.55bn of the ERF from the Government’s interpretation of the \$80bn for health and education?</p>	
121	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Cost of redundancies	<p>Senator URQUHART: What is the anticipated cost of those redundancies in payments?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: The \$9 million is to cover the severance component of redundancies for this financial year. That is an estimate. The other expenditure that is involved with redundancies is people's entitlements to leave, which is funded from the balance sheet, basically.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Do you know how much that is?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: No, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You can take that on notice.....</p>	26 May 14 8
122	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Temporary staff – cost of engagement	<p>Senator URQUHART: How many temporary staff has the department engaged in 2013–14 to cover vacant positions and what has been the total cost of those temporary staff arrangements?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: While Ms Carlos is preparing that answer, we naturally have a reasonable degree of non-ongoing staff, particularly in the Antarctic division because of the nature of the operational activities.</p> <p>Ms Carlos: In the current financial year from 1 July, 2013 through to 30 April, 2014 we have had 304 non-ongoing commencements. A very large part of those are staff that are used in either the Antarctic division or</p>	26 May 14 8

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				<p>indeed in parks and who have a very high level of seasonal type employment. They are not necessarily staff that are used to replace existing positions. So they are a mix of different types. But 304 non-ongoing, and that is a headcount figure.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What has been the total cost of those engagements?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I could not tell you what that is. We would have to take that on notice.</p>	
123	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Contract period	<p>Senator URQUHART: What has been the average contract period for those staff and how many were engaged through a recruitment agency?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I do not have that information with me. I'll have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I might just observe that a lot of the National Parks and the Australian Antarctic Division recruitment will occur through their own recruitment processes rather than additional departmental processes.</p> <p>Ms Carlos: As a general rule our non-ongoing staff are obtained through advertising through the gazette process, not through contract agencies or head hunters. But we do use them occasionally.</p>	26 May 14 8
124	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Applications approved by the Public Service Commissioner	<p>Senator URQUHART: How many of those required the approval of the Public Service Commissioner?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I would have to check that because a number of those would have come on board prior to the recruitment processes. Of those 41 engagements, eight of those were prior to the recruitment processes coming into place, six occurred in November, two in December, two in January and then 23 in February—and that was our graduate round. So all of those post-November and beyond would have required approval</p>	26 May 14 8

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				from the Public Service Commission.	
125	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Applications declined by the Public Service Commissioner	<p>Senator URQUHART: How many applications did the commissioner refuse?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I do not have any information on refusals, but the department requested the Public Service Commissioner's approval to recruit two critical specialist roles on 65 occasions.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide on notice whether there were any refusals by the commissioner?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: Yes, Senator.</p>	26 May 14 8-9
126	Corporate: CSD	Ruston	Redundancy Programme	<p>Senator RUSTON: Sorry if I ask a number of questions that have already been asked, but I am trying to work out what part of this redundancy program is actually still the residual from the reduction in numbers that were required of the department prior to the election and how much are in line with the 2.5 per cent efficiency dividend that, obviously, we sought for the department to deliver. What is the status of the voluntary redundancy program that was introduced by the previous government? Has that been completed, and if it hasn't been, where is it at?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: It is not possible to allocate specific redundancies to a specific efficiency measure. The organisation overall has to manage its budget to the bottom line. The reductions in our funding are a combination of many items—not only efficiency dividends, but also programs that have ceased from quite some time ago. There are impacts on the funding for the organisation across the course of the forward estimates. So it is not possible to say clearly. We do not allocate a particular cadre. We can say that the redundancies that we have run up until now have been in line with our budget to make sure that we can manage the budget for this year. The redundancy program that we are</p>	26 May 14 13

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				<p>running now is to manage our budget into the forward years.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I am a little confused, I must say, with that answer.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: The point is that we have a series of decisions over a number of years which go to various efficiency savings, be they efficiency dividends or staff management requirements. We can work out what the dollar value of that cost is so that we get a sense, over time, of what it means to the dollar value of a particular efficiency dividend or the nature of a measure to the department's budget. That is a significant amount that accumulates over time, depending on the nature of the efficiency dividend. The difficulty is that when it comes down to the actual staff number that is associated with that, on average we can say that staff numbers will be x for a particular dollar value reduction in our budget. But at times we have operational decisions or operational control over it. So do we absorb into some other area or do we look, for example, at supplier expenses as opposed to losing a job. So we can, on average, make an allocation. We can work out the dollar value of different measures that affect the department's budget and on average we can say what that would be notionally for staff reductions. But it is an average allocation. It would not necessarily be so precise that we can associate this particular job with that particular dollar lost through a dividend save or through a program reduction. We have some flexibility in how we manage our budget.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might have to take on notice to see whether we can provide you with some more precise information in response to that question</p>	
127	Corporate:	Ruston	Redundancy	Senator RUSTON: Was there anything in particular to your department that stuck out that was actually impacting your ability to deliver your	26 May 14

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	CSD		Programme	<p>programs and were they the sorts of criteria that you put forward to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: The Department of Finance had a template that we were required to complete, so I can take that on notice and get that for you.</p>	15
128	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Efficiency dividends	<p>Senator WATERS: Factoring in all of those annual efficiency dividends and then the additional ones on top of them, what has been the reduction to the department's funding in real terms over the last decade?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: That one we will have to take on notice. We have a sense for recent efficiency dividends. The efficiency dividends, as the minister said, are complex creatures because there are different kinds of efficiency dividends. There are ones that are a permanent reduction of dollar value to the department's budget and there are ones that are just a one-off in the year and which are then reversed or stopped the following year.</p>	26 May 14 18
129	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	PBS: Outcome 1	<p>Senator URQUHART: I am going to ask you about the budget. Previous outcomes 2 and 5 are now rolled into outcome 1. Can you explain how the budget for the new outcome is \$142.3 million less in 2014–15 than the previous budget for those combined outcomes? Are functions being discontinued or delegated?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: That is a very broad question, Senator. I have it at 100 less.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You are saying \$100 million less, not \$140 million?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: The table on page 35 of the PBS document has the outcome funding from the estimated total funding for expenses from 2013–14 through to 2014-15, and that is as Dr de Brouwer said, \$816 million down to \$716 million. The funding for each of those structures has been</p>	27 May 14 21

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				<p>mapped like-for-like. So it is a \$100 million reduction and that is across all of not only departmental but administered functions as well.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you to provide the details on notice if you can, and then I can provide you with a bit more detail.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: Yes, thank you. Looking at that table in program 1.3, I suspect that a large part of that reduction is going to relate to changes around some of the carbon arrangements, particularly around the biodiversity fund. We'll come back on that.</p>	
130	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Current employees	<p>How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) State and Territory b) Age c) Gender d) APS level classification e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing) 	Written
131	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Staff numbers as at 30 June 2013	<p>How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) State and Territory b) Age c) Gender d) APS level classification e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing) 	Written
132	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Staff numbers as at 18 September 2013	<p>How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) State and Territory 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Age c) Gender d) APS level classification e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing) 	
133	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – functions transferred	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another? 2. For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Number of staff employed before and after the transfer, b) Where the function was based before and after the transfer. 3. For each employee transferred please provide the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) Their APS classification d) The wage of the employee before and after the transfer e) The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer. f) A description of their position before and after the transfer. g) The dates of their transfer h) An explanation for why the employee was transferred i) Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra j) Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer. 	Written
134	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide - Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these positions were ongoing? b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian 	Written

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				<p>Capital Territory?</p> <p>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p>	
135	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Voluntary redundancies	<p>For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:</p> <p>a) Their age</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) The APS classification level of their position e) Their wage f) Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) g) Where they were located h) A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.). i) The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. j) Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy. k) Please provide all relevant dates 	
136	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide - Redeployed	<p>For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position before and after redeployment d) The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment e) Their wage before and after redeployment f) Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment g) Where they were located before and after redeployment h) Please provide the reason for the redeployment i) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment j) Please provide all relevant dates 	Written

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137	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Forced redundancies	<p>1. Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>2. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p>	Written
138	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Forced redundancies	<p>For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:</p> <p>a) Their age</p> <p>b) Their gender</p> <p>c) A description of their position</p> <p>d) The APS classification level of their position</p> <p>e) Their wage at retrenchment</p> <p>f) Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing)</p> <p>g) Where they were located</p> <p>h) A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.)</p> <p>i) The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant</p> <p>j) Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>k) Please provide all relevant dates</p>	Written

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139	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Non-ongoing contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended? 2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)? 4. For every approved extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The employees age b) Their gender c) A description of their position. d) Their APS classification level e) Their wage f) Where they are located g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS h) The length of the approved extension i) The reason why the extension was submitted j) The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC k) Please provide all relevant dates 5. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC? 6. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The employee's age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage e) Where they were located f) Their length of continuous employment at the APS 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) The length of the extension sought by the department/agency h) The reason why the extension was submitted i) The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC j) Please provide all relevant dates 	
140	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Non-ongoing contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval? 2. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The employee's age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage e) Their position's APS level classification f) Where they were located g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS h) The length of the extension granted by the department/agency i) The reason why the extension was granted j) Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval? k) The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval l) Please provide all relevant dates 	Written
141	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Non-ongoing contracts expired	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension? 2. For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without 	Written

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			without extension	extension please provide the following details: a) The employee's age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage e) Their position's APS level classification f) Where they were located g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS h) The reason why the extension was not sought for their position i) Please provide all relevant dates	
142	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – New non-ongoing contracts	Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?	Written
143	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Non-ongoing contracts	1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval? 2. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC? 3. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage e) Where their position is located f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their non-ongoing contract h) Whether their position was advertised externally	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The reason for engaging this new employee. j) The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement k) Please provide all relevant dates <p>4. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>5. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Where their position is located e) Their wage f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their non-ongoing contract h) Whether their position was advertised externally i) The reason for engaging this new employee j) The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement k) Please provide all relevant dates 	
144	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Non-ongoing contracts	<p>1. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>2. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Where their position is located f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their non-ongoing contract h) Whether their position was advertised externally i) The reason for engaging this new employee j) The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval. k) Please provide all relevant dates 	
145	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Ongoing contracts	Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?	Written
146	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Ongoing engagements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval? 2. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 3. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Their wage e) Where their position is located f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their ongoing contract h) Whether their position was advertised external i) The reason for engaging this new employee j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement 	Written

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				<p>k) Please provide all relevant dates</p> <p>4. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>5. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Where their position is located e) Their wage f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their ongoing contract h) Whether their position was advertised externally i) The reason for engaging this new employee j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement k) Please provide all relevant dates 	
147	Corporate: CSD	Lundy	Portfolio wide – Ongoing contracts	<p>1. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>2. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age b) Their gender c) A description of their position d) Where their position is located e) Their wage f) Their position's APS level classification g) The length of their ongoing contract 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) Whether their position was advertised externally i) The reason for engaging this new employee j) The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission. k) Please provide all relevant dates 	
148	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	The Departments Capability Assessment Process	When questioned on redundancies on Monday 26 May, the Department referred to a Capability Assessment Process. We have since looked over the Department's Capability Assessment Process May 2014 draft document and it appears to be a forced redundancy program for unsuccessful applicants (see page 7). Can the Department clarify if any there will be any forced redundancies as a result of the Capability Assessment Process, and if so, how many?	Written
149	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	MOG – Indigenous Programmes	<p>Can the Department provide the following information with respect to the consolidation of Indigenous programs into PMC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many staff will be moved to PMC or made redundant b) What functions and programs originally within the Department of Environment will be moved to PMC c) What functions and programs have been or will be changed or ceased. 	Written
150	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Delegation of Approvals	<p>Can the Department provide the following information with respect to Delegation of Approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any planned or intended staff redundancies b) How many staff will be seconded to state Departments c) Timeframe for redundancies and secondments 	Written
151	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	PBS – Outcome 1	Outcomes 2 and 5 from the previous configuration of the Department have now been rolled into Outcome 1. The table on page 25 of the Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) for 2014-15 shows that funding for the	Written

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				new Outcome 1 is \$100m less in 2014-15 than estimated final for 2013-14. However, when the figure for 2014-15 is compared to figures for the 3 Outcomes in the 2013-14 PBS (refer tables on pages 36, 40, 47, 50, 69 and 73), the figure is actually \$156.5million less from 2013-14 to 2014-15. Can you please explain this discrepancy in detail?	
152	Corporate: CSD	Urquhart	Portfolio wide: Climate change terminology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department or any of its agencies received any advice from the Minister or a directive from the Secretary to refer to “climate change” as climate variability in all communications? 2. Has the Department or any of its agencies received any directive from the Minister or Secretary to alter or minimise the use of “climate change” in any communications? 	Written
153	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – briefings for other parties	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information? 	Written

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154	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – provision of equipment – Ministerial	<p>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written
155	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Enterprise bargaining agreements (EBAs)	<p>Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. Please list their starting and expiration dates. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written
156	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Staff transfers	<p>How many people does your department employ?</p> <p>What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p>	Written
157	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Canberra based staff	<p>How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</p> <p>b) How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>c) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>d) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the</p>	Written

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				<p>figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>e) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>f) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>g) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>h) For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>i) For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>j) Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	
158	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these positions were ongoing? b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these employees were ongoing? b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 	
159	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – voluntary redundancies	<p>For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located. b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d) Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. e) Please provide all relevant dates. 	Written
160	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – employees	<p>For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and 	Written

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

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162	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts	<p>How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p>	Written
163	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contract extensions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 2. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 3. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 	Written
164	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contract extensions	<p>How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a 	Written

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				description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.	
165	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts expired without extension	How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? a) For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.	Written
166	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts	How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? a) How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election? b) How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? c) For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.	Written
167	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – non-ongoing contracts	1. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? a) For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS	Written

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				<p>level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>2. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>	
168	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – on-going contracts	<p>How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>b) How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>c) For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>d) How many of these new ongoing employee applications were</p>	Written

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				<p>rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>e) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>f) How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>g) For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>	
169	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Conditions of Government contracts and agreements	<p>Since 7 September 2013;</p> <p>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?</p> <p>a) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>b) Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>c) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? e) 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? f) 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? g) If no consultation has occurred, why not? h) 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? 	
170	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – vending machines	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written
171	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office recreation facilities	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	
172	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - appointments	<p>Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. c) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place. d) Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail the changes made. 	Written
173	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written
174	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – electronic equipment	<p>Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the items b) List the items location or normal location c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment 	Written

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				<p>classification level</p> <p>d) List the total cost of the items</p> <p>e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>f) List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	
175	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - TV	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written
176	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - Newspaper	<p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written
177	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - magazine	<p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written

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178	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media subscriptions - publications	<p>What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written
179	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <p>a) the date they were ordered</p> <p>b) the date they commenced</p> <p>c) the minister responsible</p> <p>d) the department responsible</p> <p>e) the nature of the review</p> <p>f) their terms of reference</p> <p>g) the scope of the review</p> <p>h) Whom is conducting the review</p> <p>i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>j) the expected report date</p> <p>k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs</p> <p>l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</p>	Written
180	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <p>a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g) If yes, for each, who selected them h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, i) If yes, please detail what involvement it was j) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list k) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur l) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department m) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 	
181	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please list them. b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 	Written
182	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p>	Written
183	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - reviews	<p>What reviews are planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When will each planned review be commenced? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) When will government respond to each review? 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Will the government release each review? e) If so, when? If not, why not? 	
184	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each item of expenditure and cost b) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? c) Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written
185	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Report printing	<p>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? A. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal</p>	Written
186	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in 	Written

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				<p>February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	
187	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written

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188	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written
189	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date the lease agreement is active from. b) Date the lease agreement ends. c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d) Location of the building (City and state). 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 	
190	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease not renewed	<p>Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date from which the lease agreement was active. b) Date the lease agreement ended. c) Why was the lease not renewed? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 	Written
191	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease in the next 12 months	<p>Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c) Expected location of the building (City and state). d) Expected cost of the lease. e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget? f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 	Written
192	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – buildings occupancy rate	<p>For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written
193	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – workplace assessments	<p>How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each item of expenditure and cost b) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 	Written

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				c) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	
194	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – provision of equipment	Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. a) List the items b) List the purchase cost c) List the ongoing cost d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.	Written
195	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014: a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written
196	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – department upgrades	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these changes c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, who conducted the works? e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written
197	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – wine coolers/fridges	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	
198	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office plants	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written
199	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Senate Estimates briefing	<p>How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification b) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? c) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? d) If so, when did this occur? e) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. f) When were the changes made? g) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 	Written

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200	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Question Time	<p>How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification b) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? c) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? d) If so, when does this occur? e) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. f) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014. 	Written
201	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - functions	<p>Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function e) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office 	Written
202	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – hire cars	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written
203	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – land costs	<p>How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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) b) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. c) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (b)? d) What is the value of the items identified in (b)? e) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (b)? 	
204	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building costs	<p>How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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). b) In regards to any building identified, 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
205	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – taxi costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each	Written

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				business group in each department/agency. a) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	
206	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Boards	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014; a) how often has each board met, break down by board name; b) what travel expenses are provided; c) what is the average attendance at board meetings; d) how does the board deal with conflict of interest; e) what conflicts of interest have been registered; f) what remuneration is provided to board members; g) how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? i) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j) what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;	Written
207	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Shared resources following MoG changes	Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? a) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? b) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written
208	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – contracts under \$10,000	Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.	Written

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209	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – contracts for Temporary staff	<p>How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>a) How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>b) How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?</p> <p>c) How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>d) How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?</p> <p>What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?</p> <p>How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?</p>	Written
210	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – prequalified multi-use list tenders	<p>Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?</p> <p>a) Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</p> <p>b) Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>c) Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>d) Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel</p> <p>e) Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels</p> <p>f) Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</p>	Written
211	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – unallocated equipment	<p>Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</p> <p>Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	Written
212	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - official residences	<p>Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since</p>	Written

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				<p>Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function <p>Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	
213	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – hospitality and entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) 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. d) 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. 	Written

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				<p>e) 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.</p> <p>f) 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.</p> <p>g) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	
214	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Computers – Minister's Office	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	Written
215	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - computers	List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written
216	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – travel costs – accompanying Minister or Parliamentary Secretary	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel 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).	Written
217	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - travel costs departmental	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written

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				What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	
218	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – travel costs - Ministerial	<p>From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written
219	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - grants	<p>Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. b) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written
220	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government payments of accounts	<p>From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? d) 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? e) 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014? f) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	
221	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – credit cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>Please update details of the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written
222	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – meeting costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written

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				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
223	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – executive coaching and leadership training	<p>1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total spending on these services The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 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) <p>2. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total amount spent on the service A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The location used 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location <p>4. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>5. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>	
224	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing profile	<p>What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written
225	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing reductions	<p>How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. b) 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. c) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. d) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. e) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff? 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff? g) What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position h) How do the packages differ from the default public service package? i) How is the department/agency funding the packages? 	
226	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – staffing recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written
227	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – coffee machines purchased	<p>Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come 	Written

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				from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	
228	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – coffee machines rented or leased	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff useage? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b) Why are coffee machines rented? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written
229	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – corporate cars	How many cars are owned by each department/agency? a) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? b) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? d) How many cars are leased by each department/agency? e) Where are the cars located?	Written

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				f) What are the cars used for? g) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? h) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	
230	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. a) 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. b) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? i. If so, which ones and why?	Written
231	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Voluntary Redundancies 2014-15	Senator WATERS: Okay. I thought that I jotted down earlier that you said you were not expecting any further voluntary redundancies in 2014–15, but that you were expecting further reductions in 2015–16. Can I just couch that in the context of some reports that there were going to be 500 job losses over the next three years? Is that in relation to those later years and which precisely are we talking about in terms of the years? Ms Carlos: The 250 voluntary redundancies—the program that we are targeting now—will ensure that we can live within our 2014–15 budget and start our 2015–16 financial year with an affordable staffing level going forward. If we were to start that financial year above our affordable level, it would be quite problematic because we would have to reduce staff through the course of the year for it to be affordable. There are further reductions in 2016–17, and that is what I was referring to before.	26 May 14 15

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				<p>So we will have to reduce some staff. Presumably to start the 2016–17 year we will have to reduce some further staffing in 2015-16. Now, that may occur through natural attrition. It is a little bit far out to try and estimate that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: What was the number on the 2016–17 reduction?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: The overall departmental operating budget reduces from 2015–16 to 2016–17 by about \$27 million.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: How many staff? Do we have a staff number?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: We have not forecast out that far with staffing levels yet.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So where do those 500 jobs come from, then?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: It will be in a large part across that forward estimates period. I just don't have that data with me, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. So we don't know the numbers but we do know that it will add up to 500. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I do have a rough estimate that goes with that dollar profile. I just do not have it with me.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would you mind tabling that at your earliest convenience</p>	
232	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – lobbyist register meetings	<p>1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p> <p>2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written
233	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Functions transferred to states	<p>What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</p> <p>Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff</p>	Written

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				employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? How many of these people are employed in Canberra?	
234	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Existing resources programme	Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? a) List each project or piece of work b) List the staffing assigned to each task c) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? d) What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written
235	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Commissioned reports	Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) 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? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written
236	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media monitoring – Minister's office	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c) Itemise these expenses.	Written

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237	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>c) Itemise these expenses</p>	Written
238	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – media training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>e) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>f) the location that this training was provided</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the</p>	Written

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				department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The location used The number of employees who took part on each occasion The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	
239	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information requests	Since September 7, 2013: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? Of those assessed as deliberative documents: For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written
240	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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 List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written
241	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – market research	List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List the total cost of this research List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Who conducted the research? d) How were they identified? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted? g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 	
242	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government advertising	<p>How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each item of expenditure and cost b) List the approving officer for each item c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 	Written
243	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government advertising	<p>What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the total expected cost b) List each item of expenditure and cost c) List the approving officer for each item d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written
244	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 	Written
245	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of	<p>Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p>	Written

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			Information - consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: b) The Department or Agency which was consulted; c) The document; d) The purpose of the consultation; e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; f) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 	
246	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information - consultation	<p>Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: b) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; c) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; d) The purpose of the consultation; e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; f) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension g) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office 	Written
247	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information –	The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013: For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?	Written

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			staffing resources		
248	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – Disclosure log	For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 	Written
249	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – Disclosure log	If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? 	Written
250	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – Disclosure log	Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, please provide the following information in a table: b) On how many occasions charges have been imposed; c) The amount charged for each document d) The total amount charged; e) What is the highest charge that has been imposed. 	Written

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251	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Freedom of Information – Disclosure log	How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? a) Of those, how many were: b) Released in full c) Released in part d) Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest e) Other (please specify)	Written
252	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - advertising	How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies. Please detail each advertising campaign including it's cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning	Written
253	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written
254	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - printing	Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? a) If so, what companies were sued? b) How were they selected? c) What was the total cost of this printing?	Written
255	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – departmental rebranding	1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? b) Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. c) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and	Written

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				<p>then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Signage. e) Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). f) Logos g) Consultancy h) Any relevant IT changes. i) Office reconfiguration. <p>2. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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. 	
256	Director of National Parks	Ruston	World Parks Congress	<p>Ms Barnes: Yes, very happy with that. I do not have the list here, but there are some high profile people from around the world. We are developing some world leaders forums that will generate more interest. I think what people are waiting for is to see whether they have been accepted into the program and then they will sign up. What the final skeleton of the program will look like will hopefully be done by the middle of June. It would have been done sooner, but the IUCN was overwhelmed by the number of submissions to participate in the congress, which is great.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That is a good problem to have.</p> <p>Ms Barnes: Well, good and bad.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Have you done any thumbnail sketches of the kinds of economic benefits that are likely to be generated for Australia being the host?</p>	27 May 14 14

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				<p>Ms Barnes: Certainly in the bid we put forward and in evaluating the process within both governments there were. I do not have those figures with me, but I can get the estimates at the time they were done.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: It would be interesting to note that.</p>	
257	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	Marine Reserves	<p>In relation to the review of the management arrangements for the Commonwealth marine reserves proclaimed in November 2012, can the Department please advise:</p> <p>a. What stage the review is at.</p> <p>b. What consultation has taken place since the management plans proclaimed in November 2012 were set aside?</p> <p>c. Details on who has been consulted. If no consultation has taken place, advice on when the consultation is expected to happen and a consultation framework (how/when/who).</p> <p>d. A date by which the Terms of Reference for the expert scientific panel and the bioregional advisory panel will be released.</p>	Written
258	Director of National Parks	Urquhart	World Parks Congress	<p>1 In Estimates on 27 May the Director of National Parks indicated that 1,741 submissions had been received from people hoping to present at the World parks Congress in November. Can you provide a breakdown of the themes of these submissions as compared to the 8 streams identified for the Congress?</p> <p>2 Can you provide details on the funding set aside to assist delegates from developing countries to attend?</p>	Written
259	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point	<p>Senator WATERS: And did GBRMPA have the opportunity to brief the minister directly on the Abbot Point proposal?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I think that is a question that should be best directed towards the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority when they appear later on this evening.</p>	27 May 14 55

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				<p>Senator WATERS: I will ask them as well, but I am interested in—</p> <p>Dr Dripps: What we can say without the benefit of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority being here is that the minister travelled to Queensland early in the term of being the minister and that he travelled to a range of sites along the coast of Queensland, including Abbot Point, and that he had extensive briefings with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority as part of that trip.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. What dates were those?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I do not recall.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is that prior to the approval decision?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Yes, I am pretty sure it was prior to the decision.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Was it after November?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We will take the date on notice, Senator.</p>	
260	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Williams	GBRMPA redundancies	<p>CHAIR: I was wondering if you could just clarify a few things for the committee, Dr Reichelt. In response to a question on notice after the last estimates hearings you confirmed that the authority is planning 25 redundancies over the three years due to efficiency dividends. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: The bulk of our reductions do stem from the efficiency dividends, but Mr Barrett did explain some other discontinuing—</p> <p>CHAIR: So, you do have 25 redundancies, with the bulk over three years due to efficiency dividends. But in response to another question—question 150—you answered that nil redundancies related to past decisions on efficiency dividends. This is quite confusing. The answer to 118 says yes, efficiency dividends, and then the answer to question 150 was that redundancies related to past decisions on efficiency—</p>	27 May 14 107

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				Senator Cormann: To assist the committee, we might take that on notice in order to provide a precise answer and to reconsider this.	
261	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Urquhart	Provide a list of TUMRAs or ILUAs	<p>Senator URQUHART: I just want to take you to Table O, page 204 of the PBS, relating to KPIs. Could you please provide a list of any new TUMRAs or ILUAs that you expect to finalise this financial year.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: TUMRA is short for Traditional Use Marine Resource Agreements. I will have to check the actual figures. I might need to take that one on notice. But those programs are critical to the managing of, say, traditional hunting—that is the key one. But it does go to other issues for traditional owners along our coast. There are 70 traditional owner units along the coast, and we are seeking to endorse the agreements that they reach under their native title to limit their take of species that are of conservation concern. I do know that 11 or 12 such family groups have in the last 12 months initiated bans on traditional hunting voluntarily, because an element of the Traditional Use Marine Resource Agreement is the sustainability of these iconic species. We have found that by encouraging the cultural authority of elders in the community the amount of unsupported hunting goes down, and it builds capacity in the community as well. One of our roles under that program is to give training—we call it the Eyes and Ears program—to Indigenous rangers along the coast so that when they do collect evidence, for example, on illegal poaching by other Indigenous people who are not traditional owners, they collect evidence that can be used in legal process. So, it is a good program. Your question was actually how many are there, and we expect one or two per year in the program. We have seven, I believe, but I would like to check the figures and give them to you.</p>	27 May 14 106

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				Senator URQUHART: Yes, perhaps you could take that on notice	
262	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Urquhart	Visitor numbers	<p>Senator URQUHART: And attached to that question—and I am happy for you to take this on notice too—can you provide any detail on how you will increase the number of visitors using high-standard tourism operators? And, relating to the percentage of Reef HQ visitors who participate in talks and tours that deliver key messages about the risks to the reef, can you explain what these key messages are?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I can take the detail on notice, but perhaps I could explain to you that the high-standard operators are third-party certified eco-standard operators. We have been working with the tourism industry over many years to see that number increase. It is now heading up towards 60 per cent of all visitors to the Great Barrier Reef on commercial tourism travelling with what we call high-standard operators. That means that these operators adhere to the highest ecological standards for their operation. We encourage that as an incentive program, and we actively promote and make the public aware that operators that have this certification are operating in a highly sustainable way.</p>	27 May 14 106/107
263	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPAs operating budget	<p>Senator WATERS: On that core funding, given that I understand it has not been indexed, what has been the reduction in real terms to GBRMPA's core operating budget?</p> <p>Mr Barrett: We do receive indexation and we also are subject to the efficiency dividend. At the moment, the two balance each other out.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So there has not been an increase in funding over those 14 years, because whatever has been indexed has been lost.</p> <p>Mr Barrett: The total funding has certainly increased in the last eight years. I would have to go back and look at the details of the appropriation.</p>	27 May 14 110

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				Senator WATERS: Would you mind taking that on notice?	
264	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point permit assessment	<p>Senator WATERS: I want to move on now to Abbot Point. Where is the final permit assessment for the dredging and dumping approval and why is that not public? We have got the permit, obviously, but not the permit assessment document.</p> <p>Mr Elliot: We do not normally make the permit assessment document publicly available. We do provide and have provided the statement of reasons for both of the permit decisions, and they can be found on our website.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is that a document that you can make available through this estimates process—the permit assessment?</p> <p>Mr Elliot: That would be subject to a freedom-of-information request, and that would be the normal process by which we would release the document.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So I cannot just ask for it tonight? I have to put in a freedom-of-information request?</p> <p>Mr Elliot: What I do not know is whether it has actually already been provided with documents that have been provided to the Senate.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I know I have not seen it, and I have had quite an interest in FOI documents so far.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: Can I just correct my colleague? I think you can ask for it, certainly.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. Consider that so asked for. Thank you.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: We will take that one on notice.</p>	27 May 14 110
265	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Urquhart	Deregulation agenda	(One-stop-shop) What will GBRMPA's role in supporting the implementation of the Government's deregulation agenda mean for approvals for activities in or near the Reef? How will this work with	Written

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	Authority			regards to GBRMPA's legislative powers?	
266	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Redundancies	<p>Senator WATERS: Directors of which sections have so far been made redundant? You said two. Which divisions were they directing?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: It is one so far: the director of tourism and recreation.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: You said two before. Is it now just one?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: You are referring to directors. People at the EL2 level are not all directors of sections. I think we had expressions from five—or four. Five.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Five, four, two, one?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I can give you the exact figures if I could check it.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That would be helpful.</p>	27 May 14 108
267	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Staffing	Since the Abbot Point dumping permit was granted, how many staff have left the Authority? Did any of those staff take voluntary redundancies? Which positions did those staff hold? Did any staff members cite dissatisfaction with the Abbot Point approval as a reason for their departure?	Written
268	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Voluntary redundancies	Page 207 of the PBS states that “The operating loss in 2013-14 reflects anticipated voluntary redundancies, additional legal costs and depreciation expenses.” How many voluntary redundancies have already been implemented? Is it true that these voluntary redundancies include five of the Authority's highly-credentialed and experienced Directors?	Written
269	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Budget	On PBS page 197-8, Table 1.2 shows that GBRMPA is expected to find budget savings of \$1,026,000 in 14/15. Which programs will this effect? Is this in addition to the \$0.7 million cut per annum announced in Budget Paper No.2?	Written

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270	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Budget	In the Department's PBS p.195 in Table 1.1 the reduction in Departmental appropriation between 13/14 and 14/15 seems to be \$2,102,000, is that correct? How does that relate to the statement in Budget Paper No2 that "The Government will achieve savings of \$2.8 million over four years (including \$0.1 million per annum in capital funding) from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority" which would suggest a cut of only \$0.7million in 2014-15?	Written
271	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Budget	On PBS p.200 Table 2.1 shows the amount planned to be spent by GBRMPA on Outcome 1 in 2014-15. I note that Outcome 1 is the only outcome GBRMPA is responsible for, so this represents the Authority's total expenditure. Table 2.1 shows that the total amount to be spent in 2014-15 is \$5,482,000 less than the amount being spent this financial year (2013-14). Could you explain why there is such a large drop in planned spending, and what programs or activities this will effect?	Written
272	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Compliance staff	How many compliance staff does GBRMPA have, what do they do – how much proactive compliance and monitoring do they do?	Written
273	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Budget	GBRMPA appears to have received \$22M in direct appropriations from the federal Govt essentially every year since at least back to 2002. What is this reduction in real terms for GBRMPA's budget?	Written
274	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Waters	GBRMPA Budget	\$22M in 2002 is approximately \$31M in today's dollars – which is quite a large reduction. Which functions are paid for from this particular budget	Written

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	Authority			and how has that affected GBRMPA's operations over time?	
275	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBRMPA Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan	GBRMPA's Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan, which was \$900,000 in 2012-13, has been axed. But what was involved in that program to date? Does this mean that GBRMPA is no longer able to fund work on what the Reef needs to adapt or survive climate change?	Written
276	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point Approval	I understand that GBRMPA did not directly brief the Minister until the final decision brief was sent in late 2013. Did GBRMPA ever convey to the Minister, by oral or written briefing, the concern that the proposed water quality offsets were "unachievable"?	Written
277	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point Approval	What changed between June 2013 and the final decision brief? Mr Elliot indicated during estimates hearings that the timing of the delivery in the offsets proposal was revised from occurring immediately to occurring over a number of years. Was that the only relevant change in the proposal?	Written
278	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point Approval	Mr Elliot held concerns that the proponent had seriously underestimated the costs of offsets. Does GBRMPA still hold that position?	Written
279	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point Approval	Dr Reichelt wrote an article for the website The Conversation in March 2014. a) Did anyone aside from Mr Reichelt have input into this article? b) Did anyone outside the GBRMPA review the article? If so, please	Written

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				provide their names and organisations represented.	
280	Minister	Ludlam		<p>Senator LUDLAM: How many of those seats are classified as marginal, and how were they chosen?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The sites reflect commitments made by the government prior to its election, and I suspect, from the list we have just heard, you will find that they reflect a diversity of electorates.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That goes in no way at all towards answering my question. Perhaps if you do not have the information at the table you could provide us with a breakdown of those seats—and the margins that prevail in each of those.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The officials have given a breakdown of the seats. I do not believe the Department of the Environment runs a register of electoral margins—that is more the business of the AEC.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you are going to take something on notice, can you also say why those places were selected and what exactly those projects will do.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is the more important question. I guess I can go out and chase whether there are political motivations underlying selection. Maybe you have other criteria or reasons that you use?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: As Ms Hoytink said, those commitments were outlined by the government in the election campaign. We provided the information around the areas in which electorates fell simply because committees often ask us about what moneys are for. We are in no way involved in selecting them by electorate or providing any information or having any engagement around the margins or anything of that order.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I certainly was not trying to insinuate that the department was—I have a strong suspicion that the government, the then</p>	26 May 14 82

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				<p>opposition, might have, but you would not have had visibility of that. To be clear for Senator Urquhart and me, Senator Birmingham has undertaken, rather than the department, to provide the criteria on which those announcements were made prior to the election.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I will endeavour to answer those questions on notice.</p>	
281	Minister	Ludlam		<p>Senator LUDLAM: As long as you are aware that you are sharing the room with people who have nothing like your sense of confidence, that is all. But that is good and that is at odds with some of the things that I had been hearing. So, you can go back and ask for more money. Briefly, back on solar rooftops, is it the case that the conventional fossil generators lobbied the then opposition to abandon the million rooftops program? Were advances made by, effectively, competitors to private solar generators, to drop that initiative?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Do you want to take that on notice, Senator Birmingham?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: It depends on—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: They might not have been lobbying you.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Do you want to know if the minister was lobbied? I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes. Not you personally, but yes the minister.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Or the then shadow minister?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: The shadow minister, or since the election I guess. It was a policy that you took to the election that has been dropped; I would like to know who was part of that decision making process.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I can take that on notice as it relates to Mr Hunt.</p>	26 May 14 84

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				Obviously, I do not want to go and poll every member of the government, but I will take that on notice as it relates to Mr Hunt.	
282	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Urquhart	Staffing levels	<p>Senator URQUHART: What are the numbers at various levels?</p> <p>Mr Nicholas: I do not have the details by classification. You might like us to do that. Regarding the latest information, though, we have obviously responded to questions on notice in the past, so the levels would be very similar. I can provide the new ones for you.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you could update us, that would be great</p>	26 May 14 63
283	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Urquhart	Portfolio Budget Statement – Non-financial assets	<p>Senator URQUHART: I take you to table 3.2.5 on page 248 of the PBS. There is a line for the purchase of non-financial assets. This line shows \$2.01 million per year until it jumps to \$2.322 million in 2017-18. Can you explain it?</p> <p>Mr Nicholas: I would have to get a full description of those. I do not have any specifics here. If I can take that on notice, I can break that down.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Take that on notice. Are you likely to be able to get that back to us over the next day or so?</p> <p>Mr Nicholas: Yes, we can do our best.</p>	26 May 14 63-64
284	National Water Commission	Rhiannon	Waterlines Report No. 59	<p>Senator RHIANNON: In your Waterlines report, No. 59 October 2011, it is suggested: A streamlined, standardised national framework for assessing the cumulative effects of mining on groundwater and connected systems... would be one way of dealing with the impacts of mining on groundwater. How are developments going with regard to that? Are there any other ideas that you have in mind, because you do say 'one way'?</p> <p>Ms Olsson: Yes. I do not think I could say there would be much progress with regard to one streamlined system with regard to groundwater, but I will take that on notice and give you the full detail.</p>	26 May 14 54

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285	National Water Commission	Rhiannon	2011 Assessment of the National Water Initiative Report	<p>Senator RHIANNON: In the report, you note: Exemption mechanisms continue to operate in some jurisdictions, and further work is required to manage dewatering and the cumulative effects of mining activities. Can you tell us whether this has been progressed and how it is going?</p> <p>Ms Olsson: It has been progressed by a number of jurisdictions. The detail will be in the triennial assessment. I would risk making an error if I tried to outline the processes now. We could take that on notice and give you a response to the different processes. They vary quite substantially between jurisdictions.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: It would be good if you could take that on notice. In the same report, recommendation 8 states: The Commission urges states and territories to review their existing mining and petroleum regulatory arrangements to ensure that water resource impacts are addressed explicitly, and that those extractive activities are fully integrated into NWI-consistent planning and management regimes. Can you also report on how progress is going with regard to this?</p> <p>Ms Olsson: Yes. I will also take that on notice, because it varies between jurisdictions. A number of jurisdictions have made a lot of progress in this area since 2011.</p>	26 May 14 53-54
286	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Ludwig	Official hospitality and entertainment	<p>Follow up questions with reference to the following questions: Additional Estimates, 2014 Q No 115 – Official Hospitality and Entertainment The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, according to the answer I received, spent \$10,320 on a “Tenant and Volunteer Christmas Function”. Could you please provide a detailed cost breakdown for this event?</p>	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approximately how long did the event run for? b) How many people attended the event? c) How many of these were volunteers? d) How many of these were tenants? e) Were there any other people who were neither volunteers or tenants in attendance? If yes, please detail how they are connected with the Trust. f) Were any tenants or volunteers not invited? If not please detail why not. g) How were people selected to attend the event? Please break down by volunteers, tenants and any other categories of people who were invited. h) Who was contracted to provide catering? i) How were they selected? j) Which venue was hired to host the event? k) How was it selected? 	
287	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	<p>How does the development of a residential aged care facility on Trust Land on Middle Head not result in a gross alienation of public land in the Middle Head precinct?</p> <p>How does the aged care development fit with the rest of the Trust's activities?</p>	Written
288	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – Management plan	Given that neither the original nor the revised proposal would comply with the Trust's own Management Plan, why is the Trust seeking to change that Management Plan to fit with the developer's proposal instead of rejecting the proposal?	Written
289	Sydney Harbour Federation	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – heritage-listed	<p>How is the demolition or partial demolition of heritage-listed buildings consistent with -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Trust's independent expert's report commissioned to inform 	Written

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	Trust		buildings	<p>its Management Plan for Middle Head and surrounds, which rates those heritage buildings highly as “rare” and “significant”?</p> <p>b) The Godden Mackay Logan report of 1998 on which the Commonwealth Heritage listing of those buildings was based?</p>	
290	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – Report by Graham Brooks and Associates	<p>What is the Trust’s response to a new report by heritage and conservation expert Graham Brooks and Associates Pty Ltd, which strongly criticises the report of the developer for the aged care centre as inconsistent with the Burra Charter (Charter for heritage conservation) and for failing to address the relevant government guidelines?</p> <p>If the Trust judges that this report is incorrect please nominate which sections the Trust has been determined are incorrect and the basis on which those determinations are made?</p>	Written
291	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	<p>Has the Trust commissioned its own report on this matter, or is the Trust relying on the developer’s report? If the Trust has commissioned a report is that publicly available? If not why not?</p>	Written
292	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – bushfire protection	<p>Given the isolated location and bushfire prone safety risk to Middle Head, what bushfire protection will be provided on the South East of the site with regards to grass fires and bushfires, and ember storms? What other bushfire precautions are being proposed?</p>	Written
293	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – logistics of evacuation	<p>What special measures have been proposed in order to deal with elderly people and people with limited mobility if there is a bushfire on or around Middle Head? How would the Trust deal with logistics of evacuation of all occupants of such a facility in accordance with modern best practice to ensure no lives are lost?</p>	Written

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294	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – bushfire event	Considering insurance companies are now suing NSW firefighters for failing to stop NSW fires entering the ACT, what consideration has the Trust given to a situation where it is held responsible for a bushfire or for failing to properly deal with a such an event before it enters the leasehold of the residential aged care facility?	Written
295	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Trust budget 2013/14	<p>What is the current revenue/expenses budget for the period from 1/7/2013 to 30/6/2014 for the Trust and could the figures be presented in same form as annual report and accounts?</p> <p>a) What are the revenue budgets for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 years (similarly presented)?</p> <p>b) If these budgets include any income or cost from the proposed Residential Aged Care Facility, please provide details.</p> <p>c) If not, please provide the Trust's financial model/s for the proposed Residential Aged Care Facility.</p> <p>d) Please provide details of the Trust's revenue figures for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 financial years, split into the various sites from or in respect to which the Trust derives revenue.</p>	Written
296	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – submissions received	<p>Has the Trust received submissions regarding the Residential Aged Care Facility? If so are they available publicly? If not why not?</p> <p>Has the Trust received submissions regarding the advertising of Trust properties for sale or lease in Chinese media? If so are they available publicly? If not why not?</p> <p>Has the Trust received submissions concerning financial planning following termination of Government funding and in particular long leasing of properties on Middle Head, including considerations of the</p>	Written

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				impact on the environment, the need to alter the Trust's plan/s and the likely reaction of the public? If so are they available publicly? If not why not?	
297	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	What plans does the Trust have to handle any decision to not proceed with the Residential Aged Care Facility?	Written
298	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – revised proposal	With regard to the revised proposal for the residential care facility what were the factors that contributed to the Trust's decision to submit a revised proposal? Did adverse public reaction impact on the Trust's decision to submit a revised proposal?	Written
299	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	Despite 10 Terminal at Middle Head being on the Commonwealth Heritage List and having historical significance because of the military link with other, earlier nearby sites, the proposal for the aged care facility suggests that this heritage status is no longer warranted. On what basis was this decision arrived at? Are you aware that the report by Graham Brooks and Associates has a different view? Has the Trust considered that its downgrading of the heritage status of 10 Terminal could be incorrect?	Written
300	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	Considering the proposal refers to the adaptive re-use and sympathetic adaptive re-use of 10 Terminal, does the Trust reject the assessment made by Graham Brooks and Associates that the reality of the proposal is "demolition" of most, if not all, of 10 Terminal?	Written
301	Sydney Harbour	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	Considering that CCG, the developer's architects, in their executive summary for the aged care facility propose an archival record and a	Written

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	Federation Trust			professionally assembled interpretive programme, how is this consistent with adaptive re-use? Is that not an acknowledgment that substantial demolition of a Commonwealth Heritage listed place would in fact occur?	
302	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility – compliance	Can I please have copies of any reports which deal with the investigations into all the compliance and safety issues of the Residential Aged Care Facility?	Written
303	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rhiannon	Residential aged care facility	Has the Trust commissioned or undertaken a report which discusses any perceived difficulties in managing the relationship and liabilities of the two entities (developer and the Trust) for the period of the lease? If so is this report available publicly? If not why not?	Written
304	1.5: EACD	Ruston	NOPSMEA	<p>Senator RUSTON: So the lion's share of the \$120 million you are referring to is going to NOPSEMA?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: That is for NOPSEMA—the \$120 million. There is more on top of that that will come.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Just generally in that area, one of the things that I noticed was that there seemed to be a lot of complaints about backlogs and the like for projects that were already seeking environmental approvals prior to the election. Have we seen any improvement of that backlog? Have some of the changes that you have been able to make already assisted in trying to clear the backlog of projects?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I commented earlier on about the approvals since September. There would have been a certain number of approvals of a value of about \$500 billion. I can also indicate that in 2011-12 we had 42 projects with late approval decisions; that is down to 32. It is still not an</p>	27 May 14 61-62

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				<p>inconsequential amount, but, nonetheless, we are getting the number of late approvals down.</p> <p>As our understanding of the environment and how to manage it improves and companies are giving us better information at the front end, it is allowing us to use assessments on the basis of preliminary documentation. We make those types of decisions when we have a good grasp of the risks and also the information provided by the proponents is very strong. I do not have specific figures at hand, unfortunately, but I could take it on notice to give you an idea of the increase in those preliminary documentation types of assessments versus full-blown environmental impact statements which place a larger impost on companies in general.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: I suppose it would be interesting to see what your projected increase in efficiency in dealing with future projects might be after you have had the opportunity to further implement your deregulation program across agencies.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: Yes, absolutely.</p>	