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1	Williams	ASIC	Whistleblowers	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: I refer to an ASIC media release where you banned Ricky Gillespie for life. ASIC says, 'An ASIC investigation found during 2008 and 2009, Mr Gillespie failed to comply with financial services laws; forged clients' signatures on documents such as a direct debits' et cetera, and you banned him for life. I put to you the case of one in the media of late, Mr Nguyen. Ms Jan Braun went to ASIC and showed you the forged signatures and the transferring of accounts. When her signature was put on a paper she was actually, at one stage, in Madrid and at another stage in Fiji. She cannot be in two places at once. Yet with Mr Nguyen, you struck him out for seven years. Why was he not scrubbed out for life—running parallel to Mr Gillespie?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: In relation to Mr Gillespie, we prefer not to comment.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: You have got your media release on it.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: That matter is before the AAT, so it would be inappropriate for us to comment.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Fair enough.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: In relation to Mr Nguyen, the AAT upheld the decision that was made by ASIC.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: But the point is this: when Miss Braun sat down with your staff through—and this was before you scrubbed Mr Nguyen out—and took them the forged signatures and the wrongdoing et cetera, your staff said that that evidence was not necessary with the AAT. Will reinvestigate this as far as forged signatures go? I can get them to you.</p> <p>Mr Kell: In terms of the matter before the AAT, as I say, the AAT affirmed our decision.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: No.</p> <p>Mr Kell: It is not appropriate for us to take new matters to the AAT after the initial hearing.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: If you scrub someone out for seven years and new information comes along, can you make a decision to revisit and perhaps give a stricter punishment?</p> <p>Mr Kell: What we have achieved I have put on the public record—</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: No, I want you to answer the question. Can you revisit it with new information?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We think this is a very significant outcome for the clients of common law financial</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 81

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				<p>planning.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Chair, I am not talking about the outcome. I am asking a question. They have scrubbed a financial planner out for seven years. If new evidence comes forward, can they revisit that? It is a simple question—yes or no.</p> <p>CHAIR: Order!</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: They are matters that are before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. It would be highly inappropriate for government officers to be commenting on matters—</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: They are not.</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: One of them is.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: One of them is. Mr Nguyen has been there. He has appealed it. The appeal was not upheld. They agreed with ASIC. I am asking, can you revisit it? It is a yes or no answer.</p> <p>CHAIR: Let me give some guidance to the officer. The senator has asked a question. He is entitled to ask the question. You are obliged to respond. Once you respond, that is the end of it.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: In terms of the specific question, that is a legal issue and I would need to take that on notice and get advice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay</p>	
2	Cormann	ASIC	Unclaimed Monies	<p>Senator CORMANN: Mr Kell, I refer you to the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Unclaimed Money and Other Measures) Act, which is a measure that was part of the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2012-13. Given that we are now past the 31 May 2013 deadline for transfers under that particular piece of legislation, can you advise the committee, in gross terms, how much unclaimed money has been transferred to ASIC initially from the inactive bank accounts of individuals?</p> <p>Mr Kell: Given that that 31 deadline has only just passed, we will have to take it on notice to come back to you with the full figure.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You have no data about how much money—</p> <p>Mr Kell: We do not have full data at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Okay, then up until when you have data available: what is the most recent data that you have?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We have full data for last financial year, which we can report on.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you have no data for the year to date—</p> <p>Mr Kell: I do not have the partial data in front of me for this period, but I am happy to take that on</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 82

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				<p>notice and provide it.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It is highly unsatisfactory, I have to say, Mr Kell, because this was obviously a very contentious measure out of the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook. People across Australia are losing their money out of their bank accounts left, right and centre, and you are not prepared to answer questions here at estimates about how much money you have collected?</p> <p>Mr Kell: Your question, as I understood it, was how much has come in at 31 May.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: This financial year, up until 31 May.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Which is when the supplementary figures were coming through as a result of the changes. We do not have full data on that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What data have you got?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The banking unclaimed money that is currently held by ASIC is \$315 million in total. The additional amount that was received in 2011-12 was an additional \$61 million.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How much money have you collected between 1 January 2013 and 31 May 2013?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you have no indication at all how much money has been collected by ASIC as a result of the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Unclaimed Money and Other Measures Act) 2012, despite the public outcry that is out there, that the government is grabbing people's money out of their supposedly lost bank accounts left, right and centre?</p> <p>Mr Kell: Public outcry or not, that does not impact on how fast institutions present their money to us and how we are able to process that information.</p>	
3	Cormann	ASIC	Unclaimed Monies #2	<p>Senator CORMANN: Mr Kell, the question remains: how long from when you collect somebody's money until you can actually reunite people with their own money? Given that the government is now going after people's money after three years—instead of making sure that there is an appropriately long period of inactivity before the government goes after people's money—how long before ASIC is able to reunite people with their own money, given that you, at this point of time, do not know how much you have collected?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The process is one that I can describe briefly for you. It has not changed. If someone becomes aware that they have an inactive account—one that has, as a result, been passed on to the government, to the unclaimed moneys account—then they contact their financial institution in the first instance. Say it was a bank, the bank then contacts ASIC. Once they have determined that that</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 83-84

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				<p>is a legitimate claim, it takes us somewhere between two and four weeks to then reunite people with their money. That is the standard process.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: In the interests of time, can you give us, on notice, in relation to bank accounts, life insurance policies, and any of the other categories of, supposedly, lost funds—</p> <p>Mr Kell: I am very happy to do so—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you provide us with an update to 31 May of how much money you have collected?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I will make sure that we provide the most up-to-date information available.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Just to be clear, what I am after is how much you have collected in total, what the average balance in relation to each one of these account types is, and what the highest amount collected over that period is. Has ASIC been involved in the consultation around the proposed changes to the Tax Agent Services Act?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We have been talking to the industry, and others, about how that act will work.</p>	
4	Cormann	ASIC	ASIC Regulatory Guides	<p>Senator CORMANN: How does ASIC envisage that the best interests duty obligation under the future financial advice changes would work under a Tax Agent Services Act supervisory model, where the advice provider may not have the competency or is not the registered tax financial advice agent?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We are currently looking at that very question and we propose to issue some revised guidance on that, literally within a few days. So, that is what we are currently considering.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: This is something that the government wants to come into effect on 1 July 2013. How can people across Australia be expected to be ready for compliance with legislation that has not even passed the parliament yet, for which ASIC has not yet finalised guidance and for which proper regulatory arrangements are not yet in place? How does that work in terms of people being expected to comply with these sorts of arrangements?</p> <p>Mr Kell: ASIC is working very closely with the industry, with groups such as the Financial Services Council and the FBA to make sure that our guidance takes the legislation into account. We are doing this in as rapid a time frame as possible and we are proposing to issue new guidance very soon—a modification to our existing regulatory guide on best interests.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Have you done any consultation in relation to the proposed modifications to your regulatory guides?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We had a meeting with various industry associations last Friday. I was not involved</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 84

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5	Cormann	ASIC	Tax Agents Services Act	<p>Senator CORMANN: Obviously there is a risk that, as of 1 July 2013, a lot of people are going to be noncompliant, given we are in a situation where people will have fewer than two weeks to get themselves compliant with a law that has not even passed the parliament yet. How would ASIC deal with that circumstance?</p> <p>Mr Kell: It is not in our interests to take a very technical approach to that. We will be facilitative. We want to make sure that people can comply with the law, and that is why we are in discussions around how we can modify our regulatory guide on best interests to accommodate the way that industry wants to work with these new requirements.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It puts all of the power on the government's side and all of the risk on the individual financial service professionals' side, doesn't it?</p> <p>Mr Kell: From ASIC's perspective, it is certainly not an area where we plan to go out and target people on 1 July. This is an area where we want to make sure that the industry can operate effectively under the new law, and that is why we are undertaking—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So, even though the new law is supposed to come into effect from 1 July 2013, you are telling us that you are not going to enforce the law from 1 July 2013. From when will you be strictly enforcing the new law which the government says will come into effect on 1 July 2013?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The approach that we have taken to the changes to the financial services laws more generally around FOFA is what we have characterised as a facilitative approach. If we find people who are making genuine efforts to comply but there are systems issues that are making that difficult, it is not in our interests to come down hard. If we find people who are deliberately flouting the law and engaging in conduct that harms consumers, then we will apply the law very rigorously.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: With all due respect, though, you cannot compare it to the situation with FOFA. With FOFA there was a delay in the so-called hard implementation to 1 July 2013. Instead</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 84-85

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				<p>of pressing ahead with implementation from 1 July 2012, the government made a formal change to that and essentially legislated a soft implementation date of 1 July 2012 and a hard implementation date of 1 July 2013. This is a very different circumstance. What you are saying, effectively, is that people should trust you and rely on the fact that you will not be enforcing the law from 1 July 2013 in relation to the changes to the Tax Agent Services Act, even though the government is legislating exactly that as we speak.</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would suggest that ASIC will be in a better position to provide a perspective on that within a very short period of time, once we have clarified how this is going to work through our regulatory guide—and that is what we are currently doing in consultation with the industry.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Have you done any analysis on the impacts on professional indemnity insurance of those changes?</p> <p>Mr Kell: Not that I am aware of, no.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you aware of any cost-benefit analysis or any proper assessment of the impact of the regulatory changes in relation to this?</p> <p>Mr Kell: In relation to professional indemnity insurance?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: No, in relation to the changes to the tax agent—</p> <p>Mr Kell: It is typically not ASIC's role to conduct that sort of cost-benefit analysis. I cannot tell you whether other agencies have done it.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But you have not been asked to provide input into a cost-benefit analysis of these changes?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would have to take that on notice to confirm whether we were or were not.</p>	
6-7	Eggleston	ASIC	Suspension Clauses	<p>Senator EGGLESTON: I would like to talk about suspension clauses. I was on the Bankwest inquiry when the committee looked into this. Evidence was given to the committee that many Bankwest customers found themselves in a position where their businesses were being sold to repay debt under suspension causes and sometimes so-called low-doc loans. Many of these owners regarded what was happening to them as totally unfair. They felt that they should not have been in default and there was no valid reason for the foreclosures. It has been claimed, as I said, that CBA and Bankwest were relying on suspension clauses and low-doc loans to suspend customers' rights against deceptive and unconscionable conduct by the banks in closing them down and selling their assets.</p> <p>I understand that ASIC has been asked to inquire into the role of suspension clauses in the</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 88

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				<p>Bankwest takeover by CBA. Does ASIC believe that there is a gap in the legislative and administrative framework for the supervision of the Australian banking system in protecting bank customers against unreasonable conduct by banks? Should there be an investigation into the conduct of officers and employees of the Commonwealth Bank in the Bankwest matter to determine whether or not bank officers breached financial service laws, especially as many remain in senior positions? As I said, the question is whether there is a gap in the legislative and administrative arrangements for the supervision of Australian banks in protecting bank customers against unreasonable conduct by banks. I would like to put that and some other questions on notice and I wish to table a background document which has been provided to me. I will await ASIC's response with interest and I will follow it up at the next round of estimates.</p> <p>CHAIR: In terms of tabling the document, I will have a look at that before I agree to accept it. I will advise you later.</p>	
8	Kroger	ASIC	Sunland Group's Waterfront Development in Dubai	<p>Senator KROGER: I want to come to correspondence that I have sent to you in the past in relation to the Sunland Group's waterfront development in Dubai, in particular in relation to Matthew Joyce and Marcus Lee. Are you able to provide me with a brief update on the status of that investigation?</p> <p>Mr Savundra: Certainly. The ASIC investigation remains on foot. We wrote to you on 5 April with an update in relation to where matters stand. Matters have not really progressed from that point. The investigation is at a point where to finalise our deliberations we need information from the Dubai authorities. We have approached the Dubai authorities both directly and also through diplomatic channels and we are awaiting receipt of that information.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: Are you able to advise me when those approaches were made?</p> <p>Mr Savundra: I will need to take that on notice, but to give you a rough indication it would have been late last year or early this year. Our investigation commenced following the referral from the Supreme Court of Victoria. I think the referral was in June, and our investigation commenced after that.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 88
9	Ludlam	ASIC	Section 313 of the Telecommunications Act	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I would like to bring us back to where you started. Mr Kell, I missed the beginning of your opening statement. It is probably no surprise that I am going to take you back to that topic. I think part of what I might have missed was where you told us the number of times that ASIC has used section 313 of the Telecommunications Act to knock out a particular website.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Over the past 12 months we have used the power 10 times. Just to clarify: it is not so</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 90

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10	Ludlam	ASIC	Content Blocking	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I want to very briefly change the subject. I will come back to content blocking. Can I confirm that ASIC supports the retention of telecommunication data and also content? I note that Commissioner Tanzer, at the hearing of the joint committee on 27 September in Sydney, was pretty forthright about ASIC's inability to access lawfully intercepted information. This relates to the data retention proposals that were forwarded by the Attorney-General to the joint committee. Could you confirm for us that it is ASIC' view that a data retention scheme would be good for the work of the agency?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I do not think we have changed our view from what Commissioner Tanzer said on that occasion. I do not have before me exactly what he said.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: For what length of time do you believe telecommunication data should be retained?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We would have to take some of those issues on notice.</p> <p>Mr Price: If data retention were introduced, I think it would be subject to an appropriate consultation process about length of time and so forth.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 91-92

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				<p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes. I am interested to know what ASIC would bring to the table. It would certainly need a degree more consultation than it has had thus far, but what is the position of ASIC? That is what I am interested in while we have you here.</p> <p>Mr Price: That is a hypothetical question, I think.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: No, not at all. It is real and present. Your commissioner has been telling the committee what ASIC's policy is. I am just trying to draw you out on some details that were not canvassed. For what length of time do you believe data retention should be implemented? For what forms of data—whether it is just the traffic data or the telecommunication's data or also content? Do you support the Attorney-General's view that it should be rolled across the entire population of the country, including, obviously, everyone sitting in this room?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I think it would be better for us to take those questions on notice. We are happy to provide a response.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: And the purpose of that, as to whether or not it would actually improve your record of successfully prosecuting people? Perhaps we could go to the cause or why.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Yes.</p>	
11	Ludlam	ASIC	Global Capital Wealth Case	<p>Senator LUDLAM: You posted a press release on 22 March that had a bit of pickup, at least in the Fairfax and the online tech press on subsequent days, about the global capital wealth case, which is the one that was subject to be overblocking. When did you first hit 'send' on your fax machine on the global capital wealth instance—on what day?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: I would need to have a look at the exact dates. I should say, in relation to global capital wealth—and this gives an indication of the sort of thing that we are up against—there were four locations, as far as I know, under different guises, that that criminal organisation had websites up on, trying to defraud Australian consumers.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes. What date did you initiate that block request?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: I am not aware of the exact date. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: On what date were you aware that you had overblocked by a factor of about 1,200?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: I think we were made aware of that on 11 April. That was not in relation to, as far as I am aware, the notice served on 22 or 26 March; it was in relation to a notice served, I think, on 3 April. I clarify that it was a request made. We do not serve notices. It is a request made.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: But it is pursuant to the law of the land. It is a fairly uncompromising request.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 92

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				<p>You are not asking nicely; you are saying, 'You are legally obliged to block this content.' Right?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: The reading of the section is that the telecommunication carrier has to give reasonable assistance. They have the ability to consider whether or not it is reasonable assistance and they could come back to ASIC or to any other requester and raise an issue with us.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: In the 10 notices—I do not know whether to refer to them as notices, but you know what I mean—</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: Requests.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: that you have issued in the last 12 months, have you ever had an instance of an ISP coming back and saying, 'Thanks, but no thanks'?</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you check that on notice, just in case that turns out to be the case? I will bring this to a close.</p>	
12	Ludlam	ASIC	Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Just one last one on notice, if I could, because time is short: could you provide for us the precise section of the act—I presume it is going to be the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—on which you are resting your power to even issue these notices in the first place? Could you provide the committee, on notice, with where you think your legal authorisation to actually issue these letters in the first place derives from? There is a bit of ambiguity about how you are even able to do that. I cannot write to IRNet and ask that a website that offends me be knocked over.</p> <p>CHAIR: You can ask that question.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If they could just provide that on notice, that would be fine.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: We do not provide legal advice, that is all.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: It is not legal advice. I want to know how what you are doing is lawful.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: It is not sites that offend us; it is illegal activities. These are people who are defrauding Australians on a continuous basis.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am not going to that.</p> <p>Mr Mullaly: Well, you mention offending sites. These do not offend; they are illegal.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 93
13	Xenophon	ASIC	Disclosure by Financial	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Did ASIC receive any complaints in relation to disclosure by smaller lenders, such as RAMS and the Bank of Melbourne, that they are in fact majority owned by one of the big four banks?</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 93-

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			<p>Institutions</p> <p>Mr Kell: Sorry?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: There are some smaller financial institutions that promote themselves as being small and niche and almost independent, but in fact they are owned—</p> <p>Mr Kell: I think I understand what you are asking but I would like to clarify. Are you asking whether we have received any complaints generally about their conduct? Or are you asking whether we have received complaints about the fact that people may not understand they are part of a bigger organisation?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Both.</p> <p>Mr Kell: We would have to take on notice the question as to whether we have received, generally, complaints about the conduct of those smaller banks or financial institutions. As to complaints about whether they are adequately disclosing that they are part of a bigger entity, we have received a small number of complains about that from other financial institutions. But, again, I would have to take on notice the exact number.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Have those complaints been subject to investigation or has any dialogue taken place with some of these institutions to say, 'You need to be careful how you advertise yourself in the marketplace, because some people do not realise that you are part of the big four'?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I have two responses. One is: to date, to my understanding, none of them have led to any formal action or investigation on our part. More broadly, we have very regular dialogue with the industry about its advertising, to ensure that it is not misleading and deceptive and that fine print does not hide issues that are important for consumers. So that broader message is something we send on a regular basis through our regulatory guides and otherwise.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So the larger financial institutions—the big four banks—would be aware of the concerns that have been raised by some of the smaller institutions?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I think some of that concern has been quite public, yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No, but from ASIC as the regulator?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would have to take that on notice as to whether we have had any specific dialogue with the big banks on that issue recently.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am just trying to understand whether, at any level, it has been raised with the larger institutions—which, I suppose, would reflect whether ASIC itself sees it as an issue, given the quite vociferous complaints from Abacus and others about this.</p>	94
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14	Xenophon	ASIC	Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Can I just go now to the issue of the review of online databases for use by payday lenders following the Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012. Is that your jurisdiction?</p> <p>Mr Kell: That is ours, yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: What is the progress of this review?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The consultation period has finished and we are currently assessing the submissions that we have received around the database. We are required to report back on that. Off the top of my head, I am not sure what the exact date of that will be. I am happy to give that information to you—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you take that on notice. Also, you may want to take this on notice: how many submissions has ASIC received?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would be very happy to.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Also, what is the general tone of these submissions? Are they predominantly supportive of the changes or otherwise?</p> <p>Mr Kell: Without recalling the exact details, it has been mixed.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 94
15	Xenophon	ASIC	Administrators and Liquidators	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, in terms of administrators and liquidators, Senator John Williams was responsible for instigating what I think was a very useful Senate inquiry back in 2010. That committee reported in September 2010 with a number of recommendations. I do not know whether Senator Williams has raised it with you. So there were a number of recommendations—I think the secretariat: there were 17 recommendations—to deal with some rogue practitioners out there. But I must say, on the record: I have been dealing extensively, recently, with Austin Taylor, the administrator for Spring Gully Foods, a very well-known South Australian company, and have found him to be terrific in the way that he has been supportive. So there are plenty of good guys out there. But Senator Williams's inquiry was driven by concern about the rogue operators. There were a number of recommendations. What has happened to that? What reforms have there been in respect of administrators and liquidators?</p> <p>Mr Price: You may be aware that the government released a draft bill and explanatory memorandum dealing with proposed insolvency law reform, for public comment, on 19 December 2012. The draft bill implements the reform package outlined in the government's proposals paper 'A modernisation and harmonisation of the regulatory framework applying to insolvency practitioners in Australia', which was released in December 2011. ASIC continues to work with Treasury to provide comments on the draft legislation, consequential amendments and so forth. We have also</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 94

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				<p>established an advisory panel which has met twice to consult on aspects of the draft legislation and provide input concerning the implementation of the proposed insolvency law reform initiatives. Treasury and the Attorney-General aim to introduce the law reform in the winter 2013 sittings—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is now, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Price: as I understand.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Good luck with that, because we only have two more sittings.</p> <p>Mr Price: But I am not quite sure of the current status of the bill. That is something you would need to direct towards Treasury.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But it was due to be pushed through in the last two weeks of sitting.</p> <p>Mr Price: Sure. In terms of the timing of the bill, that is not something—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sorry—you cannot push something through unless you introduce it first!</p> <p>That is right. Thank you, Chair!</p> <p>Mr Price: But, in terms of the timing of the bill, that is a question you would need to direct towards Treasury.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure. On notice, can you advise in terms of the proposed government reform. I was aware of that process. But to what extent has it picked up on the 17 recommendations made by the Senate committee?</p> <p>Mr Price: So, you would like us to do a reconciliation of the bill compared to—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you consider that unreasonable, then that is fine. But if it can be relatively easily done, then I would like to know the extent to which you consider it has reflected that.</p> <p>Mr Price: We will take that on notice.</p>	
16	Heffernan	ASIC	Unclaimed Monies #3	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Yes. There are circumstances where it could be bloody useful. But why wouldn't accepting interest into the account be an activity?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I will give you one answer here that might explain it in an exceptional but not unusual circumstance. Someone could well have passed away and they would still be receiving interest.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I am going to come to that. I don't get that. If in surrendering—and you say it is not surrendering—the account to your organisation after three years and in that period the owner of the account dies, what happens? Do you notify the estate?</p> <p>Mr Kell: If an account has been inactive and the money is going to be passed to the unclaimed money's area, the bank or financial institution will attempt to contact—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: But if you have already taken the money because it is inactive and the day</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 96

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				<p>after you take it the person who owns the money dies—</p> <p>Mr Kell: That is not a piece of information that we would otherwise collect—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: The thing could just go off into the ether instead of being at the bank.</p> <p>Mr Kell: It does not; it is there on a publicly available website.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Who do you notify when you take the money?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The bank or financial institution will seek to contact their client. If they are unsuccessful in doing so then they will generally hand the money over as required. The money is then very readily available on a publicly listed—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Yes, but in a lot of circumstances it could just disappear into the ether because no-one knows it is in the estate.</p> <p>Mr Kell: There are certainly circumstances where it has been very hard to track down. To give you a sense of what we do, last year ASIC wrote to, I think, 28,000 account-holders that we could identify through this system. We have very wide scale media campaigns where we alert people to the existence of the unclaimed money database. There are also actually private firms out there that seek to relocate—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: They do.</p> <p>Mr Kell: or acquaint people with their money. I have noticed several of the large banks, for example, offering to check whether people have any unclaimed money as well. I think there is a range of organisations—most notably ASIC—who want to acquaint people with their money.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Yes, so when you get hold of the money, you pay interest at what rate?</p> <p>Mr Kell: As part of the reforms, a decision has been made to pay interest on money from 1 July this year. I could not tell you what the current rate is going to be, but I am happy to provide that information on notice.</p>	
17	Cameron	ASIC	Regulatory Guide for Financial Planners	<p>Senator CAMERON: Mr Kell, I want to come back to the CBA and the Nguyen issue. Can you explain to me in as short a possible time why you have not issued a regulatory guide for financial planners instead of simply issuing enforceable undertakings on the Commonwealth Bank? Surely, this is an issue that banks, financial planners and institutions around the country should be aware of.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Maybe I am not quite understanding the question. We have a range of regulatory guides that relate directly to standards in the financial planning industry that derive ultimately from the legislation we administer. The new future of financial advice reforms will set out a framework</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 97-98

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			<p>around conflicted remuneration, what types of conflicted remuneration are prohibited, the need to put the client's interest first, the best interest duty and other requirements about providing appropriate advice and about belonging to an alternative resolution scheme, having professional indemnity insurance, having appropriate training and qualifications. In most of those areas, we have regulatory guides that set out how we are going to apply those requirements in the financial planning area more directly. In any case where we take enforcement action, as we did in relation to Commonwealth Financial Planning, we will often reference the sorts of standards that we have set out in those guides.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Did you do that in the Commonwealth Bank/Nguyen situation?</p> <p>Mr Kell: It was evident to us that the standards there were considerably below what was required, which is why we obtained a court enforceable undertaking and banned seven different advisers from the industry and obtained compensation for several hundred clients. One of the things that we seek to do in any of these sorts of matters is to as far as possible publicise what we have done and send a message to the rest of the industry to convey that there are serious consequences. In this instance, for example, the entire leadership of that organisation changed as a result. That sent a message to the rest of the industry as well as to consumers.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Mr Kell, you do not seem to take a breath when you are answering a question, and it really is quite annoying, I must say. You can answer these questions much more quickly. I am not telling you how to answer the questions. But I watched your responses to Senator Williams. Please do not do that to me. This is a very serious issue for ASIC. It is a serious issue for the government. All of the senators are concerned about it. Do not take me on a waltz around the merry-go-round.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Trying to explain the regulation of the financial planning industry—which you have asked for—and the regulatory guides in shorthand is very hard.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Take that on notice, then. Could you also take on notice whether you need to change the regulator guide for financial planners as a result of the Nguyen case. Could you also advise me—and maybe you can do so now, but if you cannot you can take it on notice—whether the regulatory guide for financial planners was in place when Mr Nguyen perpetrated these breaches.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Do you want me to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If you can say yes or now, that would be easier.</p> <p>Mr Kell: There was and is an extensive legal infrastructure in place when Mr Nguyen and the other</p>	
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			<p>Commonwealth Financial Planning representatives we took action against engaged in that conduct. That was the basis upon which we took our enforcement action. Senator CAMERON: What is am asking is whether a regulatory guide was in place?</p> <p>Mr Kell: There were various regulatory guides that went to a whole range of issues.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Take this one on notice: if the regulatory guides were in place, can you advise why those regulatory guides failed in the case of CBA and Nguyen? ASIC was advised of the problems in the CBA on 30 October 2008 and Mr Nguyen resigned on 6 July 2009. Do you have any estimate of the financial losses to clients of Mr Nguyen through that period?</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Good question.</p> <p>Mr Kell: I do not have an estimate of that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you take that on notice and advise the Senate of the losses that took place between when you were advised in October 2008 and when Mr Nguyen finally resigned on 6 July 2009. That is an important issue for the Senate. Could you also advice on notice what the problems were with the CBA procedures when in 2008 Mr Nguyen was investigated by CBA. What were the weaknesses in the CBA procedures in that investigation and why after that investigation did the Commonwealth Bank promote him on 15 October 2008 to senior planner, even after those issues had been raised? I cannot understand why that would happen. If there is a reason why it happened, the regulator is entitled to know and you should advise us as to why that weakness is in the Commonwealth Bank's processes. Could you also advise us why Mr Nguyen was allowed to resign on 6 July, citing illness, when it was clear that that was not the case. What are the implications if financial planners can resign on the basis of illness when they have been engaged in illegal activities and can then walk away to another financial planning agency? What checks and balances can you use to ensure banks and financial organisations put in place to stop this happening in the future? Take that on notice.</p> <p>Could you also take on notice why you are saying that you have done—in the colloquial; it is not what you said, but this is what you basically indicate to Senator Williams—a good job and that you have resolved this issue. Why, then, do you see simply returning some financial losses to individuals as you doing a good job when they suffered humiliation and depression? One client had a stent put in his heart and had cirrhosis? There are these other areas of loss to individuals. Is it simply that your position? Is the legislation limited to financial recompense, with there being nothing for pain and suffering? Take that on notice and advise us if that is a weakness in the legislative process that the government should take a look at. Is it appropriate for the</p>	
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				Commonwealth Bank or any agency, when they know that their officer has acted illegally, to first of all offer a pittance to resolve the losses of the individuals and then progressively up the offer and put these individuals through more stress? Why is that a culture or a process in financial organisations and what can ASIC to do to resolve that? You can take that on notice.	
18	Bushby	ASIC	Superannuation Complaints Tribunal Review	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I have a couple quick questions firstly about the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal. Has ASIC recently conducted a review or audit of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal?</p> <p>Mr Kell: We have been looking at how the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal operates, yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: How commissioned your examination of how it operates? Is that something that ASIC has determined to do or is it something that has come from a direction of government?</p> <p>Mr Kell: The SCT is within ASIC, effectively, in terms of funding. We have regular dialogue with the SCT about its operations and its funding. We thought that it was timely to conduct such a review.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So it was an administrative decision of ASIC.</p> <p>Mr Kell: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Do the options that you are looking at in terms of that review include withdrawing SCT specific funding by ASIC and rolling its activities more generally into ASIC or some other agency? Are there options like that on the table?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I would have to take on notice some of the potential options. I have not got that report in front of me.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. Similarly, are you aware of whether there has been any industry consultation in regard to the review that you are undertaking and the potential outcomes from it?</p> <p>Mr Kell: I am not sure that there has been any industry consultation to date, but if there were any proposals that were going to in any way affect the SCT's operations in any significant way then we would as a matter of course talk more broadly to stakeholders, industry and government.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: You say that the review is internal. Is it a formal review that has terms of reference or it is more of an examination? Are there terms of reference or procedures that have been given to the review?</p> <p>Mr Kell: 'Formal' is not the word that I would use to describe it.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. Ignoring the word 'formal', does the review have terms of reference or particular procedures that pertain to it and which the review is then working with or using as its</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 98

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				<p>guide? Mr Kell: I would have to check on what those were. Senator BUSHBY: If there are, could you also take on notice providing them. Mr Kell: Sure.</p>	
19	Bushby	ABS	David Crowe Article – the Australian	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you for assisting us this evening. I refer to an article in the Australian by David Crowe on 19 April this year, where he refers to what he calls: Australia's largest intercensal error on record. Apparently, that comment came from him viewing a Treasury executive minute, which was put out by the Treasurer's office. In the bureau's opinion, was this error truly Australia's largest intercensal error on record, as the Treasury minute described? What would its closest rival have been? Mr Sutton: I am not sure if it was our greatest intercensal error or not. As you would be aware, between censuses we basically project the population increases between those periods. There is always an error which we have at the end of those periods that we adjust. On this particular occasion, it was a large adjustment compared with previous censuses. I suspect I would have to go back and have a look at censuses from perhaps 20 or 30 years ago. I think in recent times there have been adjustments of around 60,000 or 70,000. In this case, it was a 300,000 adjustment. So it was one of the larger ones in recent times, but to be absolutely sure that it is the largest we have every had I would need to go back and have a look further—if that was something that you would like me to do. Senator BUSHBY: If it is not too much trouble. I do not want you to expend unnecessary resources doing it. If it is a relatively simple thing to do, that would be appreciated. Mr Sutton: Sure.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 99
20	Bushby	ABS	2016 Census Categories	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Are you aware of the proposed changes for the industry of employment and occupation categories in the 2016 census? Mr Sutton: Are you talking about the ones that this submission has indicated it would like to see changed? Senator BUSHBY: They are of the opinion that there is discussion about changing the definitions. Mr Sutton: It may well be that in the discussion paper that we put out prior to seeking submissions, we may have mentioned that there was some consideration of making some changes in that area, because there is a range of things that we are looking at in that area.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 101

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				<p>Senator BUSHBY: I think that is what they are referring to—proposals that you had put out in your discussion paper and they were responding to that. Does anybody here know what those proposed changes were?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I cannot remember them off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So the industry of employment and occupation?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: Nobody with me is aware of that. I am happy to take that on notice and come back to you with any information that would clarify it.. We have indicated in our paper a number of areas of potential change but none of that is locked in.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If they did become locked in they have raised issues with us and in their submission to you as to what that might mean and some of the consequences.</p> <p>Mr Sutton: On our website we have listed all of the submissions received and it is open for the public to see who has provided submissions on the next census.</p>	
21	Rhiannon	ABS	Work, Life and Family Survey Program	<p>Senator RHIANNON: On the work, life and family survey program, with the delightful acronym of WoLFS, what was the amount of savings achieved by cancelling the 2013 WoLFS?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: The savings for next year, 2012-13, are \$1.4 million.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What was the amount spent by ABS on external consultancies and contractors in the year 2012-13?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: We do not have that information. I am happy to provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Do you have an approximation?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: No, I do not.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When you take it on notice, could it include a list and details about these contracts, the projects, the aims, and the cost of each consultancy or contract.</p> <p>Mr Sutton: Sure.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 101
22	Ludlam	ABS	Completing the Picture: Environmental Accounting in Practice	<p>Senator LUDLAM: In the ABS publication Completing the picture: environmental accounting in practice, I draw from table 4.8 that the value of resource rents from subsoil assets is given as \$44 billion in 2009-10, which is very large relative to the revenue that was eventually raised by the MRRT. Do you depreciate the market value of the mines themselves when calculating resources rent, as occurs with the tax?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I might pass this question to Mr Hockman.</p> <p>Mr Hockman: We take into account all changes to the value, so essentially the depletion of the</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 103

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				<p>value of those resources is certainly taken into account in that calculation, but at the same time it is also a net figure in which we also add the value of newly discovered or newly exploitable subsoil assets.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: How do you figure in the depreciation of the mining facilities themselves? That is obviously calculated when the tax receipts—</p> <p>Mr Hockman: So you are talking about the consumption of the fixed capital above the ground or whatever, which is counted in the investment data, and we make the allowance. I suppose the economic term for that is the consumption of fixed capital, which conceptually is very similar to depreciation.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What I am trying to get at is that the MRRT legislation allows companies to depreciate assets in a certain way, which has been a bit controversial. How close is the way that that legislation handles asset depreciation to the way the ABS calculates it for the purpose of assessing the value of resource rents?</p> <p>Mr Hockman: Not especially close, because we are actually trying to measure economic value and economic profit and we do that effectively independent of the tax legislation based on a perpetual inventory model around the expected life of the assets and those calculations, and there is not necessarily a direct alignment between the expected life or the rates of depreciation applied for tax purposes and the actual rates of consumption of that physical capital, which is what we are trying to measure in the economic accounts.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is what I thought. I realise this is a fairly technical area to just be doing off the cuff. Could you provide on notice for us some kind of note outlining in a bit more detail how you do it and how it departs from the methodology that is used in the MRRT bills?</p> <p>Mr Hockman: Yes, we will certainly look to do that and we will probably have to study up on how it is calculated in the MRRT—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Not very well.</p> <p>Mr Hockman: and consult with our colleagues in Treasury.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I very much appreciate it.</p>	
23	Rhiannon	ABS	Unpaid Work Data	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is it true that only diary based data accurately identifies unpaid work—that is, women’s work—compared to surveys based on recall?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: We do use diary based methodologies and they do help facilitate recall. It is a sound methodology for capturing that type of information compared with other types of methodologies.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 104

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				<p>Senator RHIANNON: So will recall surveys substitute for the information missed by cancelling the 2013 WoLF Survey?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: Well, surveys that rely on recall will not necessarily provide as accurate answers to those types of questions, say, compared with a diary approach, everything else being equal, but they will still give you some valuable information that you can rely on for certain types of decisions that you might want to—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What information gaps would occur by going over to the recall system?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I could take that on notice and give you, I think, a more comprehensive answer to that, given that I hear murmurings about the time. But, where we can, we use the diary methodology as the gold-plated standard for collecting that type of information. We do use recall techniques or approaches for certain types of information, when we think we can still gain some reliable information. It really does very much depend on what you are asking, as to whether one methodology gives you a strikingly different answer to the other.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take that on notice it would be appreciated. So the question is: because you are substituting, what will you lose—what do we lose?</p>	
24	Ryan	ACCC	Supermarket Inquiries	<p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. You have talked about the use of your compulsory information-gathering powers. Are you able to say how many notices you have issued in the course of these supermarket inquiries? I was looking at how many notices you have issued. I understand that the investigation at this point is only into the two large chains, Coles and Woolworths. How many notices have you issued to them collectively—I am not necessarily asking for a breakdown—and how many have been issued to others, who I would classify as suppliers, not Coles and Woolworths?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: Those investigations are undertaken in the Queensland office. We certainly publish the total number of section 155 notices, which are the compulsory information-gathering powers that you refer to, on an annual basis in our annual report. We do not as a matter of course break those down or even necessarily allude to which investigations they are used in. I believe that we have made reference to the use of our statutory powers in these matters. We have not stated publicly how many. I prefer to take that on notice because I do not have the information. I think there are some policy questions, too, about the information we give about our use of statutory powers. I am happy to take those questions on.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: The reason I ask is that in your statement in February you referred to the</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 107

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				<p>following. I will read the comments I am referring to. 'In the circumstances we see here whether our broad issues resulting from existing market structure and market power on balance illegally for an enforceable code of conduct may have merit.' You go on to say one sentence later: 'Of course any code will impose some transaction and compliance costs and cannot address all issues that arise from market power.'</p>	
25	Xenophon	ACCC	Fuel Discount Vouchers	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, on this point—because I want to ask you about my favourite topic at the moment, Qantas and Emirates—will you look into whether a company cross-subsidises: whether Coles or Woolworths are edging up their prices in their supermarkets in order to subsidise their fuel discount vouchers?</p> <p>Mr Sims: Essentially, the fuel discount vouchers are being paid for by the supermarkets; as to whether that involves higher prices and otherwise, I am not sure if that is really part of what we are looking at. That is a trickier question.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Isn't that a relevant issue?</p> <p>Mr Sims: Our concern is the fuel market. As the people you have been talking to—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But the two are intertwined, aren't they?</p> <p>Mr Sims: Absolutely. All we need to be concerned about, for the fuel market, is that the money that is underpinning these vouchers is coming from the supermarkets and, therefore, some companies in the fuel market are getting a subsidy from their supermarkets to lower the price of petrol in ways that others cannot compete with.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I need to move on. Could you take this on notice: do you consider the interaction between prices going up in the supermarkets—</p> <p>Mr Sims: We will take it on notice.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 111
26	Xenophon	ACCC	Qantas & Emirates	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Let us go to Qantas and Emirates. Paragraph 202 of the ACCC's draft determination relating to Qantas and Emirates—</p> <p>Mr Sims: Draft or final?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: The draft. It said:</p> <p>The ACCC notes that Qantas has provided substantial information to the ACCC indicating that its current international business is unsustainable.</p> <p>However, I note in your correspondence—and I was tormenting you and the ACCC with long letters about this—on 12 April 2013 that you said that the ACCC's draft determination did not</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 111-112

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			<p>accept Qantas's claim that its international business is in terminal decline, reflected in your final determination. Can you explain how the ACCC received substantial information indicating that Qantas's international business was unsustainable but still determined that claims that the business is in terminal decline are not correct?</p> <p>Mr Sims: Sorry—in the first it was unsustainable, was it?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes. In the draft determination, you said (a) that you received substantial information—</p> <p>Mr Sims: That the business was unsustainable.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And that was in your draft. Your final determination said, 'We don't believe there is evidence to support those claims.' I do not think I am verballing the ACCC; that was a summary of it. What I am trying to understand is: will you disclose what you relied on in relation to your determination, whether it is your draft or final determination? I am still trying to establish: what material did you rely on?</p> <p>Mr Sims: We had information from the airlines about the essential viability of their businesses on the European routes, on the Asian routes and on the Americas routes—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I understand that. I am sorry—I am running out of time. I am trying to understand. I asked even for an index of documents, without even knowing what is in those documents, at least to know what you relied on—whether you relied on books of accounts, or yields, or load factors. I am still trying to understand what 'substantial information' the ACCC relied on. Why can't the ACCC at least give us the bare bones of the material that you relied on?</p> <p>Mr Sims: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: You did back in February.</p> <p>Mr Sims: I honestly cannot remember—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I think you will remember that you did say in February that you would take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Webb: I think in February we took on notice whether we could create an index of all the documents. However, I think we could give you an outline of the type of documents that you are now suggesting might be helpful—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I think there are some outstanding issues with respect of that to do with other regulators that I would like to pursue. So that would be a relevant matter. Thank you very much.</p>	
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27	Madigan	ACCC	Manufacturing Taskforce Report	<p>Senator MADIGAN: In the February estimates I asked the ACCC the following question regarding recommendation 15 in the Prime Minister's manufacturing task force report. Recommendation 15 is made partly on the basis that there should be an increased priority given to addressing misleading claims of conformity with Australian regulations and standards. My question was: 'With regards to imports, can you advise how many instances of false or misleading claims of adherence to Australian standards were referred to the ACCC?' Mr Sims, you took the question on notice and, in time, I received this answer. I will not read it as it is a bit long, but basically it gives details of what the ACCC enforces and what the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 prohibits and details the 45 contacts raising questions on standards received by the ACCC in the 12 months after 1 January 2012. It also stated that none of these contacts alleged false or misleading statements associated with the goods. With regard to the answer supplied, can you advise me how many referrals the ACCC received regarding false and/or misleading advertising of Australian standards in the year prior to January 2012.</p> <p>Mr Ridgway: I do not have that detail to hand. I think we might have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Mr Sims: We will take it on notice.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 112
28	Madigan	ACCC	Engineered Wood Products Association	<p>Senator MADIGAN: I refer you to the January 2012 bulletin of the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia which refers to false and misleading advertising related to claims of adherence to Australian standards in regards to the stress grade of some structural flooring and roofing plywood imported from Chile. Apparently this was referred to the ACCC in the year before 1 January 2012. Are you aware of this claim?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: I do not have the specific details, but we certainly have investigated received complaints in relation to building materials of the kind you are referring to in relation to both their structural capacity and whether they are compliant with standards. They are not matters that we have pursued. I do not have the details in front of me about exactly how that investigation progressed, but the time period was as you suggested.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: So there were no investigations of these claims conducted?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: My recollection is that an investigation team was charged with looking at the matters raised with us. They made inquiries and formed views, but I do not have the details in front of me about the outcomes of that matter.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: So an investigation into these claims was completed?</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 112

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				<p>Mr Gregson: That is my understanding, yes. We would be happy to provide more details on notice.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Can you tell me the outcome?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: I do not believe it was a matter that we pursued through to a formal resolution. That is often the case either where the information provided does not support a contravention or where it is a matter that otherwise is not one that we would decide to pursue having regard to our enforcement and compliance policy.</p>	
29	Madigan	ACCC	Australian Standards	<p>Senator MADIGAN: When imported goods come in to Australia and they do not comply with the Australian standards that Australian companies have to comply with and do comply with and a claim is lodged by a company or, as in this case, by a group representing Australian companies, there is no enforcement from the ACCC?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: Let me make this very clear. I think there was some confusion about this at our last appearance. Our role in relation to standards is limited. Mr Ridgway can supplement this given that much of it is in his area. But we have responsibilities for those standards that are declared mandatory under the Competition and Consumer Act. They are a fairly small set of the Australian standards. Our role otherwise in relation to Australian standards kicks in where there may be representations that may be false or misleading about compliance with particular standards. We have looked at allegations of those types of matters where a company, for example, says, 'We comply with Australian standards,' whereas they may not. There are other factors we might take into account in those situations as well, including whether there are other specific industry regulators whose job it is to ensure standards within a particular industry. So our role in relation to Australian standards is very narrow and really kicks in where we have a mandatory standard under the Competition and Consumer Act. The standards you are referring to are not mandatory standards under the Competition and Consumer Act.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: If you do not police it and you do not enforce it, what government department does enforce it? The government are very good at chasing up Australian companies that do not conform with compliance laws.</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: Perhaps I can take that on notice. I would think that would be something that Customs would certainly look at, particularly if there is a complaint from an individual or corporation. Customs has powers with respect to policing the anti-dumping provisions in legislation. But I can take that on notice and come back to you about which particular government bodies have the specific responsibility.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 112-113

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			<p>Mr Sims: I think there are some state ones that do it as well.</p> <p>Mr Gregson: There certainly are state regulators with responsibility for building codes. They have various obligations and standards they might apply in certain cases. There may be other regulators from a workplace and health perspective. But, as the minister said, we can provide on notice further details on who might be responsible for these particular standards.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: I could say it is just a handballing exercise. But, anyway—</p> <p>Mr Ridgway: The ACCC is one of a number of regulators that work with Standards Australia in relation to a number of its voluntary standards. As Scott has indicated, we enforce a number of standards that we draw from voluntary standards. Similarly, a number of other agencies, Commonwealth and state, draw from Australian standards and enforce them. Whether it is electrical safety or workplace safety, there are a whole range of regulatory agencies drawing off different Australian standards and enforcing them. Mr Sims: We are to do with competition and consumer and product safety. So we deal with safety standards, but most of the standards are, 'Is the building built correctly?' or 'Are the materials appropriate?' We are not in the business of handballing responsibilities when they are ours. If they are ours, we will enforce them. But I think most of the stuff you are talking about is just not relevant to us. We will get back to you with a very full response.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Regarding ACCC procedures, what quality assurance system and sampling regime do you have for this type of product? Can you give me an example of any type of quality assurance that you employ for any product?</p> <p>Mr Ridgway: The ACCC has a fairly substantial market surveillance and testing program that it coordinates with the state Australian Consumer Law regulators on an annual basis. So there are a large number of products that are—</p> <p>Mr Sims: It is a product safety thing.</p> <p>Mr Ridgway: It is a product safety responsibility.</p> <p>Mr Sims: We do tests on products. We recently did them on safety helmets and a range of other things. We have a cycle of testing we do with our state colleagues often to do with the number of complaints. They are not random. We are looking at what complaints we are getting domestically and what incidents are getting reported to us—because, if there is an accident, people must report it—and what is happening overseas. We put this information together and that is the basis on which we do our product testing. So we are the safety regulator.</p> <p>Mr Gregson: That is with those mandatory standards under the Competition and Consumer Act. It</p>	
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				<p>is not our role to be quality assuring products used in buildings per se. Mr Sims: Or in manufacturing. Ours is a safety role for standards. Mr Gregson: For consumers. Mr Sims: Except if people are being misled. That is the only other way in. If somebody says, 'I guarantee I am complying with the standard,' and they basically are not then there is a role for us, but then we have to look at whether there is a regulator that has specific responsibility for that. Often they will be a state regulator. We will come back to you. You have asked this before. We will come back with a better sense of what our roles are and what other agencies' roles are.</p>	
30	Rhiannon	ACCC	Free-Range Egg Labelling	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Following the last Senate estimates, we were provided with some useful information about complaints made to the ACCC regarding misleading free-range egg labelling, about AECL-member egg producers. Have any of these contacts led to action to initiate prosecution? I was also interested in whether any systemic lessons have been learnt from these complaints. Mr Gregson: We did provide you, in response, with a number of matters that have been referred to us. Senator RHIANNON: They are questions 43 through to 45. Mr Gregson: That is right. I believe we also provided information about proceedings or enforcement action that we have either commenced or concluded. I am having a quick look at it now. That list appears to remain reasonably comprehensive. I think there might be one or two more matters that we have pursued since. I would be happy to supplement that subsequent to— Mr Sims: But they have come from these sorts of complaints. I think that was the question, wasn't it? Mr Gregson: The matters have come to us from a number of sources, such as from consumers. It is not uncommon for us to have matters raised with us by traders that we might be investigating in a different context. Indeed, we like to be fairly on top of the issues ourselves and we will be aware of what is happening in the marketplace. Mr Sims: But we get complaints, particularly from firms who might be competing with those firms—firms who would themselves judge that they are doing the right thing, and they judge that others are not, and they come our way. We get complaints from animal welfare organisations. Senator RHIANNON: Are there systemic lessons that you have learnt along the way? Mr Gregson: I am not sure if they are systemic lessons, but we grapple with the same issues that</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 115

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				<p>you have been asking us about earlier tonight, about how we form a view and articulate what we say particular claims mean. We often look at that and form the view that we may not always be able to give a precise definition about what it means but we have some idea of what consumers expect. Or, further, we know what is not one of those claims, and that is certainly how we have been dealing with a few of our enforcement matters: to say, 'You may say something is free range, but we do not believe that what you are actually doing is.'</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I think in response to an earlier question, if I understood correctly—I think it was about the number of contacts—you said there had been a couple more contacts. I just wanted to check on the figures, because I noted that there were 40 contacts in a six-month period between July 2012 and December 2012. Can you provide the same figures for the period of January to June 2013?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: Yes, we can. I do not have them in front of me, but we can provide those.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Are the number of complaints increasing?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: I do not have that information in front of me.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So you can take all of that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: Yes.</p>	
31	Bushby	APRA	APRA Resources	<p>Senator BUSHBY: As I understand it, APRA is largely, or entirely, self-funded?</p> <p>Dr Laker: Almost entirely. That has not always been the case, but, at the moment, it is almost entirely self-funded.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That is through fees paid by ADIs and insurance companies and superannuation funds.</p> <p>Dr Laker: Yes, that is the levies model. We have been following that model since 1998.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Currently you raise about \$115 million from those fees or sources?</p> <p>Dr Laker: It is in that order for us, but the levy framework also has us raising fees on behalf of ASIC for consumer protection matters, ATO, SuperStream, the Department of Human Services, for early release of superannuation. So we are the collecting agency for specific functions of other agencies.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: How has the proportion of APRA costs recovered from industry changed over the last 10 years?</p> <p>Dr Laker: I would have to take that on notice to give you the specifics, but broadly I do not think the distribution has changed greatly, certainly over the last couple of years, because it is based</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 124-125

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				<p>essentially on a four-year moving average in any event. But the way in which we calculate the need to levy a particular industry is to look at the amount of time we spend supervising that industry and developing policy for that industry, so it is essentially a time based system. That can vary from year to year. There are years when we might be doing superannuation licensing, when the superannuation claim might be higher. But to even out those peaks and troughs, as I say, we have used a four-year moving average. That means that those spikes, those troughs, get evened out.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: So, if APRA uses a larger amount of its resources in superannuation one year, that might not reflect the fees that are raised, but over four years, with that moving average, the workload of APRA should roughly match the fees that are raised. So, if superannuation is taking 30 per cent of your resources, hopefully over the four-year average 30 per cent of the fees raised would come from that sector?</p> <p>Dr Laker: That is the broad framework. There is a levies paper that was released last week by the Treasury and APRA which looks at the calculation of levies for next year. Some of that detail is explained there. I can give you a 10-year perspective, but I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Do you have the information of what proportion of your current fees are raised from each of banking, super and insurance?</p> <p>Dr Laker: I do not have it in front of me here. I can get that for you very easily. What I could say is that banking is around the 40 per cent mark. I think superannuation has been around the 25 per cent mark. Insurance is the residual, and it is divided between life insurance and general insurance. I think general might be 19, but I do not want to trust my memory on this particular point.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay, but roughly in that order?</p> <p>Dr Laker: Yes.</p>	
32	Williams	APRA	Lenders Mortgage Insurance	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Thank goodness we had amendments to some recent legislation because lenders' mortgage insurers were going to be excluded from the credit ratings or credit history. What do you call it when you have a black mark on your credit rating for not paying your power bill or whatever? The government was going to exclude lenders' mortgage insurers from access. They have had access to it for decades. How much more capital is in the APRA regulated system right now because of the LMIs to make sure our financial system is sound?</p> <p>Dr Laker: I would have to answer the question on notice if you want an amount. The amount of capital in the system as a whole is substantially larger in the banking system than in the other LMI sector. The LMI sector we have always said plays a valuable role in underwriting risk. But there is</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013, Page 126

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				<p>a limit to how much a sharing of risk can lead to a reduction of capital. I am comfortable when banks are holding the full amount of risk. I know that that then ensures there is adequate capital against the risk of a housing loan default. If the bank chooses to share that, we have readily acknowledged in the frameworks in the past that they get some relief. That relief does not apply for the major players that have authorisation from us to use the advanced Basel II framework because there is a binding floor on their modelling that we have imposed to make sure there is adequate capital in the system as a whole. I know that causes issues for lenders' mortgage insurers.</p>	
33	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Non-legislated Budget Measures	<p>Senator CORMANN: I will engage in that line of questioning a bit more. As you know, Mr Ray, in last year's budget there was a measure to increase the contributions tax for people earning more than \$300,000 in relation to their super savings. That was to come into effect on 1 July 2012—last year's budget measure—and it has not been legislated. It has only been introduced by the government very recently. Is Treasury in a position by 30 June 2013 to deal with all outstanding budget measures that so far have not been legislated?</p> <p>Mr Ray: For Treasury, I think the revenue group would be able to help you. I am trying to remember whether there is a piece of legislation elsewhere in the department. I do not think there is.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are taking a very narrow view now, I guess. The reason I am asking it in fiscal is because, obviously, it is relevant both for revenue and expenditure measures, and presumably you take a view across government.</p> <p>Senator Wong: But he is not responsible for getting all legislation through. If you are asking what the status of the parliamentary business priority lists for the government is, we will see what we can do, but I suspect it is not something the department can assist you with. What revenue group could assist you with is what legislation is currently on the agenda in the next parliamentary sitting fortnight.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Minister, the reason I am asking it is because you suggested that if only the opposition were more helpful everything could be passed. What I am putting to you is that for last year's budget that is not true. B have just given you one example where it took the government 11 months post budget to even put forward its own piece of legislation in relation to a measure that was to apply from 1 July the year before. What I am keen to understand is whether it is the government's intention to pass legislation implementing all revenue and expenditure measures in this current budget and in previous budgets before 30 June and, if not, whether we can have a list of</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 9 and 80

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				<p>any outstanding, non-legislated budget measures across the whole of the government? I guess that is a question for you, Minister, if Mr Ray cannot assist me.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take the second question on notice. In relation to the first, that is not something that this portfolio would be determining.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But presumably you asked the minister for finance—</p> <p>Senator Wong: As you know, Senator, the parliamentary program is set by a committee of cabinet and is reflected in the program that is before the Senate and the House, so you can see the list from that. The point I was making is—as you know, Senator—that what is on that list includes an assessment of what the opposition has identified as noncontro.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The thing is, you cannot identify anything as noncontro or contro if you are not even in a position to introduce the legislation.</p> <p>Senator Wong: There are a great many pieces of legislation on the last set of Notice Papers that I have seen. Have you indicated noncontro to a whole heap of those?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It would be very helpful if you could give as a list of the budget measures that you would like to legislate before 30 June so that we could get a handle on those budget measures that you do not intend to legislate by 30 June 2013. Once we know what your intentions are—at whatever level of the government that decision has to be made—we can make judgements on how we can help facilitate, if that is appropriate. But unless we have the information from you, we cannot actually be helpful.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I have to say, the prospect of you being helpful, Senator Cormann, is something I look forward to enjoying.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Come on, you know that I am helpful all the time.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Yes, extremely! I have taken that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you.</p>	
34	Fifield	Fiscal Group (FG)	DisabilityCare Australia	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Mr Ray, I might just return to the helpful document you provided at the start of proceedings today and try my luck. This relates to chart 3, 'DisabilityCare Australia' on the last page of the document. There is a category 'Other long-term savings' of \$20.6 billion for 2013-14 to 2022-23. Are you able to further disaggregate that by each of the measures there over the time scale?</p> <p>Mr Ray: The short answer is no, because for one of those measures we cannot tell you at all what the out numbers are, and that is the change to the indexation of tobacco excise. So, the short answer</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 22

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				<p>is that we cannot disaggregate it because of that. But, more broadly, we are happy to take it on notice to see if we can provide you with more detail.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes, that would be good if you could. You have helpfully done that for other measures in the table above, and this category of other long-term savings of \$20.6 billion is the biggest savings category.</p> <p>Senator Wong: No—the disability care fund—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Sorry, I mean it is the biggest savings category of those below the table there.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Other than the draw-down from the fund, which is the primary funding.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: I am putting the actual fund to one side—apart from the new tax base which has created the actual savings.</p> <p>Senator Wong: But you are supporting.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Of course!</p> <p>Mr Ray: I am happy to take it on notice, Senator. I can say that we will not be able to provide some things no matter what, because there is legislation that means we cannot. But I am happy to take it on notice and see what we can provide.</p>	
35	McKenzie	Fiscal Group (FG)	Farm Finance Assistance Package	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I am being advised to come here to ask some questions about the farm financial assistance package, by Minister Ludwig. Given that the concessional interest for the farm finance assistance package will be 4.5 per cent, could you confirm what the cash rate was on 26 April, the Friday before the announcement of the farm finance package?</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: I cannot give you the exact number and the exact date, I am sorry. I would have to take that on notice. I can talk to you about what assumptions underlie the costings, but I cannot tell you the exact rate on that day.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: No worries. My understanding is that it is at three per cent, and similarly, on Monday 29 April, after the announcement, the cash rate was also three per cent. Similarly, the 10-year Commonwealth bond rate was 3.5 per cent. What rates are you accessing the funding for the farm finance package?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 22
36	Fifield	Revenue Group (RG)	Medicare Levy Fund Withdrawals	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that, and thank you, Mr Ray, for the table that you provided earlier. Direct me to Revenue Group if you need to. I am looking at the line of Medicare levy fund withdrawals, which is helpful. I am also interested in the actual moneys that will be raised year by year by the levy. Should I ask that in Revenue, or are you able to assist me here?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 12

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			<p>Mr Ray: The forward estimates are published in the budget papers.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes. Given that the time series—</p> <p>Mr Ray: Over the 10 years?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes. Given the time series goes to 2022-23 or 2023-24 in the materials in the budget paper, I was interested in the Medicare levy revenues over that period as well.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It is probably for Revenue Group, but I am going to put a marker down here. We have, as a government, because of the importance of these two long-term spending measures to the nation and the importance of adhering to what the Prime Minister said in her speech to the National Press Club of matching structural saves with structural spends, put forward an unprecedented amount of information over the decade. That is not a decision by government. I would say more than—as you would know, Senator, when you worked for Mr Costello—Mr Costello ever put out in relation to 10-year information. I would make that point. It is not a decision to budget over 10 years. So, regarding questions which are essentially a request of us to budget over 10 years, we obviously will be making clear the limit of the very substantial information we have put forward. But on the technical detail, I suggest we deal with that in Revenue Group, unless Mr Ray has another suggestion.</p> <p>Mr Ray: I think they would have to take it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think we have given an aggregate figure, from memory, on the public record.</p> <p>Mr Ray: But not over the 10 years.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: No. That is right.</p> <p>Mr Ray: They would need to take it on notice, so we may as well take that on notice for them—how about that?—rather than you go and ask them, and then they turn it over to us.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: You never know, they might be slightly more helpful than you think. The only editorial comment I will make, Minister, is in relation to Mr Costello and the 10-year figures. People were probably a little more relaxed about where money might be coming from in those days.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Do you want to have a political argument about the global financial crisis, which you today also have rubbed out?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: We have had that before, and I would not want to detain the committee. I am happy to, but I would not want to detain the committee.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Do you want to talk about some of the structural balance information which has come out subsequently? Do you want to talk about how much more you taxed Australians? Shall</p>	
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				<p>we have all of those discussions, if you want to engage in the political argy-bargy?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: No. I was just responding to your earlier comment, Minister, that people were a little more relaxed about how the numbers in the budget added up in days gone by.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Well, you might have been.</p> <p>Mr Ray: Chair, in the interests of being helpful, my suspicion is that by the end of the period, Senator Fifield, what is being withdrawn is what is going into the fund. That is my suspicion.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: I am sure that you are right that the levy funds more than cover the Commonwealth's net additional contribution to the NDIS over the forward estimates.</p> <p>Mr Ray: But not later on?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: But beyond the forward estimates it—</p> <p>Mr Ray: Yes. I suspect you have the numbers, effectively, but we will take it notice to see if we can provide you with more.</p>	
37	Cormann and Birmingham	Revenue Group (RG)	Carbon Permits Revenue	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are your revenue estimates from the carbon price in 2013-2014 based in any way on revenue from the advanced sales of carbon permits for 2016-2017?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: The box actually goes to that question. It says: These advance auctions in the Budget forecast years are based upon average EU ETS market futures prices for 2013 14 and 2014 15.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So what prices for 2015-16 and 2016-17 are you basing your revenue expectations for 2013-14 and 2014-15 on from the advance sales of permits?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: Sorry, for the advance sales it is based on average market futures prices.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So what is that? Can you give us dollar figures?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: I do not have that information with me. I am happy to take it on notice. I do not have it with me.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Okay, so—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: No, no. Minister, please. We have had a very good morning, so let us—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Yes, but I was jumping in because you looked like you were doing what you often do, which is to follow-up a question taken on notice with the same question.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: No, no, I am not following it up with the same question.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Oh, that is good. I am pleased that we are learning.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am just volunteering the fact that I happen to have the data here on what the</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 25 & Page 35

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			<p>international price is.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is very nice for you, Senator. I am very pleased.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: And, in fact, I have got the data in terms of carbon price futures, which indicates that for 2015-2016—well, the futures price at the moment is 4.53 euros, which is about A\$6. So is that about in the ballpark of what you are—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, you are doing precisely what I asked you not to do. The officer has taken it on notice. He is entitled to and you are asking the question a different way.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: If I can move on. I will follow-up on questions around the risk to revenue. For that, I turn to table 9, page 5-26 at Budget Paper No. 1. Dr Gruen, in the predicated year, 2015-16 where revenue is predicted to be \$4.09 billion, answers received from the department of climate change last week said that 338 million permits will be auctioned for that vintage year. Is that also Treasury's understanding?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: This is definitely a question for Revenue Group, is it not?</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: It is. You are correct. The department of climate change did actually use the figure of 338 million.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: In terms of the risk to revenue of the Treasury modelling, the price there is modelled at \$12.10, 338 million permits gets you your \$4.09 billion. For every \$1 that the modelling is out, that would be a \$338 million hit to that revenue forecast, would it not?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I think we took the question on notice From Senator Cormann along these lines.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: Yes, we did.</p> <p>Mr Ray: It is not as simple as that sort of linear arithmetic. We have taken it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Why is it not as simple as that arithmetic?</p> <p>Senator Wong: He has taken it on notice. He is entitled to do that. In fact, the question was put by Senator Cormann previously.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I have brought information from the other committee, which Ms McCulloch has confirmed—</p> <p>Senator Wong: And we are still taking it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: that there is 338 million permits in the market. Surely, that is a very simple equation, Mr Ray.</p> <p>Senator Wong: He has taken the question on notice.</p>	
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38	Xenophon	Markets Group (MG)	Cash Compensation to the Private Generators	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Okay. I explore it, if necessary on notice. In a broader sense then, the compensation was aimed at addressing the economic impact of the carbon tax on coal generators and generators themselves, because the damage to their industry was expected to be significant. But did the government require proof of any economic impact on the generators that it was actually caused by the tax and not by other factors such as the operations of the renewable scheme, which is not compensable, and I am not suggesting it should be. I am just saying to what extent were the generators put to proof that the compensation they received was as a direct result of damage by the carbon tax and not by other factors?</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: The compensation in the coal sector was largely calibrated to the actual price. So, as the carbon price changes, so does the value of the compensation that they get.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But it was not calibrated to the actual losses they may have sustained as a result of the carbon tax. I am suggesting that there are some commentators who are of the view that the compensation that was paid to the generators is not commensurate to any impact that the carbon tax had on them—that there are a number of other factors that could have influenced their economic performance.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: Are we talking about generators or the coal sector?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Generators.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: Again, there are a range of factors that the government took into account when it set the level of compensation. As Mr Campbell said, Markets Group is the best place to answer that question. However, it was also around things such as impact on their asset values, the potential impairment of existing assets and their long-term investments.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I understand that. But, if there are other factors that would influence the asset value of generators—for instance, the uptake of renewables, which is something that has had bipartisan support—there is an argument that generators may have been overcompensated and that the impact of the carbon tax may have been somewhat less than has been estimated by simply looking at a flat carbon price.</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: All that I can say is that there were a range of factors taken into account in setting that level of compensation, and to suggest that there was some sort of exact lining up with the impact of the carbon price—it would be impossible to actually tell.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: In hindsight, though, is there an acknowledgement that some of these generators, specifically the brown coal generators, received excessive levels of compensation?</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: We have not done that level of analysis to assess whether the compensation</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 29-30
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				<p>exceeded the impact of the carbon price on them.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: From a policy sense—in terms of going forward with any future policy settings—would that be a desirable thing to do, to find out that there has not been unnecessary compensation given to some of these generators?</p> <p>Ms McCulloch: That would be a matter for a government policy decision as to whether they wanted to go down that road or not.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I might ask the minister then. If there is a question mark as to whether some generators received excessive compensation, is that something that ought to be the subject of analysis?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take that on notice. I suppose what occurs to me is that you would need to be careful that you did not introduce a deal of uncertainty into essentially a policy that is about an economic transition.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It is also about—</p> <p>Senator Wong: If you are changing the rules part-way through, which I understand is what you are implying—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If the rules were based on a certain carbon price, and that carbon price has not been realised, in terms of an international price, wouldn't it be reasonable to reassess those settings?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take the question on notice. I would make the point, though, that that was not the decision the government made in this budget.</p>	
39	Mason	Fiscal Group (FG)	Gonski	<p>Senator MASON: I do have questions on Gonski. My questions relate to, initially at any rate, the government's claim in Budget Paper No. 2 at page 120. Let me just read it out and then some preparatory material, just to give the context to you. As you are aware, the government made the following claim in Budget Paper No. 2 at page 120:</p> <p>Under the former approach of growing these allocations in line with Average Government Schools Recurrent Costs (AGSRC), schools funding growth could have fallen below these levels. Had the AGSRC fallen to 3 per cent per annum (as suggested by current State estimates, on average), then the total additional investment in schools under the National Plan for School Improvement would equate to approximately \$16.2 billion over six years (2014 to 2019).</p> <p>In other words, the government has decided to stop using the 10-year weighted average to estimate future AGSRC, which would have been 5.6 per cent, and instead estimated that over six years—</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 46-47

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			<p>that is, 2014 to 2019—AGSRC could fall as low as three per cent. As the minister will verify, last week at estimates I was questioning the department of finance about this new methodology, so that is really why I am here. On several occasions I was told that this new government estimate is based on spending projections, or AGSRC projections, over the next six years provided to the Commonwealth Treasury by state Treasuries upon request. So, that was the background. My question is, is this correct? Have all state Treasuries provided you their estimates of either AGSRC or current school expenditure for the next six years—that is, 2014 to 2019?</p> <p>Mr Ray: No, that is not correct. All states and territories provided data to us on recurrent spending from 2009-10 to 2014-15, originally. Maybe the answer is that between 26 October and 4 December last year, all states and territories provided data to us on recurrent spending on schools from 2009-10 to 2014-15. Since then—so, this year—we have been directly working with several state Treasuries to update that data to take account of changing enrolment projections and government decisions in the states and also to refine the data that the states provided to us originally to make it as consistent as possible with the AGSRC definition.</p> <p>Senator MASON: So, all states and territories provided data for 2009-10 to 2014-15.</p> <p>Mr Ray: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Right; I am now with you. What were the actual figures you received from the various states?</p> <p>Mr Ray: How do you mean?</p> <p>Senator MASON: Well, you said they provided you with data. So, the data you used clearly was provided by those states and territories.</p> <p>Mr Ray: We received data from the states and territories on their estimates of recurrent school spending.</p> <p>Senator MASON: And do you have those projections, for each state and territory?</p> <p>Mr Ray: Obviously we do. I do not have them with me. More broadly, they were provided to us by the states and territories, so we would need to go to them. But I am happy to take it on notice and ask them if we can provide it to you.</p> <p>Senator MASON: So you cannot form a committee about what the states and territories said their estimates were?</p> <p>Mr Ray: I can inform the committee that their estimates are consistent with the three per cent number that you read out earlier.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Okay, so you will get the actual figures for the committee on notice?</p>	
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				<p>Mr Ray: I will take them on notice, but because they were provided to us in confidence and they are from the states, we would need to go back and talk to them.</p> <p>Senator MASON: They can't have been that confidential, because for 2009-10 to 2014-15 there is only about one year that is not covered. But anyway, you will try to get that.</p>	
40	Cormann	Fiscal Group (FG)	NDIS and Gonski Changes on GST Relativities	<p>Senator CORMANN: This is probably not a question for you; it is more a question for the minister. If the Commonwealth Grants Commission is not able assess the flow-on impact of NDIS and Gonski changes on GST relativities, how can individual states be expected to assess the fiscal impact on them of the deals that are on the table?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I do not know that that excuse has been the reason that your Premier has given for not signing up to DisabilityCare, and, as you know—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am asking you a genuine question.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You asked a question and I will answer it.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are not answering it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I may not say what you want me to, but that is probably not unusual in this place. I do not think the lack of clarity around the GST impact of DisabilityCare has been the basis on which your Premier has refused to sign up to DisabilityCare, and I note that a number of coalition state governments have signed up in any event. As to your previous question to Mr Spasojevic, I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are making assumptions about my motivation in asking the question. Given what Mr Spasojevic has just said, it is manifestly not possible for state governments to conclusively assess the fiscal implications for them of either the Gonski changes or the NDIS changes.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 53
41	Abetz	Revenue Group (RG)	Alcopops	<p>Senator ABETZ: I have two brief brackets of questions. First of all, on the alcopops tax. Can somebody assist us in that area—about the increased revenue, I understand.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The staff dealing with that issue will be here shortly, hopefully.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: They are in the same category.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I may be able to assist, if there was a specific question—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: News Limited reported on 27 May: Australian drinkers have spent \$4.5 billion in "alcopop" taxes that have failed to curb teen binge drinking.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 57-58

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			<p>A federally-funded study to be released today reveals the tax has not dented the number of teenagers and young people with alcohol-related injuries. Whilst I am sure that this office cannot tell us about the social impact, I was interested in the monetary impact of the alcopop taxes, as to how much extra money that has collected, given that, as a social policy, it has clearly failed, according to this study. But I would be interested in—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: In the budget papers—I am looking at page 524 in statement 5, budget paper 1—I understand the excisable products—it is under excise duty: petrol, diesel, beer and then other excisable products, and other excisable beverages, in 'c'. The figure you quoted was—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: \$4.5 billion.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Yes, the estimated revenue for 2012-13 is \$900 million. For 2013-14 it is \$960 million and for 2014-15, \$1 billion. So it may have been \$4 billion over the forward estimates period. The other excisable beverages, those not exceeding 10 per cent by volume of alcohol, excluding beer, brandy and wine, sounds like it may well be the class of drink you are talking about. At this stage I could confirm that the numbers in the budget, across the forward estimates, do amount to around that order. But whether that is exclusively alcopops—Mr Brake, who has just joined us, may know.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: What I have been advised is that, whilst alcopops went down, exactly what some of us predicted, 20 per cent more in pure spirits was consumed. So whilst alcopops consumption went down, pure spirit consumption went up. As some of us who had teenage children at the time were predicting, they would simply mix their own cocktail of drinks—chances are with worse results than premixed. But if we can be advised on that, that would be very helpful.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I think at this stage we should take that on notice, and as we get a fuller complement, we may be able to come back to the committee with that. As I understand it, the question is how much in revenue has been collected from alcopops.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Has there been an increase in revenue from the premixed drinks? Has there been an increase in revenue simply from the pure spirits?</p> <p>Then we can do a comparison of the two over the last, let us say two or three years, whenever the alcopops tax was introduced, which was April 2008.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Given that period of time, we will take that one on notice.</p>	
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42	Abetz	Revenue Group (RG)	Luxury Car Tax	<p>Senator ABETZ: Who can tell me about the luxury car tax? Remember the exemption that Senator Stephen Fielding got to that legislation? Or if you were a producer or a tourist operator you could get some exemption from that tax? No, it has already slipped from memory; I thought it might. Take it on notice to see how many people actually availed themselves of that—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Of the exemption to the luxury car tax?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. There was a primary producer exemption and a tourism exemption, if I recall correctly. If you could just let us know the numbers, that would be very helpful.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Certainly, Senator. We will take that on notice.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 58
43	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	PRRT Revenue Estimates	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you take on notice what the original PRRT revenue estimate in the original budget was compared to the actual revenue collected?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Mr Brake might actually have those figures.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That is very good and helpful.</p> <p>Mr Brake: Before I go to that, I will expand on Mr Heferen's point: we have found that PRRT is a highly volatile tax in terms of our forecasting, and there are certainly occasions where we have had very substantial differences. The PRRT was introduced in 1989-90—we checked this today—and the original budget forecast was for it to raise zero in that year.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The original budget forecast was for it to raise zero. That was a very cautious approach to revenue forecasting in relation to a new tax, wasn't it?</p> <p>Mr Brake: It raised \$42 million.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Indeed, so that was an underestimate. You underestimated and overdelivered.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: That was an infinite error!</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So the government, at that time, overdelivered.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Under the current watch there are no infinite errors, I can assure you of that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The Treasurer at the time overdelivered by \$42 million. This is the whole point. Please take it on notice; please go back through the history of the Commonwealth and tell me whether at any point in time, ever, there was an incidence of a new Commonwealth tax where the actual revenue raised came in 95 per cent below the original revenue forecast promoted by the government.</p> <p>I note the example you raised where the government cautiously predicted zero revenue and was surprised on the upside, but the whole problem with the mining tax is that not only did the government overestimate the revenue but they spent all of the revenue they thought it would raise</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 60

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				and more before they had collected a cent.	
44	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Senator ABETZ: Ms Tankard Rheist made a complaint about a tweet by Mr Adams, and her complaint was upheld. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: When was this? Are we agreed that the offending tweet was on 18 January 2012?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And the complaint was made on 20 June 2012?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: The complaint was made to the Australian Public Service Commissioner on 20 June.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: How long did it take the Australian Taxation Office to determine this complaint?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: The complaint was forwarded to us on 6 July 2012.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That was when the complaint was determined?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: Referred to the ATO from the Australian Public Service Commissioner.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And then when was it determined?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: It was determined through the month of August through a series of events and final action was taken on 4 September.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The person of whom we speak also admitted these matters, I understand, on an ABC website. It is not as though this man is unknown in the public arena. How many letters, emails and phone calls did Ms Tankard Reist make to the ATO in an effort to find out about the progress of her complaint?</p> <p>Mr Reardon: I am not aware of a precise number of emails or phone calls, but I can look back on the records. As I think you are aware, there was a period where no correspondence was provided to Ms Tankard Reist until February of 2013, when she provided an email direct to one of the officers of the ATO asking for advice about the complaint.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 61
45	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Mr Olesen: As Mr Reardon indicated to you, there is an ongoing investigation looking into those tweets. I guess where I was trying to draw the line was about particulars of actions taken in respect of Mr Adams, because of the obligations we have under the Privacy Act. I think Mr Reardon said to you earlier that there is ongoing action being undertaken. I happily confirm that, as we head to Ms Tankard Rheist.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But this is from a previous matter. I am assuming that the previous matter was all closed off, line drawn under it. Certain guarantees were given and now the current investigation is</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 64

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				<p>back at it again. I fully understand. We are not asking what is happening there, but whether or not as part of the previous matter a letter was sent. He has said publicly that a letter was sent from personnel, but you are not willing to confirm that what he has said here is true, correct or indifferent</p> <p>Mr Olesen: As a matter of fact, I do not think his tweet did say that. I think he said, 'just in case I get something'.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: No, unless I want another STFU letter from personnel. Saying another letter suggests that there was a previous one.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I am just trying to draw the line at getting into particulars about the matters that were engaged with Ms Rheist.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can I make a suggestion? As I understand it, the question is: as a result of the previous investigation—not the current one--was a letter sent to the employee concerned? Is that the question?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Correct.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Why don't we take that on notice and the ATO can consider that appropriately with their advisers.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is exactly what I was going to suggest. We are ad idem on that, so that is all very good. If a letter was sent, also give consideration to it being tabled and take that on notice. We will get a response to that in due course. The fact that this person has simply opened a new Twitter account under a different name and continued this activity is now the subject of an investigation by the ATO.</p>	
46	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Senator ABETZ: Has this employee been on substantial leave, in particular last month?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Can I take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Alright. This is his Twitter feed for just one month, about seven tweets per page. If you go through them they are all hours of the working day when one assumes he should be gainfully employed at taxpayer's expense by the ATO. If he took leave, so be it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: But Senator Cormann just tweeted, presumably that was on working time as well.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am on double time. They are work related tweets.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: What is more I have absolute confidence that Senator Cormann's tweet's would be in stark contrast to the ones contained in this bunch of tweets.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 64

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				<p>Senator Wong: Is there something you are asking the ATO?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, in relation to his hours at work because the vast majority of these tweets, if you look at the time, are emanating from his time at work when he should be collecting debts or whatever he does in the tax office rather than indulging in this manic tweeting. I simply draw that to your attention to consider the number of tweets in the month of May.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I understand the ATO are taking on leave the issues associated with the timing of the tweets.</p>	
47	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Senator ABETZ: If he had four weeks leave, so be it, albeit it does not excuse the distastefulness. But the issue of tweeting during work hours would be a real issue for you, I would have hoped. If I go to the Twitter feeds. Just from 31 May until 3 June there was a huge number of tweets, continually emanating. Mr Adams also spends a number of tweets or has a degree of contact with a Ms Grace Bellevue who is a self-described, amongst other things, nefarious escort. I have a printout that I am happy to provide to the officials in relation to that. I am assuming that Mr Adams is not engaged in some undercover operation to ensure tax compliance in the sex industry.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I would have thought you might be able to tell me the he was not, but if you need to take that on notice so be it. On occasion in these tweets, he also seems to be, in a bizarre way, giving taxation advice or commenting on matters taxation and on one occasion he tweets Grace Bellevue saying, 'This is sailing close to the wind, but la Rosa K showed you can still do illegal activities and still contribute via taxes,' and, 'Someone told you to spend it in hookers and blow for you that is tax effective.'</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 64-65
48	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Senator ABETZ: Is Mr Adams authorised to give out tax advice to sex workers via Twitter? You have a serious problem here. The minister can lean back and smile but this goes to the Australian Public Service code of ethics and public confidence in Australian tax officials to ensure that they are going about their duties they are paid for and that this sort of behaviour does not become prevalent. It is behaviour, as I understood it, that the Australian Taxation Office condemned and dealt with, and yet it is now being repeated.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 65
49	Abetz	ATO	Staff Behaviour	<p>Senator ABETZ: Finally, are you able to come back to the committee with the result of your new investigation?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page

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				<p>Mr Jordan: I think we have taken that on notice as to how far we can do that. I think as the Public Service Commissioner said, it is not an ideal situation for us to be in in terms of our requirements on privacy. But clearly it is unacceptable, inappropriate behaviour and I will certainly take on board what you have said about the work hour tweets and factor that into our investigation.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And to save a few trees, I will provide this information to the relevant tax officers to save them printing it off and doing the research.</p>	66
50	Colbeck	ATO	Define rent and on-licence lease agreements	<p>Senator COLBECK: It is just something I am trying to get to the bottom of. It is something that has cropped up with other departments, so I am asking the question here. In a significant list of lease properties it included a square metre rate that said nil. When we asked some questions around that, the answer was: 'Annual rent is nil. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is charged a licence fee and not rent for some properties.' So I am just trying to get a sense of what the difference is between being charged a licence fee and rent. And I would like to know whether you have properties in that category too.</p> <p>Ms Cawthra: We do not have any properties in that category. All of our properties have a per square metre fee.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me what the difference might be between the two categories?</p> <p>Ms Cawthra: No, I would have to take that on notice. Ours are all square meterage.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: The only thing I could suggest here is that perhaps if the building is not solely used by the particular department there might well be some other tenants. Sometimes you might find that for common areas, like the ground floor and lifts, there might be a licence to use or occupy and there is no particular charge because you might have different tenants going through. I am just suggesting, from prior experience, that that might be part of that license type arrangement. That is all I can think of. But, as the CFO has said, we do not have any such licences.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You are asking a question about an answer DAFF gave; is that right?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: It is a different categorisation—</p> <p>Senator Wong: I suspect it is a question of finance.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: My next question was going to be: is there a difference in the tax treatment of the two?</p> <p>Senator Wong: That might be a question for Mr Jordan, but he just indicated that he does not have a lot of knowledge about this particular issue to which you are referring.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: I am not sure I am authorised to give tax advice in this way.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 67-68

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				<p>Senator Wong: The government property framework is a matter for the Department of Finance and Deregulation.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: But I was asking whether this agency had any properties in this category. The answer is no, so I am satisfied with that. That is not an issue. If the answer had been yes then we could have explored it further. We have had some explanation of what it might be. Page 68 Senate Wednesday, 5 June 2013 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Whether it is a licence fee or a lease agreement, it should be assessable in the hands of the recipient taxpayer. There should not be any difference between a licence fee and a lease payment.</p>	
51	Fifield	Revenue Group (RG)	Medicare Levy	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Mr Heferen, your colleague in Finance, Mr Tune, was very helpful in providing 10 years of expenditure figures for the NDIS. Mr Ray was very helpful in providing a 10-year breakdown of the savings which will go towards the NDIS. I was hoping to be able to get the same in terms of the revenue collected by the increase in the Medicare levy.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: On page 28 of Budget Paper No. 2—as is usual, the gain to revenue in each year over the forward estimates is identified. In the text it talks about the gain to revenue of \$20.4 billion to 2018-19. It does not have a breakdown. I am not aware of that breakdown being anywhere in the budget papers. Did you want the breakdown?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes, I was hoping—just so that I had a complete data series for expenditure, the savings and the revenue.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: If I could take that on notice—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: If you could. The timeframe is up to 2023-24.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will put down the marker I put down in the opening session—we will take it on notice and consider it, but we have already provided substantial amounts of information for a period beyond the forward estimates, certainly more than—</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: I like your style—</p> <p>Senator Wong: You like my style? I am pleased to hear that, but we have done that for the reasons I outlined today, which are the importance of demonstrating that these very important investments in the future have structural spends to sustainably fund them. But the government is not budgeting over 10 years.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: No, but that does not mean the information would not be helpful and much appreciated.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 72-73

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				<p>Senator Wong: It might be argued that that is what that is actually asking for. Anyway, we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: No more so than being provided with expenditure figures over that time.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We have given you the \$20.4 billion figure.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Yes. I already had the \$20.4 billion figure, but it is the disaggregation that I would appreciate.</p>	
52	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax	<p>Senator EDWARDS: That is my next question. Of the total collections under that 40 per cent tax that you collect, what is from countries other than Australia and New Zealand?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I do not appear to have that figure, so I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Do you have an intuitive feel?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: No, I do not, sorry.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: When you say you will take it on notice, when do you reckon you would know? Would it be easy to flush out? I am trying to get an idea of what contribution Australia and New Zealand makes to the total revenue collected, and what contribution Spain, Argentina, France make. I mean, there has been an explosion of French wine coming into this country by virtue of the currency strength. I just want to see what the French are contributing to our taxes.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I just have not—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: You can take that on notice. You could get that to me in a week or so, probably?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I have just been advised that we will be able to get it back to you very quickly.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I love the way it works! In that, and probably along the same lines, would you be able to tell me what contribution New Zealand made to the total revenue collected and, under the Closer Economic Relations agreement, how much we rebate to them? I will give your people time to send the message.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: We do not have a breakdown by country was the message.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: How come you cannot do that?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I do not know. I will need to follow through on that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It would be interesting, wouldn't it, to see where the revenue is being generated. The point I am coming to—and you will see where I am going with this—is that New Zealand is responsible for audits of New Zealand producers. How many audits do they do annually in New Zealand of the transactions which are afforded a 29 per cent rebate?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 74 -75

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				<p>Mr Quigley: I do have that figure, but I will be able to—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I am sure you will in 30 seconds.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Maybe, maybe not.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Is it the New Zealanders' responsibility and, more particular, the responsibility of the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department to conduct those audits under the Closer Economic Relations agreement that we struck in 2006?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: It certainly is. The IRD in New Zealand do undertake those audits and my understanding is that there is quite a quality control—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: But we do not actually know whether they do any audits, do we?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I do not know. I would need to get back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: But you would know if they are doing audits. As shown in answers to question on notice, we are doing 379 audits this year, which is double the number you have done over previous years. So you are very active in this space, yet I am not seeing any action in New Zealand. It would appear to me that, if you have issues in Australia, you may well have them in New Zealand. Would you briefly explain why we afforded them a competitive advantage over this country? What was it in the Closer Economic Relations that they nailed us on in 2006?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: That is not a question for the tax office, I do not think.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It is a strange mix, I do agree, Minister! You have doubled your commitment to Australian WET audits over the last 12 months, which was a decision made by whom?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: We have some answers to previous questions for you now.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay, hit me with those.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: These answers are answers that we provided to you previously. This one says: In relation to wine rebate claims from New Zealand producers, the ATO does not undertake audits of claims for the Wine Producer Rebates. Unlike Australian claimants, New Zealand producers who claim the rebate are subject to a 100% verification of their claims by the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department, prior to passing to the ATO for payment.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: No worries. Have they ever given you any money back after they have done an audit and found that it was paid incorrectly?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: That is not here. I can get back to you.</p>	
53	Edwards	Revenue Group	Wine	<p>Senator EDWARDS: No, that's fine. Where did New Zealand win the argument in 2006 which now affords them a competitive advantage over Australian wine producers of 29 per cent?</p>	<p>Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page</p>

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		(RG)	Equalisation Tax	<p>Mr Heferen: I am afraid I do not know the answer to that. We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That is fine.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You might want to ask your colleagues who negotiated it.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: That is why I made the point, Minister: it was 2006.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If this is an attack on free trade, I am sitting here going, 'Wow!'</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: No, it is not an attack on—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Keep going, Senator, I am okay.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice.</p>	75
54	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay. The chair is already indulging me. I have one last one. We have all that on the record.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I am sorry. I do not understand what it is that you are asking.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Where did the extra money come from to do double the amount of audits?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: What I am saying is that the figures that I have got here do not show that we are doing double the amount of audits.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Yes, you are. You are doing 379. What were you doing in the previous years?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: All I can say is that 379 does not tally with what I have, so I will need to take that figure—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: We will have a discussion about that or I will reframe it. Finally, is there a commitment from your department to continue to audit between 15 per cent and 20 per cent of the Australian wine industry every year, if 379 is the number?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I have not got the projected audits, I am afraid.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Yes, I will.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 76
55	Bushby	ATO	AVO Employee Qualifications	<p>Senator BUSHBY: How does the AVO verify employee qualifications prior to the commencement of employment?</p> <p>Ms Quigley: I would have to take that one on notice.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 77
56	Bushby	ATO	AVO Redundancies	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. Thank you. Has the AVO undertaken any redundancy programs in the last year or two?</p> <p>Ms Quigley: We have in the last year. We are still in the process of going through voluntary</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page

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				<p>redundancies. We are looking to have about 11 staff leave the organisation.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Okay. When did that start?</p> <p>Ms Quigley: That started in March this year. Five people have already left the organisation. We expect that there will be another six leaving in the next few months.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That started in March of this year. Were there any redundancy programs last year?</p> <p>Ms Quigley: No.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Have any of the five that you mentioned as having left recommenced employment with the AVO since leaving or contracted to provide valuation services since leaving?</p> <p>Ms Quigley: I will have to take that one on notice.</p>	77
57	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Advanced Auctioning of Carbon Permits	<p>Senator CORMANN: Mr Heferen, your colleague Mr Ray earlier today directed me to you to discuss the specifics of carbon tax revenue assumptions. Specifically, what I am interested in is the revenue over the forward estimates that comes from advance auctioning of permits down the track. As I understand it, and you might just be able to confirm that for us, you are accelerating the pace of advance auctioning of carbon permits in as much as it has doubled in this year's budget compared with what was previously envisaged. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I might have to turn to Mr Brake for some assistance on that.</p> <p>Mr Brake: A re-profiling of the advanced auctions: I am not sure if I have right in front of me exactly how much that was.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can I put it to you and then you might say whether that sounds right or that sounds wrong? As I understand it, the initial intention was for one-sixteenth of permits to be auctioned three years in advance; that is now going to be one-eighth. It was supposed to be one-sixteenth of permits two years ahead; that is now one-eighth. It was supposed to be one-sixteenth of permits one year ahead and that is also now one-eighth, hence the doubling. And you are now looking at 50 per cent of permits to be sold and purchased in the actual vintage year. Does that sound about right?</p> <p>Mr Brake: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Which means that, of course, in 2013-14 you would expect to advance sell permits for 2016-17 and in 2014-15 you would expect to advance sell permits from 2017-18 onwards. That is right?</p> <p>Mr Brake: That is right.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 78-79

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				<p>Senator CORMANN: Maybe just initially, what is the price assumption that you use in relation to permits for 2016-17 that you are selling in 2013-14?</p> <p>Mr Brake: In the fixed price period, I think the budget papers—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Not the fixed price period.</p> <p>Mr Brake: Sorry, the auctions which are being sold in say, 2013-14, which—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: In relation to the floating price period?</p> <p>Mr Brake: That is right. There is a box in the budget—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Box 9?</p> <p>Mr Brake: Box 9, that is right. It says that the price assumption for those permits is based on the EU ETS market futures prices for 2013-14 and 2014-15.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Which will be what? Roughly around A\$6 a tonne?</p> <p>Mr Brake: I do not have those figures on me.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Do you want to provide those on notice, perhaps?</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you. So that is in relation to during the fixed price period. What about when we get to 2015-16 and 2016-17, when you would be planning to advance sell carbon permits for 2018-19 and 2019-20? What is the basis for your revenue estimates from those carbon permits for the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17?</p> <p>Mr Brake: For auctions that take place in the floating price period, the price is assumed to be the carbon price in the year that the auction occurs. I will give you an example: permits auctioned in 2015-16 would be auctioned at the projected price, \$12.10, regardless of the vintage year.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So in 2016-17, when you would be advance-auctioning permits for 2019-20, the floating price, according to your linear projections, is \$18.60. However, the price that is in the budget for 2019-20 is \$38 a tonne. So there is a \$20 gap between the revenue that you expect to generate on a cash basis in 2016-17 and the revenue on an accrual basis that is the 2019-20 projection. I see you nod, is that right?</p> <p>Mr Brake: Yes, that is my understanding. On the cash side we are booking the price in that year rather than what the projected price is in two years time.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How do you reconcile—</p> <p>Mr Brake: Excuse me. I was talking there about the cash figures. In fiscal terms the permits are recognised at their expected market value at the time of the emission.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What is the expected market value?</p>	
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				<p>Mr Brake: For those particular years, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Obviously I was asking a question in cash terms. So in 2016-17 you are expecting to sell one-eighth of permits for 2019-20 at \$18.60 a tonne when your projection for 2019-20 is \$38, out of the modelling. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Brake: That is correct.</p>	
58	Birmingham	Revenue Group (RG)	Carbon Price	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: In relation to table 7, where it lists \$6.265 billion, are you able to unpack that for us as to how much of that revenue, those cash receipts, relate to the 2013-14 carbon price, the 2014-15 carbon price—none of it presumably relates to the 2014-15 carbon price—the sale of 2015-16 permits and the advance sale of 2016-17 permits?</p> <p>Mr Brake: I would have to take that on notice. I do not think I have that breakdown on me.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is there anybody who might be able to provide that during the time up to 10.30 that we potentially have.</p> <p>Senator Wong: No, we are taking it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I appreciate that it needs to be taken on notice, I was just asking if it might be able to be provided a little faster, if the officials are able to do that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: And he is asking with a smile!</p> <p>Senator Wong: He can ask with a smile all he likes! The question has been taken on notice. I have to leave briefly, I apologise. Senator Ludwig will take over.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 80
59	Milne	ASIC	Self-Managed Superannuation Funds Taskforce	<p>59. ASIC stated In a response to a question on notice to supplementary estimates (SBT 5) that it had a taskforce looking at the suitability of self-managed superannuation funds for ‘mum and dad’ investors and the quality of advice they received. It was due to report in the first half of 2013. By December 2012 ASIC would receive a report by Rice Warner to determine the point at which a SMSF becomes cost effective relative to an APRA regulated fund.</p> <p>a. What did Rice Warner conclude?</p> <p>b. When will the SMSF report be released?</p> <p>c. What conclusions has the taskforce reached so far?</p>	Written, 17/6/13
60	Waters	Revenue Group	MRRT	<p>Senator WATERS: I have some questions about the MRRT, now that we have some figures. First of all, can you please give me some figures—just in aggregate, not for individual companies—on the impact on reducing revenue, first of all of the rebating of royalties?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page

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		(RG)	<p>Mr Heferen: Because the ATO does not have any tax returns yet, and we do not have any material to analyse, we do not have a number for that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: You cannot work it out from the data that you have already?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We have projections of revenue in the budget. As to a figure that would be as accurate as possible with regard to the treatment of royalties, I think it would be prudent to wait until the ATO has returns and to do that analysis correctly.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you folk take on notice to provide that information once it becomes available? And are you able to give me an estimate based on the information that we have currently as to the amount, roughly, of reduced revenue from the royalty rebate?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Likewise, I am interested to know how much revenue has been reduced as a result of using the market value as the starting base rather than the book value. Can you shed any light on that at this point?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The MRRT has the market value it has had since its inception.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Have you factored in what it would have been had you used the book value?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Not that I am aware of. That is a design feature of the system. We would not be in the practice of estimating what a different system would have, so that would not have been something we would have calculated.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is that something you could calculate on notice for me?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And likewise the net-back arrangements—do we know the impact of those using that—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Again, we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Lastly, the low-profit offset—that \$75 million threshold: I am interested to know how much reduction in revenue has flowed as a result of that and how many folk are actually availing themselves of that threshold.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: From the \$50 million to \$75 million?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Both.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We would have a number from 50 to 75—that changed—because that was an explicit change of policy. The amount that is, if you like, forgone from a base of having it all is something we will take on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, I am interested in both of those aspects. I think last time I asked you the</p>	84-86
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			<p>proportion of mining companies that were using the market value approach rather than the book value approach to calculate the starting base. I think at the time you said you could not answer that yet. Are you now in a position to answer that?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you waiting on tax receipts?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: It would be on the returns of the taxpayers. And those returns have not been lodged yet—although some may have been lodged for early balances, but to have an overall assessment we would need to wait until the returns are lodged.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: For the ones that have been lodged, is everybody using that market value approach? Ms Martin: We do not have lodgements yet. The lodgements for early balances will be coming in from 1 September this year if they are taxable and 1 December if they are not. The majority will be lodging on 1 March next year, or 1 June. It is not until they lodge that they have to make that choice, so it is not until we see the lodgement—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So those early submissions do not go to that point. Okay. I shall wait patiently for that. Does the MRRT represent the standard tax treatment of minerals?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Standard tax treatment?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Well, is this the new standard for how we are going to approach taxing minerals? Would you describe it as a standard approach.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: How anything is taxed is really a matter for the government and the parliament of the day. You could think about corporate income tax—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: It could be a government approach that could be characterised as—and I am not saying it is, but for instance—the usual norm, or whatever you would like to call it. But it is not for the public servant to say what might be the usual way. You could ask me, and I would say that I would take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks, Minister—very helpful!</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I am not familiar with how the Treasurer would regard these things. I am happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks, Minister; I shall await that also. I guess what I am getting it is: when it comes to the tax expenditure statement, should we treat the fact that the MRRT does not cover all minerals as concessions for those minerals?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The tax expenditure statement needs to adopt a benchmark for the various expenditures that are there. Those benchmarks are inherently arbitrary. The nature of tax is such</p>	
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			<p>that there is no one benchmark that is appropriate across the board. So the government has to choose a particular benchmark in respect of each tax, and any departure from that benchmark we attempt to measure through the tax expenditure statement. It is not to make any judgement that the benchmark is actually the appropriate tax treatment. That is a very important point, because some people misinterpret the TES as saying that the benchmark is what ought to be taxed, and the benchmark is definitely not a statement of what ought to be taxed.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It is just a statement of what is taxed; sure. Are you treating the MRRT as the benchmark for minerals?</p> <p>Mr Brake: The tax expenditure statement, on page 228, talks about the natural resources benchmark for periods 1 July 2012 onwards, and it says that the natural resources benchmark only applies to the extraction of petroleum, coalseam gas, iron ore and coal.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Does the statement make any comment about uranium, gold or other minerals? Does it consider that the absence of a resource tax on those minerals is a concession?</p> <p>Mr Brake: No. It specifically says that the benchmark does not apply to the extraction of other natural resources.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Given your categorisation of it not being a tax expenditure on those other minerals, you have not costed how much they are saving as a result of not being covered by a resource tax?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is it something that you would be able to do?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Again, we can take that on notice and see if the Treasurer wants to provide a response.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am interested in any reasoning behind why you would not consider—</p> <p>CHAIR: What is your question, Senator? It seems to me that you are asking the officer to speculate about the tax implications of a tax that is not levied on minerals and is expressly excluded from the comments he addressed.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am asking whether or not that is considered a concession, precisely for the reasons you outlined.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: It is a policy question to government. Similarly, I can find out whether the Treasurer wants to add anything useful to that in answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am interested in the reasoning, from a departmental perspective, behind not classing that as a concession.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: The department would not have a view about a reasoning as to whether it was in</p>	
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				<p>or out. That would be a policy question to government.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: When I said I would take those on notice, in the process of taking on notice we go to the Treasurer to see whether the Treasurer wants to provide that information. That is not something within our judgement or capacity to provide.</p> <p>Senator Ludwig: I would be surprised if you had a view.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No, we have no view—absolutely no view whatsoever.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It is just that the absence of a tax on other things is treated as a tax expenditure. It is not as if this is a novel concept. You take this approach in other areas; hence my question as to why you are not taking a consistent approach in this instance.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The benchmark is articulated in our tax expenditure statement. That is the benchmark which the government wants to use.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: There is an interesting comment in the ABS publication called Completing the Picture - Environmental Accounting in Practice. It talks about the value of resource rents from subsoil assets and it puts the figure at \$44 billion. Obviously that is nowhere near what the MRRT applies to, or is able to raise, under the various exemptions and levels that it has set. Why is there a difference in approach in calculating the potential revenue that could be raised? What is the difference between how the ABS got to their figure and how the MRRT gets to its figure? Adding in the minerals and increasing it up to the 40 per cent does not account for the difference in the figures. I am interested in what does account for that.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We will have to take that on notice.</p>	
61	Waters	ATO	Tax Havens	<p>Senator WATERS: I want to move now to tax havens, for want of a better word. Does the ATO look at to what extent companies which operate in Australia have subsidiaries in tax havens, even if they do not have commercial operations in those countries?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Yes, we do that as part of our international strategies in multinational enterprises.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you aware of a recent report by the Uniting Church from last month?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Yes, we are. Senator Cameron asked about that earlier.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I missed Senator Cameron's questions. Forgive me if you are going over old ground. The report found that about 60 of our top 100 companies have such a registered subsidiary, despite not having any operations in that country. Do you think that estimate was a plausible one?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Which?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: That 60 of our top 100 companies have subsidiaries in tax haven countries even</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 86

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				<p>though they do not have operations in those countries? Mr Quigley: What is the actual question, Senator? Senator WATERS: Is that a plausible estimate? Mr Quigley: Off the top of my head, I really could not say whether it is a plausible estimate or not. Senator WATERS: Based on the work you have done in looking into this, how many of the top 100 companies have you found fit into that category? Mr Quigley: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
62	Siewert	ATO	Charity market segments	<p>Senator SIEWERT: What is the total number of charities covered by the ACNC? Ms Pascoe: We have registered a number since we were established, and we have passed the 57,000 mark. I think I can get you the exact number. Senator SIEWERT: That is amazing. Mr Locke: It was 57,476 as at the close of business on Friday, 31 May. Senator SIEWERT: What proportion are small, medium and large? Ms Pascoe: We are working on estimates of this because we are yet to get the first lot of annual information statements in. The estimates that the tax office was working on were roughly 78 per cent small, 11 per cent medium and 11 per cent large. We will need to verify that data.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 87
63	Cormann	ATO	ACNC staff on 457 visas	<p>Senator CORMANN: In your recruiting, have you made use of 457 visas? Ms Pascoe: Yes. Assistant Commissioner Locke, for example. Senator CORMANN: Are you able to give us numbers for how many of your staff are on 457 visas? Ms Pascoe: We will take it on notice, but we have a small number of people who had worked in charity commissions in other countries. Senator CORMANN: Is it half a dozen or— Ms Pascoe: I think it is— Senator Wong: She has taken it on notice. Senator CORMANN: You think, sorry? Senator Wong: The officer has taken it on notice. Ms Pascoe: It is a handful, but we can get you that information.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 90-91

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64	Cormann	ATO	Treasury and ATO Tax and Superannuation Protocol	<p>Senator CORMANN: This is a question for both Treasury and the ATO. Referring back to the Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013, you have previously answered questions in relation to the Treasury and ATO Tax and Superannuation Protocol. The protocol is a formal document that was signed by the Treasury Secretary and the tax commissioner on 10 September 2012. In relation to new tax and superannuation legislation, the protocol notes that:</p> <p>... it is imperative that agreement is reached with the tax administrator (the ATO) that the legislation will achieve the Government's policy intent and a commitment that it can and will be administered in that way.</p> <p>The protocol also notes that the most accountable way to proceed would be for joint sign-off on what the protocol refers to as the quality dimension before the legislation is referred to the minister before introduction of the bill. How many of these joint accountability statements have been signed off since September 2012?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: We might need to take that on notice. I am aware that, at least for the anti-avoidance bill that incorporated the changes to part IVA and the profit-shifting provisions, we undertook such a process.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 94
65	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Payments Made to Contractors	<p>Senator CORMANN: In the 2011-12 budget there was a measure that required certain businesses to report annually on payments made to contractors in the building and construction industry with effect from 1 July 2012. Can you explain to us how the expected revenue in the budget of \$217 million in 2013-14 will come about?</p> <p>Senator Wong: This is the 2012-13 budget. Put it on the record and we will take it on notice.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 99
66	Cormann	ATO	Tax Gap Analysis	<p>Senator CORMANN: As I understand it, correct me if I am wrong, the tax gap is the difference between the amount of tax payable if there was complete compliance versus the amount actually collected. Is that a fair summary?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: In broad terms that is correct.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Would you be able to provide us on notice, to the extent you can, with your most current income tax gap analysis?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Yes. What we would be able to provide you is what we have already provided, I think, to the JCPAA.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 101

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67	Cormann	ATO	Rulings Timeframes	<p>Senator CORMANN: I have a couple of questions—and that will probably be it from me—in relation to the rulings system. Do you have firm time lines within which ATO staff have to finalise various rulings across various categories, like product rulings, class rulings and private rulings.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you talk us through what those time lines are?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I would love to if I had the information at my fingertips, but I am not going to rely on my memory. I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Having taken that part on notice, can you explain what happens if the time line is not complied with when there is a deadline of, say, 30 days?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Internally we monitor those standards that we set for ourselves. For example, if we set ourselves a standard of 28 days to produce a particular audit and we aim to get 85 per cent of our rulings done within that period, we track that regularly throughout the year.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What happens if you do not?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: If we do not hit it we then focus on the rump of cases. They are usually referred to as aged cases. They are cases that have hit the original time line. We then have processes of calling over those aged cases and keeping a close look on them, with a view to making sure that we do not end up with a tail that drags on into the never-never.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you going to provide me that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I do not have the information at my fingertips, but I am happy to provide you with that.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 102-103
68	Birmingham	Revenue Group (RG)	Carbon Price #2	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Mr Heferen, I suspect these questions will be matters that you will wish to take on notice—especially the first one, which is about carbon-pricing matters. You took the question on notice when I asked for a breakdown of the \$6.265 billion in the cash receipts for this year and how that was comprised of the carbon tax component from this year versus advance selling of permits. If you are doing that on notice, can I ask for a breakdown across each of the forward years for each of the components of sales in the year versus forward sale of permits and of course which vintage year those forward sale of permits relate to and the assumed price for each of those components in each of those years.</p> <p>Mr Brake: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Also, just so that I am clear on your understanding of the meaning as it is in box 9 on page 248 of Budget Paper No. 1, the price estimate in those cash receipts for the advance option element of those figures is based on the EU futures price. That is what we have</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 103

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				<p>discussed during the course of the day with you earlier in the day. I want to be crystal clear about that.</p> <p>Mr Brake: I think that was covered very extensively in discussions with fiscal group. The wording in that box is very deliberate and clear.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Please take on notice what it is. Would that have been the futures price for 2015-16 and for 2016-17 at the time of the budget being prepared in the month or two leading up to the budget release?</p> <p>Mr Brake: That is right. That is what Dr Gruen said earlier.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: You have taken on notice what it is. Obviously the department of climate change gave a figure last week of \$5.42. We will see how that matches up with what your department says. Thank you for clarifying those matters.</p>	
69	Birmingham	Revenue Group (RG)	Fuel Tax Credits	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I will now go to the reduction in expenses that is incurred in relation to the fuel tax credits as a result of the carbon price equivalent being applied to those fuel tax credits. Are you able to give a value for what the carbon tax carbon price equivalent on those fuel tax credits is for each of the budget years? The fuel tax credits are outlined on page 641.</p> <p>Mr Brake: I do not think I have a breakdown of those figures.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Not for any of the years? I am happy just to take it for this year if you have it or the incoming financial year.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: No, we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Do you have the rate, in terms of once it is adjusted into the fuel tax credit, of the carbon price equivalent as it is estimated in the budget papers?</p> <p>Mr Brake: I will have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Again, not even for the current year, Mr Brake?</p> <p>Mr Brake: I do not have that figure.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Sorry, Senator, these sound like pretty straightforward issues; if we had had notice, we could have made sure we had that information but, unfortunately, we do not have that detail with us.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will see how quickly we can get it.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thanks, Mr Heferen and Minister.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 103-104

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70	Birmingham	Revenue Group (RG)	Excise Revenue on Gaseous Fuels	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Since the introduction of excise on gaseous fuels, in December 2011, what is the collected excise revenue for each of LPG, LNG and CNG for 2011-12 as against the projected revenue for the same period?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: The collections as against the projected revenue for the same period?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Correct.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: To do that reconciliation we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could do that, and also again for at least the year to date for 2012-13, unless you have any estimates of how they are currently tracking. Also, could you outline what the projections are for each of those categories—LPG, LNG and CNG—for 2013-14.</p> <p>Has Treasury had cause to look at what impacts or otherwise there have been since the introduction of that excise in December 2011—what the impacts on industry have been?</p> <p>Senator Wong: On which industry? On the industry itself?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Indeed. On the liquid gas industry.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: On notice, can I have the figures over the last four years for what it has cost in loss of revenue from managed investment scheme tax deductions for example for the purchase of farmland, the planting of trees et cetera.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: We might need a little more clarity in what you are precisely asking.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: With the managed investment schemes, for the purchase of farmland and the growing of trees et cetera.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: With regard to forests?</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: I am only looking at the purchase of farmland.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Purchase of farmland for future forest investments—the planting of trees?</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Yes. If a farmer buys land it is not tax deductible. I believe if a managed investment scheme purchases farmland to plant into trees it is tax deductible. That taxation deduction would come at a cost to revenue to the ATO, of course. I am looking for some direction on what the tax deduction might actually cost in revenue.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: We will look to see what we can do but I am not sure we can get down to that level of granularity.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: It is whether there is a specific label on the return just for that purpose.</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I suspect there will not be but we will do our best.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You are trying to get a sense of the value to the taxpayer.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 105
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				Senator WILLIAMS: Yes. Senator Wong: If we cannot do that we will see if there is an ascertainable figure.	
71	Bishop	ATO	Exploration Tax Concession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you please explain the abuse of the exploration tax concession? • Can you please describe the amount of claims through this loophole that the ATO has identified over the past 3 years? • Can you give a sense of the biggest individual claim the ATO has identified – is it tens of millions, hundreds of millions or billions? • How is the budget measure different from what the Business Tax Working Group was looking at? • Would you agree that the budget package was necessary to protect the corporate tax base otherwise there would be pressure to increase other taxes or cut our spending as our corporate tax base was being eroded? • My understanding is that the change to the exploration concession was made in early 2000s. Do you agree that the budgetary impact at the time was significantly smaller than what we've observed in practice since then? 	Written 13/6/2013
72	Parry	ATO	ATO Officials	<p>1. Does the Australian Government send officials from the Australian Taxation Office to other countries of the world to advise their officials with regard to taxation?</p> <p>2. If yes to question 1:</p> <p>a. Which countries do they go to?</p> <p>b. In what capacity do they advise governments/treasuries of other nations?</p> <p>c. What is the total cost of sending ATO officers overseas?</p> <p>d. How often do they go?</p>	Written 13/6/2013
73	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Carbon Price # 3	Senator CORMANN: Thank you, Dr Parkinson. Driving home last night and, dare I say it, overnight as I was reflecting on the discussions I had with your colleagues about carbon price assumptions and how it was all flowing through, one thing intrigued me and I thought I would just ask you about it. The box name spells out that, in terms of the advance sale of carbon permits, essentially for 2013-14 and 2014-15, which are sales that potentially go up to three years ahead, the price that is used is the market futures price which is of course currently around A\$6, whereas the price that is in the budget forecast for these years is \$12.10 for 2015-16; \$18.60 for 2016-17. So you are using a lower price on a cash basis in your early years in relation to the advance sales of	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 13

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				<p>permits three years down the track, yet at the same time that is happening you have actually accelerated the pace of advance sales, which we established yesterday, doubling the pace of advance sales in fact. Why would you double the pace at which you presell carbon permits, when you get half or a third for them?</p> <p>If your budget is based on a prediction which, incidentally, we do not think is believable, that the price of carbon will go up twice between now and 2015-16 and three times between now and 2016-17, would you not slow down the pace of advance sales rather than accelerate it to the extent that the budget is envisaging?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I was not privy to the conversation you had with Mr Ray and Dr Gruen on this yesterday.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Maybe take it on notice. I am not trying to be cute. It is a genuine question. It intrigues me that you are basing your cash revenue estimates essentially on market prices, which are significantly lower. Your assumptions are based on the proposition that you are accelerating your advance sales, yet you are predicting in the budget that the carbon price is going to be twice or three times as high a few years down the track. It does not seem to make sense to me to try and sell more permits now, when you think that the price is going to go up three times.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: It is a good question. I am happy to take it on notice.</p>	
74	Sinodinos	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Living Standards	<p>Senator SINODINOS: I want to ask the Secretary first: going back to your comments about living standards and the impact of the interaction between the terms of trade and productivity growth, if we are to maintain average living standards that we have had over a previous period, as you look at the period over the forward estimates, given the assumptions you have in there of the terms of trade and, implicitly, in your assumptions about productivity—I think you are referring to labour productivity—where do you see living standards going over that short-to-medium term period?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Do you want to take that, David?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: Sure. We could give you a rough estimate of what the forecasts have in them. In the projection period we have an assumption of 1½ per cent as the productivity growth rate.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: That is labour productivity?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: Yes, certainly. We do not do multiproductivity in the projection period because we do not have a measure of capital stock. Let us assume, which is reasonable over this period, that nothing happens to the aggregate participation rate in this period, then you would have living standards growing at about 1.3 per cent as a consequence of the combination of a productivity</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 13-14

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				<p>assumption of 1½ per cent and a decline in the terms of trade of a bit over one per cent. That would deliver you a rise in living standards at a rate of 1.3 per cent per annum over that period.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: When we talk about a rise in living standards in that context we are talking essentially about income. This is abstracting from any population effects or participation effects, is it?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: The participation effect is sufficiently gradual at the moment that it would not make a material difference. It is certainly true that in the longer run we have the participation rate coming off but not by much in the forward estimates period.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: Maybe you could take that on notice in terms of the forward estimates period because it would be good to have that. It goes back to what the Secretary was talking about earlier, which is the comparison of that period with the average we have had over previous periods. I forget what he mentioned was the average in terms of the growth in living standards, or GNI, or whatever it was.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I do not think I talked about the average over the long period but over the last two decades it is in the region of 2½.</p> <p>Dr Gruen: That is right. So the growth in living standards over the past two decades would be 2½ and that is simply allowing for the terms-of-trade effect and the labour-productivity effect, so it is not taking any account of the fact of what that participation rate is over that period. So, 2½ is the annual rate of growth of living standards from the terms-of-trade rise and the labour-productivity growth.</p>	
75	Waters	AOFM	Government Bond Yields	<p>Senator WATERS: Indeed. We are watching that with great interest. Thank you. I move now to some broader questions. How long is it since we last had a AAA rating from all three major agencies?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We have a AAA rating.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes, but we have not had that before 2011, have we?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I am not aware that we have had one—</p> <p>Dr Gruen: Fitch upgraded us to AAA in 2011 and, before that, we had not had a AAA rating from Fitch.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. So in 2011 we got all three. How long is it since government bond yields were this low?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: I think the answer to that is the 1950s. We can take that on notice, but it is a very</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 26

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				<p>long time ago. Senator WATERS: That is right.</p>	
76	Waters	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Public Service Cutbacks	<p>Senator WATERS: Indeed. As a result of the Public Service cutbacks in 1996 and their effects on the ACT economy, I understand that there was a fall in demand by about two per cent in the June quarter of 1996. Correct me if I am misinformed about that. Is there a risk that sharp cutbacks in Public Service employment could damage the ACT economy in the short to medium term?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: I am not sure that we have 1996 data with us, but, as a general proposition, a significant decline in public sector employment in the ACT would have a commensurate effect on the ACT economy. I am not in a position to quantify it here, but, given the general proposition that a significant share of the ACT economy is the public service, it follows that, if you had a significant decline in the number of people working here in the public sector, that would have an impact on the ACT economy.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you in a position to go further into what you would consider a significant decline in numbers that might cause that outcome? What kind of proportion would we be talking about?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: We could take the question on notice. I suspect it is a matter of public record how many public sector workers there are in the ACT. I do not have that number in my head.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: No, nor do I.</p> <p>Dr Gruen: I am sure it is a matter of public record.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Again, if you could reflect on the quantum or proportion of cuts that you think might have those sorts of economic outcomes—</p> <p>Dr Gruen: Sure. I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thanks very much, Dr Gruen.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 38
77	Waters	Fiscal Group (FG)	Spending on Education	<p>Senator WATERS: Lastly, the OECD states, in its latest economic survey of Australia: ... sustaining broad-based increases in living standards calls for policies to improve vocational and higher education outcomes to meet future skill needs ...</p> <p>How does Australia's spending on education compare with its peers?</p> <p>Dr Gruen: We are the wrong people, I am afraid. It should be the Fiscal Group.</p> <p>Senator Wong: If we can take it on notice, we will get back to you.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 38

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78	Abetz	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	'Safety First Following Victorian Quake' Press Release - FOI	<p>Senator ABETZ: Did the department assist with processing this FOI request? Mr Murphy: I will take it on notice. I cannot answer that at the present time. Senator Wong: Who was the decision maker, Senator? You are the applicant. Further reference – pages 40-49</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 48
79-83	Abetz	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	'Safety First Following Victorian Quake' Press Release	<p>Paraphrased questions -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was Minister Shorten involved in the decision of excluding the 16 documents from the FOI request? 2. Has Minister Shorten ever issued press releases in relation to other natural disaster events? 3. Were the 14 exempt 'non-official documents' addressed to Minister Shorten? 4. Why were the duplicates of documents 7 and 8 not listed in response to the FOI request? 5. Were the duplicates different in any way? If so, why weren't they supplied? 6. Why didn't the Minister release the 14 'non-official documents', as he is entitled to? What is sensitive about these documents? <p>Hansard extract -</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: ... All right. For each of the 16 out of the 24 documents initially identified in response to FOI 1286—for all documents, including emails created or received by you and your office which contain matter relating to the earthquake which occurred in Gippsland on 19 June 2012 and which were subsequently excluded on review—can you tell us what type of document it is, who created it, who it was sent to and what the subject matter was.</p> <p>Senator Wong: On this one and also, I think, 7, 8, 9 and 10—are those the questions that you have?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: They are the ones I will be pursuing, of which I gave notice—that is right.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Yes. I think there are two responses. One is a general response: that obviously you can raise these issues with the FOI officer. But the second response that I have been provided with is that some of the questions go to more detailed process issues that will take some time to address. The minister's office is happy to arrange for these to be worked through in the usual way, and we will provide responses to you in the usual way.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: These documents have already been worked through, identified and assessed,</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 44-45, 47-48, 48-49

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			<p>because they were part of the response to an FOI. So it would not create much work, would it?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, with all due respect, on a request to go back over an FOI request received during a sitting week, you would have to understand that when the House and Senate are sitting there are a lot of other things that ministers are going to be going through. You have asked some very detailed questions about 24 documents.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But you would agree that the committee has the independent authority to ask these questions outside the FOI request.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Yes.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am not asserting that you cannot ask them, Senator. I just cannot assist you on some of them.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: We are just not going to get an answer.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am giving you an answer on some of them. That would be unfair.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are you able to tell us why these documents were excluded from the scope of the FOI?</p> <p>Senator Wong: That certainly is an issue that should be dealt with under the FOI legislation.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But the minister's office has dealt with this personally, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator Wong: This is a different issue to pursuing a set of questions through Senate estimates. If your assertion is that the FOI application has not been dealt with properly, that is an issue where you have rights under the FOI Act—the legislation about that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but we can nevertheless independently ask about the FOI process and how it was handled in the minister's office, and that is what I am seeking to do.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I do not have any information about—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Despite notice being given?</p> <p>Senator Wong: No. I have the request for you to consider your rights under the FOI Act and processes for handling concerns under that. If your question is about who handled the FOI application—who was the relevant decision maker in the minister's office—I do not have that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And whether Minister Shorten involved himself at all in the determination of whether these documents should be excluded?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You see, we did give you notice of that question.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I do not know that.</p>	
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				<p>sensitive about such documents?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Again, I want to make it clear that these were not questions of which we had any notice. We are now in new question territory.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That we are, because I have got nonresponses to all the others.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is your assertion, Senator. I do not agree with that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I invite anyone to read the Hansard and make up their own mind.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Are you done? We are now in the world, I think, of Senator Abetz using the estimates committee to complain yet again about the parameters of the FOI decision. If you want to spend the Senate estimates process dealing with that, if you look at what the Senate has referred to this committee, I doubt that it extends to every aspect of an FOI claim that Senator Abetz has included, but that is where we are. You have rights under the FOI legislation and, if you choose to exercise them, that is a matter for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but also, as a private senator, I have rights here at this committee to ask these questions and pursue these matters.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You do, and I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: What I cannot understand is why the minister would want to hide documents about the Moe earthquake, clearly a public event. As minister for insurance, he would have been responsible and would have had some public interest in these matters, one would assume, and he is not releasing documents. So, if they emanated in his office—about a public event for which he is a relevant minister as minister for insurance—can we have an explanation as to why these documents are not being released.</p> <p>Senator Wong: That is asking me to revisit the FOI claim.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right.</p> <p>Further reference – pages 40-49</p>	
84	Wright	Markets Group (MG)	Mental Health and Insurance Working Group	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I have some questions in relation to the Mental Health and Insurance Working Group. Are the right people sitting there now?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Just give us a minute. That is a working group that is set up with the Insurance Council by Mr Butler.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: That is right—the insurance reform advisory council.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes. There are various working groups that Minister Shorten has set up with the Insurance Council of Australia to address what are seen as inequities in insurance. There is a mental</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 49-50

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			<p>health one, but there are also working groups on aged persons, disability and various areas where it is felt that existing practices in the insurance industry may be seen as discriminatory.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Yes. If I may interrupt—because I may be able to short-circuit this a little—my specific questions were in relation to the Mental Health and Insurance Working Group under the insurance reform advisory council. Should I go ahead with those?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I do not know if we have much more—</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I have a particular question about the information that was going to be provided to Treasury but apparently has not been provided. That is what I wanted to ask questions about. I understood this was the right session to ask those questions in.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: What is your question, Senator? We will see if we can help.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: All right. I understand that on 27 October 2011 representatives of the insurance industry agreed to provide the Treasury with 'data outlining the key risks associated with mental health conditions and the way that this is reflected in underwriting and premiums'. I understand that to date, over 18 months later, the non-industry members of the working group, including representatives of the mental health sector, have not seen that data. So my question, first of all, is about whether Treasury can confirm that the insurance industry representatives have not met that commitment to the working group to provide the data.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I cannot answer that. I will take it on notice as to whether we have received the data. But all I would say is that the government and Treasury have a very good working relationship with the Insurance Council. I will just check whether the data has come in or not. If it has not, the reason would be along the lines of the information just being difficult to gather.'</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: With respect, Mr Murphy, I am wondering if you can assume that is why. What I would be interested to know is whether the data has indeed been received by Treasury, because my understanding is that that was an undertaking that was given by the insurance representatives. So, first of all, has it been received? If it has, will it be—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I cannot answer that.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I understand. I am asking you to take these on notice. I need to go on to the next part of my question, so I will give you the background if you do not mind. Has it been received? If it has, has it been provided to the non-industry representatives on the Mental Health and Insurance Working Group, particularly members of the mental health sector, who are particularly interested in knowing the data? It is an issue that has been ventilated, discussed and raised before. If it has not been received, have any reasons been given to Treasury as to why the</p>	
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				<p>data has not been provided? If it has not, what options are there available to follow that up given that I understand that it was an undertaking that was given and people have been waiting for it? Is there any means of either requiring or encouraging compliance with that undertaking?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: We will follow that up for you. As I said, we have a good working relationship with the Insurance Council and I expect that that information will be provided, if it has not already been provided. I have not got anyone here who would be working on it at the moment.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I understand that that is your difficulty. The assumption that it will be provided does not really assist me because, if it is 18 months and it has not been provided, I am not sure what that assumption is based on and how long we would be reasonably expected to wait for that. I am interested in the process.</p>	
85	Cormann	Revenue Group (RG)	Tax Agent Services Act	<p>Senator CORMANN: Just moving to another issue: in relation to the proposed changes to the Tax Agent Services Act, has the government completed a regulatory impact assessment?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I gather there were amendments moved by the government this morning to remove those matters for consideration.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure, but leaving the parliamentary process to one side, has the government done as it ought to do? I think it is Minister Wong who is responsible for the offers of best practice regulation. I am sure she is very keen to understand whether on this occasion Treasury has followed proper process and taken those proposed changes through the regulatory impact assessment.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Our BPR is independent.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sorry, I was actually being constructive.</p> <p>Senator Wong: No, given that there have been criticisms.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But it is within your portfolio.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It is within the Finance portfolio.</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I will certainly try to help but I am not sure how helpful I can be. These reforms were included as part of the Tax Laws Amendment Bill which, as Mr Murphy said, was debated this morning. This bill is actually a revenue group bill so it is handled by our colleagues in revenue group and was brought forward by the Assistant Treasurer. I cannot say whether or not regulatory impact statements were prepared, but we will certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: This is not the division responsible. It is the group responsible. It is revenue group and we will take that question on notice.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 54

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86	Cormann	Markets Group (MG)	Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you tell us what has been happening with the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: They have been doing a lot of what I would consider very good work. This body was set up some time ago to give expert advice primarily on Corporations Act matters. It has a very small secretariat—about three people. They use professionals who in effect give their time and effort to giving expert advice to the government on particular policy issues. For instance, the government feels that we should be looking at whether we have the right policy settings in place for managed investment schemes. That has been referred to CAMAC. They have a long history of providing very useful reports to government, because the people sitting on the committee are market professionals, including leading legal experts such as partners in major commercial firms. They can provide very good advice to Treasury on what we should be doing.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How many meetings have they had?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: They meet on a monthly basis and they provide reports. There is a long list of reports that they have provided to the government. The chairperson at the moment is Joanne Rees and John Kliver is the executive director. He has great expertise in corporations matters. I think it is a very useful body. It sits outside Treasury and provides advice. Ministers appoint the people to the committee.</p> <p>CHAIR: Is that a body of only three people?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: On the secretariat, but they use private sector people to provide advice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Did they conduct a recent review in relation to trustee companies.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you explain to us how many meetings or consultations they had with submitters and affected stakeholders in relation to that review?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Please take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Do you know how many licensed trustee companies there are in the market?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I think there are about 11, but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you aware whether the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee met with any of these licensed trustee companies as part of the review?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Yes, we understand that there was a roundtable which had representatives from the Financial Services Council.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 56-57
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			<p>Senator CORMANN: You understand; can you be more specific and check that out on notice?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes, they did.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: My advice is—and I am not taking it as gospel—that there was no meeting and the review happened without any engagement with some of the key service providers in that sector.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Is this about how certain funds are treated, concerning the charitable sector?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I have had a meeting with the Financial Services Council and there is quite a difference of view as to what the CAMAC report recommended and some in the charitable sector. We are looking at that.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What is the time frame to resolve that?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: CAMAC has given a report. They are useful reports. But that is a report to government and it is a matter for the government to make a policy decision on whether it wishes to adopt the recommendations in that report. Usually we would consult. Once it comes to Treasury the report is made public and people will either agree or disagree. We would consult with them before we put proposals to government.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: In this sort of trustee company market, you have licensed and unlicensed providers.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: No, they are mainly licensed. The trustee industry is quite a small sector. As Mr Fraser said, there are only about 11 companies.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are there unlicensed trustee service providers or not?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Yes, I think solicitors and lawyers can run trusts.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What proportion of the charitable trust market is represented by unlicensed service providers?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: We cannot answer off the top of the head. I think their concern is that there were new requirements—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The question is whether there is higher risk with unlicensed versus licensed and how you work through all that. Anyway, if on notice you could provide us with some more information—</p> <p>Mr Murphy: We will find you some background.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: about what is going on, what is happening, the timetable and so on. I want to</p>	
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				<p>go back to the Johnson review. There is a question as to whether the investment manager regime will be legislated before the election, but why have so many of the other Johnson review recommendations been sidelined, delayed or not progressed? At the time when the report came out there was great bipartisan support for it and then Minister Bowen was very enthusiastic about it all, but everything seems to have slowed down in the last 2½ years.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: That is not right.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What happened to it?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: The majority of the recommendations have been accepted or implemented. The ones that are outstanding are the IMR, because it goes to the heart of tax and that is always a complication, and Islamic finance.</p>	
87	Cormann	Markets Group (MG)	Financial Centre Taskforce	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you take on notice to give us a bit of an indication of how many meetings the financial centre taskforce has had since its inception, over the course of this government, directly with the minister and with the various ministers for financial services this government has had? That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes, all right.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 58
88	Bushby	Fiscal Group (FG)	Budget Paper No. 1 -Assets - Investments, Loans and Placements	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Yes. Very good. We will move on from there. I am hoping that you will be able to help me with this. In Budget Paper No. 1 at page 9-7, under Assets there is a category called Investments, Loans and Placements which has a value of over \$100 billion in 2012-13, and it gets higher than that over the coming years. This is a fairly large amount. My question is to try and understand what—</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think this line item was asked about—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: In Finance?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think Treasury was asked it earlier at some point in the last two days, and we have taken it on notice. You may want to put it on notice again so you can check, but I am pretty sure that was the line item to which one of your colleagues referred.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: The AOFM may be able to help us.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It is not their table.</p> <p>Mr Nicholl: No, it is not our table.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Maybe if I ask the question, and then if they need to they can take it on notice. I did ask what exactly is in that category. That is not your table so you cannot answer that.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 58

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				<p>Senator Wong: Of investments, loans and placements in the assets— Mr Nicholl: In financial assets. Senator BUSHBY: Primarily under assets. Senator Wong: I am clear about that. Under Assets, subheading Financial Assets: Investments, Loans and Placements you want to know what that line item represents.</p>	
89	Milne	APRA	Banks' Exposures to the Fossil Fuel Industry	<p>89. a. How large are Australian banks' exposures to the fossil fuel industry? b. Have you required them to undertake stress tests of the impact if say 80 per cent of oil, gas and coal needs to be left in the ground in order to avoid global temperatures rising by over two degrees, and so the fossil fuel industry is left with 'stranded assets'? (Recent reports by the Climate Commission, International Energy Agency and Carbon Tracker/Grantham Institute have all concluded this is the case.) c. Have you discussed this with the Bank of England whose outgoing governor has said they will examine this issue?</p>	Written, 17/6/13
90	Bushby	PC	Staff and Budget	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I will ask a couple of questions about the general state of your staff and budget. How many staff are currently employed at the Productivity Commission? Mr Harris: Given how new I am—I have in my head a pretty clear definition—I will ask Mr Quinlivan to handle these things to start with. Senator BUSHBY: Certainly. Mr Quinlivan: The number fluctuates between 190 and 200. I think it is currently about halfway: 195 or thereabouts. Senator BUSHBY: You say it fluctuates. Has it generally been around that over a number of years? Mr Quinlivan: Last year and this financial year, that is right. Senator BUSHBY: Does that reflect the historic numbers? Mr Quinlivan: I think it is a little bit higher than it has been in the years previous to that. But it has always been in that vicinity—not larger and not much smaller. Senator BUSHBY: Does it fluctuate in accordance with the workload that you have or in accordance with the budget that you are provided with, or do those somehow work together? Mr Quinlivan: It fluctuates largely with the available budget, which is an appropriation. Our workload has two components: the main one is inquiries commissioned by the government and also studies of various kinds commissioned by the government; then, to the extent that we have</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 71-72

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			<p>resources available after working on those assignments from the government, we do our own internal research and publish that. Our workload is relatively constant because we supplement the commission work from the government with our own self-initiated research.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: In terms of your budget allocation, have you had the efficiency dividend imposed on you as well?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Our appropriation has been treated in the same way as appropriations across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Given that your staffing numbers remain fairly constant or even slightly up, you have obviously managed that budget well. How have you managed to achieve the equivalent staff numbers while having to deal with the efficiency dividend?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: We receive appropriation which is adjusted from time to time as you mentioned. We also receive money occasionally for specific things that the government is wanting us to work on and the most recent one was some carbon related work. You have plenty of notice for these things so for an agency where the only real expense is staff—that is the case with us, we spend very little money on things other than staff—we have an opportunity to manage to the budget.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I would have thought that, given that your primary expense is staff, if you do have changes to your budget the only opportunity to deal with that is to make staffing changes which you appear to have managed to avoid.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Well, staff come and go, so you have natural attrition.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: You appoint people at different levels, I guess.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: There is a mix, I guess.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: And, as I said, we did receive an additional appropriation to do some work on carbon. So we have been able to manage quite well.</p> <p>Mr Harris: I think the order of the magnitude of the savings is such that if you, for example, put on eight staff and you save two, you get a net six. I think that is what Mr Quinlivan is talking about. Those are the sorts of orders of magnitude that we are talking about here.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: What is the size of your budget?</p> <p>Mr Harris: About \$38 million.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Does that all come from government appropriations or do you have any of your own sources?</p> <p>Mr Harris: There are some very, very negligible own source revenues so it overwhelmingly is a</p>	
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				<p>single appropriation.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: How much do you make out of your own source?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I would have to take that on notice but it is a negligible amount. It is only in the hundreds of thousands.</p>	
91	Cameron	PC	Economic Analysis	<p>Senator CAMERON: Congratulations. I always look forward to the Productivity Commission. Could you take on notice this question. What steps are you taking to get a more balanced economic analysis from within the Productivity Commission? I ask that in the context that the analysis that has underpinned most of the economic outcomes has been a freshwater Friedmanite approach. Can you take that on notice and give me some response in the next estimates.</p> <p>Mr Harris: We can take that on notice.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 76
92	McKenzie	PC	Safeguard Inquiry	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I do not think anyone is suggesting dumbing ours down but I think you would agree that New Zealand, for instance, who is still significantly reliant on agricultural exports, like we are, finds it a lot easier to initiate these sorts of actions. Could you provide the committee with an estimate of how much it would cost to conduct a safeguard inquiry?</p> <p>Mr Harris: We could provide that, but the simple answer is that it would not be an impediment to us doing the job we believe we are resourced to do. We would do the job, but we can provide you with an estimate, yes.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: What about the cost to industry making an application?</p> <p>Mr Harris: I am going to ask Ms Gropp again to try and help on that.</p> <p>Ms Gropp: I will have to take that on notice. They have to provide information. It would depend on how much information et cetera.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I heard similar questions in an earlier committee today that there has been quite a lot of conversation throughout government between departments and ministers' offices et cetera—we have only done two—about who does what, where, when and how. Have you been part of that conversation?</p> <p>Mr Harris: I have not. I do not know whether officers at the table have—</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I think that sounds like a discussion between the commissioning agencies, if I can describe them that way, about how to best carry out Australia's obligations here. We would be the recipient of that advice at the end when a decision was made to commission the work, if indeed that happens.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, Page 78-79

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				<p>Senator McKENZIE: Are you able to inform the committee of how many times Australia has applied measures under the WTO anti-dumping agreement and taken action against imports from countries allegedly exporting at dumped prices?</p> <p>Mr Harris: I do not think, unless we have done a recent report on this, that we have the information. I think probably a little time ago we did something.</p> <p>Ms Gropp: A few years ago we did a report into the anti-dumping act. I cannot remember the exact year; I could come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I am interested in your role as a commentator around a free market system.</p>	
93	Crossin	Revenue Group (RG)	Alcohol Taxation	<p>Australia's current alcohol taxation system creates gross inequalities which results in significant forgone revenue to the Commonwealth Government through low tax rates and rebates to the wine industry. There are significant opportunities for savings by addressing these inequalities. With the Commonwealth Budget under critical stress it is opportune to address these issues, which would also result in reductions in alcohol-related harms across the country. Both results would be a positive step for the country.</p> <p>The most inequitable part of the alcohol taxation system is the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) and WET rebate. In Australia wine is taxed on its wholesale price rather than its volume of alcohol. All other products are taxed, at different rates, based upon their alcohol content, albeit at different rates. Nine separate government reviews have now concluded that the alcohol taxation system and in particular that the WET needs to be overhauled.</p> <p>A benefit cost analysis in 2012 found that alcohol taxation reform is cost beneficial and that 85 per cent of Australians would be financially better off by reforming the WET.</p> <p>In addition to the WET, Australia also pays money to wine producers through the WET rebate. In 2010-11 the Commonwealth Government paid \$200million to the wine industry with \$30million going to New Zealand wine producers. The current situation, as the Government reviews have concluded illogical and the case for reforming the WET in Australia has never been stronger. Reforming the WET makes good economic sense and good sense for the health of the nation. Changing the WET would result in a net benefit of \$230 million to the Australian community³ and abolishing the WET rebate would results in projected savings of over \$200 million over one year. The WET must be reformed as a matter of urgency for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the current alcohol taxation system is incoherent and at the centre of this is the WET 2. nine separate government reviews have concluded that the WET needs to be reformed 	Written – Transferred from DoHA 17/06/2013

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				<p>3. the wine glut has ended and can no longer be used as a reason to delay reforming the WET</p> <p>4. reforming the WET is cost beneficial</p> <p>5. the majority of the alcohol industry supports reforming the WET, and</p> <p>6. claims about the catastrophic impacts of changes to the WET on the wine industry have been discredited.</p> <p>Lastly the WET also encourages the production of cheaper wine which results in significant costs to the community through alcohol-related harms. Evidence clearly shows that low alcohol prices result in higher consumption, and lower prices result in lower consumption.</p> <p>Clear cost savings can be made by replacing the WET with a volumetric tax rate, through increased revenue to Government and in the longer term through reduced costs of alcohol-related harms. The WET and WET rebate should be abolished immediately for economic and health reasons.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>1. Given the budget deficits why does the Commonwealth Government continue to hand considerable sums of tax payer money (around \$200 million) to wine producers through the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate? And why does the Commonwealth Government give at least \$30 million to New Zealand wine producers through this rebate?</p> <p>2. Why is the Commonwealth Government putting the wants of wine producers, head of the needs of the health of our population?</p> <p>3. When will the Commonwealth Government abolish the WET rebate, called illogical by its own reports, generating around \$200 million per year in savings?</p> <p>4. Why, despite nine separate Government reviews finding that the current alcohol taxation system is illogical and incoherent has the Government not sought to change the alcohol taxation system?</p> <p>5. Why does the Commonwealth Government continue to maintain the Wine Equalisation Tax in the face of opposition that it is creating cheap wine and related harms in our community and that its reform would result in a net benefit of \$230 million to the Australian community?</p>	
94	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax	<p>94. Refer to Additional Estimates 14 February 2013 Written Questions AET 161 – 172.</p> <p>a. How many WET audits have been carried out by the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department for each year for the past 5 years?</p> <p>b. Where does the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department receive their money from for WET audits?</p> <p>c. Does the Australian or the New Zealand Government pay for WET audits conducted in New</p>	Written, 14/6/13

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				Zealand? d. What does the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department charge for undertaking a WET audit within New Zealand?	
95-103	Edwards	ATO	Wine Equalisation Tax#2	<p>I refer to Additional Estimates 14 February 2013 Written Questions AET 148 – 160.</p> <p>95. The forecast for the number of WET audits to have been conducted for the financial year ending June 2013 was given on written notice as being 379. This is over the double the amount of audits that were conducted in each of the 4 previous years? For what reason did the department conduct 379 audits in 2013?</p> <p>96. What changes were made within the department to accommodate for such an increase in audits being conducted?</p> <p>97. Did the department budget for this increase in audit practice? If so where did the monies come from?</p> <p>98. Who was responsible for making the decision to double the number of WET audits being conducted and for what reason?</p> <p>99. Is the department now in a position to state what the forward budget forecast is for the number of WET audits to be conducted in the next 5 years?</p> <p>100. The value of penalties that have been applied by virtue of WET Audits nearly tripled between 2010/11 and 2011/12. Can the department explain the large increase in penalties received?</p> <p>101. Can the department describe what factors contribute to longer periods of time taken for field audits to be conducted?</p> <p>102. Has the department received any feedback from wine producers and/or other industry personnel with regards to the time and or method audits are being carried out?</p> <p>103. Can the department please clarify what “resolving technical issues” involves?</p>	Written, 14/6/13
104-105	Edwards	ACCC	Barossa Ridge Eggs	<p>104. Is the ACCC aware of the recent incident where Victorian cage eggs with the label Barossa Ridge were sold in an IGA Store in the Barossa Valley?</p> <p>105. The company uses a picture of a vineyard on its packaging to further infer that the eggs are produced in the Barossa, despite the small print revealing they are packaged by Farm Pride, Keysborough, Victoria.</p> <p>Given the misleading conduct of this company is this something the ACCC will be investigating?</p>	Written, 14/6/14

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106-107	Payne	Revenue Group (RG)	Better Targeting of Not-for-profit Tax Concessions	<p>106. Page 23 of Budget Paper 2 for 2013-14 includes detail on the “Better targeting of tax concessions” measure, and includes estimates for the amount of revenue to be gained from the measure. No legislation has yet been put forward to give effect to the measure, and so we do not know what, if any changes, would come about from any such legislation. Given all this, how did Treasury come up with the estimates of revenue gains contained in the current budget? On what did you base your estimates?</p> <p>107. Given that Bill Shorten in a speech to the National Press Club on 27 May 2011 said of this measure, “This is not a revenue raising measure – you won’t see a single dollar gained in the forward estimates as a result of this reform,” do the figures now listed as revenue gains in this year’s Budget represent a policy change with respect to the aims and intent of the “better targeting of tax concessions” measure?</p>	Written, 13/6/15
108-111	Humphries	Revenue Group (RG)	Tobacco Excise	<p>108. How much did the sales of illicit tobacco cost the government in lost excise revenue in the most recent financial year for which the department has records?</p> <p>109. How much additional revenue over the forward estimates does the government expect to raise based on the change in tobacco excise calculation to the average weekly ordinary time earnings (AWOTE) method from March 2014?</p> <p>110. Has the department calculated the negative impact that the change in method of excise collection will have on the illicit tobacco trade?</p> <p>111. Has the government calculated the negative impact that the change in method of excise collection will have on the amount of excise collected?</p>	Written, 13/6/16
112	Boyce	ABS	ABS census ‘No Religion’ Section	<p>112. I am sure the ABS concurs with the need to get its data right and given its use for future planning that may be especially the case in regard to the census.</p> <p>I am sure you would also agree that as far as the census is concerned minimising potential errors and the art of framing questions is crucial.</p> <p>Accordingly I would like to ask you about the framing of questions about religion in the last census.</p> <p>In that census the second largest group nominated ‘no-religion’ as their preference when it came to religious affiliation. The fourth largest group was describes as, “inadequately described religions and people who did not state a religion”</p> <p>It’s argued that there are five examples of poor form design in this category:</p>	Written, 13/6/13

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				<p>a. Isn't, in effect the 'No Religion' option effectively split into two questions therefore watering down its size?</p> <p>b. Its estimated that if just 25% of the respondents who were placed in the oddly described 'Missing' column were in fact people who had no religion or who didn't believe in religion then the total of doubting Thomas's would have won the poll. Accordingly as presently constructed is not this section of the census faulty and misleading?</p> <p>c. Could not also be construed as deliberately bad design by also placing the No Religion option at the bottom of the section hidden under another box?</p> <p>d. There is also an option called 'Other' aren't some respondents likely to fill that out before they see or without seeing the 'No Religion' option which may be a more exact fit for their status?</p> <p>e. 'Humanism' is offered as an option- But is that a religion and wouldn't its presence have the effect of further watering down the 'No Religion' tally?</p> <p>f. Does this not suggest that this section of the census form should be redesigned to provide greater simplicity and clarity and to avoid errors that clearly can be made as the form is presently designed?</p>	
113-114	Williams	ASIC	ASIC Investigation	<p>113. What is your procedure for dealing with whistle blowers when they present evidence of wrongdoing?</p> <p>114. a. Why did you not act when you received a four page fax from a whistle blower which alleged wrongdoing by Commonwealth Financial Planner Don Nguyen?</p> <p>b. As ASIC did not act on the information relating to Mr. Nguyen for 16 months, how much do you estimate this inaction cost in monetary terms for those people who were victims of Mr. Nguyen?</p> <p>c. Was their clear evidence in the material provided to you by Jan Braund of signatures that were forged?</p> <p>d. What circumstances were different between the actions of Ricky Gillespie, financial planner banned permanently, and Mr. Nguyen, banned for just 7 years? Why was Mr. Nguyen banned for only seven years?</p> <p>e. Will you prepare a brief of evidence for the Director of Public Prosecutions to allow it to consider whether criminal charges should be brought against Mr. Nguyen?</p>	Written, 13/6/13
115	Williams	ASIC	Bikie Infiltration	<p>115. There was an article in the Sunday Telegraph back in March which reads " A national taskforce targeting the Rebels bikie gang believes its members have infiltrated positions of trust in</p>	Written,

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				up to 20 federal and state government departments, including the Department of Defence and ASIC.” Can you confirm that story or update us on this?	13/6/13
116-118	Williams	ASIC	Debenture Issuing Companies	<p>116. ASIC proposes through CP199 that debenture-issuing companies be required to hold a risk-weighted 8% capital equity where the risk weighting proposed is morphed from an APRA requirement of ADIs. What has caused ASIC to arrive at this capital requirement after the Banksia collapse when ASIC knows that (a) mismanagement of defaulting loans is the cause of the problem and (b) that well-run debenture issuing companies should require no capital or little capital. What is in it for debenture-issuing companies if they comply with this high level of capital requirement?</p> <p>117. Why do secured note issuers have to say in advertising that investors are at risk of “losing some or all of their principal and interest” when it is NOT possible to lose all their capital?</p> <p>118. Are the ASIC CP199 proposed changes to be implemented by class orders or legislation in relation to capital and liquidity requirements and what is ASIC’s time frame for its implementation?</p>	Written, 13/6/13
119-124	Eggleston	ASIC	ASIC Investigations/Inquiries	<p>119. ASIC has had the opportunity of assessing some, if not yet all, of the complaints lodged with it complaining of the conduct of Bankwest towards borrowers following the acquisition of Bankwest by the Commonwealth Bank.</p> <p>Does ASIC intend to investigate the behaviour of Bankwest following the assessment it has made of complaints lodged with it by customers?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>b. If so, what laws does ASIC consider may have been contravened?</p> <p>120. Has ASIC assigned a Breach and Misconduct Officer to look into the submissions received from Bankwest customers?</p> <p>a. If so, what steps have been taken to inform the public and ask aggrieved parties to come forward with their evidence?</p> <p>b. If no steps have been taken, why not?</p> <p>121. What Federal laws are in place to prevent banks from behaving unreasonably or unconscionably towards customers?</p> <p>Please provide, at a minimum, the key legislation and relevant sections of key Acts.</p> <p>122. Which laws does ASIC administer, oversee or utilise in regulating the behaviour of banks</p>	Written, 13/6/13

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				<p>towards customers?</p> <p>123. Does ASIC consider there is any gap in the legislative and administrative scheme for the supervision of the Australian banks in protecting bank customers against unreasonable conduct by banks?</p> <p>a. If so, what are these gaps and what does ASIC suggest needs to be done?</p> <p>124. Does ASIC consider there is a need to extend the prohibitions in Section 1041 subsections E to H of the Corporations Act to encompass the behaviour of banks?</p> <p>a. If so, why?</p>	
125-126	Eggleston	ASIC	Complaints to ASIC Submitted by Mr Romesh Wijeyeratne	<p>125. While ASIC is not obliged nor does it have the capacity to investigate every complaint made to it, is it correct that ASIC has a complaint system whereby complaints lodged are assessed to determine whether the regulator should act further on the subject of the complaint?</p> <p>a. If that is so, what is the time period ASIC allows for a complaint to be assessed for ASIC to then regard itself as having assessed the complaint in a timely manner?</p> <p>126. Does ASIC consider that a complaint lodged in December 2012 that has still not been assessed on 6 May 2013 – over six months after lodgement –satisfactory?</p> <p>a. If so, why? If not, why has it taken so long?</p>	Written, 13/6/13
127-136	Cameron	ASIC	Commonwealth Financial Planning Limited (CFP)	<p>127. According to ASIC media release 11-42AD, Mr Don Nguyen's seven year ban was a result of a range of misdemeanours but not unlawful conduct including possible fraud. Was ASIC at any time made aware of allegations of unlawful conduct by Mr Nguyen including possible forgery of clients' signatures on documents?</p> <p>a. If ASIC was aware of allegations of this nature, what steps were undertaken to investigate allegations of unlawful conduct by Mr Nguyen during his employment with CFP?</p> <p>128. Is ASIC comfortable with financial institutions appointing internal compliance consultants to replace external compliance consultants to conduct investigations such as the internal investigation CFP conducted into the conduct of Mr Nguyen and other employees of CFP?</p> <p>a. What are the challenges for management overseeing such investigations and what systems need to be in place to ensure the integrity of internal investigations carried out by financial planning businesses?</p> <p>b. Does ASIC set standards for the conduct of internal investigations?</p> <p>I. If so, what are they?</p>	Written, 13/6/13

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			<p>129. Has ASIC investigated the procedures and processes undertaken by CFP in its internal investigation titled "Project Hartnett"?</p> <p>a. If not, why not, and if an investigation has been undertaken what was the outcome?</p> <p>130. Should financial institutions conduct internal audits of financial planners who are writing business significantly in excess of expected targets?</p> <p>a. Are there thresholds of business being written by financial planners employed by companies like CFP in place that when crossed would suggest unusual or unorthodox practices and warrant internal scrutiny by the firm concerned?</p> <p>b. Would the conduct undertaken by Mr Nguyen have been exposed if internal scrutiny had been undertaken by the CFP and had ASIC been advised of any investigations and outcomes?</p> <p>131. Has ASIC investigated whether CFP engaged in an attempted cover-up of the practices engaged in by Mr. Nguyen and others, including but not limited to alleged destruction or doctoring of documents, referred to by whistle-blowers as “cleaning up” documents; or the withholding of information about potential civil or criminal offences from ASIC or the police?</p> <p>132. Despite having been made aware of the conduct of employees of CFP on 30th October 2008, over which it appears ASIC took no action or made any enquires, what were the circumstances that eventually led to ASIC raiding the offices of CFP in March 2010?</p> <p>133. Why did ASIC decide not to investigate allegations of forgery included in material provided to ASIC by Mrs Jan Braund and correspondence at a face-to-face meeting in June 2010?</p> <p>a. Is it correct that an ASIC employee on July 21, 2010 told Ms Braund that they had enough evidence and would not be using her case?</p> <p>134. Why have both ASIC and CFP persisted with the fiction that Mr. Nguyen resigned from CFP on July 6, 2013 due to ill health when it appears that his employment would otherwise have been terminated on June 20, 2009 at the instigation of CFP for conduct warranting summary dismissal?</p> <p>a. Did ASIC enquire of CFP as to the reason Mr. Nguyen was permitted to resign on account of ill-health rather than terminating his employment as it would appear CFP was entitled to do at law?</p> <p>I. If so, what explanation was provided by CFP?</p> <p>II. If not, why not?</p> <p>b. Does ASIC consider the fiction of his resignation to have been merely a device to limit reputational damage and potential financial liability on the part of CFP?</p> <p>c. Is it ASIC’s view that Mr Nguyen’s clients should in all the circumstances have been made aware of the reasons for Mr Nguyen’s departure from the company?</p>	
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				<p>I. If not, why not?</p> <p>135. Apart from Mr Nguyen, a further six financial planners employed by CFP received ASIC imposed bans; Mr Anthony Awkar, Mr Ricky David Gillespie, Mr Simon Langton, Mr Christopher Baker, Ms Jane Duncan and Mr Joe Chan. Were any of these financial planners found to have forged client signatures on documents?</p> <p>a. If so, whom?</p> <p>b. Does ASIC consider the act of forging a client’s signature on a document to be a criminal offence?</p> <p>I. If so, and if any of the above were found to have forged signatures, did ASIC refer the cases of forgery to police for criminal investigation?</p> <p>II. If not, why not?</p> <p>136. Apart from the clients of Mr. Nguyen, how many clients of CFP were clients of Messrs Awkar, Gillespie, Langton, Baker, Chan and Ms. Duncan?</p> <p>a. What was the value of the investor funds managed by those planners and what was the financial value of the losses incurred by those clients attributable to the improper and/or unlawful actions of those financial planners?</p>	
137-151	Boyce	ASIC	Unclaimed Monies	<p>137. In regard to legislative changes made late last year why was it decided that the definition of ‘unclaimed money’ could now be applied to an account that was “inactive’ for three years instead of the previous seven?</p> <p>a. Why three years?</p> <p>138. There would appear to be two threads to your definition of “inactive’. One is that there has been no debits or credits to the account in question for three years and two is that if mail in regard to the account, is sent to the account holder and no reply is received then the account is closed and the monies it holds is then transferred to ASIC. But there could be many explanations as to why mail from a financial institution is not responded to by the account holder – the financial institution may have the wrong address – Australia Post may have delivered the mail to the wrong address or have lost the mail entirely. The mail may be stolen from the address to which it’s sent - there could be a host of reasons why an account holder may quite legitimately not respond or not be able to respond. Under these scenarios by what right do you appropriate money from accounts you declare ‘inactive’?</p> <p>139. What do you say to people who quite simply say as to whether an account is active or inactive</p>	Written, 13/6/13

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			<p>that it is 'none of your business'?</p> <p>140. What attempts is the financial institution duty bound to reasonably take to make sure the account in question qualifies as 'inactive'?</p> <p>141. How do we know that a private corporation has made rigorous attempts to contact or notify an account holder that their account is about to be seized or do we just take their word?</p> <p>a. Is this system foolproof?</p> <p>142. Obviously not. I bring to your attention the matter of a Queensland couple who when the husband came out of having a quintuple heart bypass he found his bank had emptied one of his accounts of \$22,616 and handed it over to ASIC. This had been money they had religiously saved over 14 years as insurance for any health related costs. The bank –Suncorp- claimed that they had written to the couple saying the account was in danger of being appropriated but received no reply – so they took the money. Now we all have mail go missing or misplaced unopened – but is this all it takes for someone to steal (the couples words not mine) 14 years worth of savings?</p> <p>143. What too, of the case of another Brisbane person, Margaret Franklin who discovered that \$157,644 of her money had been seized in this fashion?</p> <p>a. This wasn't supposed to be put into operation till June 1 – this money was taken on April 30?</p> <p>b. And how do they get it back?</p> <p>I. What if another 18 months or two years goes by before they go to use that account now closed and emptied?</p> <p>c. It takes you 24 hours to take the alleged unclaimed money but a minimum of six weeks to return it. Why is that?</p> <p>d. What is the maximum amount of time it could take to return this money to its lawful owner?</p> <p>I. Is there a procedural or statutory limit on how long it can pass before you must have returned the money?</p> <p>144. Why does it appear that people need to prove their identity before being reunited with their money?</p> <p>145. What rate of interest do you pay for the period of time the money is in your possession?</p> <p>146. Do you reimburse all and any costs for its lawful recovery –'its reunion' - with its rightful owners?</p> <p>147. The Australian Bankers Association said "there are no benefits for consumers from the changes". What to you are the benefits?</p> <p>148. Given that the Government has allocated substantial sums of money in the millions to</p>	
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				<p>advertise the Gonski Reforms and the NBN, how much money has been spent advertising these quite significant changes?</p> <p>149. How many bank accounts have been seized by the Government and what is the total amount taken?</p> <p>150. Do you have a breakdown of how many accounts are personal and how many belong to community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch?</p> <p>a. Have the ramifications of these new provisions for community organisation’s bank accounts – like Neighbourhood Watch as an example – been taken into account?</p> <p>b. What if say, a community group had a purpose built fundraiser with its own spate account for future capital expenditure – it is quite possible that that account would see no activity for an extended period till the funds were required. Have special provisions been made for such circumstances?</p> <p>c. Under the Budget papers this money is considered by the Government as income – does this not make it clear that all unclaimed money belongs to the government whether a proper process of establishing legal ownership has been undertaken or not.</p> <p>151. What is the extent of ASIC’s role in this process and how much does it cost ASIC to act as the administrative conduit between financial institutions and consolidated revenue?</p>	
152-172	Boyce	ASIC	Blocking of Websites	<p>On March 22 this year ASIC revealed it had cause to try and block websites it believed were part of an - a cold-calling internet investment scam using the name ‘Global Capital Wealth’, which ASIC said was operating several websites — www.globalcapitalwealth.com and www.globalcapitalaustralia.com designed to defraud Australian citizens. ASIC stated: “ASIC has already blocked access to these websites.” This was done via section 313 of the Telecommunications Act.</p> <p>152. What were the websites ASIC was seeking to block?</p> <p>a. On what legal grounds was ASIC seeking to block those websites?</p> <p>153. Were the IP addresses you were attempting to block individual addresses or a range of addresses?</p> <p>154. Did the redirection explain why access was unavailable and did it direct users to a location where they could provide feedback or request that blocking be removed?</p> <p>a. If not, why not especially as you claim you were devoted to getting the message out there about these sites and their claimed ‘illegal’ activities?</p>	Written, 13/6/13

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				<p>155. What exactly did ASIC do wrong that led to the blocking of websites in no way connected to the target?</p> <p>156. Given the response to date of ASIC in relation to this issue would it be fair to say that ASIC and its responsible officers did not understand what was involved in blocking these websites and do not have sufficient understanding of the technology involved to be making these decisions?</p> <p>157. Did you supply the address to be blocked as an IP address or as a specific domain name?</p> <p>a. Would it have been clearer to have supplied the specific site to be blocked?</p> <p>b. Would you regard this approach as “inaccurate”?</p> <p>c. What telecommunications carriers did you make this request to?</p> <p>158. As I understand it you did not ask Australia’s second largest telecommunications IP address carrier, ‘IINet’, to block this IP address. Why not -as it would seem that’s a bit like only blocking half the access routes?</p> <p>159. How many innocent web sites were effectively de-commissioned by this action?</p> <p>a. For how long were these innocent sites out of action?</p> <p>160. During the May Budget Estimates ASIC claimed that they had only received one complaint, as if that meant this issue was not significant. Does that mean ASIC has no regard for the possible consequences of neither its actions nor the important issues these actions have raised?</p> <p>161. One fairly assumes that these events could have led to a number of innocent businesses being greatly inconvenienced and suffering financial and other business losses as a result. What procedures are in place to provide recompense?</p> <p>162. As the law stands at the moment what other organisations are you aware of that can request IP addresses be blocked?</p> <p>163. Does the relevant Minister, Department or target have to be informed before the blocking takes place?</p> <p>164. Is there any system in place for such decisions or the subsequent blocking of sites to be appealed or challenged in any way?</p> <p>165. Is there a register of all site blocking requests, and is it publicly available?</p> <p>a. Are they requests or demands – what rights do the carriers who have contracts with the addressees have to decline the request or challenge it?</p> <p>b. So there is no oversight, no transparency, no avenue for appeal?</p> <p>166. How many IP addresses would ASIC have covertly blocked in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Do you have to prove anything to a court before you can block a site?</p>	
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				<p>167. What is the view of ASIC as to the legality of the use of section 313 of the Telecommunications Act in this way?</p> <p>168. Subsection 3 of s313 lets all "officers and authorities of the Commonwealth and of the States and Territories" make these requests. So does anyone in ASIC have this power or do you have internal processes that limit what staff can seek a closure or a blocking of a web site?</p> <p>169. A spokesperson for Senator Conroy in responding to this issue said: "The government is working with enforcement agencies to ensure that Section 313 requests are properly targeted in future." What work has ASIC done with the Minister in this regard?</p> <p>170. Would you agree therefore that the present 'systems', for want of a better word ,for the blocking of IP addresses leaves a lot to be desired?</p> <p>171. What is the response of ASIC to the following observation of these events by Brendan Molloy, Pirate Party Senate candidate for in NSW in the upcoming 2013 Federal Election: "It is an inappropriate and reckless reaction by ASIC, an authority that should not even have the powers to order mass censorship, to censor an IP address that has multiple websites associated with it. The flawed legislation that is being abused by our technologically illiterate enforcement agencies needs to be amended,"</p> <p>172. IiNet regulatory chief Steve Dalby is quoted in the Financial Review saying this about the actions of ASIC; "They have an enforcement role to perform but they also have an obligation to do it in such a way that it complies with the normal tests of evidence and onus of proof." Would you agree with that proposition?</p>	
173-178	Johnston	ASIC	Commonwealth v. Mark Richard McKenzie, Fleming Hood Nielsen and Roberto Gerald Catena	<p>173. What was the total cost incurred by the Commonwealth in preparation of the prosecution of all of the charges against all of these defendants?</p> <p>174. The decision of Magistrate W.J.G O'Day on 25 May 2011 was not the subject of an appeal or an ex officio indictment, why not?</p> <p>a. Was a legal opinion obtained from a senior practitioner/counsel with respect to the likely success of such indictment and continuation?</p> <p>b. Were there other reasons or considerations for the decision not to proceed further against Mr McKenzie, following the decision of Magistrate O'Day and if so what were they?</p> <p>175. With respect to the prosecutions against Mr Nielsen and Mr Catena, was a senior practitioner/counsel from the independent bar briefed for any hearings, direction hearings, mentions or trials and if so what were the fees for such proceeding in each event/hearing and what was the</p>	Written, 14/6/13

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				<p>duration of each of the hearings, direction hearings, mentions or trials including the cost of the judge and support staff?</p> <p>176. Was this prosecution subject to evaluation against the criteria set out in “Prosecution policy of the Commonwealth”?</p> <p>a. If the answer is yes, upon what basis did the prosecution proceed with the matter pursuant to such policy?</p> <p>b. Further to this if there was sufficient evidence, which evidence was sufficient and if the prosecution was in the public interest specify which criteria was used for this public interest test?</p> <p>177. Who made the decision as to a reasonable prospect of conviction against Mr Catena and Mr Nielsen in light of the judgement in McKenzie and the very detailed no bill submissions made by Mr Catena’s lawyer?</p> <p>178. Given a hung jury in respect to a number of the charges against Nelson and Catena and the subsequent discontinuance of those proceeding was legal practitioner/counsel’s opinion sought in respect to the discontinuance?</p> <p>a. If so, from whom and at what cost?</p>	
179-294	Williams	ASIC	<p>Commonwealth Financial Planning Limited (CFP) and Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)</p>	<p>179. Peter Kell of ASIC is quoted in the SMH article of 1 June 2013 referring to “...an enforceable undertaking that completely changed the way CFP does business...” My question is: why was this necessary.</p> <p>a. How could one of the major players in this industry, which ASIC is responsible for supervising, have been in such dire need of a “complete change” in the way it does business?</p> <p>b. In lauding its apparent accomplishment with the enforceable undertaking is not ASIC in fact indicting itself for having been asleep at the wheel?</p> <p>180. Does ASIC believe that on the basis of information published by Fairfax investigations that CBA may not have fully cooperated with the regulator and selective in the information provided.</p> <p>181. Would ASIC not have remained blissfully unaware of the true situation but for the action of the whistleblowers?</p> <p>182. Is ASIC concerned that the information that has been provided to Fairfax and others (rather than ASIC) demonstrates that many persons have lost faith in ASIC doing anything or protecting them or their identity?</p> <p>183. The whistleblowers and others seem to be alleging that ASIC has gone easy on CFP. Would ASIC have a conflict of interest in exposing the full extent of any wrongdoings at a major industry</p>	<p>Written, 14/6/13</p>

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			<p>player as that in effect indicts ASIC as a regulator that failed to do its job?</p> <p>184. I am particularly concerned about what happens with persons that draw matters to ASIC’s attention commonly known as “whistle-blowers”. What action does ASIC take to protect same people and utilise the information if it is considered credible?</p> <p>185. I find it rather remarkable that no action was taken to follow up on the claim of documents being destroyed contemporaneously. Is it a common occurrence for ASIC to get a fax from a whistle-blower within a financial institution, on a fax letterhead and address of that institution, claiming records have been destroyed and failed to act?</p> <p>Action of ASIC to March 2010</p> <p>186. Why did ASIC take no action to seize the CFP files for 16 months after the whistleblowers fax of 30 October 2008 warned of the need for urgency as the files were being “cleaned up”?</p> <p>187. Does ASIC accept that it is possible, in view of this warning from a subsequently vindicated source and this delay, that evidence may have been destroyed?</p> <p>188. If so, does ASIC accept that it is possible that this evidence may have included evidence of the forged signatures alleged by Mrs Braund?</p> <p>189. Why did ASIC take no action to seize the files until after the whistleblowers requested a personal meeting with ASIC in February 2010?</p> <p>190. What is ASIC’s history of involvement in this matter from 30 October 2008 until March 2010 including who had carriage of the matter, what they did?</p> <p>191. Did a representative of ASIC admit on 19 April 2012 that if the whistleblowers hadn’t physically come in to ASIC in February 2010, nothing would ever have happened with their report?</p> <p>192. What was ASIC’s reaction to articles in various industry magazines such as Investor Daily in mid-2009 querying why ASIC had not followed up the complaint?</p> <p>193. When ASIC did commence the investigation, did ASIC interview any of the persons that had been identified to them in the whistleblowers fax as key people to speak to?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>194. At the meeting with whistleblowers at ASIC in February 2010, did the whistleblowers hand over the documents “Diary Note 15 October 2008” and the “Mallord” email of 4 June 2009 sent to CBA senior management?</p> <p>a. In light of those documents, why did ASIC publicly praise CBA’s “Cooperative and Consultative” approach in relation to this matter?</p> <p>Action from 2010 Onwards</p>	
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			<p>195. Why did ASIC not investigate allegations of forged signatures before imposing the banning order on Nguyen or before the AAT Hearing?</p> <p>196. On 21 June 2010 did someone from ASIC ring Mrs Braund to say they had enough evidence against Mr Nguyen?</p> <p>197. Does ASIC accept that the evidence provided by Financial Resolutions Australia (FRA) of forged signatures on behalf of Mrs Braund is credible? If not why not?</p> <p>198. If ASIC accepted this evidence (which I presume they did not), would this evidence of forgery have led to the imposition of a longer banning order on Nguyen?</p> <p>199. Did ASIC seek to obtain a copy of the Group Security Report on this matter prepared in mid-2009 and earlier Group Security Reports?</p> <p>200. Please provide, in relation to the 7 banned advisers at CFP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dates they left employment of CFP/CBA b. Dates of any breach reports filed by CFP/CBA c. Whether ASIC action in each case was triggered by a report from CFP/CBA, a report from whistleblowers or by investigative action by ASIC d. Please advise, in relation to the client files of Nguyen: e. Precise date of meeting with whistleblowers at ASIC in February 2010 f. Date notice served on CFP to hand over files g. Notice period given to CFP to hand over these files. h. Date files secured by ASIC i. Date files handed back to CFP j. Were any files copied or retained? If so, how many? k. Number of files handed over. l. Number of clients m. Number of missing files n. Number of files examined by ASIC o. Number of files in which deficiencies were identified by CFP p. Number of files in which deficiencies were separately identified by ASIC <p>201. Did ASIC examine client signatures in files?</p> <p>202. Were signatures original in all cases? If not, how many files contained photocopied documents rather than originals?</p> <p>203. Were client signatures missing from documents in client files? If so in how many documents</p>	
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			<p>and in how many files?</p> <p>204. Did ASIC obtain copies of investment forms and switching forms lodged by Nguyen with Colonial First State to verify original signatures?</p> <p>205. Did ASIC carry out any forensic examination of client signatures?</p> <p>206. Does ASIC investigate thoroughly evidence it does not uncover itself?</p> <p>207. Why did ASIC officers describe as “conspiracy theories” the evidence, statements and materials provided to them over the last two years by representatives of victims?</p> <p>208. On 13 April 2012 the Member for Shortland wrote to ASIC asking for copies of authorities used to switch the investments of Mrs Braund (as Mrs Braund believed that her signature has been fraudulently attached to these documents). Why were these documents not provided?</p> <p>209. What communications were there between ASIC and CFP and CBA management from Tuesday 28 May 2013 and 4 June 2013. What ASIC officers had contact with CFP and what was the nature of that contact and approximately how many hours were spent on this matter by respective ASIC officers in terms of contact with CFP?</p> <p>210. ASIC advises that they are trying to resolve outstanding cases. What actions have they taken in this regard? What have they done about settlement since the article in the Herald of 1 June 2013?</p> <p>211. Has ASIC been made aware of or investigated claims that employees of Commonwealth Financial Planning Limited were involved in “sanitising” of affected clients’ files?</p> <p>212. Please provide full details of ASIC’s enquiries in this respect.</p> <p>213. Was ASIC aware of allegations of “internal fraud” perpetrated by Mr Nguyen on CommInsure by falsely invoicing advice fees?</p> <p>214. Is internal fraud by a financial adviser a concern to ASIC as to whether the adviser is “fit and proper” and whether the Licensee should report it?</p> <p>215. Why have independent consultants such as FRA identified problems with documents that have not been identified by ASIC and the Independent Expert?</p> <p>216. It has been reported by Fairfax Media that CBA “provided all documentation requested by authorities in their investigation.” Is this correct?</p> <p>a. If “yes”, what did ASIC request?</p> <p>b. If it is correct, why did ASIC not request documents requested by victims (clients) of Mr Nguyen including switching instructions, copies of files and original documents?</p> <p>c. If not, why not?</p> <p>Clean-up of Industry</p>	
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			<p>217. What action does ASIC propose to take in respect of CBA managers involved, who in some cases may have left CBA but remain in the industry, some in very senior positions?</p> <p>218. I note CFP agreed to an Enforceable Undertaking on 25 October 2011. This was to result in a change of compliance culture. What were these changes in compliance, how are they measured, and how do they correct the problems of the Don Nguyen matter?</p> <p>219. With regard the major changes to the industry as a result of the Enforceable Undertaking can you please confirm:</p> <p>a. Is the group executive responsible from the financial planning division in or around 2008 and 2009 (who was copied into one of the emails from the whistleblower) still employed by CBA? The group executive was a role that reports directly to the managing director.</p> <p>b. Are the general managers of the CFP business (I can provide names if required) at the time of Mr Nguyen and the subsequent successor still employed in senior management roles in the financial services industry?</p> <p>220. How is a clear message sent to the industry when persons at a lower level are banned but the general managers are still running significant financial services businesses?</p> <p>Independent Expert</p> <p>221. Was there a brief for the Independent Expert as to his role and functions?</p> <p>a. If “yes”, should this be made available to any of the parties seeking compensation or their advisers?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>c. Who wrote the brief for the Independent Expert?</p> <p>d. What was ASIC’s role in preparing the brief?</p> <p>222. According to the language of the ASIC press release used to announce the CBA compensation scheme, it is understood that CBA will deal with an Independent Adviser if they satisfy certain criteria (in which ASIC appears disinterested), and pay their costs up to \$5,000. It is claimed that CBA refuses to deal with some advisers. Is ASIC aware of this?</p> <p>223. Contrary to the written material, an ASIC officer has advised – and CBA has demonstrated – that CBA can choose not to deal with a particular adviser. Can you please confirm this is the case?</p> <p>224. I note that you have advised that the Independent Expert undertook a sampling of offers to identify that the compensation was fair. I also note that FRA has written to ASIC identifying some of the concerns with the compensation program and individual files that they have reviewed. Did your Independent Expert’s sampling of some of the compensation offers identify the same issues</p>	
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			<p>that FRA has, or was their review much more restricted so they could not identify these matters?</p> <p>225. How did the Independent Expert review offers in order to ascertain the fairness of the CFP offers without speaking to the clients? If they did speak to clients, can you advise how many persons the Independent Expert talked to?</p> <p>226. Could you please advise what particular expertise did the Independent Expert have?</p> <p>a. Were they Qualified Financial Planners?</p> <p>b. Had they had experience as advisers to what were mainly retirees with limited financial experience in many cases?</p> <p>227. How many compensation offers have been scrutinised by the Independent Expert? Did they review any of the situations where compensation was increased substantially?</p> <p>228. Has the Independent Expert provided reports to ASIC of his or her activities and if so can you please provide a summary of those reports?</p> <p>229. Is ASIC or the Independent Expert concerned that a large percentage of the advice provided by CFP is “Restricted Scope Advice”?</p> <p>230. Has the Independent Expert reviewed the process for dealing with persons where English is a second language (ESL) or the health and age of the client?</p> <p>Queries Regarding Operation of the Compensation Program</p> <p>231. In relation to the ASIC sponsored compensation scheme for the victims operated by Commonwealth Financial Planning, why did ASIC not inform, or insist that Commonwealth Financial Planning inform, the victims fully of the circumstances that led to the compensation scheme?</p> <p>232. Why did ASIC not require the scheme to provide for all shortcomings in the financial advice provided to victims other than just basic risk profiling and asset selection errors?</p> <p>233. Why did ASIC allow the quantum of compensation to be determined solely by Commonwealth Financial Planning with no right of review for victims or opportunity for arbitration by a third party built into the process?</p> <p>234. Why has ASIC allowed the wearing down tactics employed by Commonwealth Financial Planning towards elderly and vulnerable victims, some of whom still remain to be compensated nearly three years after the scheme was set up and over five years since their losses?</p> <p>235. My view is that there should be allowance for pain and suffering in the compensation calculation. The case of Mrs Braund and her husband, suffering with vascular dementia and the indifference of CFP and the apparent inertia of ASIC, is simply shocking. Did ASIC consider the</p>	
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			<p>need for some sort of compensation for the pain and suffering? If not, why not? 236. Do you agree the brief for the compensation scheme is important? a. If the brief was limited, then could the value of the compensation scheme would be somewhat restricted? 237. ASIC has identified that the client compensation scheme was never meant to be definitive. Could you please show me where this qualification to the compensation scheme was identified to the clients of Mr Nguyen? 238. I also understand that some persons who had compensation in their own name and that of a super fund related to them, were not able to accept one offer without both being accepted. If this charge is sustained, it is a clear instance of CFP exerting undue pressure on the victims of this affair. What was ASIC's view in relation to this allegation? 239. My concern in this is that information has been provided to ASIC now for the best part of five years, and the investigation seems to be continuing with no end timeframe. As time goes on it is harder to prove these matters. I note in particular that over this time victims of Mr Nguyen and the cover-up have died (such as Mr Braund) or are in the process of dying with serious illnesses. They are also suffering other symptoms of old age including memory loss. I would appreciate if you could advise how you are taking these factors into account in terms of the timelines of compensation? 240. Were the Deceased Estates of Nguyen clients approached re compensation? 241. What confidence does ASIC have that all clients of Mr Nguyen have been compensated? a. The AAT Decision refers to 1,300 clients, CBA says 900, other figures say 200-odd are compensated. What is the number that should be compensated and how is this determined? 242. Mrs Braund's representatives requested switching instructions of Mrs Jan Braund, and asked why the documents cannot be acquired by ASIC. I note Information Sheet 145, as well as the ASIC Act 2001 itself, would appear to provide the basis for obtaining those documents. Why did ASIC not request these documents? 243. How it is possible under the compensation scheme that CBA may refuse to hand over documents at its discretion. Does ASIC believe this may result in the possibility that they will only provide documents that assist their position? This would, in my opinion, impact the fairness of the process particularly in light of the unequal bargaining position of the parties. 244. Could you please advise when CFP claims they became aware of Mr Nguyen's actions?</p>	
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			<p>a. If they had been occurring for a long time, why did the compensation program take so long to be enacted?</p> <p>b. It seems they were taken “kicking and screaming” to fix up what they had knowingly avoided for years. It would seem to me that in these circumstances you would want very stringent supervision of the “voluntary” compensation scheme. Is this a fair comment?</p> <p>245. Although the compensation scheme was announced in August 2010, when did compensation commence?</p> <p>246. Under the compensation scheme documents, CBA listed preferred legal advisers. Has ASIC or the Independent Expert looked at these CBA nominated and:</p> <p>a. Reviewed what documents these firms requested;</p> <p>b. How the law firms made the calculation compensation (and their expertise);</p> <p>c. In how many circumstances was documentation queried in comparison to objections raised by say, non-preferred parties?</p> <p>I am very concerned with the concept of independent advice for clients in these circumstances and whether there may be a conflict.</p> <p>247. An ASIC press release states that there was a voluntary compensation scheme. Is ASIC’s view that settlements made before the date of the commencement of this scheme should be re-opened where applicable?</p> <p>248. What will ASIC do if a settlement prior to the compensation scheme is not re-opened?</p> <p>249. What protocols are in place that CBA doesn’t refuse to deal with any adviser that is not preferred by them?</p> <p>250. If it was found that CBA/CFP had not been completely open with ASIC, would that cause concerns with ASIC as to the fairness of the settlement procedures to date?</p> <p>251. Do you agree some of the terminology used by CBA seems that these offers have the stamp of ASIC approval?</p> <p>252. Is ASIC concerned with representations made by CBA such as, “please be assured that this matter has been dealt with thoroughly, and in consultation with ASIC and an Independent Expert who has reviewed the implementation of the advice review program for clients of Mr Nguyen” influenced persons to accept the settlement offer or go to a CBA recommended adviser rather than seek to query the offer?</p> <p>a. Could this be misleading as it provides no information concerning the wrongdoing that CBA knew about? I understand the clients were kept ignorant of this.</p>	
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			<p>Investigation of Specific Evidence by ASIC</p> <p>253. What action has ASIC taken to date in relation to the allegations of file tampering by the whistleblowers and evidence of forgery provided by the victims?</p> <p>254. Did the whistleblower Mr Jeffrey Morris advise the ASIC representative of an allegation of a false Statutory Declaration prepared by Mr Nguyen?</p> <p>a. If yes, what action did ASIC take to follow up this information from the whistleblower?</p> <p>255. Mr Medcraft has reported to a Member of the House of Representatives on that it is not satisfied that credible evidence has been provided to ASIC on this matter. I note the following areas of concern have been advised in writing to ASIC. As the Regulator, with the powers under the ASIC Act, is ASIC in a better position to obtain the evidence than the victims in many cases?</p> <p>a. Has the following been sent to ASIC or requested that ASIC obtain:</p> <p>I. A set of documents that were produced to a client by CFP (prior to the ASIC Compensation Scheme) which were clearly different from the client records that they had retained. CFP was unaware that the client had the records.</p> <p>II. A claim by Mrs Jan Braund's case that she expected that her file had been sanitised and requesting a comparison of her file and the CBA file to show whether anything had been removed or added to the file.</p> <p>III. A copy of switching instructions on which CFP originally paid compensation and a request for a copy of the CBA internal investigation into the switching funds. She believed there was no original signature by her on these. CBA paid out compensation at the time for that error which would strongly suggest they were satisfied that Mrs Braund did not execute the documents. This may suggest fraud.</p> <p>IV. Original signatures on documents or required CBA to allow original documents to be sighted. What would Mr Medcraft consider not be credible in the above requests and whether they would produce tangible evidence?</p> <p>256. Mrs Jan Braund raised questions of signature with CBA Group Security in 2009. ASIC was copied into this correspondence. Has ASIC asked to review the Group Security reports and when?</p> <p>257. Concerns have been raised based on the limited documentation clients were provided with, and concerns raised that there may be Liquid Paper corrections etc. Has ASIC or the Independent Expert sought to sight original documents to verify or discount these claims?</p> <p>258. On 17 November 2011 evidence of certain anomalies was provided to ASIC by FRA. These included:</p>	
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			<p>§ Documents with a concern re the version number at the bottom of the document. Version numbers are regularly updated whereas a document purportedly produced in June 2006, is a May 2003 version. The next page of the 2003 document includes performance data to 31 December 2004. It was noted there was a possibility that this document has been created by scanning, splicing and copying (as alleged by whistleblowers).</p> <p>§ A Statement of Advice is produced and dated 29 June 2006 and apparently signed by the client of 29 June 2006 (refer page 36). However, on page 35 on the first line reads: “I have read and understood the Statement of Advice date 13 July 2006”.</p> <p>This date also appears under the signature on page 33. It was advised to ASIC that the Coin software used by CFP must be manually overridden to change the date in the above places; otherwise it will reflect the date the report is produced.</p> <p>§ The FNA for Client XX of 19.1.04 is very interesting. It has a version of “03.09” on it with performance data to 2002.</p> <p>Did ASIC investigate the documents that were provided in relation to these apparent anomalies and what was the result?</p> <p>If not, why not?</p> <p>259. Has ASIC or CBA involved a recognised fraud consultant such as Mr Paul Westwood of Forensic Document Services to review any of the documentation?</p> <p>260. Documentation relating to Mrs Robyn Blanch was provided to ASIC. I have been advised that ASIC has not spoken to Mrs Blanch. Has ASIC investigated this allegation of forgery?</p> <p>a. If “yes”, why have they not spoken to Mrs Blanch and what was the outcome of their investigation?</p> <p>b. If no investigation, why has no investigation been made?</p> <p>261. Do you think it would be worth reviewing Group Security and determining what matters of fraud they have investigated and where investigated, need to be entered onto the Breach Register and/or other reportings made to the relevant authorities including ASIC, Federal Police and APRA?</p> <p>ASIC Powers and Criminal Behaviour</p> <p>262. Why has ASIC not taken any action against the managers at CBA who attempted to cover up this matter from at least September 2008?</p> <p>263. Have ASIC considered referring allegations of forgery by Mr Nguyen to the Police for investigation?</p> <p>264. Further to the above, I have concerns with regards documents either not requested by ASIC</p>	
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			<p>during the course of its investigation into this matter, or not provided by the CBA during same. Does ASIC under the ASIC Act 2001, Sections 28, 29 and 30, have the power to request production of books, inspection of books, or to give notice as to their intention to do so? “Books” according to the definitions for Division 3 of the ASIC Act may include (c) a document or (e) any other record of information. To the best of my understanding, such documents as planning file notes, switch authorities and Statements of Advice (some of the documents it has been suggested ASIC might like to request from CBA) would also not be covered by legal privilege, which is the only excuse a business may give for failing to produce these documents if requested by ASIC?</p> <p>a. Why were these documents not requested when clients asked ASIC to obtain them as CBA refused to provide them?</p> <p>265. Does ASIC Information Sheets ASIC Act 2001 refer to the set out documents that can be requested, include client files. Why were client files not demanded by ASIC where requested by clients? ASIC had represented to the clients they are powerless to compel CBA to produce the documents that were significant in establishing the real sequence of events at CBA.</p> <p>266. At what stage do investigations by Group Security into fraud need to be reported to ASIC and entered into the Breach Register?</p> <p>267. If there were proven to be fraudulent documents, and people have refused to investigate and have covered up knowledge of the fraud, do you propose to forward this to either the State Director of Public Prosecutions for prosecution under the New South Wales Crimes Act or to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions? I note in this regard the investigation by Group Security.</p> <p>268. Will ASIC review this conduct in light of Section 316 of the Crimes Act and prepare a brief for the Police or Director of Public Prosecutions?</p> <p>a. Section 316 of the Crimes Act deals with “concealing a serious of indictable offence”. Are relevant ASIC officers in New South Wales familiar with this provision?</p> <p>269. Do the actions of CBA staff including review by Group Security, discussion internally as to documents to be provided by CBA, suggest a cover-up of fraud?</p> <p>a. If not, what would constitute a cover-up of fraud?</p> <p>270. Is there any legislation or regulatory guidelines that govern what records a holder of an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) must provide to clients in the case of a dispute?</p> <p>a. What action can be taken if the holder of an AFSL does not provide them?</p> <p>Compliance Issues</p>	
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			<p>271. Did ASIC examine the Breach Register of CFP?</p> <p>a. If not why not?</p> <p>b. If yes, did ASIC examine, or cause the Independent Expert to examine, the files of advisers with complaints logged against them?</p> <p>I. If yes, in how many cases?</p> <p>272. On 19 April 2012 did a representative of ASIC tell the whistleblower Mr Jeffrey Morris that he wasn't interested in looking at another forged signature (from another planner) from June 2007 on the basis that it was too long ago?</p> <p>273. If CBA refused to investigate fraud, as per the letter from Dr Brendan French to Mrs Jan Braund, how does this impact the Enforceable Undertaking (EU) entered into by CBA? This appears to be contrary to the EU's stated aims.</p> <p>274. If there is proven to be fraud (or a reasonable suspicion) and CBA has refused to investigate it, is there:</p> <p>a. Any impact on the EU?</p> <p>b. Any issue with the Responsible Managers of the relevant business?</p> <p>c. Does it impact on their capacity to operate an Australian Financial Services Licence?</p> <p>d. Should it be included in the Breach Register?</p> <p>275. Should there be evidence of fraud; would this have an impact on the ASIC sponsored compensation scheme as this fraud was disclosed to clients?</p> <p>276. What is the role of the Responsible Managers and the Responsible Officers in compliance? I understand these are defined terms in the Corporations Law?</p> <p>277. Has any action been taken against any of the Responsible Managers of the CFP business over this time?</p> <p>a. What was the action or is this anything that ASIC considers they should have done?</p> <p>b. If no action, is ASIC satisfied they have performed to a reasonable standard?</p> <p>278. With regard the banned CFP advisers, when were details of their misconduct included in the Breach Register which is required to be maintained in the Corporations Law?</p> <p>a. Was this recorded as soon as the behaviour was identified?</p> <p>279. At what point is it expected that an AFSL holder should report fraud? Should any fraud be recorded in the Breach Register?</p> <p>280. Was the threshold at which fraud should be reported (it at all) met in the case of the CFP advisers banned?</p>	
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			<p>281. Has ASIC investigated or investigating any current CFP employees? a. Were any of the banned advisers investigated when they were employed by CFP?</p> <p>282. Has CFP informed ASIC of any problems with advisers (or reported in their Breach Register) that have led to their banning while currently employed?</p> <p>283. If there is no contemporaneous reporting of breaches, as soon as CFP is aware, of the banned advisers, is ASIC concerned that they may be only handed people who have already left CFP?</p> <p>284. I note a number of compliance reports were prepared by CFP in relation to certain planners. These are produced in draft which is sometimes modified, I understand, before the final report was produced. Has ASIC looked at all the relevant final reports and have they sought to look at draft reports particularly in the case of Mr Nguyen?</p> <p>285. What documents has CFP chosen to apply for legal professional privilege (if any) in this matter? a. What reliance can be placed on legal professional privilege where there is fraud?</p> <p>286. Would ordinarily matters that are subject to legal professional privilege be matters that should be in the Breach Register?</p> <p>287. Has there been serious misconduct of a similar nature to the banned advisers been reported in the Breach Register subsequently? a. If “yes”, what action has been taken? b. If “no”, is it because all bad advisers were identified, and none now remain? I am concerned that once without whistleblowers the culture will revert back regardless of Independent Experts, EUs etc.</p> <p>The Administrative Appeals Tribunal Decision</p> <p>288. On 26 September 2011 did a representative of ASIC tell Mrs Jan Braund and others that he “didn’t want to hear about” allegations that Mr Nguyen was being paid an income protection benefit from the CBA group? At the same meeting, did the ASIC representative say that forged signatures by Mr Nguyen were “old news” and assert that “it was in the banning order”</p> <p>289. Paragraph 132 of the AAT Decision ‘AAT Decision’ on Mr Nguyen refers to an internal CFP review of Nguyen extending over 2006-2009 involving 80 of his clients. Did the duration, timing and extent of this review suggest to ASIC that CFP had not acted promptly and appropriately with regard to Mr Nguyen?</p> <p>290. At Paragraph 18 of the AAT Decision Mr Nguyen told the AAT he was suspended in November 2008 and at Paragraph 81 Mr Nguyen apparently told a client that he saw in October that</p>	
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				<p>he was on holidays when he saw them. In view of the Diary Note of 15 October 2008 in ASIC’s possession, did it concern ASIC that Mr Nguyen was making statements to the AAT that were not true?</p> <p>291. At Paragraph 13 of the AAT Decision, it was noted that another CFP employee was unable to be of much assistance to the AAT that she only worked for Mr Nguyen for about two weeks. Did ASIC make any attempt to establish the truth or otherwise of this assertion?</p> <p>292. At Paragraph 151 [d] of the AAT Decision the financial penalty suffered by Mr Nguyen since July 2009 was taken into account in determining the penalty. Was ASIC aware of allegations that Mr Nguyen has been paid under an income protection policy from CBA’s insurance subsidiary CommInsure since that time?</p> <p>a. If so, did ASIC consider establishing the truth or otherwise of these allegations so that the AAT might have been properly informed on the matter?</p> <p>293. Did ASIC investigate and place before the AAT all matters available to it in relation to Mr Nguyen?</p> <p>294. There are a number of serious inaccuracies with the AAT. Why were issues of forgery not presented to the AAT?</p> <p>a. If ASIC was not aware of these allegations at the time can they now take further action notwithstanding the AAT upholding of the seven year ban?</p>	
295	Cormann	ATO	ACNC Organisational Chart	<p>Senator CORMANN: How many vacant positions are there in the ACNC at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Locke: I am not aware of any vacant positions at the moment.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So your total FTE allocation has been filled?</p> <p>Mr Locke: It has. We have actually got more slightly more staff than we anticipated. There are a couple of reasons behind that. We brought in some extra staff to work on reporting and red-tape reduction.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you need more staff to do less! As Sir Humphrey would say, it is hard work to cut red tape! Are you able to provide us with an organisational chart with all the position titles?</p> <p>Mr Locke: Yes. We can take that on notice.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page 90
296	Cormann	ATO	Rulings	<p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you for that. Would you be able to provide us with a classification breakdown for all 99.65 FTEs?</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, Page

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			Timeframes	Ms Pascoe: Of their APS levels? Senator CORMANN: Yes. Ms Pascoe: Yes, sure. Senator CORMANN: Do you have an executive adviser position? Ms Pascoe: No, we do not. Senator CORMANN: That is probably it for the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. I might move on to superannuation.	91
297	Milne	ABS	System of Environmental Experimental Accounts	297. The ABS responded to a question on notice to supplementary estimates (SBT 74) that the System of Environmental Experimental Accounts includes ‘depletion of natural resources’ due to human extraction of them. This allows calculation of depletion-adjusted GDP or RNNDI, which many would argue is a better indication of economic progress than GDP or RNNDI itself. How close is the ABS to publishing estimates of depletion-adjusted GDP in your regular national accounts publications?	Written, 17/6/13
298	Milne	ABS	Completing the Picture – Environmental Accounting in Practice	298. Completing the Picture – Environmental Accounting in Practice showed that depletion of natural resources had increased from \$3 billion in 2000-01 to \$6 billion in 2009-10 (table 4.10). This is very low relative to the value of mineral exports (\$109 billion) or the gross operating surplus (\$75 billion) of the mining industry. At the hearing Mr Hockman referred to the depletion data being net of the value of newly discovered minerals or increases in the value of remaining deposits. What would be the ‘gross’ depletion of established natural resources?	Written, 17/6/13
299	Milne	ABS	Social Cost of Greenhouse Gas Emissions	299. The ABS responded to a question on notice to supplementary estimates (SBT 74) that you do not have an estimate of the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions. a. Will you need this for integrating the environmental accounts with the standard national accounts? b. Are you working on it? c. Have you seen the recent study by an interagency working group in the US on the social cost of carbon? (http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/social_cost_of_carbon_for_ria_2013_u pdate.pdf)	Written, 17/6/13

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				Do you think their approach is sound?	
300	Milne	ABS	Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Rural Sector	300. a. How challenging is it to measure greenhouse gas emissions from the rural sector? b. What about measuring soil carbon? c. In Towards the Australian Environmental-Economics Accounts you refer to a forthcoming information paper on carbon stock accounts. When do you expect this to be out?	Written, 17/6/13
301-302	Milne	ABS	Environmental Accounting	301. The ABS responded to a question on notice to supplementary estimates (SBT 76), that the latest comprehensive economy-wide environmental expenditure account was published in 1999 and referred to 1996-97 and that the ABS is not funded to produce them on an ongoing basis. a. How much would it cost to produce an updated account? b. Would it be useful for your environmental-economic accounts? 302. The ABS responded to a question on notice to supplementary estimates (SBT 77) that international standards on valuing ecosystems were being discussed by the UN in February 2013 and the ABS would be heavily involved. What conclusions were reached at the UN meeting?	Written, 17/6/13
303-304	Milne	Fiscal Group (FG)	Coal and Gas	303. How much of the fuel tax credits does Treasury expect to be refunded to the coal and gas industries? (Given that fuel tax is not hypothecated to spending on roads) what is the policy rationale for these industries not paying as much for fuel as do ordinary households? 304. A recent study by Carbon Tracker and the Grantham Institute concluded that 60-80 per cent of current coal, oil and gas reserves will be unburnable if the world is to avoid global warming of over 2 degrees. Similar statements have been made by the International Energy Agency and the Climate Commission. a. If much of the current coal reserves will become wasted assets and stranded capital, does it make sense to encourage further exploration and build more infrastructure for the coal industry? b. Would developing CSG just mean even more existing coal mines need to close?	Written, 17/6/13
305-307	Milne	IGT	ATO Rules and Guidelines	305. Are you satisfied that the ATO has appropriate rules for the compensation of taxpayers whom they have overcharged? a. Is their use of confidentiality clauses in settling disputes appropriate?	Written, 17/6/13

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				<p>306. Do you believe the ATO has improved its procedures for resolving disputes in line with your May 2012 Review into the Australian Taxation Office’s Use of Early and Alternative Dispute Resolution?</p> <p>a. If so, what are the main measures they have taken?</p> <p>307. Does the ATO have a target or an ‘aspirational benchmark’ of upholding less than a fifth of objections to assessments, regardless of their merits?</p> <p>a. If so, is this an appropriate guideline?</p>	
308	Boswell	ACCC	Shopper Dockets	<p>308. I refer to the ACCC Chairman, Mr Rod Sims’ comments at Senate Estimates on Tuesday, 4 June that the ACCC investigations into the possible misuse of shopper dockets would not be completed before the end of 2013.</p> <p>a. Hasn’t the ACCC raised the expectations of many small business operators in the grocery sector who are struggling to compete with the major supermarket chains that are effectively subsidising petrol to get customers?</p> <p>b. What parts of the Competition and Consumer Act will you rely on if you are to take action?</p> <p>c. Would your action rely on section 46 and therefore proving that the purpose of the major supermarket chains was to substantially lessen competition?</p>	Written, 17/6/13
309	Waters	Revenue Group (RG)	MRRT #2	<p>From your modelling and subsequent liaison with major taxpayers and analysis of tax paid so far, what is your estimate of the impact of the following factors on the revenue raised by the MRRT?</p> <p>(i) rebating of royalties;</p> <p>(ii) allowances for depreciation on the market value of the ‘starting base’;</p> <p>(iii) ‘netback’ arrangements – ie basing the tax on the notional price at the mine rather than the actual sale price at the port; and</p> <p>(iv) the ‘low profit offset’ – ie the \$75 million threshold?</p> <p>When do you expect to have sufficient detailed returns to have better estimates of these?</p>	Written 17/6/13
310	Waters	Revenue Group (RG)	Tax Expenditure Statement	<p>Do you have estimates about how the benefits from the major tax concessions discussed in the <i>Tax Expenditure Statement</i> are distributed across income classes?</p>	Written 17/6/13
311	Waters	Revenue	Environmental	<p>Have you seen Chart 4.1 in ABS’ discussion paper Environmental Taxes in Australia, which shows</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		Group (RG)	Taxes in Australia	that Australia’s environmental taxes decreased relative to GDP between 2000 and 2009 and are well below those in most comparable countries? What do you think is driving this? As environmental taxes are a tax on ‘bads’ rather than a tax on working, is having a small role for such taxes in the overall tax system inimical to an efficient economy?	
312	Waters	ATO	Remuneration of ATO Compliance Staff	The ATO’s response (AET 18) to a question at the previous estimates of “has any ATO Officer ever been promoted, remunerated or otherwise rewarded based on the dollar value of amended assessments issued to taxpayers?” was “No. Recruitment and selection processes within the ATO are based on merit as defined in APS legislation”. But the question was about pay and bonuses not recruitment. Could you answer the original question please?	Written 17/6/13
313	Waters	ATO	Objections Targets & Benchmarks	The ATO responded (AET 17) to a question at the previous estimates that it has no “formal target” for the proportion of objections to its assessments being upheld. Does it have any “informal target” or “aspirational benchmark”? Could this put pressure on ATO officers not to concede to taxpayers even when the taxpayer is right in their objection?	Written 17/6/13
314	Waters	AOFM	Government Debt	In how many years since federation has government debt been a larger proportion of national income than it is now, and were there serious concerns about default in those years?	Written 17/6/13
315	Waters	Macroeconomic Group (MEG)	Unemployment	Are there ‘hysteresis’ effects in unemployment – that is the longer people stay unemployed the harder it becomes to find a job? Does the ability to find a job depend on being able to afford decent clothes to attend interviews and pay fares, eat healthy meals and have adequate accommodation? What income level is necessary for this?	Written 17/6/13
316-319	Boswell	ACCC	Section 46	316. How many successful actions has the ACCC taken under section 46? 317. How many of these actions involved the supply of agricultural products to a market in which there are only a few buyers? 318. In your view is section 46 designed to tackle the situation that concentration among buyers leads to strategies to push prices below long run average costs? 319. Does the ACCC still see the need for the addition of an "effects" test to section 46 as it did in its submission to the Dawson review?	Written 13/6/13

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320-322	Boswell	ACCC	Unfair Practices Law	<p>320. Has the ACCC received any complaints regarding unfair practices that would relate to the new unfair practices laws in the Competition and Consumer Act. How many complaints? What is their nature?</p> <p>321. Has the ACCC taken any complaints that relate to unfair practices that involve a transaction between a large and small business? If so, how many, and what has been their nature?</p> <p>322. Has the ACCC been prevented from taking any action on unfair practices between a large and small business because those unfair contracts laws do not cover small business?</p>	Written 13/6/13
323-325	Boswell	ACCC	Mandatory Code	<p>323. Does the ACCC still support the negotiation of a prescribed code of conduct for the supermarket industry?</p> <p>324. What do you see as the major elements needed in that code?</p> <p>325. What are the differences between a mandatory code and a voluntary code?</p>	Written 13/6/13
326-336	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Staffing	<p>326. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>327. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>328. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>329. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>330. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>331. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>332. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>333. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>334. 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.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>335. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>336. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>*Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	
337-342	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>337. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>338. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>339. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>340. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>341. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>342. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
343	Bushby	Corporate	Printing Costs	<p>343. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		Services Group (CSG)		a. How many of these printed documents were also published online? *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	
344-345	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Graduate Recruitment	344. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs. 345. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
346-349	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Advertising	346. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 347. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 348. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 349. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written 17/6/13
350-358	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Hospitality and Entertainment	350. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 351. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 352. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>353. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>354. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>355. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>356. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>357. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>358. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	
359-362	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Meeting Costs	<p>359. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>360. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>361. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>362. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
363-366	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Program Launch Costs	<p>363. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>364. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event,</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		(CSG)		including any catering and drinks costs. 365. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 366. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.	
367-369	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Board Appointments	367. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 368. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 369. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written 17/6/13
370-373	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Freedom of Information	370. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 371. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 372. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 373. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
374-376	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Community Cabinet Meeting	374. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings the Minister has attended this financial year to date*? List dates and locations. 375. How many departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date*? a. What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. b. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the departmental officers attend? List dates and locations. 376. What is the total cost to the department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet	Written 17/6/13

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				meetings for this financial year to date*? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	
377	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Reviews	377. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned? h. When will each of these reviews be concluded? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
378-379	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Consultancies	378. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies. 379. 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. *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
380-381	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Monitoring	380. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*? 381. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
382-384	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Social Media	<p>382. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>383. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>384. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13
385	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Internet	<p>385. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
386	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Staff Amenities	<p>386. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
387-388	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Coffee Machines	<p>387. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		(CSG)		<p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>388. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
389-398	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Contractors	<p>389. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>390. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>391. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>392. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>393. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>394. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>395. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>396. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>397. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>398. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	
399-400	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Grants	<p>399. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>400. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details</p>	Written 17/6/13
401	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Commissioned Reports	<p>401. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members.</p> <p>a. How much did each report cost/ is estimated to cost?</p> <p>b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c. What is the current status of each report?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	
402	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Government Payments of Accounts	402. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
403-404	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Stationery requirements	403. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 404. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
405-407	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Subscriptions	405. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 406. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 407. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
408-415	Bushby	Corporate Services	Travel Costs	408. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other	Written 17/6/13

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		Group (CSG)		<p>travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>409. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>410. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>411. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>412. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>413. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>414. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>415. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	
416-419	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Legal Costs	<p>416. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>417. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>418. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>419. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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420-421	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Education Expenses	<p>420. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>421. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
422-424	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>422. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>423. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their 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>424. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p>	Written 17/6/13

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425-427	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Media Training	<p>425. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>426. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was 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>427. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written 17/6/13
428-430	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Paid Parental Leave	<p>428. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>429. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		(CSG)		430. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.	
431-433	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Training for Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	431. For this financial year to date*, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 432. For this financial year to date*, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 433. For this financial year to date*, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written 17/6/13
434	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Corporate Cars	434. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*? d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
435	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Taxi Costs	435. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written 17/6/13
436	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Hire Cars	436. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written 17/6/13

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437-438	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Credit Cards	<p>437. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>438. Please update details of the following?</p> <p>a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written 17/6/13
439-442	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Provision Equipment	<p>439. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>440. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>441. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>442. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</p>	Written 17/6/13
443-444	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Electricity Purchasing	<p>443. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>444. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
445-446	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>445. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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		(CSG)		<p>d) Have any briefing requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>446. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	
447	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Shredders	447. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
448	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Protective Security Policy Framework	448. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
449	Bushby	Corporate Services	Office Locations	449. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency;	Written 17/6/13

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		Group (CSG)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	
450-451	Bushby	Corporate Services Group (CSG)	Communications Staff	<p>450. 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? <p>451. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? c) What is the set up cost? d) What is the ongoing cost? e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	Written 17/6/13
452	Bushby	Revenue Group (RG)	Alternative Policy Costings	<p>452. Has the department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.</p>	Written 17/6/13
453	Bushby	Corporate Services Group	Pre-election Appointments	<p>453. Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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454	Waters	Fiscal Group (FG)	Coal Reserves	<p>Senator Wong: ...Can I just clarify, so we make sure that we refer it to the right people—the stranded assets question is about coalmines?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes. If we have to keep 60 to 80 per cent of our coal reserves in the ground to avoid two degrees, as those reports I cited contend, how much of our current coal reserves will become wasted assets or stranded capital? I am also interested, then, in the effect of the growing coal seam gas industry and whether that will mean that even fewer coalmines can open or expand.</p> <p>Dr Gruen: That is a question for Fiscal Group.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take it on notice. I suspect, to be frank, that the answer might be that you are asking them to engage in a hypothetical, so I doubt that officials will respond. But we will see what we can find.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I am interested in any thoughts that they can share on that point. Thanks very much.</p>	Thursday 6 June 2013, page 38-39
455	Fifield	Revenue Group (RG)	Medicare Levy	<p>Senator FIFIELD: Mr Heferen, when did Treasury first become aware that an increase in the Medicare levy was in contemplation?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: When it was being considered through the budget process.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: The budget process covers a long period of time. Let me put it another way: the Prime Minister announced the intention of a levy on 1 May, I think it was. Was it before or after 1 May?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: You are going to the question of the ERC and Cabinet processes around the budget. I can take that on notice and come back with what the Treasurer would be happy to provide.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Okay, I would appreciate that. Was a smaller or higher increase to the levy also—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: That goes to the question of the issues that the Cabinet considered and I am not in a position to divulge those.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD: Thanks, Chair.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, page 73
456	Fifield	ATO	Medicare Levy	<p>Senator FIFIELD: ..To the ATO—and the answer is probably 'no'—I assume that when there is just an increase to a levy of this nature there is no need for additional staff, that that is accommodated within your existing, generous, resourcing.</p>	Wednesday 5 June 2013, page

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				Mr Olesen: A change of that nature is not a complicated thing. Senator FIFIELD: I would not have thought so for a second. When did the ATO first become aware that an increase to the Medicare levy was in contemplation? Mr Olesen: We will have to take that on notice.	73
457-467	Bushby	ASIC	Staffing	457. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 458. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 459. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 460. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 461. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 462. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 463. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 464. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 465. 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. 466. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 467. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. *Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
468-473	Bushby	ASIC	Public Service Efficiencies	468. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108). 469. In addition, please provide the following detail: A.Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>470. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>471. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>472. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>473. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	
474	Bushby	ASIC	Printing Costs	<p>474. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
475-476	Bushby	ASIC	Graduate Recruitment	<p>475. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>476. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13

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477-480	Bushby	ASIC	Advertising	<p>477. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>478. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>479. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>480. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	Written 17/6/13
481-485	Bushby	ASIC	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>481. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>482. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>483. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>484. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>485. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
486-487	Bushby	ASIC	Meeting Costs	<p>486. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>487. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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488-489	Bushby	ASIC	Program Launch Costs	488. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 489. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
490-493	Bushby	ASIC	Freedom of Information	490. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 491. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 492. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 493. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
494	Bushby	ASIC	Reviews	494. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned? h. When will each of these reviews be concluded? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
495-496	Bushby	ASIC	Consultancies	495. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>496. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
497-498	Bushby	ASIC	Media Monitoring	<p>497. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>498. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
499-501	Bushby	ASIC	Social Media	<p>499. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>500. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>501. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13
502	Bushby	ASIC	Internet	<p>502. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				b. Did it impact the Minister's office?	
503	Bushby	ASIC	Staff Amenities	503. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written 17/6/13
504-505	Bushby	ASIC	Coffee Machines	<p>504. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>505. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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506-515	Bushby	ASIC	Contractors	<p>506. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>507. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>508. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>509. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>510. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>511. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>512. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>513. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>514. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>515. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written 17/6/13
516-517	Bushby	ASIC	Grants	<p>516. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>517. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				If not, provide details	
518	Bushby	ASIC	Commissioned Reports	518. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
519	Bushby	ASIC	Government Payments of Accounts	519. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
520-521	Bushby	ASIC	Stationery requirements	520. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 521. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
522-524	Bushby	ASIC	Media Subscriptions	522. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 523. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>524. 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 for this financial year to date?</p>	
525-532	Bushby	ASIC	Travel Costs	<p>525. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>526. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>527. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>528. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>529. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>530. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>531. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>532. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written 17/6/13
533-536	Bushby	ASIC	Legal Costs	<p>533. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>534. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>costs.</p> <p>535. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>536. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	
537-538	Bushby	ASIC	Education Expenses	<p>537. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>538. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
539-541	Bushby	ASIC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>539. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>540. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their 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>541. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
542-544	Bushby	ASIC	Media Training	<p>542. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>543. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>544. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul 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 	Written 17/6/13

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545-547	Bushby	ASIC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>545. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>546. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>547. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
548	Bushby	ASIC	Corporate Cars	<p>548. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
549	Bushby	ASIC	Taxi Costs	<p>549. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
550	Bushby	ASIC	Hire Cars	<p>550. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
551-554	Bushby	ASIC	Provision Equipment	<p>551. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>552. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>553. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, Vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>554. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				and to whom it is provided.	
555-556	Bushby	ASIC	Electricity Purchasing	555. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 556. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
557	Bushby	ASIC	Shredders	557. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
558	Bushby	ASIC	Protective Security Policy Framework	558. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
559	Bushby	ASIC	Office Locations	559. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
560-561	Bushby	ASIC	Communications Staff	560. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 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 17/6/13

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				<p>561. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why?</p> <p>b) When was it established?</p> <p>c) What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
562-572	Bushby	ABS	Staffing	<p>562. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>563. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>564. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>565. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>566. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>567. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>568. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>569. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>570. 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.</p> <p>571. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>572. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>*Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
573-578	Bushby	ABS	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>573. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>574. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>575. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>576. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>577. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>578. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	
579	Bushby	ABS	Printing Costs	<p>579. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
580-581	Bushby	ABS	Graduate Recruitment	<p>580. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>581. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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582-585	Bushby	ABS	Advertising	<p>582. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>583. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>584. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>585. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	Written 17/6/13
586-590	Bushby	ABS	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>586. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>587. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>588. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>589. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>590. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
591-592	Bushby	ABS	Meeting Costs	<p>591. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>592. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date,</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	
593-594	Bushby	ABS	Program Launch Costs	593. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 594. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
595-598	Bushby	ABS	Freedom of Information	595. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 596. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 597. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 598. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
599	Bushby	ABS	Reviews	599. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned? h. When will each of these reviews be concluded? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
600-601	Bushby	ABS	Consultancies	600. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date*? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>601. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
602-603	Bushby	ABS	Media Monitoring	<p>602. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>603. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
604-606	Bushby	ABS	Social Media	<p>604. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>605. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>606. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13

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607	Bushby	ABS	Internet	607. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? a. If yes, what was the reason for this? b. Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written 17/6/13
608	Bushby	ABS	Staff Amenities	608. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written 17/6/13
609-610	Bushby	ABS	Coffee Machines	609. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. a. Why were the coffee machines purchased? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased? I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? d. Who has access to the machines? e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 610. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented. a. Why are the coffee machines rented? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? d. Who has access to the machines? e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
611-620	Bushby	ABS	Contractors	<p>611. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>612. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>613. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>614. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>615. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>616. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>617. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>618. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>619. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>620. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written 17/6/13

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621-622	Bushby	ABS	Grants	<p>621. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>622. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details</p>	Written 17/6/13
623	Bushby	ABS	Commissioned Reports	<p>623. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members.</p> <p>a. How much did each report cost/ is estimated to cost?</p> <p>b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c. What is the current status of each report?</p> <p>d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written 17/6/13
624	Bushby	ABS	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>624. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written 17/6/13
625-626	Bushby	ABS	Stationery requirements	<p>625. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>626. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
627-629	Bushby	ABS	Media Subscriptions	<p>627. 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>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 628. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 629. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	
630-637	Bushby	ABS	Travel Costs	<p>630. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 631. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 632. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 633. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 634. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012? 635. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 636. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. 637. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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638-641	Bushby	ABS	Legal Costs	<p>638. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>639. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>640. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>641. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
642-643	Bushby	ABS	Education Expenses	<p>642. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>643. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
644-646	Bushby	ABS	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>644. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>645. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<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>646. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency’s own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
647-649	Bushby	ABS	Media Training	<p>647. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>648. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>649. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency’s own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion 	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
650-652	Bushby	ABS	Paid Parental Leave	<p>650. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>651. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>652. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
653	Bushby	ABS	Corporate Cars	<p>653. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
654	Bushby	ABS	Taxi Costs	<p>654. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
655	Bushby	ABS	Hire Cars	<p>655. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
656-659	Bushby	ABS	Provision of Equipment	<p>656. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>657. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>658. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				staff and staff classification receives it. 659. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	
660-661	Bushby	ABS	Electricity Purchasing	660. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 661. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
662	Bushby	ABS	Shredders	662. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
663	Bushby	ABS	Protective Security Policy Framework	663. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
664	Bushby	ABS	Office Locations	664. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
665-666	Bushby	ABS	Communications Staff	665. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 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	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 666. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? c) What is the set up cost? d) What is the ongoing cost? e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
667-677	Bushby	APRA	Staffing	<p>667. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 668. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 669. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 670. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 671. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 672. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? 673. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 674. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 675. 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. 676. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 677. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. *Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13

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678-683	Bushby	APRA	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>678. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>679. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>680. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>681. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>682. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>683. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
684	Bushby	APRA	Printing Costs	<p>684. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13

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685-686	Bushby	APRA	Graduate Recruitment	<p>685. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>686. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
687-690	Bushby	APRA	Advertising	<p>687. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>688. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>689. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>690. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	Written 17/6/13
691-695	Bushby	APRA	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>691. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>692. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>693. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>694. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>695. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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696-697	Bushby	APRA	Meeting Costs	696. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 697. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
698-699	Bushby	APRA	Program Launch Costs	698. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 699. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
700-703	Bushby	APRA	Freedom of Information	700. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 701. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 702. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 704. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
704	Bushby	APRA	Reviews	704. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned? h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written 17/6/13

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705-706	Bushby	APRA	Consultancies	<p>705. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>706. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
707-708	Bushby	APRA	Media Monitoring	<p>707. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>708. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
709-711	Bushby	APRA	Social Media	<p>709. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>710. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				711. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)	
712	Bushby	APRA	Internet	712. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? a. If yes, what was the reason for this? b. Did it impact the Minister’s office?	Written 17/6/13
713	Bushby	APRA	Staff Amenities	713. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written 17/6/13
714-715	Bushby	APRA	Coffee Machines	714. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. a. Why were the coffee machines purchased? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased? I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? d. Who has access to the machines? e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 715. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented. a. Why are the coffee machines rented? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
716-725	Bushby	APRA	Contractors	<p>716. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>717. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>718. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>719. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>720. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>721. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>722. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>723. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>724. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>725. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				(including the work undertaken and the cost).	
726-727	Bushby	APRA	Grants	726. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 727. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details	Written 17/6/13
728	Bushby	APRA	Commissioned Reports	728. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
729	Bushby	APRA	Government Payments of Accounts	729. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
730-731	Bushby	APRA	Stationery requirements	730. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 731. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13

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732-734	Bushby	APRA	Media Subscriptions	<p>732. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>733. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>734. 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 for this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
735-742	Bushby	APRA	Travel Costs	<p>735. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>736. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>737. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>738. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>739. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>740. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>741. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>742. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				yes, what is the cost?	
743-746	Bushby	APRA	Legal Costs	<p>743. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>744. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>745. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>746. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
747-748	Bushby	APRA	Education Expenses	<p>747. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>748. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
749-751	Bushby	APRA	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>749. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>750. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<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>751. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
752-754	Bushby	APRA	Media Training	<p>752. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>753. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>754. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written 17/6/13

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755-757	Bushby	APRA	Paid Parental Leave	<p>755. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>756. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>757. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
758	Bushby	APRA	Corporate Cars	<p>758. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
759	Bushby	APRA	Taxi Costs	<p>759. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
760	Bushby	APRA	Hire Cars	<p>760. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
761-764	Bushby	APRA	Provision Equipment	<p>761. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>762. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>763. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries,</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 764. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	
765-766	Bushby	APRA	Electricity Purchasing	765. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 766. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
767	Bushby	APRA	Shredders	767. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
768	Bushby	APRA	Protective Security Policy Framework	768. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
769	Bushby	APRA	Office Locations	769. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
770-771	Bushby	APRA	Communications Staff	770. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>771. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why?</p> <p>b) When was it established?</p> <p>c) What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
772-782	Bushby	ACCC	Staffing	<p>772. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>773. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>774. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>775. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>776. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>777. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>778. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>779. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>780. 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.</p> <p>781. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>782. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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783-788	Bushby	ACCC	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>783. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>784. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>785. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>786. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>787. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>788. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
789	Bushby	ACCC	Printing Costs	<p>789. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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790-791	Bushby	ACCC	Graduate Recruitment	790. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs. 791. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
792-795	Bushby	ACCC	Advertising	792. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 793. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. a.Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. b.Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c.Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 794. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 795. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written 17/6/13
796-800	Bushby	ACCC	Hospitality and Entertainment	796. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 797. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 798. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 799. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 800. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward	Written 17/6/13

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801-802	Bushby	ACCC	Meeting Costs	801. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 802. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
803-804	Bushby	ACCC	Program Launch Costs	803. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 804. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
805-808	Bushby	ACCC	Freedom of Information	805. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 806. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 807. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 808. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
809	Bushby	ACCC	Reviews	809. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned?	Written 17/6/13

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810-811	Bushby	ACCC	Consultancies	<p>810. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>811. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
812-813	Bushby	ACCC	Media Monitoring	<p>812. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>813. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
814-816	Bushby	ACCC	Social Media	<p>814. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>815. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>816. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	
817	Bushby	ACCC	Internet	<p>817. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
818	Bushby	ACCC	Staff Amenities	<p>818. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
819-820	Bushby	ACCC	Coffee Machines	<p>819. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>820. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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821-830	Bushby	ACCC	Contractors	<p>821. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>822. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>823. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>824. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>825. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>826. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>827. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>828. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>829. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).	
831-832	Bushby	ACCC	Grants	831. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 832. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details	Written 17/6/13
833	Bushby	ACCC	Commissioned Reports	833. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
834	Bushby	ACCC	Government Payments of Accounts	834. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
835-836	Bushby	ACCC	Stationery requirements	835. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 836. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13

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837-839	Bushby	ACCC	Media Subscriptions	<p>837. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>838. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>839. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
840-847	Bushby	ACCC	Travel Costs	<p>840. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>841. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>842. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>843. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>844. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>845. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>846. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>847. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				yes, what is the cost?	
848-851	Bushby	ACCC	Legal Costs	<p>848. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>849. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>850. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>851. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
852-853	Bushby	ACCC	Education Expenses	<p>852. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>853. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
854-856	Bushby	ACCC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>854. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>855. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<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>856. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
857-859	Bushby	ACCC	Media Training	<p>857. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>858. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>859. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written 17/6/13

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860-862	Bushby	ACCC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>860. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>861. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>862. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
863	Bushby	ACCC	Corporate Cars	<p>863. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
864	Bushby	ACCC	Taxi Costs	<p>864. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
865	Bushby	ACCC	Hire Cars	<p>865. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
866-869	Bushby	ACCC	Provision Equipment	<p>866. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>867. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>868. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries,</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 869. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	
870-871	Bushby	ACCC	Electricity Purchasing	870. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 871. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
872	Bushby	ACCC	Shredders	872. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
873	Bushby	ACCC	Protective Security Policy Framework	873. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
874	Bushby	ACCC	Office Locations	874. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
875-876	Bushby	ACCC	Communications Staff	8751. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>876. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why?</p> <p>b) When was it established?</p> <p>c) What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
877-887	Bushby	AOFM	Staffing	<p>877. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>878. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>879. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>880. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>881. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>882. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>883. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>884. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>885. 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.</p> <p>886. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>887. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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888-893	Bushby	AOFM	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>888. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>889. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>890. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>891. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>892. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>893. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
894	Bushby	AOFM	Printing Costs	<p>894. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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895-896	Bushby	AOFM	Graduate Recruitment	895. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs. 896. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
897-900	Bushby	AOFM	Advertising	897. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 898. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 899. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 900. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written 17/6/13
901-905	Bushby	AOFM	Hospitality and Entertainment	901. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 902. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 903. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 904. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 905. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward	Written 17/6/13

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906-907	Bushby	AOFM	Meeting Costs	906. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 907. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
908-909	Bushby	AOFM	Program Launch Costs	908. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 909. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
910-913	Bushby	AOFM	Freedom of Information	910. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 911. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 912. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 913. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
914	Bushby	AOFM	Reviews	914. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned?	Written 17/6/13

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				h. When will each of these reviews be concluded? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	
915-916	Bushby	AOFM	Consultancies	915. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies. 916. 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. *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
917-918	Bushby	AOFM	Media Monitoring	917. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*? 918. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
919-921	Bushby	AOFM	Social Media	919. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. 920. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks). b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>921. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	
922	Bushby	AOFM	Internet	<p>922. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
923	Bushby	AOFM	Staff Amenities	<p>923. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
924-925	Bushby	AOFM	Coffee Machines	<p>924. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>925. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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926-935	Bushby	AOFM	Contractors	<p>926. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>927. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>928. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>929. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>930. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>931. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>932. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>933. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>934. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				935. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).	
936-937	Bushby	AOFM	Grants	936. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 937. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details	Written 17/6/13
938	Bushby	AOFM	Commissioned Reports	938. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
939	Bushby	AOFM	Government Payments of Accounts	939. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
940-941	Bushby	AOFM	Stationery requirements	940. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 941. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13

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942-944	Bushby	AOFM	Media Subscriptions	<p>942. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>943. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>944. 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 for this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
945-952	Bushby	AOFM	Travel Costs	<p>945. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>946. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>947. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>948. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>949. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>950. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>951. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>952. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				yes, what is the cost?	
953-956	Bushby	AOFM	Legal Costs	<p>953. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>954. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>955. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>956. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
957-958	Bushby	AOFM	Education Expenses	<p>957. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>958. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
959-961	Bushby	AOFM	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>959. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>960. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<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>961. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
962-964	Bushby	AOFM	Media Training	<p>962. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>963. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>964. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p>	Written 17/6/13

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965-967	Bushby	AOFM	Paid Parental Leave	<p>965. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>966. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>967. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
968	Bushby	AOFM	Corporate Cars	<p>968. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
969	Bushby	AOFM	Taxi Costs	<p>969. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
970	Bushby	AOFM	Hire Cars	<p>970. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
971-974	Bushby	AOFM	Provision Equipment	<p>971. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>972. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>973. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries,</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 974. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	
975-976	Bushby	AOFM	Electricity Purchasing	975. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 976. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
977	Bushby	AOFM	Shredders	977. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
978	Bushby	AOFM	Protective Security Policy Framework	978. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
979	Bushby	AOFM	Office Locations	979. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
980-981	Bushby	AOFM	Communications Staff	980. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>981. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why?</p> <p>b) When was it established?</p> <p>c) What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
982-992	Bushby	ATO	Staffing	<p>982. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>983. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>984. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>985. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>986. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>987. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>988. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>989. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>990. 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.</p> <p>991. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>992. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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993-998	Bushby	ATO	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>993. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>994. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>995. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>996. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>997. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>998. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
999	Bushby	ATO	Printing Costs	<p>999. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1000-1001	Bushby	ATO	Graduate Recruitment	1000. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs. 1001. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
1002-1005	Bushby	ATO	Advertising	1002. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 1003. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 1004. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 1005. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written 17/6/13
1006-1010	Bushby	ATO	Hospitality and Entertainment	1006. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1007. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1008. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1009. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1010. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so,	Written 17/6/13

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				how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?	
1011-1012	Bushby	ATO	Meeting Costs	1011. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1012. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
1013-1014	Bushby	ATO	Program Launch Costs	1013. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1014. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	Written 17/6/13
1015-1018	Bushby	ATO	Freedom of Information	1015. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 1016. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 1017. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 1018. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
1019	Bushby	ATO	Reviews	1019. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>g. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1020-1021	Bushby	ATO	Consultancies	<p>1020. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>1021. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1022-1023	Bushby	ATO	Media Monitoring	<p>1022. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>1023. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1024-1026	Bushby	ATO	Social Media	<p>1024. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>1025. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>1026. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	
1027	Bushby	ATO	Internet	<p>1027. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1028	Bushby	ATO	Staff Amenities	<p>1028. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1029-1030	Bushby	ATO	Coffee Machines	<p>1029. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>1030. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1031-1040	Bushby	ATO	Contractors	<p>1031. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1032. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1033. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1034. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1035. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1036. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1037. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1038. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				undertaken and the cost). 1039. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 1040. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).	
1041-1042	Bushby	ATO	Grants	1041. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 1042. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details	Written 17/6/13
1043	Bushby	ATO	Commissioned Reports	1043. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
1044	Bushby	ATO	Government Payments of Accounts	1044. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
1045-	Bushby	ATO	Stationery	1045. How much was spent by each department and agency on government	Written 17/6/13

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1046			requirements	(Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 1046. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	
1047-1049	Bushby	ATO	Media Subscriptions	1047. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 1048. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 1049. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
1050-1057	Bushby	ATO	Travel Costs	1050. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 1051. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 1052. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 1053. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 1054. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012? 1055. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1056. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>1057. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	
1058-1061	Bushby	ATO	Legal Costs	<p>1058. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1059. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1060. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1061. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1062-1063	Bushby	ATO	Education Expenses	<p>1062. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>1063. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1064-1066	Bushby	ATO	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>1064. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1065. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their 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>1066. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location</p>	
1067-1069	Bushby	ATO	Media Training	<p>1067. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>1068. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was 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>	Written 17/6/13

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				<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>1069. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul 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 	
1070-1072	Bushby	ATO	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1070. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>1071. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>1072. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1073	Bushby	ATO	Corporate Cars	<p>1073. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*? d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*? 	Written 17/6/13
1074	Bushby	ATO	Taxi Costs	<p>1074. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written 17/6/13
1075	Bushby	ATO	Hire Cars	<p>1075. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year 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 17/6/13

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1076-1079	Bushby	ATO	Provision Equipment	<p>1076. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>1077. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1078. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>1079. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1080-1081	Bushby	ATO	Electricity Purchasing	<p>1080. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>1081. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1082	Bushby	ATO	Shredders	<p>1082. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1083	Bushby	ATO	Protective Security Policy Framework	<p>1083. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1084	Bushby	ATO	Office Locations	<p>1084. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; 	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>g. If owned, the value of the building;</p> <p>h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</p> <p>i. Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>	
1085-1086	Bushby	ATO	Communications Staff	<p>1085. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>1086. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <p>a) If yes, why?</p> <p>b) When was it established?</p> <p>c) What is the set up cost?</p> <p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1087-1097	Bushby	IGT	Staffing	<p>1087. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1088. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1089. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>1090. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1091. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1092. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1093. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>1094. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1095. 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.</p> <p>1096. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>1097. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>*Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	
1098-1103	Bushby	IGT	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>1098. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>1099. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>1100. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1101. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1102. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1103. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	
1104	Bushby	IGT	Printing Costs	1104. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? a. How many of these printed documents were also published online? *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
1105-1106	Bushby	IGT	Graduate Recruitment	1105. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs. 1106. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. *Financial year to date – 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
1107-1110	Bushby	IGT	Advertising	1107. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 1108. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 1109. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 1110. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?	Written 17/6/13
1111-1115	Bushby	IGT	Hospitality and Entertainment	1111. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 1112. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date,	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1113. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1114. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1115 .Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	
1116-1117	Bushby	IGT	Meeting Costs	<p>1116. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1117. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1118-1119	Bushby	IGT	Program Launch Costs	<p>1118. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1119. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1120-1123	Bushby	IGT	Freedom of Information	<p>1120. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>1121. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1122. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?</p> <p>1123. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?</p> <p>a. If so, how many and why?</p> <p>b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</p> <p>I. If so, how many and why?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1124	Bushby	IGT	Reviews	<p>1124. For this financial year to date*:</p> <p>a. How many reviews are being undertaken?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?</p> <p>g. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1125-1126	Bushby	IGT	Consultancies	<p>1125. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>1126. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1127-1128	Bushby	IGT	Media Monitoring	<p>1127. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>1128. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1129-1131	Bushby	IGT	Social Media	<p>1129. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>1130. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>1131. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13
1132	Bushby	IGT	Internet	<p>1132. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1133	Bushby	IGT	Staff Amenities	<p>1133. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1134-1135	Bushby	IGT	Coffee Machines	<p>1134. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>1135. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1136-1145	Bushby	IGT	Contractors	<p>1136. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1137. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1138. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1139. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1140. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1141. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1142. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1143. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1144. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1145. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	
1146-1147	Bushby	IGT	Grants	<p>1146. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>1147. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details</p>	Written 17/6/13
1148	Bushby	IGT	Commissioned Reports	<p>1148. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members.</p> <p>a. How much did each report cost/ is estimated to cost?</p> <p>b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c. What is the current status of each report?</p> <p>d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1149	Bushby	IGT	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>1149. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	
1150-1151	Bushby	IGT	Stationery requirements	<p>1150. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>1151. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1152-1154	Bushby	IGT	Media Subscriptions	<p>1152. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1153. 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 for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1154. 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 for this financial year to date?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1155-1162	Bushby	IGT	Travel Costs	<p>1155. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>1156. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1157. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1158. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1159. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>1160. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>1161. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>1162. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	
1163-1166	Bushby	IGT	Legal Costs	<p>1163. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1164. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1165. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1166. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1167-1168	Bushby	IGT	Education Expenses	<p>1167. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>1168. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1169-1171	Bushby	IGT	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>1169. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>1170. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their 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>1171. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location</p>	Written 17/6/13
1172-1174	Bushby	IGT	Media Training	<p>1172. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>1173. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was 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>1174. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
1175-1177	Bushby	IGT	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1175. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>1176. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>1177. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1178	Bushby	IGT	Corporate Cars	<p>1178. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1179	Bushby	IGT	Taxi Costs	1179. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written 17/6/13
1180	Bushby	IGT	Hire Cars	1180. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written 17/6/13
1181-1184	Bushby	IGT	Provision Equipment	1181. 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 what are the costs? 1182. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 1183. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 1184. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written 17/6/13
1185-1186	Bushby	IGT	Electricity Purchasing	1185. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 1186. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
1187	Bushby	IGT	Shredders	1187. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
1188	Bushby	IGT	Protective Security Policy Framework	1188. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13

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1189	Bushby	IGT	Office Locations	<p>1189. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	Written 17/6/13
1190-1191	Bushby	IGT	Communications Staff	<p>1190. 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? <p>1191. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? c) What is the set up cost? d) What is the ongoing cost? e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	Written 17/6/13
1192-1202	Bushby	CGC	Staffing	<p>1192. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1193. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1194. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>1195. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1196. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1197. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1198. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>1199. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1200. 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.</p> <p>1201. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>1202. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>*Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	
1203-1208	Bushby	CGC	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>1203. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>1204 .In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>1205. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1206. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1207. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1208. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	
1209	Bushby	CGC	Printing Costs	<p>1209. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1210-1211	Bushby	CGC	Graduate Recruitment	<p>1210. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>1211. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1212-1215	Bushby	CGC	Advertising	<p>1212. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>1213. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1214. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>1215. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	
1216-1220	Bushby	CGC	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1216. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1217. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1218. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1219. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1220. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1221-1222	Bushby	CGC	Meeting Costs	<p>1221. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1222. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1223-1224	Bushby	CGC	Program Launch Costs	<p>1223. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1224. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1225-1228	Bushby	CGC	Freedom of Information	<p>1225. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>1226. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1227. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1228. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?</p> <p>a. If so, how many and why?</p> <p>b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</p> <p>I. If so, how many and why?</p>	
1229	Bushby	CGC	Reviews	<p>1229. For this financial year to date*:</p> <p>a. How many reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?</p> <p>g. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1230-1231	Bushby	CGC	Consultancies	<p>1230. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>1231. 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.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1232-1233	Bushby	CGC	Media Monitoring	<p>1232. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*? 1233. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1234-1236	Bushby	CGC	Social Media	<p>1234. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued. 1235. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks). b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? 1236. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13
1237	Bushby	CGC	Internet	<p>1237. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? a. If yes, what was the reason for this? b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1238	Bushby	CGC	Staff Amenities	<p>1238. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1239-1240	Bushby	CGC	Coffee Machines	<p>1239. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. a. Why were the coffee machines purchased? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>1240. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1241-1250	Bushby	CGC	Contractors	<p>12141. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1242. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1243. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1244. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1245. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1246. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1247. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1248. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1249. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1250. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	
1251-1252	Bushby	CGC	Grants	<p>1251. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>1252. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details</p>	Written 17/6/13
1253	Bushby	CGC	Commissioned Reports	<p>1253. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, terms of reference and committee members.</p> <p>a. How much did each report cost/ is estimated to cost?</p> <p>b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c. What is the current status of each report?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	
1254	Bushby	CGC	Government Payments of Accounts	1254. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
1255-1256	Bushby	CGC	Stationery requirements	1255. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 1256. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
1257-1259	Bushby	CGC	Media Subscriptions	1257. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 1258. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 1259. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
1260-1267	Bushby	CGC	Travel Costs	1260. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1261. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1262. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1263. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1264. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>1265. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>1266. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>1267. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	
1268-1271	Bushby	CGC	Legal Costs	<p>1268. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1269. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1270. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1271. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1272-	Bushby	CGC	Education	<p>1272. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>1273. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1273			Expenses	tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	
1274-1276	Bushby	CGC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>1274. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>1275. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their 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>1276. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1277-1279	Bushby	CGC	Media Training	<p>1277. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>1278. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service was 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>1279. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>-The location used</p> <p>-The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>-The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>-Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written 17/6/13
1280-1282	Bushby	CGC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1280. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>1281. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>1282. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				have used the scheme this financial year to date.	
1283	Bushby	CGC	Corporate Cars	1283. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? a) Where are the cars located? b) What are the cars used for? c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*? d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
1284	Bushby	CGC	Taxi Costs	1284. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written 17/6/13
1285	Bushby	CGC	Hire Cars	1285. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written 17/6/13
1286-1289	Bushby	CGC	Provision Equipment	1286. 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 what are the costs? 1287. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 1288. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 1289. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written 17/6/13
1290-1291	Bushby	CGC	Electricity Purchasing	1290. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 1291. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13

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1292	Bushby	CGC	Shredders	1292. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
1293	Bushby	CGC	Protective Security Policy Framework	1293. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
1294	Bushby	CGC	Office Locations	1294. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
1295-1296	Bushby	CGC	Communications Staff	1295. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 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? 1296. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? c) What is the set up cost?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>d) What is the ongoing cost?</p> <p>e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
1297-1307	Bushby	PC	Staffing	<p>1297. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1298. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>1299. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>1300. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1301. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1302. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>1303. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>1304. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1305. 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.</p> <p>1306. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>1307. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>*Financial Year to Date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1308-1313	Bushby	PC	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>1308. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure ‘Public Service efficiencies’ (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108).</p> <p>1309. In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES)</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>levels?</p> <p>B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?</p> <p>1310. Has there been a reduction in business flights?</p> <p>A. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1311. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors?</p> <p>A. Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1312. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online.</p> <p>A. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why?</p> <p>B. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>1313. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs?</p> <p>A. If not, why not?</p> <p>B. Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much?</p> <p>C. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	
1314	Bushby	PC	Printing Costs	<p>1314. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1315-1316	Bushby	PC	Graduate Recruitment	<p>1315. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>1316. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1317-	Bushby	PC	Advertising	<p>1317. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>1318. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1320				<p>advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>a. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>b. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>c. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>1319. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>1320. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>	
1321-1325	Bushby	PC	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1321. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1322. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1323. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1324. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1325. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1326-1327	Bushby	PC	Meeting Costs	<p>1326. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>1327. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1328-	Bushby	PC	Program Launch	<p>1328. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1329			Costs	1329. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	
1330-1333	Bushby	PC	Freedom of Information	1330. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 1331. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 1332. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date? a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 1333. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? a. If so, how many and why? b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? I. If so, how many and why?	Written 17/6/13
1334	Bushby	PC	Reviews	1334. For this financial year to date*: a. How many reviews are being undertaken? b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f. What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews? g. What reviews are planned? h. When will each of these reviews be concluded? *Financial year to date - 31 May 2013	Written 17/6/13
1335-1336	Bushby	PC	Consultancies	1335. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies. 1336. 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	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	
1337-1338	Bushby	PC	Media Monitoring	<p>1337. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date*?</p> <p>1338. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc. provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>*Financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13
1339-1341	Bushby	PC	Social Media	<p>1339. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>1340. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>1341. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)</p>	Written 17/6/13
1342	Bushby	PC	Internet	<p>1342. Has the department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts?</p> <p>a. If yes, what was the reason for this?</p> <p>b. Did it impact the Minister's office?</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1343	Bushby	PC	Staff Amenities	1343. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written 17/6/13
1344- 1345	Bushby	PC	Coffee Machines	<p>1344. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>1345. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</p> <p>a. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?</p> <p>I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>d. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>*financial year to date - 31 May 2013</p>	Written 17/6/13

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1346-1355	Bushby	PC	Contractors	<p>1346. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1347. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1348. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1349. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1350. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1351. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1352. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1353. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>1354. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>1355. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written 17/6/13
1356-1357	Bushby	PC	Grants	<p>1356. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>1357. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				timeframe? If not, provide details	
1358	Bushby	PC	Commissioned Reports	1358. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the department/agency this financial year to date? 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/ is estimated to cost? b. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c. What is the current status of each report? d. When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written 17/6/13
1359	Bushby	PC	Government Payments of Accounts	1359. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written 17/6/13
1360-1361	Bushby	PC	Stationery requirements	1360. How much was spent by each department and agency on government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 1361. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13
1362-1364	Bushby	PC	Media Subscriptions	1362. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 1363. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>1364. 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 for this financial year to date?</p>	
1365-1372	Bushby	PC	Travel Costs	<p>1365. For the financial year to date, please 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 includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>1366. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1367. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1368. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>1369. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>1370. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>1371. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>1372. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1373-1376	Bushby	PC	Legal Costs	<p>1373. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>1374. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				costs. 1375. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 1376. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	
1377-1378	Bushby	PC	Education Expenses	1377. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? 1378. For this financial year to date*, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.	Written 17/6/13
1379-1381	Bushby	PC	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	1379. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged 1380. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 1381. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:	Written 17/6/13

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The location used -The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) -Any costs the department/agency incurred to use the location 	
1382-1384	Bushby	PC	Media Training	<p>1382. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>1383. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (BET 425 d.), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service was one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>1384. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul 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 	Written 17/6/13

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1385-1387	Bushby	PC	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1385. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>1386. For this financial year to date* list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>1387. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written 17/6/13
1388	Bushby	PC	Corporate Cars	<p>1388. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date*?</p> <p>d) How far has each car travelled this financial year to date*?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1389	Bushby	PC	Taxi Costs	<p>1389. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1390	Bushby	PC	Hire Cars	<p>1390. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date*? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>a. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written 17/6/13
1391-1394	Bushby	PC	Provision Equipment	<p>1391. 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 what are the costs?</p> <p>1392. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>1393. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) provided to department/agency staff? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>1394. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or</p>	Written 17/6/13

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				their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	
1395-1396	Bushby	PC	Electricity Purchasing	1395. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 1396. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date*?	Written 17/6/13
1397	Bushby	PC	Shredders	1397. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written 17/6/13
1398	Bushby	PC	Protective Security Policy Framework	1398. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written 17/6/13
1399	Bushby	PC	Office Locations	1399. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written 17/6/13
1400-1401	Bushby	PC	Communications Staff	1400. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 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?	Written 17/6/13

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				<p>f) How many organise events? 1. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? a) If yes, why? b) When was it established? c) What is the set up cost? d) What is the ongoing cost? e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	
1402	Siewert	Fiscal Group (FG)	National Injury Insurance Scheme	<p>1402. Noting that the Productivity Commission itself: ‘emphasised that its costing of the National Injury Insurance Scheme at an annual net cost of around \$830 million was an approximate figure in the absence of more detailed evidence,’ who has been engaged to assess the Productivity Commission’s costing of, and also, the viability of the policy of, the National Injury Insurance Scheme, prior to it being part of the contractual agreement between the States and the Commonwealth on the NDIS? What costing has been provided to the States about the purported cost of the NIIS? What research or assessments have been conducted to deduce the number of individuals injured that currently do not receive coverage under any compensation scheme or entitled to receive compensation under the common law?</p>	Written - Transferred from FaHCSIA 1/7/2013
1403	Payne	Markets Group (MG)	Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party Report	<p>1403. On 19-20 April 2010, COAG asked the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party to report back on an examination of the housing supply pipeline and government policies that may act as barriers to supply or that stimulate demand for housing. Has the government responded to the findings and recommendations of that report, or taken up any of those recommendations?</p>	Written - Transferred from FaHCSIA 25/6/13