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BI-1	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Change in the dumping margin	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Has there been a change in the dumping margin as a result of any of the reviews you have undertaken? Mr Seymour: There certainly has, and of course what this reflects is the dynamic nature of Australia's antidumping system, which means that exporters who are caught in the system through the investigations are able to seek a review 12 months after the imposition of those duties, and if they have not been dumping into the Australian market they can seek a review that might either reduce their margin or eliminate it, and if it is eliminated they may then face the imposition of a floor price, which is set as a safety net to ensure that there is not a free flow of, in this case, tinned tomatoes into Australia. And we have been through quite a number of reviews and the like when it comes to tinned tomatoes. Senator KIM CARR: So, what has the change been? Are you able to tell me that? Mr Seymour: It is very detailed. I could take it on notice and give you a detailed summary of all of them, if you like.</p>	Spoken	91	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-2	Xenophon, Nick	Anti-Dumping Commission	Tracking trade flows	<p>Senator XENOPHON: But, given the role of the commission and the resources available to you, as a matter of course you would have better information than Australian manufacturers concerning import sources? Mr Seymour: We have the ability to track trade flows, and one of the key aspects in transshipment is to see, through trade flows, decreases and increases in trade flows. Senator XENOPHON: Are you tracking trade flows? Mr Seymour: We do, but I do not have the ability to do that on a wide-ranging basis. Obviously we have to prioritise. Senator XENOPHON: How much tracking do you do to try to get an idea? Mr Seymour: We have the Market Intelligence Unit established, and it is doing a range of activities in that space. A lot of it is on my request or the general manager's. Senator XENOPHON: On notice, can you tell me how much tracking of trade flows you do and what that would be as a proportion of the trade in terms of potential transshipments? Mr Seymour: Certainly. I would make an additional comment though. When it comes to compliance and the like, we have extremely good working relationships with Australian Border Force. The agencies involved in having a look at this particular aspect of the system are collaborating very strongly, so there is no barrier in that regard. Senator XENOPHON: This worries me, because I think it is one of the new areas where people try to avoid dumping or countervailing duties. Once measures are imposed, do you actively look for examples of changes in the country of origin? In some cases a country of origin is being nominated that does not even produce the goods. There are examples of steel products exported from Singapore or chemical products from Estonia. Singapore does produce lots of wonderful things, and I am sure Estonia does as well, but if they do not actually have a manufacturing capacity, they do not actually produce those goods, do you have a way of tracking that or monitoring that so we do not get hoodwinked by these transshippers? Mr Seymour: I rely on many inputs to make judgements about which trade flows I am tracking at a particular time. To be honest with you, I would rather not go into any more detail about what we look at, for the simple reason that it is a rather sensitive area. Senator XENOPHON: Sure. But that is a pretty obvious one. If a country does not make a particular good, such as steel from Singapore or chemical products from Estonia— Mr Seymour: Singapore actually does make steel. Senator XENOPHON: Does it? That is the example I was just given. Well, there were certain steel products from Singapore, but there are particular types of steel products that come here that Singapore does not make—I should clarify that. I do not want to be banned from Singapore as well; it is enough to be</p>	Spoken	94	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-3	Xenophon, Nick	Anti-Dumping Commission	Applications involving input dumping	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes, sure. So how many applications involving input dumping has the commission received? Mr Seymour: In my time there have been some questions that might relate to input dumping but no applications, as far as I know. If you like I could take that on notice and bring you back an answer. Senator XENOPHON: Yes.</p>	Spoken	95	31/05/2017 0:00

BI-4	Chisholm, Anthony	Anti-Dumping Commission	Number of preliminary affirmative determinations that have been made	<p>Senator CHISHOLM: How long do investigations normally take? Mr SENATOR: The legislation provides for 155 calendar days for dumping or a subsidy investigation. There are other categories of reviews that we also do but they are the main ones. I think I am on the record as saying that it is very difficult to conclude a complex investigation in 155 calendar days. We are currently running at an average of around 250 calendar days, which is a 20-odd per cent performance increase on what it was in the previous financial year. So we have improved our performance outcomes by about 20 per cent. I would like to think that our new investigation model will bring that down closer to the 155 days, but I am also on the record as saying that I doubt that we will ever deliver a complex case in 155 days, which is silly because the number of players involved. If we took the Australian paper application on A4 copy paper as an example, there were over 150 submissions from interested parties—four countries, many exporters—and it makes for a very complicated investigation. To get all of that wrapped up, concluded and recommended to Assistant Minister Laundry on calendar day 156—we are counting weekends in that, as I always point out—is a significant challenge for any investigating authority. Senator CHISHOLM: My understanding is that some other jurisdictions like the USA have the ability to impose interim duties. Is that something the commission has looked at? Mr Seymour: We have absolutely the same ability and on day 60 I am able to impose, through a preliminary affirmative determination or PAD, securities against those products and that then provides a financial obligation against those exporters who are named in the case and are subject to the final conclusion of the investigation. If the dumping recommendation from me that the minister requires a margin to be set, then that obligation taken as the security is therefore payable. It sends a very effective price signal into the market—not before day 60 of an investigation—to the players that if we think there is dumping we have taken early steps to send that signal back to the players. Senator CHISHOLM: How often do you do that? Do you have any figures on how likely that would be? Mr Seymour: If you like, I can take on notice the actual number of PADs that have been made. There was a significant push by the government 18 months ago to require that I either make a decision to impose a PAD security on day 60 or publish through an antidumping notice my reason for not making that decision on day 60. That means I am very focused from day zero to day 60 on ensuring that my commission investigators are gathering data sufficient to enable me to make that determination. If I cannot I say why I cannot, which is normally because I have</p>	Spoken	97-98	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-5	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Proposal to join the National Measurement Institute with ANSTO	<p>department to ANSTO? Dr Paterson: I think I should pass that to the secretary. Ms Beauchamp: Of course in any agency or large department, as we normally do, we look at periodically reviewing some of our functions. There has been a number of reviews in consultation with many stakeholders on the National Measurement Institute. We are looking at their budget and at their capability, efficiency and effectiveness, and really at the long-term sustainability and robustness of that organisation. We are looking at, potentially, a range of options on how we might make sure that it is fit for purpose for the future and is long-term sustainable. So we have been looking at the options that we might consider, particularly around skills and capability and like functions—so grouping those together. ANSTO has come up as an option to look at but there are other options that are being looked at as well. We have not yet finalised anything. We are in very preliminary discussions. It is an internal process and no advice has been put to government yet. Senator KIM CARR: Who initiated this proposal? Ms Beauchamp: The department initiated the proposal. Senator KIM CARR: When do you expect to be in a position to provide advice to government? Ms Beauchamp: We are going to go through a process of consultation and looking at the options. So probably in the next few months we might be in a position to have formed some ideas after adequate consultation with various staff and stakeholders. Senator KIM CARR: What is the rationale for it? Ms Beauchamp: What any organisation should do is periodically review its functions and look at it, as I said, in the context of budget sustainability, long-term sustainability and look at what is coming over the hill in terms of business models, skills and capability. I think it is robust program management to look at reviews of the functions that you have responsibility for. Senator KIM CARR: There are savings involved? Ms Beauchamp: The idea is not to save but to make sure that we are using government funding wisely. Senator KIM CARR: What is the synergy between ANSTO and the National Measurement Institute? Ms Beauchamp: I might let Dr Paterson talk about some of the technical skills and capability, but certainly in terms of measurement science and some of the skills and capability there are some like issues there. Dr Paterson: Thank you. ANSTO is responsible for a scientific standard of measurement—the becquerel; it is the measure of radioactivity. That is under an agreement that we have with the Chief Metrologist. ANSTO has for many years looked after the becquerel for Australia because of the competence that we have in that area. More broadly, if you</p>	Spoken	100-101	31/05/2017 0:00

BI-6	Ludlam, Scott	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Pathways to exporting technetium-99m	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I know it is, and I know I am asking complicated questions. The NEA also said that their projected growth over the next couple of years was just 1.22 per cent annually, and that there are new molybdenum production facilities planned in the next five years, at least that they have identified in Europe, North America, South America and the Far East. How much analysis have you done to ensure that you are not about to be competing in an oversupplied market? There are flat growth rates and a number of other big plants coming online. How do we know that we are not going to end up with a stranded asset as there is a glut? Dr Paterson: We analyse all of the projects that are in view in the future. Most of the projects that are coming on stream at national levels are intended only to address national needs. Those non-reactor-based techniques have proven very difficult to make economic. A number of the other projects in the United States I think will eventually start to produce technetium-99m, but because they are going straight to technetium-99m, which has much shorter half-life, the scalability of those projects is quite difficult. Senator LUDLAM: Because then it is harder to develop an export market with those? Dr Paterson: I think exporting technetium-99m directly is almost impossible. It is very difficult. We have looked and we continue to work on these models. We do model the accelerated performance to produce technetium-99m, for instance, in the Sydney setting. With the size of the city and the logistics that you require we do not think that Sydney could get away with just one facility producing technetium-99m. Senator LUDLAM: Can you break it down for me? Your options are to produce moly-99, which is the precursor isotope with the longer half-life, so you can stick it in the fridge and fly it around the world— Dr Paterson: Yes. Senator LUDLAM: Or multiple particle accelerators sited around the place that do not use reactors, but that actually produce the technetium directly? Are those two pathways? Dr Paterson: There is possibly a third pathway, which is alternatives to the direct production of technetium-99m. Senator LUDLAM: Could you provide us with some of them on notice? I am worried that I am testing the chairs patience. If there are other pathways there, could you provide us with those? Dr Paterson: Absolutely. We track these all the time. It is important, as an accelerator organisation as well—because we are not just a reactor organisation—that we can bring our knowledge of accelerator technology to bear on it.</p>	Spoken	108-109	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-7	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Number of 457 visa holders at ANSTO	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Dr Paterson, I asked you some questions before about the number of 457 visa holders you have. On notice, can you provide us with a salary range for the people you have on 457 visas at the moment, particularly minimum salaries but through to the top. Dr Paterson: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	111	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-8	Carr, Kim	Office of Innovation and Science Australia	Submissions received to the 2030 Strategic Plan Issues paper	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you expect to give a response to the 3F's review by the end of the year? Senator Sinodinos: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: I take it then, Dr Day, that that is not too late to you to be able to respond? Senator Sinodinos: They will stay in close contact with us on this. Senator KIM CARR: Submissions closed today—is that right? Dr Day: We actually have extended the deadline for a few, but, yes, certainly today was the publicly announced closing date. Senator KIM CARR: How many did you receive? Dr Day: When I last checked, when I left the office, I think we just ticked over 60 or so—65. Senator KIM CARR: Do you anticipate that they will be made public? Dr Day: Where we have permission, we will make them public—yes. Senator KIM CARR: You have to ask each one of them, do you? Dr Day: I believe there is a box on the form— Senator KIM CARR: I would have thought that there would be. That is the standard practice. Dr Day: That is the standard practice, and I think we used the standard form. Senator KIM CARR: You do not know how many? Dr Day: I can take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Is it confidential? Dr Day: I do not know how many. I will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	112	31/05/2017 0:00

BI-9	Carr, Kim	IP Australia	Support for innovation patents	<p>Senator KIM CARR: What I am asking you is whether or not IP Australia supports innovation patents. You have been administering them for some time now. Have they been successful? Ms Kelly: Our research would suggest that the innovation patent has not been successful in meeting the objective for which it was established. It is certainly valued by a range of our customers for one reason or another, but in terms of assisting SMEs—again, Dr Mitra-Kahn could give you chapter and verse—our research suggests it may be costing the SMEs more than it is benefiting them. Senator KIM CARR: So you would support their abolition? Is that the position that you have put? Ms Kelly: Again, I think you are asking us to give a policy opinion on a matter that is currently being considered by cabinet in terms of the government's response to this report. Senator KIM CARR: Would there be a detrimental impact on industry—for manufacturing—if these patents were abolished? Ms Kelly: Certainly, some users of the innovation patents would see it as a detriment that that is no longer an option to them. It is used as an enforcement tool, usually by larger industries. We have a system of pre-grant opposition and taking out an innovation patent can give you an early enforcement option, which would not be available. But that is not the purpose for which the innovation patent was established. Senator KIM CARR: Often, part of the innovation system itself is to adapt. Which particular branches of manufacturing would be disadvantaged by their abolition? Ms Kelly: I do not think any particular branches of manufacturing would be disadvantaged. Senator KIM CARR: Who uses them at the moment? Which branches of manufacturing use them? Ms Kelly: I think we would have to take that on notice to give you an accurate answer. As Dr Mitra-Kahn said, it is largely Australian applicants and small to medium— Senator KIM CARR: Please, if you would. Dr Mitra-Kahn: Happy to take it on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. How many applications have you received in recent years, for instance? What fields of industry do they cover? Ms Kelly: Is that for on notice? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please, if you would.</p>	Spoken	116-117	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-10	Carr, Kim	IP Australia	Where are remote IP Australia employees located	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes it is. Does IP Australia maintain regional offices? Do you have any regional offices? Ms Kelly: We have an office in Melbourne. Senator KIM CARR: Is that the only one outside of Canberra? Ms Kelly: It is the only one outside of Canberra. We do have an outposted workforce. We have a range of employees who work remotely from home either full time or part time. Senator KIM CARR: What sort of capacity are these? These are patent assessors, are they? Ms Kelly: The majority of them are patent and trademark examiners. Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to give us a breakdown on where they are located? Are they in Canberra? Ms Kelly: I think I can tell you where they are located. Senator KIM CARR: Do you want to give that to me on notice? Ms Kelly: Yes.</p>	Spoken	118	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-11	Hume, Jane	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	Travel costs for budget estimates	<p>CHAIR: The reason I ask is I know it is quite a big deal for you and your team to come down from Townsville. One of the reasons you were called to estimates today was that the Greens specifically wanted to ask you questions, yet they have not had the courtesy of turning up today, which I think is extraordinarily rude. I would like it if you could take on notice what it has cost the department to have you come down here and spend the night and appear in front of estimates to answer questions for a group of people that are not here. Mr Gunn: Will do.</p>	Spoken	121	31/05/2017 0:00
BI-12	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIROs National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy and Education Investment Fund	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Page 131 of the PBS says: ... due to the distribution of funds by the Science and Industry Endowment Fund and unfunded depreciation expenses relating to assets for which capital was previously provided by Government through the Education Investment Fund and the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy. How much is involved with that? Mr Munyard: With each particular item? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please. Would you go through the detail for me? Mr Munyard: The unfunded depreciation for the Education Investment Fund and the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy for 2017-18 is \$26.3 million. The unfunded depreciation relating to property revaluations is \$22 million. That has been offset by costs for the expected sale of the Highett site and some externally funded capital purchases. The operating loss relating to the Science and Industry Endowment Fund is \$24.0 million. Senator KIM CARR: How much were you expecting to get out of NCRIS? Was there an NCRIS allocation as well? That is referred to here. Mr Munyard: The \$26.3 million relates to both NCRIS and the EIF. Senator KIM CARR: You cannot disaggregate that for me? Mr Munyard: Sorry, I do not have those figures in front of me. Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice, please. Mr Munyard: I will. Senator KIM CARR: The remainder will tell me what the decline in the EIF funding is. Mr Munyard: Correct. That \$26.3 million is related to both those items. Ms Bennett: It is not related to the funding; it is to the depreciation on the assets that were funded by those grants several years ago. Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could tell me the specific projects that the CSIRO benefited from under EIF funding. Are you able to do that? Ms Bennett: I would prefer to take that on notice, but in principle: Pawsey, ASKAP, National Geosequestration Laboratory—it would be those major landmark capital assets. Senator KIM CARR: And the amounts? Ms Bennett: I would definitely need to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Pawsey was quite a large investment, if I recall. Ms Bennett: I believe that investment was in the order of \$35 million to \$40 million, but I am reaching back into my memory and would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: If you could take those on notice, that would be helpful. Presumably this will add pressure to CSIRO's future budgets too, will it not? Ms Bennett: We have an understanding with the Department of Finance that we will continue to receive loss approval for depreciation relating to EIF and NCRIS assets. In that regard it has given us relief so that we have an approved loss.</p>	Spoken	3 and 4	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-13	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Amalgamating with the National Measurement Institute	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Dr Marshall has come back today about amalgamating with the National Measurement Institute? Dr Marshall: Amalgamating? Senator KIM CARR: Absorbing, amalgamating, taking over, joining with—whatever language you would like to use. Dr Marshall: That is interesting because, as you know, NMI used to be part of CSIRO and is still co-located. Senator KIM CARR: I do know that. Dr Marshall: We have had a long discussion with the department over the options for NMI. Senator KIM CARR: What was your advice to the department? Dr Marshall: That CSIRO stands ready to support the national interest as best we can. Senator KIM CARR: Did you say yes, you want to take it over? Dr Marshall: It is not a question of wanting to take it over. We stood ready to support that important facility however best we could. Senator KIM CARR: So you said no? Dr Marshall: We did not say yes or no. Senator KIM CARR: I am told you said no. Is that not correct? Dr Marshall: No. We just provided support. Senator KIM CARR: You just said nothing? Dr Marshall: NMI is largely housed inside Lindfield, which is a CSIRO site. We were happy to support it, as we always have, but equally not unhappy to have a transition to ANSTO if that is what the department decided. Senator KIM CARR: You had no opinion? Dr Marshall: We just wanted to give the best capability to the nation. If we could do that we would have done it. It is up to the department to decide, on balance, what the best thing is. Senator KIM CARR: When did this occur? Dr Marshall: I think we had a long discussion last year. Senator KIM CARR: Do you recall when last year? Dr Marshall: Not off the top of my head. Senator KIM CARR: Could you perhaps find that out for me? Dr Marshall: Certainly. Senator KIM CARR: Would it cost the CSIRO money to take it over? Dr Marshall: As with everything, it takes money to run the facilities. In our case, of all of our facilities, the five of the seven landmark national facilities and all of our other facilities and infrastructure, it costs about \$300 million including depreciation, so it is a significant economic cost. Senator KIM CARR: But the national measurement site is in need of repair, isn't it? Dr Marshall: I did my cadetship at Lindfield in the 1980s. It is quite a robust site. Senator KIM CARR: It is concrete. Dr Marshall: Concrete and brick—very solid. Senator KIM CARR: It is robust, all right, but it has a few problems, doesn't it—the building itself? Ms Bennett: The buildings on Lindfield are ageing and they in our property plan for upgrade. Senator KIM CARR: Significant upgrade, I recall. Ms Bennett: It will be a costly upgrade to many of those buildings. Senator KIM CARR: How much? Ms Bennett: We are still finalising that. I would have to take on notice specifically in relation to Lindfield, because there are</p>	Spoken	8 and 9	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-14	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Net job losses for Oceans and Atmosphere	<p>Senator KIM CARR: What are the net job losses now in terms of Oceans and Atmosphere? Dr Mayfield: I do not have the numbers in terms of net losses ahead of me. I can provide that on notice, but, in terms of the Climate Science Centre, I can pass to the director who I have here with me, Helen Cleugh. We are currently expecting the centre to grow to 131 FTEs. Senator KIM CARR: What was it last year? Dr Mayfield: Last year, we were around 114, with an expectation to grow to 124. We now expect to grow to 131. Senator KIM CARR: What was it the year before? Dr Mayfield: I do not have those numbers in front of me. Senator KIM CARR: That is where we get the job losses—the previous year. Dr Mayfield: I would have to take that one on notice.</p>	Spoken	10	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-15	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	FTE in CSIROs Climate Change capability	<p>Senator KIM CARR: There has been criticism that the restructure of CSIRO has, effectively, reduced CSIRO's climate change capability by about half. Are you familiar with that line of argument? Dr Cleugh: There are many lines of argument out there. It depends on how you define the capability, but, as you know, we have just talked about the numbers. We have lost staff, yes, and we are now rebuilding and reshaping. Senator KIM CARR: So you do not think it is true that CSIRO's climate change capability has been reduced by half? Dr Cleugh: CSIRO's climate capability in terms of its staffing has been reduced. I couldn't tell you whether it is by half. Senator KIM CARR: What do you expect its reduction to have been? If it is not a half, what is it then, in your opinion? You are the director of the division. Dr Cleugh: I do not really like to delve in opinions. I prefer to stick with the facts. Senator KIM CARR: Yes, that is right. It is all we want here. Dr Cleugh: And at the moment I do not have numbers in my head, but it has been reduced. I just reiterate that we are rebuilding that capacity. Mr Roy: I might be able to help a little bit on this, but we will have to take some of the detail on notice. I know that Hobart is not just a brown climate science. You mentioned the changes: on 30 June 2015, we had 307 FTEs—so, 21 months ago. Today, we have got 309 FTEs. That is about the same number over that period of time. Senator KIM CARR: They are all scientists, are they? Mr Roy: No. They are a mixture of scientists and people who support scientists, but they are all focused towards CSIRO delivering science for the country. Senator KIM CARR: How many scientists of the—how many did you say? Mr Roy: 309 FTEs. I could take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: How many of those are scientists? Mr Roy: I can give you an enterprise level, Senator, but I cannot give you a breakdown for Hobart or Tasmania. Senator KIM CARR: It would be good if you could. Mr Roy: We definitely can. We can do that on notice. The number of 50 per cent does not ring true to me. I am not sure where that has come from, but we can provide an accurate answer on notice.</p>	Spoken	10 and 11	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-16	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Dr John Church's departure from CSIRO	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Will Dr John Church from the University of New South Wales be involved in the centre? Dr Cleugh: In the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research, he is on one of the projects that UNSW is leading, yes. Senator KIM CARR: When did he leave CSIRO? Dr Cleugh: When did he leave CSIRO? I will need to defer to Dr Mayfield. Dr Mayfield: I do not have a specific date, but I can get that for you on notice. Dr Cleugh: It was in 2016. I just do not recall the exact date.</p>	Spoken	11	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-17	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Post doctoral pay range	<p>Senator KIM CARR: What do you pay postdocs, roughly? Mr Roy: Most of them are CSOF4 level, so it would be in the range of \$75,000 to, for some of the more senior ones, up near \$90,000, definitely less than \$100,000. Senator KIM CARR: And the other scientists? Mr Roy: Depending on what level they are—some would be at CSOF level 8, which is higher than \$150,000, so it covers the spectrum. We could provide more detail on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Would you, please? I am interested to get the minimum salaries and obviously the maximum, but I do not want to know every one of their salaries. Mr Roy: No, we would lump them together, just put them in some bands. An indicative minimum would be around \$75,000.</p>	Spoken	13	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-18	Macdonald, Ian	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Outposting to region centres or capital cities	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I just want to get a feel for where your officers are based and why they are based there, recognising that you have budget constraints and that it is never easy to run a big organisation, particularly a big scientific organisation like yours. Do I get the feel that you are centralising people back into the capital cities, when years ago CSIRO used to be widely diversified in its locations? Dr Marshall: Before I pass to my chief operating officer, who handles strategy on property, I would just say that CSIRO has a strategy that dates back at least one CEO. In the capital cities, we have multiple sites, and part of our strategy is to try to consolidate, where it makes economic sense, when we are already in a city. But that is different to our rural strategy. I just wanted to add also, when you mentioned the great work, and I meant to do it when Senator Carr was talking about AAHL, that over Christmas and New Year this year the scientists at AAHL worked day and night all through the holidays to help with the prawn issue in northern Queensland. It was just a remarkable contribution. People in the organisation do this often, but that was a particularly challenging period. I just want to say thank you and take the opportunity to thank them, because I know they watch this. It was really above and beyond the call of duty. Senator IAN MACDONALD: If I have a complaint, Dr Marshall, it is that you do not recognise and publicise as well as perhaps you should some of the great work that your guys do. You have given one instance of that which I was sort of referring to, but it happens in many other ways too, so thanks for that. Ms Bennett: We have 59 sites in Australia. As Dr Marshall has said, the current intention in the property strategy is twofold. We certainly are looking to consolidate within a city. I could take Canberra. We are moving down from about five or six sites to two. That is our intention. That enables us to have critical mass as well as some saving on the capital and operating expenditure of the properties. We remain committed to our philosophy of co-location, so, in addition to driving to a practical consolidation for CSIRO, we also look to take advantage of every opportunity to co-locate. For example, at Townsville, we are co-located with the James Cook University. Really, those are the two fundamental pillars that we look to: not to be alone but to be collaborating with institutions and universities as much as we can at every location. Of our 59 sites, 21—that is 36 per cent of our sites—would be outside the capital cities. Senator IAN MACDONALD: So 38 are in the capital cities. Ms Bennett: Correct. Senator</p>	Spoken	14 - 15	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-19	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO funding	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much from raising that. I have some figures here—now that the government wants to get into the Dorothys; that is good of them—and let's go through them. Can you confirm, Dr Marshall, that in real terms CSIRO's funding from the appropriation in 2012-13 was \$791.4 million. It went to \$816.8 million in 2013-14; for 2014-15 it was \$761.9 million; in 2015-16 \$761.3 million; 2016-17 \$787.3 million in real terms. Are they accurate figures? Dr Marshall: I will have the CFO give you those numbers. Mr Munyard: I do not believe they are accurate, but I will have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Do you think the Parliamentary Library is wrong? Mr Munyard: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have a copy with me. Senator Sinodinos: We can play all sorts of games here—all sorts of games with the inflation rates. Senator KIM CARR: There has been a real decline in CSIRO's expenditure since this government came to office. It is appropriation. Senator Sinodinos: On notice we can get the facts.</p>	Spoken	17 - 18	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-20	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Use of Synchrotron	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Let me talk about the Synchrotron. You are a heavy user of the Synchrotron in Melbourne, are you not, Dr Marshall? Dr Marshall: We are one of the founding contributors to the Synchrotron. Senator KIM CARR: You are. That is right. How many staff use the Synchrotron? Dr Marshall: I would probably have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	18	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-21	Rice, Janet	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO Climate Science Centre Steering Committee	<p>Senator RICE: I want to start with some questions about the Climate Change Centre in Hobart, and particularly get some more detail about what its status is and about CSHOR—is that the same centre as the Southern Hemisphere climate centre that was announced last year? Dr Cleugh: There is the CSIRO Climate Science Centre, which I am director of, and CSHOR, which is the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research. That sits within the Climate Science Centre. It is a centre within a centre. Senator RICE: Is it a joint venture? Dr Cleugh: It is a collaboration, as we explained before, with QNLM and two university partners in Australia, and CSIRO. Senator RICE: What role do the other joint partners have in the management and direction of the centre? Dr Cleugh: The centre has a director, who was announced and appointed this week, who is a CSIRO employee, and it has a steering committee with representatives of the two major partners, CSIRO and QNLM—two representatives each on the steering committee—and an independent chair who has no affiliation with any of the partners. That is the overarching governance. Senator RICE: And that steering committee then determines the research agenda for the centre? Dr Cleugh: It approves and endorses the research projects that have been put forward by the director and the scientists at the centre. Senator RICE: Who are the people on that steering committee? Dr Cleugh: Dr Susan Avery is the independent chair, an emeritus scientists from Woods Hole, and the two CSIRO representatives on the steering committee are the director of the Climate Science Centre and the Oceans and Atmosphere Business Unit deputy director. The two representatives from QNLM are Professor Pan and Gongke Tan, and both of those have positions with QNLM. I can take on notice their actual positions.</p>	Spoken	23	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-22	Rice, Janet	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Cost of redundancies for climate science	<p>Senator RICE: Some questions were taken on notice before about the number of climate scientists that CSIRO had before the cuts. My recollection, being actively involved at the time, was that I think there were 140 climate scientists prior to February last year. Mr Roy: That rings a bell—across two programs we were talking about particularly at the time. Senator RICE: But it was particularly those 140 climate scientists. So we are heading back towards the levels that were there of about 140. Dr Marshall, given the turmoil that the organisation was put through last year, was it worth that turmoil and the huge loss in staff morale? There was a plan to cut 90 of those 140 jobs, but now things are fortunately looking much rosier again. Dr Marshall: On rough numbers, from memory—because, like you, I was very involved as well—I think there were 65 people in Oceans and Atmosphere whose positions were at risk. I think we ended up mitigating— Senator RICE: I think it was up to 100 in total that we were looking at initially. And then it went down from there. Dr Marshall: Sixty-five is what I remember from the planning, and we lost about 57 people instead of 65. Some of the mitigations that we did were by moving people from Oceans and Atmosphere into areas like agriculture. A great outcome—the reason I mention this one—is that the combination with the climate modelling capability in agriculture was able to produce a new tool to help farmers predict climate variability. As you know, farmers make money maybe three years in 10 and lose money the other seven. So the ability to predict when more fertiliser or irrigation is going to help increase yields is really valuable. It is a great example of the national benefit of that type of climate modelling. So it was a great opportunity to move some people into some different areas and deliver greater impact from the science. Senator RICE: A number—however many—were finally lost. Can you take on notice the cost of the redundancies for those positions. Dr Marshall: Certainly.</p>	Spoken	24	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-23	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Complains of scientific misconduct in publications	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I will just follow through on some of the argument that Senator HOARE has presented, Dr Marshall. Could you remind me of how many instances there are where the CSIRO has been engaged in accusations of scientific misconduct? Dr Marshall: In my time, I do not think there have been any. We hold ourselves to the highest possible standard, but I will refer to my colleague. Senator, you are saying— Senator KIM CARR: This is a concept that is understood in the research community. There are the ethics and scientific misconduct procedures that are available through the Australian Research Council and through our universities. Have you been engaged in or charged with any scientific fraud or any suggestion that data has been manipulated or misused in any of your publications? Has your quality assurance regime ever been questioned? Are there any examples that you are aware of, Dr Marshall? Dr Marshall: Not that I am aware of, but I will refer to Dr Steele, who is responsible for science excellence inside CSIRO. Dr Steele: There have been a relatively small number of cases in the last five years that I can think of where there have been questions about scientific publications. Usually they have been of the form of: 'Were all the appropriate authors included in the scientific publication?' Senator KIM CARR: So professional jealousy questions? Dr Steele: And sometimes legitimate questions about whether or not the process is truly— Senator KIM CARR: Was there ever a question about the validity of the scientific results that have been presented? Dr Steele: None that come to mind. I am happy to take the question on notice to give a further confirmation on— Senator KIM CARR: No, I do not mean arguments about scientific conclusions, because that is the nature of the debate—it is contestable, and two scientists may well have different views about data. But has there ever been a question about the authority of the scientific data that has been presented under the CSIRO logo? Dr Steele: Not that I am aware of. And I would just make the observation that it is the very essence of the scientific publication process to put it into the contest of the scientific community. Senator KIM CARR: That is right. There will be an argument, and it may well be about interpretation of data; I accept all of that. I am just particularly concerned by that line of questioning that suggests that, somehow or other, the CSIRO is involved in any conspiracy to falsify the scientific record. Dr Steele: Just to add to that, we would not take the view that it is our intention or our expectation that, once we have published something, the whole world will genuflect to it and say, 'It must definitely be it.' Senator KIM CARR: No, I was not— Dr Steele: You cannot give a guarantee that it is where everything is going to land. It is into</p>	Spoken	27 - 28	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-24	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Revenues from Total Wellbeing Diet book	<p>received \$2.6 million in royalties from the sales of two wellbeing diet books—that is right, isn't it? Dr Marshall: Off the top of my head— Ms Bennett: I would not have the precise figure, but it is of that order, I believe. Senator KIM CARR: I have a question on notice here. I think I have cited that correctly. It is E92307. I asked you how much you made out of each of the two diet books, the Total Wellbeing Diet books— Ms Bennett: If that was the answer at the time, then it certainly would have been— Senator KIM CARR: Royalties, including advances against royalties, received 13 February 2007, from sales of the two books amounted to \$2.6 million. Dr Marshall: Manny Noakes is one of our treasures in CSIRO. She is a wonderful nutrition scientist. Senator KIM CARR: Yes. You have done pretty well. So what is the update on the royalty? That is 2007. Have you got an update on that? Ms Bennett: I do not have an update with me. Senator KIM CARR: Have you entered into any partnerships with any other organisations or firms when publishing the wellbeing diet books? Ms Bennett: We have a partnership with the company for the Total Wellbeing Diet book. We have other longstanding partners around the nutrition space. Senator KIM CARR: Yes. So can you indicate to me who they are? Ms Bennett: The recent publication of the Flexi program is with the company called Probiotec, and that is a company that we have been working with since 2000. We also have done work with another organisation, Baker research, and CSIRO worked with Baker on the CSIRO and Baker IDI Diabetes Diet and Lifestyle Plan. Senator KIM CARR: What is the nature of the partnership with Probiotec? Ms Bennett: The nature of the work, through its history, is: we have done projects in the past—for example, there was one on some functional food ingredients from cartilage. In 2009 we conducted a weight loss trial with people who had diabetes; we have done further weight loss trials of different varieties, and in 2016 we conducted the weight loss study using the meal replacement and intermittent fasting protocols. Senator KIM CARR: So the partnership was entered into in 2016, was it? Ms Bennett: No, we have been working with the company since the year 2000. Senator KIM CARR: I mentioned before that the royalties on 13 February 2007 were \$2.6 million. Are you able to get the update on the royalties quickly—is that easily to hand? Mr Munyard: We will see what we can do. Senator KIM CARR: How long have you been working with Probiotec on the diet issue—has that been since 2000, as well? Ms Bennett: As I said, the relationship with Probiotec has been since 2000. I do not have information on</p>	Spoken	28-29	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-25	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Data 61 project with DHS	<p>Senator KIM CARR: There was a research alliance that was established in 2009 between CSIRO and Centrelink. Is it still in force? Dr Williams: That specific work is no longer in force, but we have redeveloped relationships. We have not done any work in recent years with Centrelink directly. Senator KIM CARR: So Data61 has not done any work with Human Services? Dr Williams: No. Since Data61 became Data61, they have done no work with Centrelink. Senator KIM CARR: So you are not helping them out with their robo-debt arrangements? Dr Williams: No. That work had been undertaken for the Department of Human Services. Senator KIM CARR: That is what I said—Human Services. Dr Williams: Yes, but that is not structurally— Senator KIM CARR: But Data61 is not doing it—that is the question. What is the involvement of the CSIRO in that project? Dr Williams: In that role, we are looking at methodologies of assessing which customers should complete online complaints and whether we can offer any analytical advice that will help the department in that process. Senator KIM CARR: When were you approached about that particular project? Dr Williams: I do not have the time line on that, but that work is in progress. Senator KIM CARR: Are you involved in any other projects with DHS? Dr Williams: At this moment in time, that is the new project we have with DHS in Data61. Senator KIM CARR: What function do you perform for them exactly? Dr Williams: We provide scientific capability to help them understand whether data analytics can help them in the policies that they are trying to implement. Senator KIM CARR: Do you do this for a fee? Dr Williams: We do it for a fee, yes. Senator KIM CARR: How much is that? Dr Williams: On that contract, I do not know the exact figure but I can find it.</p>	Spoken	30	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-26	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO data centre in Sydney	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Did CSIRO set up a data centre in Sydney? Dr Williams: We did. There was a piece of work around cyber and security where we did hold data as a trial in Sydney, and that project has now ceased, to my knowledge. Senator KIM CARR: When you say 'ceased', did you install the equipment and then have to uninstall the equipment? Dr Williams: It was a trial project, and that is the nature of trials. Senator KIM CARR: What was the cost of that trial project? Dr Williams: I would have to go back to give you a figure on that. Senator KIM CARR: Can you confirm it was \$3 million. Dr Williams: I cannot confirm it at the moment, no. Senator KIM CARR: Can you confirm that the equipment was uninstalled? Dr Williams: I would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Was there a project undertaken by the ADF for ADFA called the Cyber Range Project? Dr Williams: By Data61? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Dr Williams: Not to my knowledge, but I do not know all the projects they are involved in, I have to say. Senator KIM CARR: Can anyone here assist me with any work that CSIRO has undertaken for ADFA, particularly around the so-called Cyber Range Project? Dr Marshall: Perhaps we could get the names of those projects, and we will come back to you on notice.</p>	Spoken	31 - 32	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-27	Roberts, Malcolm	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	UN sourced funding that has gone to CSIRO	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you; I like your sense of humour. Who would be appropriate to answer this question: please list all UN-sourced funding that has gone to the CSIRO. Ms Bennett: I am not sure that we will be able to for the last 10 years. To my recall, we changed our accounting system to SAP somewhere more recent than 10 years and we simply would not have the records to be able to go back. Senator ROBERTS: So you cannot trace if the UN has given you money— Ms Bennett: I probably would not be able to give you a response that goes back 10 years. Senator ROBERTS: Are you able to give us responses as far as you go back? Ms Bennett: I can take that on notice, and we will do our best. Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Can you also tell us, please, what the funding was for and what work was completed. Ms Bennett: I can tell you what information will be available in the SAP system. It may not be satisfactory to glean much information. Senator ROBERTS: Thank you.</p>	Spoken	37	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-28	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Set up costs for Sydney data centre	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I am seeking some advice in regard to a couple of projects that CSIRO is engaged in through Data61. It would appear that your brief does not cover today. Would that be a fair assumption? Dr Williams: Are they the questions that you have already asked? Senator KIM CARR: Have you been able to secure any information in regard to the— Dr Williams: Not in real time. At any moment in time, Data61 probably have 150 projects, and I need to— Senator KIM CARR: That is not an unreasonable response. I am not suggesting to you that you should carry around in your head every detail. If, on notice, could you tell me how much money was spent by CSIRO setting up a data centre located in Sydney to install equipment and then, as I understand, uninstall that equipment, as previously sought. Dr Williams: Yes.</p>	Spoken	37	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-29	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIROs ADFA cyber range project	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you also provide advice as to whether CSIRO's ADFA cyber range project was undertaken? What was the outcome of that cyber range project? Can you confirm that the project was aborted three weeks prior to delivery? What was the cost of the project? Dr Williams: I can take both of those on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Was it the original intent of the project that ADFA actually pay the CSIRO for hosting the service? And was the equipment donated to ADFA? Dr Williams: I can take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide me with any information on the involvement of Scott Wilkie in these projects? Dr Williams: I can do that, as well. Senator KIM CARR: Has there been any continuing engagement with any CSIRO employee in these projects? Dr Williams: I can take that, as well.</p>	Spoken	38	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-30	Rice, Janet	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIROs involvement in the robo-debt scrambling	<p>Senator RICE: Has Data61 done previous work with DHS? In particular, did you have any involvement with the so-called robo-debt crisis and the data being used for that? Dr Williams: We covered the robo-debt crisis earlier. Senator Carr asked a question, I believe, on that, and we answered: yes, we have been involved in that work. The work that you have just referred to will actually be with DSS, not DHS, and that is on helping them do data analytics and offer them advice and support on the scientific value of data analytics in respect of the data sets they have. Senator RICE: I am sorry; I clearly was not paying attention when Senator Carr was asking his questions on the robo-debt crisis, but— Dr Marshall: Just to clarify on that: we were involved after the issue, not before the issue. Senator RICE: That is what I wanted to confirm—whether Data61 was involved in setting up the structures that then obviously went so badly wrong. So you are saying, no, it was in scrambling to make it work. Senator Sinodinos: After. If we can take further questions on Data61 on notice, that would be good. I am conscious that Dr Marshall has to get to Singapore. He has got a connecting flight. Senator RICE: Okay. Could you take on notice the level of funding that was involved with CSIRO's involvement with the robo-debt scrambling, please.</p>	Spoken	40	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-31	Carr, Kim	Economic & Analytical Services	Government expenditure effects on firm-level R&D	<p>Senator KIM CARR: That is why I am interested in the research paper that was released by the Office of the Chief Economist from this department, The role of spillovers in research and development expenditure in Australian industries, released in April. Have you had a chance to look at that? Dr Finkel: I have not. Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could have a look at it. Dr Finkel: I will take that on board. Senator KIM CARR: The paper asserts that government expenditure at both state and federal levels has negative effects on firm-level R&D. It crowds out private R&D. Certainly that is the measure that has been given some publicity. I am wondering if you could take on notice— Senator Sinodinos: Sorry, what was the beginning of that sentence? Senator KIM CARR: The paper asserts that government expenditure at both state and federal levels has negative effects on firm-level R&D. Senator Sinodinos: So this is not the operation of the R&D tax incentive. You are talking there about— Senator KIM CARR: And other measures. Senator Sinodinos: Outlays measures? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, and others. Senator Sinodinos: You must be talking there about outlays measures. Is that right? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, and other measures. But it goes to the issue of the current programs that are operated in this country, because it is said to crowd out private R&D. What I would ask of you—after you have had a chance to read it; take it on notice—is: do you agree with that assertion? Given your experience as a reviewer of the scheme, does that accord with your direct experience through that review process? Dr Finkel: As I said, I have not read it. I would be happy to take that on notice and get back to you to further discuss it in whichever is the most appropriate and timely fashion.</p>	Spoken	47	8/06/2017 0:00
BI-32	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Contractors using payroll service firms	<p>Senator KETTER: Yes, that's a story with the issue of Plutus. You would be familiar with the finding that \$1.3 million has gone through Plutus, the largest tax fraud in Australian history. The Department of Finance is reported to have directed all agencies to check their books with respect to exposure to Plutus. Can you tell us whether you have conducted such an audit? Ms Beauchamp: I will let Mr Schwager enlarge on my comments. We have been involved, as you mentioned, in a whole-of-government process coordinated by the Department of Finance to look at whether we do use Plutus as a payroll service provider and then, if we do not, looking at the status of some of our contractors and whether any of our contractors have been affected by the Plutus Payroll issue. We have provided input into that process as some of our contractors have indeed been affected by the Plutus Payroll issue. Senator KETTER: What were the findings from your investigations? Ms Beauchamp: We have so far been able to ascertain that there about 19 people who have been impacted by the Plutus Payroll issue. Nine of them in the department have been fully paid through the labour hire firms. Nine have been paid wages but are still owed entitlements such as superannuation, and with one we are still working through to make sure that they are being paid. So the status is not quite clear. The tax office have also put out advice in terms of how they are managing contractors to the Commonwealth affected by the Plutus Payroll issue. Senator KETTER: Are the nine waged people employed through recruitment firms? Ms Beauchamp: Yes, they are. Senator KETTER: Can you tell us which of those firms and in what context they have been used? Ms Beauchamp: I might hand over to Mr Schwager Mr Schwager: Senator, we use several different firms. We use Hays, First People, Hudson, Programmed Professionals, Inspired Corporation, Greythorn and Finite. They all have had a relationship with Plutus Payroll. We engage with them. Some of our contractors have used Plutus and some have not. Senator KETTER: In which areas do they work? Mr Schwager: Those contractors? Senator KETTER: Yes. Mr Schwager: I do not have that information. It would be a range of people across the department. Some are IT. Some are program management. I do not have the specifics, I am afraid. Senator KETTER: Are any firms other than Plutus involved in payroll provision for externally hired staff? Mr Schwager: That is also something that I do not have detail on. I only have detail on Plutus Payroll and its impact. Senator KETTER: Can you that on notice? Mr Schwager: I can take that on notice and see if other contractors are using payroll service firms.</p>	Spoken	55-56	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-33	Ketter, Chris	Portfolio Policy and Innovation Strategy	Restricting the procurement of public goods that are subject to dumping investigations	<p>Senator KETTER: As part of this procurement policy, should there be a provision in the rules that restricts governments from buying dumped products? Ms Beauchamp: That is a decision for the government. As we heard from the Anti-Dumping Commission yesterday, we have got fairly robust anti-dumping arrangements in place in Australia. Senator KETTER: That is true. One would think that governments should be acting in the best interests of the country. There is a question of whether buying dumped products is something that governments should be doing. Perhaps you could take that on notice? Ms Beauchamp: I will take that on notice. Is it anything specifically you are referring to? Senator KETTER: I do not have any specific examples, but I think there are plenty of examples of dumping going on that we should be wary of. Are there any other jurisdictions that you are aware of that restrict the public procurement of goods that are subject to dumping investigations? Ms Beauchamp: Sorry, could you repeat that? Senator KETTER: . Are there any other jurisdictions that you are aware of that prohibit the public procurement of goods that are subject to a dumping investigation? Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take that on notice, unless Mr Lawson can assist. Mr Lawson: If a product has been dumped or found to have been dumped by the Anti-Dumping Commission, then dumping duties are applied and those dumping duties are designed to prevent damage to the competitors of those dumped products. In the case of allegations of dumping, most governments would not— Senator KETTER: I am talking about the incidence of public procurement of dumped products. Mr Lawson: Yes. If they are dumped products, then they would be subject dumping duties through the -dumping process to prevent damage to Australian producers. If there been found to be dumped, dumping duties are applied and they are allowed to be sold in the Australian market. It would be a matter for government policy as to whether procurement policy wanted to go to any concerns about that, but that would open up a wide range of foreign trade agreement type— Senator KETTER: So the department is not looking at this issue as to whether or not procurement should include dumped products? Ms Beauchamp: I think we comply with all of our legal obligations. As I said previously, I will take that on notice, because I am not aware of any specific issues where we would be purchasing dumped products.</p>	Spoken	56-57	8/06/2017 0:00
BI-34	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Submission to finance on procurement of motor vehicles	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I am asking you specifically and following up my colleague's comments on a procurement issue. Does this department have a view—obviously, it is a Department of Finance question—about the change in policy that will now come about because of the position of particularly Toyota and General Motors because of the change in the procurement policy for motor vehicles for the public service for all government agencies? Mr Lawson: I take it you are referring to, in October, there will be the cessation of manufacturing of automobiles in Australia. Senator KIM CARR: That is right, Mr Lawson. I think you are well aware of what I am talking about. Mr Lawson: In those circumstances, it does not seem— Senator KIM CARR: Have you got a position? Mr Lawson: I am not aware that we have, but I would need to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Why haven't you got a position? Senator Sinodinos: We are going to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: I am particularly concerned about those manufacturers that have R&D centres here that are currently on the preferred tenderers' list for motor vehicles, and whether or not action will be taken to preserve their preferred standing. For instance, the Ford Motor Company will have 2,000 employees here in this country. It will be the largest single employer in the motor industry. They have very large R&D centres in Broadmeadows and in Geelong. General Motors will have a very significant R&D presence here. Will there be any consideration of that in terms of the tendering arrangements for motor vehicles, come post-October arrangements? I understand those considerations are underway right now, and I am quite surprised that the industry department would not have made a submission on that matter. Senator Sinodinos: That is a matter between us and the Department of Finance. Senator KIM CARR: Have you made a submission? That is my question. Ms Beauchamp: Can I take that on notice, and clarify exactly what we have put into the process with the Department of Finance. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p>	Spoken	57-58	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-35	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Current and upcoming portfolio appointment vacancies	<p>Senator KETTER: Can you give us, on notice, a list of all appointments due to be filled in the next 12 months? Ms Weston: I can give you upcoming vacancies to 31 March next year. In the Growth Centres Advisory Committee there will be a position for three members and one chair in that time; for the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand governing board there will be a role for a member in that time; for the Entrepreneurs' Program Committee there will be a position for three members; and there will be roles for a chair and member of the Major Projects Approval Agency Advisory Board. In July there will be a role for a member of the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand governing board; in September there will be roles for an Innovation and Science Australia member, Questacon Advisory Chair, and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority Advisory Chief Executive Officer. In November there will be roles for an Australian Building Codes Board Chair and the Institute of Marine Science CEO. In December there will be roles for the Barndioota Consultative Committee—the independent convenor, the deputy convenor and up to 17 members. In February there will be a role for the Anti-dumping Commissioner and, in March next year, there will be roles for two Questacon Advisory Council members, a National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority Advisory Board member and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation deputy chair. Senator KETTER: Could you take the remaining two months on notice, as well. Ms Weston: Certainly. Ms Beauchamp: Can I just confirm that only six vacancies are currently outstanding. Senator KETTER: And you say you have provided those already? Ms Beauchamp: Yes, they have been provided. I can table that information if you like. Senator KETTER: If you can, that would be appreciated.</p>	Spoken	58	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-36	Carr, Kim	National Measurement Institute	NMI customers	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Who are your customers? Dr Fisk: As we discussed before, we have more than a thousand customers depending on how far back you look. Quite a number of them only use our services intermittently. They range from government agencies to private businesses. We also have some overseas customers as well. Senator KIM CARR: So your work goes to Health? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Environment? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: State utilities? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Communications? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Manufacturing companies? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Service industries? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Police? Dr Fisk: All of those; yes. Senator KIM CARR: The Defence department? Dr Fisk: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: The Army? Dr Fisk: We serve the Department of Defence; yes. Senator KIM CARR: But the Army itself? Dr Fisk: I will take that on notice as to whether we have actually delivered services directly to the Army.</p>	Spoken	61-62	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-37	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Appointment of departmental staff in the MOs	<p>Senator KETTER: Have departmental officers been appointed to either of the two ministers' offices or the assistant minister's office? Ms Beauchamp: We have a range of departmental officers supporting the minister's office through our departmental liaison officer network. Senator KETTER: Are there any payment and appointments to ministers' offices from departmental offices? Mr Schwager: We have one person from the department on a temporary secondment to Assistant Minister Laundy's office at the moment. We have the departmental liaison officers in each of our three ministers' offices as the secretary has mentioned. There will be members of staff from the department who are on transfer through the MOP(S) Act as well not only to ministers but also potentially to members of parliament. Senator KETTER: Can you provide us with the details of those appointments, how they are made, whether they are temporary or permanent, and the issue of whether they are on the department's books or engaged under the MOP(S) Act? Mr Schwager: I will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	67	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-38	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Use of departmental resources for political party purposes	<p>Senator KETTER: Secretary, I take it there are rules around the use of department resources for political party purposes? Ms Beauchamp: Yes. Senator KETTER: Can you briefly outline what those are? Ms Beauchamp: Normally the use of resources for political party purposes comes up in the context of caretaker conventions. We are very clear about our obligations under those. Senator KETTER: Outside of the caretaker period? Ms Beauchamp: Outside of the caretaker conventions we do not support political party functions. Senator KETTER: Do they cover, for example, the use of stock images or communication material produced or purchased by the department? Ms Beauchamp: Do they cover stock material? Senator KETTER: Stock images, communications material, photographs. Mr Schwager: Any stock material that we purchase as part of our communication or marketing materials would be used for portfolio purposes. Senator KETTER: Only? Mr Schwager: I would have to take that on notice. I think it is highly unlikely that there would be a crossover. Senator KETTER: On 8 May, Minister Sinodinos issued what appears to be a newsletter from his personal website, not from the ministerial or departmental website. It was in relation to an announcement of funds for manufacturing. Are you aware of that newsletter, Ms Beauchamp? Ms Beauchamp: Not directly of that newsletter, but I am certainly aware of the material that has been provided in response to that budget initiative—yes. Senator Sinodinos: Was it a newsletter or press release? Senator KETTER: It seems to be a newsletter. I will leave it for you to describe. I will table that. Senator Sinodinos: I will take it on notice and have a look at that. Senator KETTER: Ms Beauchamp, could you review that document and advise whether any materials in that document are departmental, such as stock images? I would like to know whether the department provided any assistance in the development of that material. Ms Beauchamp: I will take that on notice after I have thoroughly reviewed it. Senator KETTER: Minister, I am not expecting you to know the answer to this, but you may well be aware of who produced that material for that newsletter. Senator Sinodinos: I will check for you. Just to clarify, are you asking about the images that were used? Senator KETTER: Yes. Senator Sinodinos: I will check. Senator KETTER: And also whether there were any departmental officers involved in that. Senator Sinodinos: Okay.</p>	Spoken	67-68	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-39	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Major Projects Approval Agency	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I do. I will come back to the measurement agency in a minute, but while you are at the table, Mr Lawson: the Major Projects Approval Agency is within the department of industry but has a whole-of-government remit—did I understand you correctly? Mr Lawson: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: What is the allocation of funding for it? Mr Lawson: I will see if my colleague has that. As we explained before, it is a relatively small organisation with approximately half-a-dozen people. Their job is to facilitate other people working together. Senator KIM CARR: So can you give me the funding profile? Mr Power: If you could give me a minute, I will see if I can find it. Senator KIM CARR: I am looking for the forward estimates funding profile, while you are there. Mr Lawson: It probably will not show up in forward estimates, because it is internal to the department. Senator KIM CARR: Sure. There will be a budget somewhere, buried away. I am sure you will be able to dig that out for six people. What sort of projects do you facilitate? Mr Power: There are currently around 30 projects that the agency is looking at. There are a range of projects in all types of industries, some relating to mining, some to aquaculture. We deal with all sorts of projects. Senator KIM CARR: What is the size of the projects? Mr Power: Again, they range. We have dealt typically with quite large projects—over \$50 million—but in those we have resources. We flexibly apply them to a bunch of projects come to the agency. Senator KIM CARR: Could you do manufacturing? Mr Power: I do not believe there are currently manufacturing projects on there that require significant intervention on the approvals side. I can tell you that the agency has recently developed an online tool so that projects can come and look at, for example, the read through pathway. So there may be a bunch of projects that are able to use that without engaging all of the services. Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me on notice a breakdown of those projects year on year, given that time is short for us today. Mr Power: I can give you some further examples of projects. Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice. I want the full list, if I can, rather than just a couple of examples, and the size of the projects and the location. Mr Power: Happy to take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	69-70	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-40	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I notice that the former industry minister, Ian McFarlane, announced a proposition in Tasmania on July 2014. He said that there was a Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency—is there a special Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency? Mr Power: I understand that that was the genesis of the agency. Since then, it has effectively expanded its remit to provide services, as we were talking about in relation to the Northern Territory, for example, but now into other jurisdictions through online services. Senator KIM CARR: But there is no special Tasmanian agency. Mr Power: There is an office down there. Senator KIM CARR: An office in Launceston, is that right? Mr Power: That is right. I believe it is in Launceston. Senator KIM CARR: Is that right? Launceston? Mr Lawson: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: There is one in Canberra. Mr Power: There is the department, obviously, in Canberra, but there is no specific office. Senator KIM CARR: I am pleased that there is still a department in Canberra and that the National Party has not been able to rip apart the department of industry, yet. We look forward to your survival until the next election. So there is a Canberra office and there is Darwin. Are they the three offices? Mr Power: That is right. There isn't a specific office in Canberra for the major— Senator KIM CARR: But there is a department. You are part of the department. Are you still in Industry House? Is that still the location of the department? Ms Weston: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: But the only Tasmanian proposition is this office in Launceston. It is not a separate, Tasmanian, major projects approval agency. Mr Power: No. It is part of the Major Projects Approval Agency. Senator KIM CARR: How many people work in the Tasmanian office? Mr Power: I think we answered that a bit earlier. I believe it is currently two who are there. Senator KIM CARR: How many projects in Tasmania have been approved since the office was established in 2014? Mr Power: I am not sure I have the number in front of me. Senator KIM CARR: Would you take that on notice for me, please? Mr Power: I will take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	70	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-41	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	AAO to be run by a consortium of universities	<p>Senator KIM CARR: So the AAO will now be run by a consortium of universities led by the ANU. Is that the case? Ms Weston: That is correct. Senator KIM CARR: When will that be in place? Ms Weston: My colleague is very close to the action. I will get her to— Ms McLaughlin: The AAT—the telescope that the AAO currently owns and operates at Coonabarabran—will be operated by a consortium led by the ANU. That will come into effect from 1 July 2018. With respect to the operations of the AAO in North Ryde and their instrumentation capability, it will not necessarily be led by ANU. We anticipate having an expression-of-interest process to identify which university or universities or other institutions would seek to host and continue that activity, but with the visibility—the decision of the AAL board to provide that NCRIS operating money. That is where that \$5 million a year would go. Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me a list of the full consortium of universities? Ms McLaughlin: No. We are not able to do that yet. With respect to the telescope, ANU has agreed to lead that work and has— Senator KIM CARR: Who else is involved? Ms McLaughlin: A number of universities. Senator KIM CARR: But you cannot tell me who they are? Ms McLaughlin: The processes around determining the membership of that consortium have not concluded. Senator KIM CARR: Hang on. You are relying on their money. You must be able to know who is paying. Ms McLaughlin: We know a number of the universities that are involved, but there are others who need to be consulted and who may end up contributing in addition. Ms Weston: We will take that on notice because we need to clarify with the ANU where they have got with this. Senator KIM CARR: It has been put to me that there is actually a funding cliff here from 2020. You are saying to me that it is not true. Ms Weston: That impasse has been resolved. Senator KIM CARR: When was that resolved? Ms Weston: As part of this process. Senator KIM CARR: That is what I am saying. You need to be able to say who is going to pay. Ms McLaughlin: We will take that on notice. Ms Weston: I believe that there is that cover, but I would like to confirm with the ANU before I finalise that information. Senator KIM CARR: You will take that on notice. Ms Weston: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. That is very good. The table I referred to was not 133; it was 131. Ms Weston: Yes, sorry.</p>	Spoken	75	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-42	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Space Activities	<p>Senator KIM CARR: There was a review of the space activities regulatory framework. Senator SHANAHAN: That is right. It has concluded. Senator KIM CARR: You were proposing to have legislation by August. Dr Byrne, is it still the proposal to have legislation ready by August? Dr Byrne: Just to confirm, government implemented the review and that is complete, and we are in the process now of seeking feedback through a legislative proposals paper process, which tries to set out the terms under which the new legislation would be framed. The expectation is that we will be able to introduce the legislation in the spring sittings. But clearly we need to go through a series of steps, including taking account of that consultation. But our effort will be to introduce the legislation in the spring sittings. Senator KIM CARR: Given you have undertaken this review about the importance of the space industry to the Australian economy, in terms of the latest information the department has, how many departments or agencies have regulatory or other activities around space? Dr Byrne: Certainly there are a number of different agencies that have regulation responsibilities regarding space, and they range from the Department of Defence, with particular security and other related legislative requirements; and the department of communications and the associated agency ACMA, with its issues around radiocommunications. In fact, they have just been introducing some changes to their legislation as well. There are obviously issues around international relations, through DFAT. So there are forms of advice that need to be included through that agency. So essentially we have also Air Safety Australia. There in fact could be other agencies that need to be consulted in relation to whole-of-government regulation for different purposes. Our minister, the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science has responsibility for the Space Activities Act, which is the core mechanism by which project proponents can apply for licences to be able to— Senator KIM CARR: This department has prime responsibilities for space activities? Dr Byrne: For the Space Activities Act, but there is related legislation from a whole-of-government perspective, which needs to be factored in. Senator KIM CARR: Can you confirm there are around 90 separate programs operating in the Commonwealth? There is the Australian government relying upon earth observational technologies. Dr Byrne: I am not able to confirm that. We can take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: And can I have a list of those, please, on notice. I do not expect you to carry that in your head. Certainly, my recollection from notes that I have from this matter because—the total value of programs was well in excess of a \$1.5 billion. Is that still the case? Dr Byrne: I am really not in a</p>	Spoken	76	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-43	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Participation in European Space Agency	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Have you been invited to participate in the European Space Agency? Senator Sinodinos: Not formally, but I saw in the media that the head of the European Space Agency was talking about this. I will leave that as something we will look at in the context of the review as well. Senator KIM CARR: Can you take on notice what the cost of what such participation would be? Senator Sinodinos: Yes.</p>	Spoken	77	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-44	Rice, Janet	AUSI - Business Services	Antarctic CRC	<p>Senator RICE: What is the likelihood of the Antarctic CRC being able to have a transition plan? Ms Urquhart: My understanding is that they do have a transition plan. Senator RICE: In terms of achieving funding. How much funding do they currently receive? What is the level of funding? What is the scale and size of the CRC? Mr Stirling: The Antarctic CRC in its current form is receiving funding over the period 1 July 2014 through to 30 June 2019. The total grant funding that is available over that time from the CRC program is \$25 million. In addition, the participants of the CRC are contributing a further \$140.9 million. So the total funding is the sum of those two. Senator RICE: How many jobs are directly funded that, if there were not an Antarctic CRC, would no longer be there? Mr Stirling: I do not have that information available to me here. I could take that on notice. Senator RICE: I was looking at their website before, and they say that it is approximately 70 positions. Is that what you would understand? Mr Stirling: I would have to take that on notice. I could not comment on that, but if that is what their website says then it is probably that.</p>	Spoken	79	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-45	Bushby, David	AUSI - Business Services	Funding sourced for ACECRC	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Firstly, Minister, I welcome the commitment you have given to look at the value of this and alternative ways to deliver the research that is currently being provided by the ACECRC. I was interested to hear that the government funds it \$25 million, but it attracts \$141 million in funding. Where does that come from? Mr Stirling: It comes from a variety of participants. I do not have a breakdown in terms of which participants provide which amount, but I am happy to take that on notice for you. Senator BUSHBY: I presume that would include the University of Tasmania, maybe the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and potentially also the Australian Antarctic Division—two institutions that also contribute to the \$180 million of Antarctic value that comes through Tasmania. But also private partners outside? Is there a commercial aspect or private money that is coming in as well, or is it all just from those sorts of— Mr Stirling: The way that the program works is there is a category of what we call essential participants in a CRC and a category of other or minor participants. I am happy to list for you the essential participants that are in this particular CRC. As I said, I do not have a breakdown with me of how much each of those contribute—I am happy to take that on notice—but the essential participants include the Bureau of Meteorology; the CSIRO; the Department of the Environment and Energy; the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Limited; the University of Tasmania, as you mentioned; the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research; and the Australian Antarctic Division as part of the Department of the Environment and Energy. So they are primarily not commercial. Senator BUSHBY: But of the \$166 million that you have identified that is used to run the ACECRC, only \$25 million of it comes through the CRC program? Mr Stirling: That is correct.</p>	Spoken	81	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-46	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	CRC advisory committee	<p>Senator Kim Carr: I mentioned the CRC advisory committee, which is very close to the end of its term, would ask the Minister—if you are looking at these questions, there is probably a very urgent issue there as well. And, again, this is a direct consequence of the government policy decision to preclude CRCs from seeking refunding. There was no assessment done on these, whether or not they were worthy or otherwise. Well may you argue the CRC committee said, 'Look, they've been around too long,' but they were not even given that opportunity. These are critically important research areas, and if there is to be another source of money—I know I had to do this with the reef and rainforest CRC—I would suggest to you there might be a few others that might require attention quite urgently, so I put that to you. Can I turn to the question of the review and audits of the CRCs. Is the mid-term review still required? Mr Stirling: Not under the guidelines. Senator KIM CARR: When was that changed? Mr Stirling: It was changed post the Miles review. Senator KIM CARR: Is there any check admission on the activity or compliance of CRCs? Mr Stirling: Yes, CRCs are required to provide a quarterly return to the department, which is assessed, and they are also required to provide significant detail in their annual return, which forms a part of their annual reporting obligations to the program. Senator KIM CARR: They put in a return to the department, and you check it, do you? Mr Stirling: That is correct. As part of that checking, if there are any concerns that are identified from the department's perspective, there is a referral to the CRC Advisory Committee. Senator KIM CARR: Have you had any cause for concern? Mr Stirling: At the moment, we are finalising our reviews of the CRC annual reports, which were provided to us late last calendar year. Senator KIM CARR: We are now in the middle of the year, and you have not finalised them? Mr Stirling: We have not had cause to provide any referrals to the advisory committee. Senator KIM CARR: But you have not finalised them. Mr Stirling: That is correct. Senator KIM CARR: You have had six months and you have not finalised them. Mr Stirling: I have to check the timing of the exact provision of the report. I can come back to you on that. But our initial review has identified no issues, and we go through a formal, fairly detailed process of analysis of the performance criteria et cetera that are included in those reports. Senator KIM CARR: What is the resourcing that you have available to you to undertake this review? Mr Stirling: In terms of ASL? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, people. How many? Mr Stirling: I will have to take on notice the exact number in terms of staff that we have on board at the moment, but it is around 15. Senator KIM CARR: So 15, and we have gone from a</p>	Spoken	82-83	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-47	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	Payment of Northern Australia CRC board	<p>Senator Macdonald, announced the establishment board for the Northern Australia CRC. The board is led by Ms Sheriden Morris and includes representatives from across Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Senator KIM CARR: It is a full board, is it? Mr Stirling: As you know, the way a CRC generally works is that a company is created and the Commonwealth will enter into a negotiation with that company and then, ultimately, execute a funding agreement. As we have talked about at previous estimates, this CRC has not been established in the traditional way that a CRC is established, and, as a result, the government has announced an interim board, or an establishment board. The role for those individuals is to work closely with stakeholders over the coming months to establish the CRC and create the company, and then go through the normal company processes and appoint a board on a permanent basis. Senator KIM CARR: I see, so that process has not been concluded. Is that what you are telling me? Mr Stirling: In terms of exactly where we are at in that process, the CRC, or the establishment board, have created the company. We are, right at the moment, negotiating a funding agreement with them. I would expect that we will execute that funding agreement in the not too distant future. Senator KIM CARR: I see. How much is each member of the board paid? Mr Stirling: Each member of the board is currently not receiving any remuneration from the Commonwealth. Senator KIM CARR: From the company that has been established? Mr Stirling: That would be a matter for the company. Senator KIM CARR: You have no idea how much they are receiving? Mr Stirling: No, I do not. Senator KIM CARR: This is Commonwealth money, isn't it? Mr Stirling: The Commonwealth has not paid any money to the company. In terms of the way a CRC works, there is a contribution from the Commonwealth from a grant perspective that has been set out—so it is \$75 million over 10 years that will be made available to this entity. Senator KIM CARR: Yes. How much is being paid to the entity? Mr Stirling: Not a cent. Senator KIM CARR: Not a cent. Mr Stirling: It is not feasible or possible to make a payment—I guess that is the important point—until we enter into a contract— Senator KIM CARR: The funding agreement. Perhaps you could seek advice from the company as to what they intend to pay the board members. Can you do that? Mr Stirling: I am happy to. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. CHAIR: I am just wondering, if it is not government money— Senator KIM CARR: But it will be. CHAIR: whether it is appropriate. Senator Sinodinos: We will come back to you on that. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Mr</p>	Spoken	83-84	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-48	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Funding for the large-scale collaborative research projects	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you, on notice, give me a breakdown of all the projects that have received funding for the large-scale collaborative research projects fund—the name of the growth fund, funding provided, the description of the project, the project partners and the amount of private sector funding that was attracted through co-investment? Mr Lawrence: Yes, I can do that.</p>	Spoken	86	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-49	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	ATS registration	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many companies are now on the ATS registration? Ms Facey: We currently have 107 companies registered. Senator KIM CARR: In the last round of estimates you indicated that there were three new entrants to the scheme in the last 12 months, and these applicants have been considered. What has happened with those applicants? Ms Facey: We have had three applications for registration this year, and they have all been approved. Senator KIM CARR: How many firms are currently registered in the national interest? Ms Facey: We have considered 22 altogether. There are seven customers currently being supported at the moment. Senator KIM CARR: Twenty-two applications? Ms Facey: Twenty-two were approved all up over the whole scheme, four were rejected and there is one currently under consideration. Senator KIM CARR: Why were the four rejected? What were the grounds? Mr Power: I do not have the grounds in front of me. We will have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Were any because they had applied for two years in a row? Mr Power: I am sorry, I do not know off the top of my head. I will take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	88	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-50	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	ATS payment after October 2017	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Holden and Toyota ceased manufacturing in October. Do you expect there to be any registered applicants drawing upon the funds after that date? Ms Facey: Our estimate of that remains the same at about 20 to 25 companies that would still be eligible for ATS registration. Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me a breakdown of how many companies are claiming beyond October 2017 out to the end of the scheme? Ms Facey: I would have to take that on notice. But I might add that in some cases the companies could apply in the national interest, but that would be a separate application so— Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice. Ms Facey: As you would appreciate, it is a bit of a moving feast. Senator KIM CARR: Take it on notice, thank you. I noticed in the PBS there was an increase in the forecast of ATS expenditure for this year's budget compared to last year's.</p>	Spoken	88-89	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-51	Xenophon, Nick	Industry Growth	Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre	<p>Senator XENOPHON: There is a difference, Chair, between a prop and research material. There is a big distinction between them. I am not actually going to ask about country-of-origin labelling. I want to go to the issue of industry policy following on from Senator Carr's line of questioning. The new budget year has not commenced, but I would like to ask about the preparation and planning of the advanced manufacturing measures announced in the budget. Can you advise what planning is taking place within the department to enable the efficient rollout of the stimulating advanced manufacturing research projects program? Dr Richards: There are two elements to the research funds. There is the advanced manufacturing top-up fund for the Cooperative Research Centres project activity. That will commence reasonably shortly with a specific call for those projects. We are also moving through— Senator XENOPHON: So is 'shortly' in the next month? Dr Richards: It will be in a month or so. The small grants will be administered through the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre. We are going through the discussions with the growth centre about variations to existing contracts et cetera to allow the transfer of that money and then the dispersment. Senator XENOPHON: So small grants are defined as to what size? Are these up \$100,000? Dr Richards: That has not been finally determined yet. Senator XENOPHON: If you could take on notice: when will it be determined; what size will the grants be, so that we know what the parameters are; and will these grants be implemented in rounds as well? Will there be several rounds? What are you anticipating? Dr Richards: We would expect several rounds.</p>	Spoken	92	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-52	Xenophon, Nick	Industry Growth	Country of Origin Labelling for Seafood	<p>Senator XENOPHON: On 28 November 2016 the government announced its intention to consider improvements to origin labelling for seafood sold in the food service sector in Australia: 'The consultation process with stakeholders will be led by the Assistant Minister for Industry, the Hon. Craig Laundy MP. The government will report back to the parliament by the end of 2017.' We are almost halfway there. Has this consultation process begun? Mr Power: The consultation itself has not been completed yet. The consultation is being set up now and will be brought together by Assistant Minister Laundy. So, we have started organising that. It has not occurred yet. Senator XENOPHON: I think Senator McKenzie asked a question on 9 February this year and the response was that the assistant minister had written to key stakeholders seeking their views and further information on this issue, and the working group would then review this information and consider next steps. Can you advise me, either now or on notice, of how many stakeholders the minister has written to? Mr Power: I would have to take that on notice. Senator XENOPHON: Do you have a rough idea—a ballpark figure? Mr Power: No. I would prefer to take it on notice, to give you an accurate number.</p>	Spoken	94-95	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-53	Waters, Larissa	Resources	Use of brown coal in Kawasaki Heavy Industries	<p>Senator WATERS: I will take that up elsewhere. Do you know if the pilot phase is intending to use any CCS process, whether it is CarbonNet or any other? Mr Cosgrave: There are discussions ongoing in terms of the carbon storage, but that is a matter between the proponents, Kawasaki, and the Victorian government, who leads on the CarbonNet project. Senator WATERS: So you do not have any further details about that? Mr B Wilson: I understand the basis of the pilot project, which is yet to be sanctioned—as Mr Cosgrave said, we are still in looking at front-end engineering and design, and after that a decision will be made on the pilot project. The intention is for that pilot project to sequester its emissions. Whether that is using CarbonNet or another alternative is yet to be decided. Senator WATERS: Thank you for that clarification. Do you know how much brown coal will be used as part of that pilot project? Mr Cosgrave: Off the top of my head, no. It is not a large amount. The pilot is a very small-scale project. I can take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Likewise, do you know how much is intended to be used if it reaches commercial scale? Mr Cosgrave: I will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	100	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-54	Waters, Larissa	Economic & Analytical Services	Prices if gas fracking is expanded	<p>Senator WATERS: Has the Chief Economist modelled what would happen to prices if we expand gas fracking? Senator Canavan: I might ask Mr Wilson. Mr B Wilson: I cannot speak necessarily for the Chief Economist— Senator Canavan: But I would say—and I will ask Mr Bradley to add—that we have obviously based these measures explicitly off the gas supplies opportunities outlook that the Australian Energy Market Operator publishes. That is in the Department of the Environment and Energy. I am aware that we are working with the department of energy on the mechanism we put in place for gas licensing. We have tasked the ACCC to get more information on domestic gas markets. A challenge here for us is a lack of transparency in the marketplace about contracts and prices. Explicit modelling exercises are difficult in that environment with a lack of data, but we are seeking to rectify that through those extra resources we are providing to the ACCC, and we will continue to work with the department of energy as we design this mechanism. Mr Bradley, do you want to add anything? Mr Bradley: Explicit modelling, no. Most of our analysis was looking at export markets. Senator WATERS: Can you provide some more detail on notice for me of what you are looking at in those analyses. Mr Bradley: Sure.</p>	Spoken	103	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-55	Waters, Larissa	Resources	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative	<p>Senator WATERS: Just one final brief topic in the short minutes left to me: the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, which I understand Australia is looking to implement—it has a pilot but has not yet formally adopted it. Has the department or the government sought clarification on the US government's position? I understand they have indicated that they are thinking about withdrawing. Mr B Wilson: Attendance at the international EITI board meeting is actually led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, but we had a representative there. The department looks after the domestic implementation. I do not know the status of the US position. Senator WATERS: All right. I can take that up with DFAT. I am interested in who the lead minister is for the domestic implementation. Would that be you, Minister? Senator Canavan: I am certainly involved. Am I the only minister involved? Mr B Wilson: No, there are a range of interests in this. There are the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Attorney-General, and we keep the Prime Minister's office abreast of it as well. It is an initiative that has whole-of-government support and involvement. Senator WATERS: On that whole-of-government support: when were the last public statements made about this issue by responsible ministers or the department? Mr B Wilson: I would have to take that on notice in terms of ministerial statements. The Prime Minister has written to ministers indicating that Australia intends to join this initiative. We have reconvened a multistakeholder group of stakeholders including industry, civil society and federal and state governments. They have had two meetings, and we are well underway in constructing the necessary documentation and things that we need to do in order to lodge our candidacy internationally. Senator WATERS: Have any of the responsible ministers attended those—what did you call them—multistakeholder group meetings? Mr B Wilson: That is done at the officials level. It is not normally a ministerial level forum. Senator Canavan: There was a delegation here last year that I caught up with at the time, Senator Waters, but I will take on notice my interactions with the EIT Initiative and get back to you.</p>	Spoken	103-104	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-56	Hume, Jane	Economic & Analytical Services	Resource Sectors effect on trade balance	<p>can with might just ask a couple of questions myself from memory, certainly, certainly, of time. We have not to get through. I do not want to ask about the gas market specifically, but I would like it if the minister would give us an overview of the resources sector generally, with specific reference, I think, to the coal sector and how that coal sector affects communities and employment. Senator Canavan: It has been a successful year for our resources sector. In our quarterly update on the sector, we are projected to reach a record level of exports of resources, I think, of around \$215 billion. Those include strong results particularly for iron ore and coal, as volumes have held up since the boom times and prices have increased substantially over the past year. Of course, we are also expanding LNG exports, and that industry is set to become the world's largest LNG exporter, which would mean that we would be in the position, I think, of being the world's largest iron ore, coal and LNG exporter. We sometimes jump up and down with Indonesia on coal. So that is a sign of incredible success of our sector that we should be proud of and that we all benefit from in terms of the returns that the sector provides to our country. We have had some disruption in coal exports over the last few months because of Cyclone Debbie. Particularly, a rail line in Central Queensland, the Goonyella line, was out for a period of time. But I caught up with Aurizon, who own that line, the other day. Their estimation is that we will not lose volumes over time because, now that the line is open, exports are going to go at a pace above average to catch up, if you like. Prices in the coking-coal market have surged rapidly because of the outage of that rail line, but they are coming back down. It is yet to be really determined how it will wash out in terms of our value of coal exports, I suppose, even though volumes will hold up despite that disruption. The higher thermal-coal and coking-coal price is already having a positive impact on mining communities around Australia. In my part of the world, there are three mines that are seeking to reopen at the moment and a number that are seeking to expand, given the higher price over the last year. A number of coal companies have already called me to say that they are already seeing labour shortages emerge in the market. It is remarkable how quickly that can turn around, but there is still a very fraught employment situation generally across North Queensland. But these are positive developments for the resources sector. Mr Bradley, do you want to add anything to that? Mr Bradley: Thank you, Minister. I guess the only thing I would add to that is that it is a significant employer of about 220,000 Australians, or 220,000 workers, across the country. That is not a lot in a national sense,</p>	Spoken	104	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-57	Ludlam, Scott	Resources	Correspondence or Communication on the proposed Radioactive Waste Storage Facility	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I understand that representatives from your department and maybe you yourself presented on the facility to the board of ATLA at a meeting in the Flinders Ranges in early May. Can you tell us firstly if that is an accurate characterisation and what the response of the board was and what kind of communications you have had with them since. Mr B Wilson: I did not do the presentation to ATLA—I think Mr Sheldrick did so I might let him answer that. Mr Sheldrick: The meeting did happen, and we were not taking something to the board for a response. It was an information exchange—it was an opportunity to provide more information about the project to the board. We were not asking for a decision or anything like that at that time. Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to characterise whether a response was positive or negative, or was it just a dialogue at that stage? Mr Sheldrick: It was a good meeting. That is a difficult adjective, I suppose, but it was very receptive. We got a good hearing. The board had organised for different people to present to them on that day about the project, and we got a good hearing. There were some questions asked of us about the project, so I would characterise it as being quite a positive meeting, although not positive in the sense that we were looking for an outcome—I would keep stressing that. Mr B Wilson: We should also point out that, after the presentation, we left the meeting and the board had their discussions. Senator LUDLAM: They had their own deliberations after you were out of there. Thank you. Has the department received any other correspondence or communication on the proposed facility, I guess, from any other stakeholders? Mr B Wilson: The answer to that is yes. We get a lot of correspondence from various stakeholders. We can take that on notice if you would like. Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you like. Privacy concerns notwithstanding, if you are able to provide us with any info about who you have heard from, that would be appreciated. Mr B Wilson: We will look into it to see what we can provide.</p>	Spoken	105	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-58	Ludlam, Scott	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Low level radioactive waste at the Woomera site	<p>Senator LUDLAM: That is all right—I have a couple of others I want to run through, and the hour is late. Could you please advise on the cost, the extent of the process and the status of works to recontainerise and secure low-level radioactive waste at the Woomera site? While we are on the subject of how safe this stuff is, how much are we having to spend on recontaining the decaying packaging of the radioactive waste up at Woomera? Is that still kind of your bailiwick, or ... ? Mr B Wilson: Not technically; it is actually CSIRO's waste, so they own that waste and they are responsible for managing it. Senator LUDLAM: I will not ask you to speak for CSIRO, but have you got anything at all that you can tell us about what is happening up there? Or is it really not your domain? Ms Beauchamp: I think we are probably better off taking it on notice and getting that information from CSIRO. Senator LUDLAM: If you could. Mr B Wilson: I am just reluctant to say too much about what CSIRO is doing, because I am not across it completely. Senator LUDLAM: I am used to that. If I am in the wrong portfolio then that is fine, but could you take on notice what is the nature of the impairment of the containers that that material is stored in, and what is it costing to repackage it. Ms Beauchamp: We will take that. Mr B Wilson: We can take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	106-107	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-59	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Sharing of infrastructure under part IIIA	<p>Mr Waters: What I am getting to hear is that it may well be that at that point the joint authority could determine, based on the evidence or the information in the third party, that the field, in fact, is now commercial. That would be one of the grounds for the joint authority to make the decision to revoke the retention lease, or at least not renew it when its turn comes up, and the titleholder then has the option of putting in a production licence application. I am happy to take those on notice, because there is a bit more to it. There is a bit more detail. Senator Canavan: I think there is a bit of difficulty here. There are a lot of hypotheticals, and, of course, Mr Waters, as he indicated, provides advice and ultimately the joint authority makes decisions. Senator XENOPHON: Yes, but you could give me more details. You have been very helpful, Mr Waters. I have a few more questions, but that has been very helpful in terms of this. Do you include considerations in respect of infrastructure and, in particular, sharing or not sharing of infrastructure? Mr Waters: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: You do? Mr Waters: I am sorry, that is just the first part. Senator XENOPHON: Do you consider considerations in terms of making a decision with respect to infrastructure—in other words, the practicalities of sharing or not sharing infrastructure? Mr Waters: If that formed part of the submission that was made, then, yes, we would assess that with regard to whether or not that is in fact a likely, feasible, practical outcome, and we would advise the joint authority. Senator XENOPHON: And sharing of infrastructure can be forced, can't it, under part IIIA, is it, of the—someone can help me out here. Senator Canavan: Part IIIA of the Competition and Consumer Act is administered by the Treasury department. Senator XENOPHON: Is that not administered by ACCC? Senator Canavan: The ACCC is part of the Treasury department, if you wanted to ask questions on that. It is a generic access regime. Mr Waters might know if any particular infrastructure is already declared under that. Senator XENOPHON: Could you take the question? Mr Waters: No, I am not aware of that. Senator Canavan: You are not aware of any. Senator XENOPHON: Could you take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	110-111	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-60	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	LNG Production Facilities considered to be common use infrastructure under part IIIA	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Mr Wilson, I am grateful for that response. Just so I can get this clear, because this is a big deal, obviously, in terms of getting more gas flowing, that means that gas is not included, is that right? Mr B Wilson: The LNG production facility. Senator XENOPHON: So the production of gas is included but not the production of LNG. Mr B Wilson: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: Not the LNG production facility. Mr B Wilson: No, it is the facility itself. Is that considered to be common use infrastructure? My understanding is that it is not, but, as the minister indicated, it is best if we seek clarification from ACCC and come back to you. Senator Canavan: I have received some advice recently on this, so I might just assist, if that is okay. It is unlikely that those production facilities could be declared or covered by part IIIA. But, ultimately, my understanding is that that is a matter for the courts to interpret. We might take that on notice and give you some feedback on that.</p>	Spoken	111	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-61	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Rights of the lessee of a revoked retention lease	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I will just keep going as quickly as I can. In terms of administrative processes, if you revoke a retention lease, what rights does the lessee have? Can that cause delays on the part of a third party? What is the best case and worst case? In other words, if you actually go and say, 'We revoked the retention lease,' for whatever reason—presumably for the third party to have access to it—is there an administrative process that could involve appeals and further appeals of it that could slow down the process? What are the best and worst cases? Mr Waters: In the event that the Joint Authority revokes a retention lease or does not renew a retention lease the title holder is then afforded a 12-month period to lodge a production licence. In the event that they do not lodge the production licence in that period, the area would then become vacant acreage. Senator XENOPHON: Can they appeal against it? Basically, if they do not develop it in 12 months they are gone; there is no appeal after that? Mr Waters: No. Senator XENOPHON: So you cannot appeal against that decision? Mr Waters: I do not believe so. Senator XENOPHON: Can you take that on notice? I am asking you very technical questions, Mr Waters. Mr Waters: We are talking about a very rare instance. We know of four occasions when this has occurred, and in all four cases—rather, in three cases there were production licence applications submitted and approved, and in one case the area reverted to vacant acreage. There was no appeal process.</p>	Spoken	111-112	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-62	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Differences in retention leases between Australia and the USA	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I might put some questions on notice. Just to finish up, in terms of resources around Australia, do you have a forecast of gas coming online, including amounts over, say, the next 10 years? Or is that a question for NOPSEMA? Mr Waters: I would be able to provide that level of detail for the various jurisdictions in terms of the available ultimate recovery from resources held under production and retention. Senator XENOPHON: One of the criticisms that has been put to me is that in terms of information provided on a retention lease compared to in the US, my understanding is that the level of particularity and the benchmarking of information that is required in the United States is much more particular than here. In other words, there needs to be a greater backing up of these issues in terms of the reserves and development. I think I am not expressing this very well, Minister. My understanding is that there is some difference in the transparency requirements and the information that must be provided between here and the US. Could you take on notice what those differences may be in respect of that? Mr Waters: Yes.</p>	Spoken	112	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-63	Macdonald, Ian	Office of Northern Australia	QLD Government prescribed projects list	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I have a couple of very quick questions. Mr Lawson, just following up on your last answer. This is nothing to do with NAIF; this is northern Australian development. You say that the Galilee Basin railway line is on the Queensland government's priority list? Senator Canavan: In general terms, the Queensland government released a strategic infrastructure priority list, I believe. It would have been last year some time. I recall it possibly being then, but Mr Lawson might have the information. Mr Lawson: The Adani combined project is on their prescribed projects list. It is on the state government development prescribed projects list. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you know what that means? It is not your department but it is a government you are dealing with. Senator Canavan: Why don't we take that on notice. Mr Lawson: We will take that on notice. We had a discussion about this at the last estimates.</p>	Spoken	132	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-64	Pratt, Louise	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Applications from Macro Investments and Securities	<p>Senator PRATT: I want to ask whether—and I know you have not disclosed this stuff on the public record thus far—you have had any applications or contact from Macro Investments and Securities; namely, Veronica Macpherson? Senator IAN MACDONALD: Chair, how many times do we— Senator PRATT: There is an important reason for this question. Senator IAN MACDONALD: A point of order, Madam Chair. CHAIR: Senator Macdonald, on a point of order. Senator PRATT: I am entitled— Senator IAN MACDONALD: The secretary has said so many times that she cannot tell you that. How many times do you need to be told? Senator PRATT: Okay. Well, how do you advise investors if this so-called applicant is actually claiming—and this is her letter to investors—that: 'To deal with this issue and preserve the interests of our investors, we have had to restructure the business plan and proposal for our prospective buyer, which will incur more delays. The situation business plan and proposal will be made known to our new state government and form part of an application to the federal government's Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility funding that was announced last year.' This woman is currently before the Federal Court and has legal proceedings against many of her companies, and she is making these claims to investors. So my question is: what might NAIF do if you became aware that someone was falsely claiming they had made an application and that they were using that information to collect money from investors on the basis of a purported application? Senator IAN MACDONALD: Chair, can I raise a point of order? CHAIR: Senator Macdonald, we should let the minister and the CEO respond. Senator BUSHBY: This is a matter for the ACCC. Senator Canavan: I am happy for Ms Walker to provide an answer to the extent that she can. It does seem to be going— Senator IAN MACDONALD: It is hypothetical. Senator Canavan: Exactly, Senator Macdonald. Senator PRATT: It is not hypothetical. I am happy to give you the documentation. CHAIR: I think Senator Pratt is asking about process. Senator PRATT: I am now asking about process and about what you would do, hypothetically. CHAIR: Well, that is a hypothetical. Senator Canavan: That is a hypothetical! But I am happy for Ms Walker to try and say what she can, but— CHAIR: Senator Pratt, perhaps if you asked what the process is that— Senator PRATT: I have asked what the process is. Mr Lawson: This is a matter for the ACCC. Senator BUSHBY: That is right; it is a matter for the ACCC. Mr Lawson: Allegations of impropriety and illegal behaviour are not something for an entity that is part of our portfolio to pursue. It is a matter for the ACCC to pursue. Senator Canavan: I am happy to talk about process, as the Chair mentioned. Perhaps on this specific</p>	Spoken	133-134	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-65	Pratt, Louise	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	NAIF referrals for ACCC or ASIC regarding improper conduct	<p>Senator PRATT: Do you have a process for making sure that those making applications to you, that the claims that they in turn make to their co-investors—NAIF being one investor, and proponents investors being the other party—include transparent communication between NAIF and the investors to make sure that those communications are real and transparent? Ms Walker: With any entity that we will be dealing with we will be looking to ensure that they are legitimate in terms of a participant able to contribute, whether it is debt or equity. That would be standard banking practice. Mr Farmer: I might be able to assist in terms of process. The NAIF goes through a process, a transaction risk assessment, in relation to the counterparties on any potential transaction, which involves an investigation of those potential counterparties—searches on various databases for incidents or other information that would lead to questions of this sort—so there is a thorough investigation that goes on. It is part of the normal transaction risk assessment of the transaction, but it is also in compliance with anti-money-laundering regulations. Senator PRATT: So you have a process for that— CHAIR: Senator Pratt, your time is up. One more question. Senator PRATT: Okay. Has NAIF ever had to make any referrals regarding improper conduct in this regard? Ms Walker: As I said, I am not familiar with that matter. Senator Canavan: We will take that one on notice. Senator PRATT: If you could take on notice whether you have ever made referrals to the ACCC, ASIC or any other external oversight body? Senator Canavan: Okay, we can certainly take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	134	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-66	Waters, Larissa	Office of Northern Australia	Master Facility Agreement	<p>Senator WATERS: Can you confirm for me Queensland has asked—without going into what project it may or may not be for—that money not go through its books, if you like, not go through its bank accounts. Is that right? Ms Walker: The protocol that is in place, from the date it was signed, already allowed for that. In fact, I would say, from the lender's perspective, that is a more efficient process. Senator WATERS: That protocol you refer to, is that the master facility agreement? Ms Walker: Yes. Senator WATERS: What does that say? Could you provide a copy of the master facility agreement? Mr Lawson: I would like to take that on notice because the master facility agreement is the agreement between the Commonwealth, the state and the NAIF. It goes to the mechanisms by which transactions can be legally organised, financially arranged. It goes to the way the interests of the Commonwealth can be protected and those sorts of things. It goes to issues that, we think, need to be maintained as confidential. We will take the issue on notice and further consider it. I think it would be a matter for the state government Treasurer to tell you what he has or has not asked us rather than us to state what a state government has said. Senator WATERS: Can I get that right. So you are not going to release the master facility agreement because, you say, it is commercial-in-confidence? Senator Canavan: I am taking it on notice. As Mr Lawson was saying, there are a number of matters that may prejudice the interests of either the Commonwealth or the states. We will consider that.</p>	Spoken	135-136	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-67	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	NAIF QoNs sent to Minister Canavan	<p>Senator KETTER: Thank you for that. Minister, there were eight questions on notice that were submitted on 2 March this year and the answers were only given last week. Can you advise when you were provided with answers by the NAIF? Senator CANAVAN: I will have to take that on notice. Page 140 Senate Thursday, 1 June 2017 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Senator KETTER: Finally, and put the rest of my questions on notice— Senator Canavan: If I could just clarify, my understanding is that we have responded to all questions— Ms Beauchamp: Senator, I think we have provided that information as there was a Senate order. Senator KETTER: I am not disputing that you have provided the answers. The answers were given last week and my question was when NAIF provided the minister with the answers. Ms Beauchamp: That order would also include when we provided questions on notice to the minister. Senator KETTER: I am sorry but I do not quite— Ms Beauchamp: That order—I do not have it in front of me; my apologies—provides information not only on when questions on notice were tabled but also when they were provided from the department to the minister. Senator KETTER: Yes, but my question is: when did NAIF provide the responses to the minister's office? Senator Canavan: I have taken that on notice, but we will come back to you.</p>	Spoken	139-140	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-68	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Performance Targets for the CEO of the NAIF	<p>Senator KETTER: Finally, on the issue of performance targets for the CEO: has the board set performance targets for the CEO of the NAIF? Senator Canavan: Sorry, could you just repeat that? Senator KETTER: Has the board set performance targets for the CEO? Ms Walker: Yes, the chair and I have discussed them. I do not think they have been formally approved by the board, but the chair and I have discussed that. Senator KETTER: Do they relate to performance indicators around certain criteria? Ms Walker: Yes—the performance management criteria. Senator Canavan: Senator Ketter, I would probably prefer to take those aspects on notice, given that it goes to the relationship with an individual staff member employed under the board. Obviously, it is a matter for the board, not for me, but why don't we take that on notice and see what we can provide to you. Senator KETTER: All right. Thank you very much.</p>	Spoken	140	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-69	Macdonald, Ian	Office of Northern Australia	Start date for the Croydon to Richmond Road	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, I am going to see these to Mr Coffey and thank you again for being brief and concise in your answers. As to the money that flows to road construction, particularly to the beef roads under the northern Australian development white paper: what is the arrangement for who actually does the work, who actually allocates the money and who actually spends it—and I am particularly referring to the beef road from Croydon to Richmond. The decision has been made. The money has been allocated by the federal government. I am just wondering what the process now is to actually get that money spent and the work done. Perhaps I can confine it to just that Croydon to Richmond road. Mr Coffey: At the moment, the process is that there are announcements made by the government. Then the department of infrastructure negotiates with the state governments around the scope of the project and the contribution from the states. It is usually an 80:20 split. A lot of those negotiations are ongoing at the moment. There have been four projects approved and agreed by the minister. They are in Queensland. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Which minister? Mr Coffey: Minister Chester. Those projects are the Flinders Highway, \$13.6 million on the Townsville to Torrens Creek road, the Charters Towers to Richmond road, the Kennedy Developmental Road, Mount Garnet to The Lynd, and the The Lynd to Hughenden. Those four projects, over \$70 million worth, have been formally approved and agreed. Construction on those should commence mid year. It is now up to the Queensland government to procure that work through their mechanisms through the state. Senator IAN MACDONALD: So if the Queensland government, for whatever reason, are going very slow, there is nothing the federal government can do, having made the money available, to make sure that work starts? Mr Coffey: I am sure there would be key performance indicators in the agreement, but the specifics of that we would have to talk to the department of infrastructure about. I should also say that with all these projects there need to be Indigenous employment targets negotiated. There have been on those projects. That was agreed at five per cent. It is generally done in relation to the Indigenous population of that area. Senator IAN MACDONALD: You did not mention the Croydon to Richmond road, which I specifically mentioned. I was out speaking to the Croydon Shire Council just a couple of weeks back, and I know that the approval has been given and the decision has been made, but they do not know about the start date and I am finding it difficult to find out when it is starting. Is that something that I should ask you about or the infrastructure department? Mr Coffey: We do not have</p>	Spoken	141	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-70	Waters, Larissa	DLO - Canavan	MOU between Efic and NAIF	<p>Senator WATERS: Has NAIF complied with the Senate's request for documents that was made on 29 March in an order for production of documents which asked for the MOU between Efic and NAIF, the public interest test and the risk appetite statement? I hear that you say you do not want to put that in the public domain, but given that there is a Senate order requiring disclosure of that risk appetite statement, what is the status of compliance with that order? Senator Canavan: On receipt of that order for production of documents I inquired with NAIF what we could make public. As has been gone through tonight, with some of those documents elements of those are not intended to be made public given the commercial-in-confidence nature of them. I do not have the order in front of me. We could probably take it on notice which elements—certain elements have been made available on the website in terms of a summary of these documents. Senator WATERS: I have that. The risk appetite statement is the thing I am particularly interested in. The order asked for disclosure of that. Senator Canavan: As was gone through before, the NAIF has published a summary of the risk appetite statement on the website. Senator WATERS: That is the management framework, not the appetite statement. Senator Canavan: That is the summary— Senator WATERS: The order requires the appetite statement to be disclosed. I know you have disclosed the management framework. I am interested in the appetite statement. Ms Walker: That will not be published by NAIF. Senator WATERS: Despite the Senate having ordered it to be published? Senator Canavan: There was a long discussion earlier about the risk of making the risk appetite statement public and the way that could jeopardise the interests of the Commonwealth in negotiating loans. Senator WATERS: Can you take on notice how you are going to deal with the order that requires you to disclose it? Senator Canavan: I have responded to the President already, but I am happy to take that on notice again.</p>	Spoken	142	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-71	Waters, Larissa	Corporate	NAIF included in the federal budget	<p>Senator WATERS: That does not answer my question, but I will move on. NAIF concessionality is included in the federal budget. Do the figures there include the risk of non-repayment, or do they assume full repayment? Mr Lawson: I think we will have to get our Chief Financial Officer to provide a proper response to that, so I should take it on notice. There is material in the PBS. Senator WATERS: I have read that, hence my question. There is nothing you can add at this stage? Senator Canavan: I presume the Chief Financial Officer was in the corporate area of today's hearing. We might have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	142-143	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-72	Ketter, Chris	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	Health and Safety Incidents reported to NOPSEMA	<p>Senator KETTER: Thank you, gentlemen, for coming all the way over. I also apologise for the lateness of the hour. You probably know the issue that I am going to ask about: how many work health and safety incidents have been reported to NOPSEMA in the last four years? You cannot do maths that quickly, probably! Mr Smith: It is already reported, and it is on our website. I do not have before me the specific numbers for the four years, so I will take it on notice. Senator KETTER: Thank you. How many have led to a prosecution? Mr Smith: Once again, for the four years, I do not have that in front of me. Mr O'Keeffe: There has been one related to a diving incident and possibly another one. We can take that on notice, but it is a small number.</p>	Spoken	143	1/06/2017 0:00

BI-73	Waters, Larissa	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	Leak of Fluids and Oil that was reported in NOPSEMA's Annual Offshore Performance Report	<p>Senator WATERS: Can I ask about the leak of fluids and oil that was reported in your Annual offshore performance report last week the media subsequently ask questions about, which we now have discovered is Woodside; they have admitted it was them. Can I ask why the leak was not made public immediately when it happened. Mr Smith: A bit of background on the actual leak: the situation there was that the facility, which was the Okha facility owned by Woodside, left the station with a cyclone pending—standard practice. As the cyclone passed the facility subsequently went up to Singapore for scheduled maintenance, so it was 60 days before they returned to the well head. Before reconnecting to the well head they sent a remote operated vehicle down to check whether the well head was still secure. It was at that point they found there had been at the leak in the order of 175 litres for that day. The leak was found to comprise a mixture of formation water, hydrocarbons and control-line fluid. That is significant that there was control-line fluid, because typically that would have bled out if it had been leaking for an extended period. Nonetheless, we always report the worst-case scenario. Given they had not been on station for 60 days, we multiplied 60 by the 175 litres to come up with the figure that we reported. We then reported that figure in our quarterly reports. It also went on our website, and we put a special highlight in our annual offshore performance report on hydrocarbon releases and drew attention to that particular matter along with several others, because we felt it was in the public interest that the focus on hydrocarbon releases be there. It was only after that that anybody asked us any questions. Those questions came from The Guardian. They sought the name of the company. At that point we went to the company and asked them if they would be willing to have their company name released, because we do not have authority to do so under the legislation. The company did respond that they would be able to have their name released. In the mean time, The Guardian had released a story suggesting that there had been some sort of cover-up, which we completely reject. We released the name. Senator WATERS: In that quarterly report, when you first mentioned the incident—albeit not naming the company—how long after the incident itself was that? What was the delay between those two things? Mr Smith: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure how close—it may have been a matter of days, or it may have been some weeks. Senator WATERS: Thank you. If you could take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	145	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-74	Watt, Murray and Waters, Larissa	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Ms Way-McPhail	<p>determinations, either in this case or in any of the conflicts of interest that you mentioned before? I think you said that there were six and now there are more. Have you made a determination in each case about how to manage that conflict, as is required by the policy? Ms Walker: Yes, we have. Senator WATERS: Are you able to share what that determination was? Ms Walker: No, for the same reasons. Senator WATERS: For the same reasons? Okay. Ms Walker: It is all part of board deliberations which are commercial-in-confidence. Senator WATT: Are you going to claim public interest immunity? Ms Walker: I am just saying it is commercial-in-confidence. Senator WATT: I think you will find that if you are giving evidence at an estimates committee and you do not want to— Senator IAN MACDONALD: These are not Senator Watts's questions and we do not want his legal advice— Senator WATERS: They are not your questions either, Macdonald. Senator IAN MACDONALD: poor as it is. Senator WATERS: It is a good question. I would be happy for the answer. CHAIR: Senator Waters has the call. Senator Canavan: It is not for Ms Walker to claim public interest immunity, as you would know. Senator WATT: Why not? Senator Canavan: That can only be claimed by a minister, Senator Watt. But, given the questions are for NAIF, I will take that on notice and then come back to the committee. Senator WATERS: Again, I do not want to push it, but I am genuinely not sure what you can and cannot tell me. Can you answer whether Ms Way-McPhail has received any internal information about either the Adani or the Aurizon investment proposal as a board member? Presumably, information is sent around to board members. Has Ms Way-McPhail received that sort of information? Ms Walker: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: Just to go back to where I was earlier: Senator Canavan, I think you said you are on friendly terms with Ms Way-McPhail. When was last time you spoke to her? Senator Canavan: Look, I am not sure I will be able to answer that. But I will take it on notice and see what we can provide. Senator WATT: Ms Way-McPhail's interests also state that she is a former director of an organisation I know you know well, Our Keppel Our Future, which I think was essentially a community/protest organisation—however you want to put it—that campaigned heavily for certain developments on Great Keppel Island. So she is director and secretary of a company with interests there and— CHAIR: Senator Watt, do you have any questions about the NAIF? Senator Canavan: Just so the record is clear, I cannot confirm or deny your information, obviously— Senator IAN MACDONALD: And it is irrelevant</p>	Spoken	120-121, 124, 126, 127-128	1/06/2017 0:00

				<p>With regard to Ginninderra site that has been under investigation due to past contamination can you supply? 1. Links to or hard copies of all environmental reports on the contamination 2. Details of Surface Soil Sampling and deeper Soil Sampling of the contamination a. Including a map[s] of the sites where the sampling was carried out, the method of sampling and analysis techniques. b. Were any readings over the safety threshold followed up with a dense grid over all anomalies? 3. If such sampling has not been carried out why was it not carried out? 4. List of chemicals used at the site, where they were sprayed or used including for each chemical used a. The concentration b. The volume c. The reason the chemical was used d. How it was used e. Did it achieve the purpose for which it was used 5. Has any sampling been conducted of water on the station? Please detail tests on lakes, streams, bores, water table aquifer etc. 6. Are there any chemical, paint, sheep dip or other potentially toxic dumps on the station? 7. Can you provide a referenced map of Surface Soil Sampling and deeper Soil Sampling undertaken at the Ginninderra Site? 8. Were any readings over any safety thresholds followed up with a dense grid of testing over and in the vicinity of all anomalies? If not, why not? 9. How can I access a/the register/diary of daily activities regarding the use of chemicals over the site? a. May I have a copy of that register please? If not, why not? 10. Given that chemicals are easily leached and transported to "lows" and/or percolate into sub-stratum and eventually the water table, has any sampling been conducted of water on the station, including Lakes, streams, bores, water table aquifer etc. 11. Are there any chemical/paint/hydrocarbon or other dangerous chemical "dumps" and sheep dips on the station? Does the register of daily activities record any such activity on the site? 12. Is CSIRO planning any deeper cored holes on the station?</p>	Written		8/06/2017 0:00
BI-75	Rhiannon, Lee	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO Ginninderra site				
				<p>1. Have all NAIF governance documents been finalized? For example: a) Risk appetite statement b) Public interest test c) Documents relating to assessing projects against mandatory criteria. 2. Please state which, if any, governance documents are 1. Completed 2. Still in draft form 3. Publicly available 3. Has NAIF complied with the Senate's request for documents on 29 March? 4. Will Investment Decisions be made public when made, or 30 business days later? a) If later, why is there a need to hide your decisions from the public for any length of time? b) Will you release the minimum required, or will you include the terms of the concession, the cost-benefit analysis, any environmental or social review?</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-76	Waters, Larissa	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	NAIF Governance				
				<p>1. Can the Minister confirm that any loan from NAIF to Adani/Aurizon is being provided, in part, on the basis of the anticipated export revenue of the Galilee Basin?" 2. Can the Minister comment on the extent to which the export orientation of the Galilee Basin, and the anticipated export revenue for Australia, is an important factor in the decision to provide finance under the NAIF? 3. How much are you considering the role of exports in the claimed public benefit?</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-77	Waters, Larissa	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	NAIF Adani loan				
				<p>1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited? 2. What was the total value of these limited tenders? 3. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2015/16 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract (either in FY 15/16 or 16/17) to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold. 4. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2016/17 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.</p>	Written		13/06/2017 0:00
BI-78	Xenophon, Nick	Corporate	Limited tender contracts				
				<p>1. Which 10 retention leases have been opened up for commercial review in the North West Shelf? 2. How were these ten retention leases selected? 3. What are the potential reserves of gas of each of the ten selected tenements?</p>	Written		13/06/2017 0:00
BI-79	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	NOPTA retention leases				
				<p>1. Does NOPSEMA forecast of gas coming on line (including amounts) from oil fields under development application? If so, please provide the Committee with this forecast. 2. Does NOPSEMA forecast of gas coming on line long term. If so, please provide the Committee with this forecast.</p>	Written		13/06/2017 0:00
BI-80	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Forecast of gas coming on line				
				<p>In respect of retention leases transitioning to production fields: 1. What is the process? 2. What are the minimum, typical and maximum time frame for approvals and execution of drilling?</p>	Written		13/06/2017 0:00
BI-81	Xenophon, Nick	Resources	Retention leases transitioning to production fields				
				<p>Ministerial functions In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials, ministerial staff and if members of the Minister's immediate family attended – number of members (names not required); • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-82	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers				

BI-83	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Functions hosted by the Department and Agencies	Departmental functions In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio since 1 March 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-84	Bilyk, Catryna	Digital Strategy and Operations	Departmental and portfolio agencies Laptops	How many laptops are currently on issue to staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio? Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? How many new laptops were purchased by the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing laptops for staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? How many laptops did the Department and agencies in the portfolio have to be replace due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? How many laptops were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-85	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 March 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-86	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Department and portfolio agencies facilities upgrades	Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises, or the premises of any agencies in the portfolio, been upgraded since 1 March 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-87	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Portfolio appointment vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-88	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Department and portfolio agencies credit cards	How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for? How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016? How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016? What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level? How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement? How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2016? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof? What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid? Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes? Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-89	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Funding reduction and efficiency dividend	1. The portfolio budget statement shows a reduction in the government appropriation of \$5.438 million over 2017-18 to 2019-20. Is this due to the efficiency dividend? How does ANSTO plan to deal with this reduction? 2. Since MYEFO 2013-14 how much money has ANSTO "lost" from efficiency dividends? a. What actions has ANSTO taken to cope with these efficiency dividends? b. What affect have these changes had on ANSTO's operational abilities? 3. Regarding the new Nuclear Medicine Facility, the Department's response to QON AI – 3 states that the governance model has been finalised. Please provide the detail of this operating model. a. Are there any issues around the headcount that still need to be addressed? b. Will extra funding be required to employ the additional 26 people or will the cost be absorbed within existing appropriations? 4. On page 93 of the portfolio budget statements, the 2017-18 expected revenues from industry sources appears to show an increase of \$2 million from what was expected in last year's estimations (up from \$97,420,000). What has contributed to this adjustment? 5. On page 98 of the portfolio budget statements, grants total 5.5 million each year from 2016-17 to 2019-20, however they cease in 2020-2021. Please provide an explanation. Which grant program is this?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-90	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	National Measurement Institute move to ANSTO	1. Please elaborate on some of the NMI's physics, chemistry and biology activities that align with the work undertaken at ANSTO. Provide examples.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-91	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Synchrotron Beamlines	1. How many extra people does ANSTO expect to employ once construction of the additional Synchrotron beamlines is complete?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00

BI-92	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	The National Measurement Institute	1. During Senate Estimates on 31 May, Ms Beauchamp stated 'ANSTO has come up as an option to look at but there are other options that are being looked at as well'. We know from the following day's hearing that CSIRO was also considered. Has the Department considered any other options to ensure the sustainability of the NMI? If so, please provide details. 2. What other measures is the Department pursuing to ensure both budget sustainability and long-term sustainability of the NMI? 3. Please outline the big capital expenditure projects that need to be undertaken at the NMI and its associated facilities over the next five years, and their projected cost. 4. How many sites does NMI have across the country? 5. Please provide a breakdown of the number of NMI customers for each of the past five years. 6. Please provide a breakdown of external earnings for the NMI for each of the past five years. 7. On page 64 of the Hansard for Senate Estimates on Thursday 1 June, Ms Beauchamp refers to 'a number of reviews around metrology services and analytical services' that the Department has undertaken in relation to the NMI. Please provide these reviews.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-93	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Maintaining Engineering Excellence initiative	1. What is the funding profile for this initiative? 2. How will this funding be delivered? Will it be through grants or some other mechanism? 3. Who will decide how this funding will be awarded? 4. How many students will this funding support? In which states? 5. How will this initiative "maintain the flow of highly trained engineers"? 6. Which universities will be eligible to access this funding? 7. Which "technology institutes" will be eligible to access this funding?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-94	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Inspiring all Australians in STEM	1. What is the funding profile for inspiring all Australians in STEM? 2. Is this a terminating or continuing program? 3. If terminating, when will funding cease? 4. What are the categories or components of the program? 5. Why did budgeted funding increase to \$26.089m in 2015-16? For what activities was this increased funding for? 6. Why has budgeted funding fallen from \$25.089m in 2015-16 to \$14.239m in 2016-17?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-95	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund	1. What is the funding profile for the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund? 2. Is this a continuing a terminating program? 3. If terminating, when will funding cease?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-96	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australia-China Science and Research Fund	1. What is the funding profile for the Australia-China Science and Research Fund? 2. When will funding for this program terminate?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-97	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australian Astronomical Observatory - operations	1. What is the current administered and departmental funding profile for the AAO? 2. How many staff are employed by the AAO? 3. How many staff are located at Coonabarabran? 4. How many staff are located in Sydney? 5. How many staff are located in Canberra?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-98	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australian Astronomical Observatory - historical funding	1. What proportion of Australia's national telescope optical astronomy does the Anglo-Australian telescope (AAT) provide? 2. Are there any measures of the productivity of the AAT? 3. What funding has been allocated to the AAO under NCRIS since 2007? Please break down by financial year and distinguish between operational and infrastructure. Also outline the purpose of the various funding allocations 4. What funding has been allocated to the AAO under the Education Investment Fund since 2007?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-99	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australian Astronomical Observatory - Sydney facilities	1. In terms of the AAO base in Sydney, what facilities are operated by the AAO? 2. What is the cost to DIIS of these facilities?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-100	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Australian Astronomical Observatory instrumentation program	1. What is AAO's astronomical instrumentation program? 2. Where is the program based? 3. What are its capabilities? 4. Does the AAO earn any external revenue? If so, how much?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-101	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Anglo Australian Telescope	1. Who will be part of the consortium led by the Australian National University to operate the AAT? 2. Will ownership of the AAT - the assets - be transferred to the ANU lead consortium or will some other sort of arrangement be put in place? If so, what will this arrangement be and for how long? 3. When will the new arrangements for the AAT take place? 4. How many staff members will be affected?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-102	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Anglo Australian Observatory - other functions	Regarding the other operations of the AAO (not including the AAT): 1. What operations and assets will be transferred to another consortium? 2. Who is involved in this consortium? 3. Will the instrumentation laboratories be transferred to a consortium? 4. When will these arrangements take place? 5. How many staff members will be affected?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-103	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Anglo Australian Observatory Act 2010	1. Will the Anglo Australian Observatory Act 2010 be required to be amended or repealed to implement new arrangements outlined in the Budget Paper no. 2? 2. What will happen to the position of Director of the AAO? 3. What will happen to the Australian Astronomical Observatory Advisory Committee?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-104	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Astronomical functions	Following the implementation of arrangements for the future of the AAO: 1. What organisation will act to facilitate access to optical astronomy facilities? 2. Who will support the development, manufacture and supply instrumentation for optical astronomy facilities? 3. Who will publish, support, encourage, research reports, papers, and valuations on matters around astronomy? 4. Who will advise the Minister on matters related to optical astronomy? 5. Who will implement Australia's international obligations in relation to optical astronomy?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-105	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF)	1. Has Australia been invited to participate in the International Bioeconomy Forum (IBF)? 2. Has that invitation been accepted? 3. Is this invitation subject to deliberations by the Department or Government?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00

BI-106	Carr, Kim	Corporate	International Counsellors network	1. In which embassies does the Department maintain an International Counsellor/s? 2. Has the Department, or its predecessors, previously had international counsellors in any other nations?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-107	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research	1. What is the funding profile of CSIRO's contribution? 2. Is CSIRO just contributing funding, or are there other resources?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-108	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Advanced manufacturing Roadmap	1. What has prompted the development of the advanced manufacturing roadmap and other roadmaps in this series? a. Are you receiving any external funding for the development of these roadmaps? b. When are the additional roadmaps due for completion? 2. How does the definition of Advanced Manufacturing and what some people call "Industry 4.0" relate? 3. The roadmap seems to suggest that a viable future for Australian manufacturing is to integrate with global supply chains in pre-production and post production – ie. R&D, Design, Marketing and sales and after-sale services. Is that a fair assessment? 4. The roadmap talks of a range of comparative advantages and disadvantages. One of those is a segregated and a lack of a bi-partisan agenda. What is that referring to? 5. The roadmap also talks about high labour costs being a comparative disadvantage. What is the extent of this? a. Is it the case that this shift towards advanced manufacturing/industry 4.0 has significant labour force implications, particularly for those employees with low skill levels? b. Do we need to move employee's up the value chain in that case? c. Could we face key labour shortages? If so, in what areas? 6. You also talk about digital infrastructure as a disadvantage. What is meant by that? a. Does that mean getting the NBN right is vitally important? 7. In terms of opportunities the roadmap identifies, what is the role of continued government investment in science and technology play? 8. Once you develop a roadmap, what happens next? What actions do you take to advocate or monitor the progress towards the goals?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-109	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	USA Activities	1. In reference to QoN AI-22, at the Additional estimates in February oral evidence suggested that there were two CSIRO staff at the dinner and QoN AI-22 states that CSIRO has a table to 10. Was the table of 10 made up of CSIRO staff? 2. Was this the sole purpose of the Assistant Minister Laundy's trip to the USA? Were there other events? 3. Can you confirm that the Individual and company award recipients received two mentor conversation with Dr Larry Marshall? a. What are the arrangements for this and have the mentor sessions occurred? b. Who were the lucky recipients of this award and the "mentoring conversations"? 4. What other events did you attend in the United States? 5. How long was Dr Marshall in the United States for? 6. How many visits to the United States has Dr Marshall made since his appointment to CSIRO?	Written		14/06/2017 0:00
BI-110	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Efficiency dividends	1. The portfolio budget statement shows a reduction in the government appropriation of \$13.6 million over 2017-18 to 2019-20. Is this due to the efficiency dividend? 2. How do you propose to deal with this reduction? 3. Since MYEFO 2013-14 how much money has the CSIRO "lost" from efficiency dividends?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-111	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Locations	1. How many of the CSIRO's current functions and agencies are based outside of Canberra? 2. Has the CSIRO been asked to provide a brief on whether there are any functions or agencies that could be moved to regional electorates? 3. In regards to reports that agencies will be required to complete a "template" for business cases for decentralisation and that relevant Ministers will be required to report back to Cabinet with business cases by December: a. What functions in CSIRO fit the "template" for decentralisation? b. Has the template been distributed yet? Have you seen it? c. Does it factor in the cost of losing local expertise? d. If any functions were to be moved, would this constitute a change in employment that would trigger industrial negotiations with the workforce? e. Has the CSIRO engaged its Workforce Change Committee?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-112	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	AAHL Compliance regime	What is the new compliance regime that AAHL will operate under?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-113	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	ATNF	In reference to AI-123, what is the funding you have received from for the ATNF from AAL for the past five years?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-114	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	External revenue	1. What is the extent of the downgrade in expected external revenue in the 2017/18 PBS? 2. What trends and factors does this downgrade reflect?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-115	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Commonwealth Science Council	1. In relation to the Commonwealth Science Council meeting on 14 September 2016: a. How long was the meeting? b. Which Ministers attended? 2. Have there been any changes in the arrangements for the CSC following the 2016 election? If so, what are the changes? If not, are any changes planned? 3. On what dates are meetings of the CSC planned for in 2017?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-116	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Various websites the Department manages	In relation to the various websites the Department manages (for example, Chief Scientist, science.gov.au, business.gov.au): a. How many hits and unique visitors has each website attracted so far this calendar year? b. How many hits and unique visitors has each website attracted so far this financial year?	Written		28/07/2017 0:00
BI-117	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Decadal property plan	Please provide a list of properties covered by CSIRO's decadal property plan. For each property, please provide: a. the age of each facility; b. the date of its last major upgrade or renovation; c. the cost of the most recent upgrade or renovation; and d. the details of any upgrades or renovations currently underway or budgeted for, including the project budget and timeline.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00

BI-118	Carr, Kim	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	Research vessels	1. What research vessels does AIMS own/operate? 2. Where is each research vessel based? 3. What is the age of each research vessel?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-119	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Innovation delegation	1. What were the dates of the Innovation delegation the Chief Scientist lead to Europe? 2. How many people accompanied the Chief Scientist? 3. Who participated in the delegation, and in what capacity? How much did the delegation cost? Please breakdown in terms of flights, other transport, accommodation and hospitality. 5. Who did the delegation meet with? Is it possible to provide a copy of the itinerary? 6. What broadly would you consider to be the outcomes of the delegation?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-120	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Energy review	1. On what date was a copy of the independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market final report provided to the government? 2. What resources for the conduct of the review were provided by the office of the chief scientist? 3. Who did the Chief Scientist briefed on the contents of the final review? On which dates?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-121	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Discussions around NMI	1. On what date's did CSIRO first have discussions around possible options for the future of the NMI? 2. Were there any other meetings? On what dates?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-122	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	NMI laboratories	What is the cost of refurbishing the NMI laboratories?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-123	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	RV Investigator	In 2017: 1. How many sea days for the RV Investigator will be funded by the government appropriation to CSIRO? 2. How many sea days for the RV Investigator will be funded from external sources? 3. What are these external sources?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-124	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	CSIRO Linfield	1. How old are the buildings at Linfield? 2. What is the cost of an upgrade?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-125	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	CRC program	1. What is the current success rate for applications for CRCs and CRC (Ps)? 2. How many applications fail in both categories? 3. How do these numbers compare across the life of the CRC program?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-126	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	CRC (P) program	1. Is the CRC(P) program running as originally proposed in terms of number of rounds annually? 2. If the number of rounds has been reduced, can you please detail: a) The rationale behind the change/reduction b) Any reduction in funding to the CRC (P) program as a consequence c) Any saving of funding to the CRC program as a result of the change d) Where the save was allocated e) What formal announcement was made of the decision to reduce the number of rounds f) The total EFT staff support for the CRC (P) team and any changes since the program was established?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-127	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	CRC (P) resourcing	1. What is the resourcing provided to the CRC (P) Committee? a) Have there been changes made to the composition of the CRC (P) Committee? b) Have there been any changes made to the processes since the program was announced that would increase the administrative burden on the Department or the evaluative burden on the Committee? c) Have there been any changes to the size of the application form? Is it true that the form was recently doubled? d) What was the rationale behind the change? e) Is this change consistent with the Miles Recommendation eight (8) for a "simplified and more industry-focused selection and review process"? f) Did the Department liaise with the Chair of the CRC (P) Committee about this since he gave a presentation to the CRC Association Conference on "tips for applicants" in which he detailed six tips for applicants including one to "keep it concise"?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-128	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Miles Review	1. Have there been any complaints or negative responses from any other policy changes made as a result of the Miles Review? 2. How has the CRC community responded to the "ten years maximum and no extensions" change? (Recommendation 11 of Miles Review) a) Has there been any suggestion that some CRCs may have been "caught short" only applying for five years, when ten years turned out to be needed to bring evolving research to full commercial maturity? b) Is the Department aware of the situation of the Space Environment Management CRC? This CRC apparently only applied for five years, because it wanted to prove its technology before applying for another five years. Is the Department aware that with the technology now having been proved, the CRC will have to terminate before full commercial potential has been explored. c) Is the Department aware that the Data to Decisions CRC has recently been tasked by the Department for Immigration and Border Protection with developing new anti-terrorist systems but will be forced to abandon the task because of the "no extensions" rule? d) Has the Department been contacted by the Department for Immigration and Border Protection to seek an extension for this CRC in the national interest? e) Is there a provision in the guidelines for a national interest intervention by the Minister to extend a CRC? f) Has there been any consideration – or representations to the Minister (the current or previous Ministers) about introducing a "grandfathering" provision for CRCs in this situation? g) Was it the case that previous policy changes of this kind allowed for grandfathering of CRCs negatively affected? h) Is there any concern that this policy change will lead to all applicants applying for the full ten years? i) Can you supply a breakdown of applications from the last three rounds showing duration of term applied for?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00

				<p>1. In relation to the Anti-dumping Commission's recent investigation into quicklime - is it correct to say that evidence of dumping was found, but that injury and causation were not proved? If so, please summarise how injury and causation were determined in this instance (and found to be negligible).</p> <p>2. In relation to the Anti-dumping Commission's recently investigation into quicklime and comments made by Mr Sexton during the hearing: • The relevant importers who were selling in Australia were not selling at lower than the Australian prices. Therefore, it cannot be argued that they were causing injury to the Australian industry." How does this assessment take into account the fact that Australian producers may have been selling at reduced prices in order to maintain volume and market share?</p> <p>3. How much funding is allocated to the Anti-dumping Commission this year, and over the forward estimates? How does this compare to previous financial years? Please provide a breakdown of your annual funding since 2012-13. 4. How many FTE are allocated to the Anti-dumping Commission this year? Have your staffing levels increased or decreased over the last 12 months? 5. On 02 November 2016, the then Industry Minister Christopher Pyne issued a press release on anti-dumping reforms saying "we've bolstered the resources of the Anti-dumping Commission with additional investigators and a new Anti-dumping Information Service". In relation to that statement: • What additional resources were allocated to the Commission? • How many additional investigators were hired? • If new investigators were hired, have they been retained in the Commission to date? 6. Please provide an update on the Anti-dumping Commission's analysis of the steel fabrication industry and access to the system for SMEs. 7. As the paper by the International Trade Remedies Forum (ITRF) on improving SME access to the anti-dumping system been provided to government? If so, can you table a copy of the paper? If not, when do you expect that paper to be provided? 8. Can the Anti-dumping Commission please provide an update on the total number of measures it is currently managing, with a breakdown outlining how many measures relate to steel and aluminium products; and from what countries. 9. During the course of an anti-dumping investigation, is there a period of time within a dumping investigation where injury is found before interim duties or securities are enforced?</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-129	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Anti-dumping Commission				
				<p>10. In relation to the contract to Howard Partners for the strategic plan being developed by Innovation and Science Australia: • Please provide a detailed breakdown itemising what services are being provided as part of the \$425,000 contract. • If the contract includes funding for consultation forums, please provide a detailed breakdown listing what forums were held (time and location) and a list of what organisations or bodies that were formally invited to participate. 11. What is the 2017-18 communications budget for Innovation and Science Australia?</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-130	Carr, Kim	Office of Innovation and Science Australia	Innovation and Science Australia				
				<p>12. Please provide a breakdown of the number of Australian patents granted every year since 1990. As part of your response, can you please include: • Information on the type of patent; • The field of research to which the patent applies; and • The industrial application of the patent (for example, computer sciences, biological materials, biopharmaceutical products or medical devices etc.). As part of your response, can you also please provide some analysis of the trends in patent numbers since 1990, for example: • Have there been increases or decreases in the number of patents granted? • Have there been increases or decreases in some categories of patents? • Are there any noteworthy trends in relation to the field of research or industrial application of the patent? 13. Please provide a breakdown on the number of licensed new technologies in Australia for every year since 1990. Please include some analysis of the data, outlining the trends in licensed new technologies since 1990 (for example – the type of technology, the industrial application and applicable field of research, increases or decreases in the number of licenses etc.).</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-131	Carr, Kim	IP Australia	Australian Patents granted since 1990				
				<p>1. Please update the table provided as part of the response to question on notice AI-39, so that it includes the employee headcount for each Growth Centre, including ongoing, non-ongoing, casual employees, contractors and/or consultants. 2. Please provide a table showing the amount of base funding allocated to each Growth Centre over the forward estimates, as well as the contracted start and finish date of each Growth Centre. Please also provide a table showing the amount of funding for large-scale projects (committed and uncommitted) over the forward estimates, and the amount of funding for early stage finance (committed and uncommitted) over the forward estimates for the Growth Centre program.</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-132	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Growth Centres				
				<p>1. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS): • How many firms are currently registered for the ATS? • Has the Department received any applications for new entrants in the last 12 months? If so, have any of these applications been successful? • How many firms are currently registered for the ATS in the National Interest and, of these, how many are continuing applications in the National Interest? 2. In relation to the 107 registrations for the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS): can you please provide a breakdown showing how many registrations there are against each of the ATS registration categories (i.e. MVP, ASP and ACPs). 3. Please clarify whether firms registered for the Automotive Transformation Scheme will be eligible to apply for the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Fund, specifically the \$47.5 million fund announced by Minister Sinodinos on 8 May 2017.</p>	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-133	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Automotive Transformation Scheme				

BI-134	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Business Services	Geelong Regional Innovation and Investment Fund	19. In relation to the Geelong Regional Innovation and Investment Fund and the Melbourne's North Innovation and Investment Fund: • Has all funding allocated to these programs been committed? • Is there any uncommitted funding in either fund? If so, how much and will it be used to support automotive transition in Victoria?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-135	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Vodafone Hobart call centre	In May 2013, the previous Government committed a \$4 million grant to Vodafone for a Hobart call centre. In relation to this funding: • Has it ever been paid to Vodafone? If so, under which Department? • Is the Department confident that the funding will be paid to Vodafone? Is the agreement still in place? • How many jobs did Vodafone have to create to fulfil the funding agreement? • Has Vodafone fulfilled the terms of the agreement in terms of job creation? • Is the Department aware of the number of workers currently employed at Vodafone's Hobart Call Centre? • Is the Department aware of any Senators or Members raising concerns about the agreement with the Minister?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-136	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Total number of staff in department and portfolio agencies	What is the Department's current total number of staff? Please provide a breakdown by Division, Portfolio Agencies and APS level (including contractors).	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-137	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Australian Industry participation plan	According to the Department's response to Question on Notice number AI-157 from the previous estimates, in 2015 there was a change to the requirement for all tenders to prepare an Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plan. In relation to this change of policy: • Who made the decision to change the previous policy requirement? Was it made by the Industry Minister or a different portfolio Minister? • On what date was this decision made and how was it enacted? • What advice was issued on the new requirements, both to other government departments and to external stakeholders? • Please table a copy of the advice provided to external stakeholders outlining the new requirements.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-138	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Update discretionary grants spreadsheet of budgeted, committed and non-committed funding from 2010-11 to 2020-21	Please update the discretionary grants spreadsheet provided in response to Question on Notice number AI-147 from Additional Estimates, to provide budgeted, committed and non-committed funding from 2010-11 to 2020-21 for all previously identified programs and any new discretionary grant programs that have been established, including the new Advanced Manufacturing Fund announced by Minister Sinodinos as part of the 2017-18 Federal Budget.	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-139	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Total spent on market research by department	For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)? For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide: • The subject of the market research; • The supplier; • Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts; • The total value of the contract; • The term of the contract (time); • The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic; • The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process; • The date the supplier was engaged; • Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process; • Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list; • Whether the relevant Minister, or the relevant Minister's Office, requested that the research be conducted; • Whether the relevant Minister approved the decision to conduct market research; • Whether the relevant Minister approved the contract with the supplier; • Whether the relevant Minister or the relevant Minister's office was consulted on questions asked; • Whether the relevant Minister or the relevant Minister's office received a copy of the market research; • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the relevant Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other); • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, did relevant Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made; • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other departments or agencies consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change? • Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00

BI-140	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Expenditure on senate estimates training by department	For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department on Senate Estimates training (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)? For each contract for Senate estimates training in 2016/2017, can you please provide: • The supplier; • The sub-department or agency which paid for the training; • Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts; • The total value of the contract; • The term of the contract (time); • The date that the decision was taken to engage in estimates training; • The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process; • The date the supplier was engaged; • Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process; • Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list; • Whether the relevant Minister, or the relevant Minister's Office, requested that the Senate Estimates training be conducted; • Whether the relevant Minister approved the decision to conduct Estimates training; • Whether the relevant Minister approved the contract with the supplier; • Whether the relevant Minister or the relevant Minister's office was consulted on what needed to be covered in the training; • If the decision to undertake Senate estimates training was initiated by the department or agency, was the relevant Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other); • If the decision to undertake Senate estimates training was initiated by the department or agency, did relevant Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal? If so, what changes and to what aspects were they made;	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-141	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	R&D funding	1. Since 2013, what has been the rate of growth or otherwise in federal R&D funding in Australia, adjusted for inflation? 2. Similarly, what has been the rate of growth or otherwise in federal R&D funding in Australia since 1972, adjusted for inflation? 3. What has been the change in percentage of total federal investment in R&D since 1972? 4. Since 1972, what has been the rate of decline or growth in investment in R&D by Australian universities? 5. Are there any discernible trends for growth of private investment in R&D since 1972? That is, has private investment been required to fill any shortages caused by a decline in public spending? Has there been a shift to industry carrying the R&D burden since 1972? 6. What percentage of Australia's GDP has been spent on R&D since 1972 (both public and private investment)? 7. Has the make-up of R&D and science spending changed by type of activity? That is, how has R&D investment been spent?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-142	Kakoschke-Moore, Skye	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Chevron funded research conducted by the CSIRO in the Great Australian Bight	Q – Regarding Chevron's funding of research in the Bight, as conducted by CSIRO, given that Chevron have a lease in the Bight how is independence ensured? Q - When is this research expected to be completed? Q - Will all of the results and analysis be made public? Q - Will the research, data, studies etc. that are collected be the property of Chevron? Q - Is the research conducted for any purpose other than in relation to oil and gas exploration in the Bight?	Written		9/06/2017 0:00
BI-143	Ketter, Chris	Resources	Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism Design process	Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism Design process. a. Which government departments are involved in the design of the Domestic Gas Security Mechanism? b. Specifically, who has the government consulted with on the design of this mechanism? c. Is the government consulting with electricity generators and manufacturing businesses (and their associations), as well as gas exporters? Can you give a total number of organisations being consulted? d. Will the government release any discussion paper or similar document on this mechanism? If so, when? If not, why not?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-144	Ketter, Chris	Resources	Gas export control mechanism	Gas export control mechanism a. The Government recently announced a Domestic Gas Security Mechanism. What is the specific purpose of this mechanism? b. The Prime Minister has said that this mechanism will halve east coast wholesale gas prices, from around \$20 Gigajoule to below \$10 Gigajoule. Is this the measure of success of this policy? c. The Media Release announcing the mechanism stated that "ensuring the domestic market has adequate supplies" meant the mechanism "will ensure gas prices in Australia are lower and fairly reflect international export prices". What does this specifically mean? d. What are current (wholesale) "international export (gas) prices"? e. What are current east coast domestic wholesale gas prices? We hear manufacturers are regularly quoted prices upwards of \$20 Gigajoule. f. Is the purpose of the Domestic Gas Security Mechanism to ensure Australian users have access to Australian gas at "international export prices"? g. What is the trigger for this mechanism to restrict exports and divert gas to the Australian market? h. If the trigger is not a domestic vs export price trigger, how can Australian user be assured they will have access to gas at "international export prices"? i. Will the Domestic Gas Security Mechanism will deliver access to gas for Australian users at prices no higher than "international export prices"?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00

				<p>1) Does the NAIF use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit? 2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any NAIF offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost? 3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by the NAIF to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 July 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals? 4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the NAIF since 1 July 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to? 5) Does the NAIF purchase bottled water or provide coolers? a. What is the monthly cost of this? 6) Does the NAIF provide fruit for the board or staff? a. What is the monthly cost of this? 7) What is the total bill for the NAIF since 1 July 2016: a. Taxi hire b. Mousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services f. Chartered flights 8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed by the NAIF? 9) Are media or public relations advisers currently independently employed by contract? a. Who are these contracts with? b. What is the value of these contracts? 10) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 11) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by the NAIF? 12) How much did the NAIF spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17? 13) How much has the NAIF spent in legal costs since 1 July 2016? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought? 14) Has the NAIF engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 July 2016? a. Social media i. And the cost of these services b. Photography i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics i. And the cost of these services 15) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the NAIF since its inception years undertaken any further paid work or provided any paid services for the Department? a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services? 16) How many redundancies were processed by the NAIF since 1 July 2016? a. Of these redundancies, how many were: i. Voluntary? ii. Forced? b. What was the total cost of all redundancies? 17) Does the NAIF have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure since 1 July 2016 on iTunes? i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?</p>			
BI-145	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility		Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-146	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA garden service	1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-147	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA floral displays or indoor plants	Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-148	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA subscriptions	What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 July 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-149	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Gifts purchased for use by ONA	What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the Office of Northern Australia since 1 July 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-150	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Bottled water and coolers provided to ONA	Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for the Office of Northern Australia? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-151	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Fruit for the Office of Northern Australia	Do you provide fruit for the Office of Northern Australia? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-152	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA transport services costs	What is the total bill for the Office of Northern Australia since 1 July 2016: a. Taxi hire b. Mousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-153	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Media or public relations advisers employed in ONA	How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Office of Northern Australia?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-154	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Forecast for the number of media or public relations advisers in ONA	What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-155	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Media monitoring used by ONA	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by The Office of Northern Australia?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-156	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA expenditure on Facebook advertising	How much did the Office of Northern Australia spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-157	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA expenditure on legal costs	How much has the Office of Northern Australia spend in legal costs since 1 July 2016? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-158	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA engagement of consultants	Has the Office of Northern Australia engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 July 2016? a. Social media i. And the cost of these services b. Photography i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics i. And the cost of these services	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-159	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Redundancy from ONA	Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Office of Northern Australia in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Office of Northern Australia? a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-160	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Redundancies processed by ONA	How many redundancies were processed by the Office of Northern Australia since 1 July 2016? a. Of these redundancies, how many were: i. Voluntary? ii. Forced? b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-161	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA iTunes account	Does the Office of Northern Australia have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure since 1 July 2016 on iTunes? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00

BI-162	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA Android account	Does the Office of Northern Australia have an Android account? a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-163	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Top 20 most utilised unique domain names accessed by ONA	What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the Office of Northern Australia this year?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-164	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Top 20 most accessed unique domain names accessed by ONA	What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the Office of Northern Australia this year?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-165	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Tea/coffee/milk for ONA	How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-166	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA coffee machines	Does any office have coffee machines? a. How many? b. What was their purchase cost? c. What is their maintenance cost? d. Who has access to them?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-167	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA mobile phones	How many mobile phones are given to staff? a. How many new mobile phones in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these phones? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-168	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA tablets	How many tablets are given to staff? a. How many new tablets in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these tablets? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-169	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA smart phones and tablets	How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet? a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-170	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	ONA overspend on phone or tablet data bill	How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill? a. By how much? b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones? c. What was the highest monthly cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-171	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Annual cost of stationary for ONA	What was the annual cost of stationary?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-172	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Brand of paper used by ONA	What brand of paper does the Office of Northern Australia use? a. Is this paper Australian made?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-173	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Refurbishments on ONA office buildings	Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year? a. What were they? b. What was the cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-174	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Internal fitouts or maintenance on ONA officer buildings	Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year? a. What was the cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-175	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Functions catered for by ONA	How many functions did the Office of Northern Australia cater for since 1 July 2016? a. List of functions, b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c. Function venue; d. Estimated list of costs; e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage; h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and i. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-176	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Portfolio appointment vacancies within ONA	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the Office of Northern Australia, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-177	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA expenditure on media monitoring	How much has the Office of Northern Australia spent on media monitoring since 1 July 2016? a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-178	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA advertising and information campaigns	How much has the Office of Northern Australia spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 July 2016? a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-179	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Members of ONA charged with fraud	Were any members of the Office of Northern Australia charged with fraud? a. How many staff members? b. What disciplinary action was taken?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-180	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA market research	Has the Office of Northern Australia undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months? a. With whom? b. For what? c. What was the value of the contract?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-181	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Northern Australia White Paper	How much did it cost the Office of Northern Australia to develop the Northern Australia White Paper, from beginning to end? What was the detailed process undertaken by the Office of Northern Australia to develop the White Paper? Is the Office of Northern Australia planning to update or review the White Paper? When is the Office of Northern Australia planning to release that update/review? What funds has the Government, department or office of Northern Australia outlaid to fund the update/review? What new Budget measures were taken in the 2017-18 Budget as part of the Developing the North Agenda? What is the operating budget of the Office of Northern Australia? How many people work in the Office of Northern Australia? Can you provide a flow chart or organisational chart outlining the Office of Northern Australia's structure?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00

BI-182	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA use of labour hire companies	Does the Office of Northern Australia's use any labour hire companies to source Office of Northern Australia's staff? Does the Office of Northern Australia's use Labour Hire Agreements? How long has the Office of Northern Australia's used labour hire companies? How many staff are employed under via these arrangements? How many staff are employed by the Office of Northern Australia's as contractors? Who authorised the use of labour hire companies? Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff? Do staff under these arrangements receive the same pay and conditions as permanent staff? Do these temporary staff have access to the same systems and databases? Is this a concern from a security perspective? Does this impact productivity of the Office of Northern Australia's if staff employed via labour hire arrangements are unable to access the required resources to do their job?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-183	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	ONA credit cards	How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Office of Northern Australia and agencies within the portfolio? a. Please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card since 1 July 2016 and what was it for? How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards since 1 July 2016? How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards since 1 July 2016? What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period since 1 July 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level? How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen since 1 July 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement? How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy since 1 July 2016? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis since 1 July 2016 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof? What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid since 1 July 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid? Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Office of Northern Australia or connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes? Can a copy of the Office of Northern Australia staff credit card policy please be provided?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-184	Ketter, Chris	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	NOPSEMA	1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit? 2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost? 3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 July 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals? 4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by NOPSEMA since 1 July 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to? 5) Does NOPSEMA purchase bottled water or provide coolers? a. What is the monthly cost of this? 6) Does NOPSEMA provide fruit? a. What is the monthly cost of this? 7) What is the total bill for NOPSEMA since 1 July 2016: a. Taxi hire b. Mousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services 8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in NOPSEMA? 9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department? 11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17? 12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 July 2016? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought? 13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 July 2016? a. Social media i. And the cost of these services b. Photography i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics i. And the cost of these services 14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from NOPSEMA in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency? a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services? 15) How many redundancies were processed by NOPSEMA since 1 July 2016? a. Of these redundancies, how many were: i. Voluntary? ii. Forced? b. What was the total cost of all redundancies? 16) Does NOPSEMA have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes? i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes? 131. 17) Does NOPSEMA have an Android account? a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-185	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office garden service for pot plant/flower maintenance	Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-186	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - hire or lease of plants	Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-187	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office subscriptions	What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 July 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-188	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office gifts purchased	What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 1 July 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00

BI-189	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Bottled water or coolers for Minister Canavan's office	5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your office? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-190	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Fruit for Minister Canavan's office	Do you provide fruit for your office? a. What is the monthly cost of this?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-191	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Total transport costs for Minister Canavan's office	What is the total bill for your office since 1 July 2016 a. Taxi hire b. Mousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Bidesharing services	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-192	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - staff asked to repay cab charge	Was any Ministerial staff asked to repay cab charge fees? a. How many staff members were asked to repay cab charge fees? b. What was the value of trips asked to be repaid? c. Was any disciplinary action taken against those staff members?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-193	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - helicopters chartered	Were any helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 1 July 2016? a. If yes, please provide details of each trip as well as cost.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-194	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - forecast for media or public relations advisers	What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-195	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - media monitoring services	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by your office?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-196	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - media/speech training	Have you had media training or speech training? a. If yes, who paid for it? b. If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 1 July 2016?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-197	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - Facebook advertising	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts since 1 July 2016?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-198	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Staff formerly employed by ministerial office now employed by portfolio department or agencies	Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-199	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Staff dismissals from department	How many staff have been dismissed from Departments under your portfolio responsibilities since 1 July 2016? a. What were the reason/s for each dismissal?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-200	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - iTunes account	Does your office have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure in 2016-17 on iTunes? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-201	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - Android account	Does your office have an Android account? a. What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on Android? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?	Spoken		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-202	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - tea/coffee/milk	How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-203	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - coffee machines	Does any office have coffee machines? a. How many? b. What was their purchase cost? c. What is their maintenance cost? d. Who has access to them?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-204	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - staff mobile phones	How many mobile phones are given to staff? a. How many new mobile phones in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these phones? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-205	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - tablets	How many tablets are given to staff? a. How many new tablets in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these tablets? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-206	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - smart phone and tablet	How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet? a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-207	Ketter, Chris	Digital Strategy and Operations	Minister Canavan's office - overspend on phone or tablet data bill	How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill? a. By how much? b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones? c. What was the highest monthly cost?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-208	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - annual cost of stationary	What was the annual cost of stationary?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-209	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Minister Canavan's office - paper brand used	What brand of paper does the Department use? a. Is this paper Australian made?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-210	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Functions or official receptions hosted by Minister Canavan	Were any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Minister in the portfolio since 1 July 2016 and can the following please be provided: a. List of functions, b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs; e. Details of any food served; f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage; h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and i. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-211	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Portfolio appointment vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the Minister's office, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-212	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Expert technical panel	In a joint press release with the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Water Resources on 26th May 2016, the Minister identified an expert technical panel a. Who did the expert panel include? b. What was the advice given by the technical expert panel? c. Can the advice of the technical panel be produced? d. Did the panel recommend any hydro power component? e. Did the panel recommend any gravity fed pump component? In the same press release: a. What are the previous studies the Deputy Prime Minister refers to in this statement?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00

BI-213	Ketter, Chris	Office of Northern Australia	Burdekin Dam	What steps have been taken to increase the height of the Burdekin Dam? a. How far has the business case for this project progressed? b. Has this been fast-tracked per the Deputy's commitment in May 2016? c. What is the height that the Burdekin Dam will be increased by? Will any planned increase to the height of the Burdekin Dam be sufficient for a hydro power station? What is the status of the Burdekin Haughton Channel feasibility study? a. Has this been fast-tracked as per the Deputy's commitment in May 2016?	Written		20/06/2017 0:00
BI-214	Rice, Janet	AUSI - Business Services	Ongoing funding for Antarctic research	Senator RICE: Maybe I will conclude. What I want to know is when, Minister, will you give a commitment to the certainty of ongoing funding for this critical Antarctic research? Senator Sinodinos: What I have given you is a commitment to look at alternative options to do that. But the timing of that and all the rest of it is something that we will have to come back to you on.	Spoken	81	1/06/2017 0:00
BI-215	Xenophon, Nick	Anti-Dumping Commission	Applications for anti circumvention inquiries for the practice of transshipment	Senator XENOPHON: Can you tell me what the commission is doing about transshipment? Mr Seymour: Yes. We have what we refer to as our anticircumvention powers to investigate allegations of transshipment and any other form of circumvention that takes place. The transshipment is one of a number of tests that we would look to to satisfy ourselves that those products have indeed come through that form. Senator XENOPHON: So there is a way to measure it and test it? Mr Seymour: Yes. We would undertake an anticircumvention inquiry and we would test to see whether those allegations are real or not. Senator XENOPHON: How many applications for anticircumvention inquiries have you received for this practice of transshipment? Mr Seymour: I might have to come back to you on the detail. There has been, surprisingly, a relatively small number of— Senator XENOPHON: Why do you say 'surprising'—because you think there is more transshipment going on? Mr Seymour: When the legislation was amended we went to great pains to communicate to our stakeholders that this was a new and powerful aspect to the legislation. We have had six or so cases to date. I will come back with the detail on that. I thought there might be more.	Spoken	93	31/05/2017 0:00