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Q No.	Senator	Division/ Agency	Broad topic	Question	Hansard page & date or Written question	Date received by Secretariat	Date tabled
SI-1	Ludlam	ANTSO	Repatriation of Spent Fuel from Europe	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Thank you. So the shipment at the end of 2015—or it sounds as though it might be in transit until early 2016—is all of the material from France. Do you know whether there is any material left over from the old Dounreay plant or anywhere else in Europe?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Thank you for the question. The 51 cement overpacks that are stored at Dounreay have been the subject of negotiation with agencies of the UK government....</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What form is it in? If I open up the cask, what—</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The waste is vitrified in glass, so it is a fairly similar but slightly different process to the French process. It is stored in the same configuration in the casks; and the casks are already certified in many jurisdictions globally for their safety and resilience, both in the transport setting and in the storage setting.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is just standard gear. How long are they licensed for?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The full duration of the licence is of the order of 40 years, but I will take that on notice so that we give you a full answer on that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Thank you. There is one other that you might take on notice—I do not imagine that you have this with you—and that is, the total activity of what is contained within those two shipments. That might be helpful as well.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: We will be very happy to provide that to you.</p>	Page 5-6 23/10/14		
SI-2	Ludlum	ANSTO	Inventory of current holdings	<p>Senator LUDLAM: That is all right; it was just worth checking. Just one final one from me on notice, as I do not think you will have this with you. Could you table a record for us of all the mineralised ore products—whether they be uranium, mineral sands or rare earth elements—processed and stored on site? I understand that there is a variety of reasons why different people would bring such material to your site, but perhaps you could detail the nature and the source of the product, particularly the volumes and the type of material that is there.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: If I could ask a question of clarification, I do not understand the concept of 'mineralised'.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Ore products that might result in mining or mineral processes.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: In other words, a product that has been mined and has been transported to ANSTO for the purpose of research.</p>	Page 7 23/10/14		

				<p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes; whether it is uranium, thorium or zirconium—ores or other mineralised materials, apart from your radio pharmaceutical work and that kind of stuff.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: You are asking for an inventory of our current holdings; we will provide an inventory.</p>			
SI-3	Carr	ANTSO	Government review in research programmes – ANSTO consultation	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Have you discussed the government's proposals with any of your industrial partners?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: It could be that officers of ANSTO have discussed those, but I have not. But I am prepared to take that on notice and supply an answer.</p>	Page 9 23/10/14		
SI-4	Carr	CSIRO	Future Research Vessel Project	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The Executive Director of the Future Research Vessel Project, Toni Moate, has said—and I quote from the ABC report: We invested quite a bit of money to upgrade the wharf here in Hobart including additional power requirements onto the wharf. How much will it cost for the vessel to use the diesel engines instead of onshore power?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I do not have that figure in front of me. I could take that on notice, if it is something that you would like more information on.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So what are the criteria for getting access to the boat?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I do not have that in front of me, but I could provide that quite easily. There is a clearly established set of guidelines and criteria that the MNF's committee has used for some time now to determine—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And it has not changed?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Not to my knowledge, no.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I look forward to having a look at that.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Sure.</p>	Page 14-15 23/10/14 Page 16 23/10/14		
SI-5	Carr	CSIRO	RV Investigator	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In the May 2009 budget, did the government provide \$12.1 million to support the operating costs of the new vessel in the first year of its operation?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I do not have the 2009 budget numbers with me, but I will take it on notice to confirm that.</p>	Page 17 23/10/14		
SI-6	Carr	CSIRO	CSIRO Redundancies	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Can you give me a full breakdown of the redundancies that have been announced or implemented since the 2014-15 budget night for each CSIRO location; are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Also could you indicate to me what the remaining staffing allocations at each CSIRO site are in terms of the headcount numbers as per the previous answer you have given me on B1-196.</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes; we will provide you with an update of that question on notice.</p>	Page 18 23/10/14		
SI-7	Xenophon	CSIRO	CSIRO Administrative complaints	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I have a couple more questions before I go off to dishwashing duties. On notice, can you advise how many complaints you have received by scientists about these administrative burdens? Please take that on notice.</p>	Page 23 23/10/14		

				Dr Clark: Let me take that on notice. I can say that I have had at least two emails to my office relating to that matter.			
SI-8	Canavan	CSIRO	Beef Logistics Tools	<p>Senator CANAVAN: So those tools were not just for the utilisation of the NLRS data; they were broader developments in logistical—</p> <p>Dr Johnson: They are based on a generic set of mathematics. The team that developed that come from an operations research background. Their background is actually in transport and urban logistics. As I said, why we are so excited about that capability is that it can be applied to a whole range of spaces. We are also working with the Queensland government around utilising the tool to help the Queensland government rethink road infrastructure and prioritisation of investments for road infrastructure in Queensland.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I was going to specifically ask you whether you have had any discussions with them about the Clermont to Roma link that you identified as—</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I believe so, but I would have to take that question on notice to confirm it 100 per cent.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: If you could, that would be good.</p>	Page 25 23/10/14		
SI-9	Canavan	CSIRO	Biofuel production in the Fitzroy Basin	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Changing topics, I am not sure whether you are aware of the work that CSIRO was doing, I think in partnership with Boeing, on biofuels—the potential use of remnant vegetation in biofuel production in the Fitzroy Basin. Is there an update on where that work is at?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: My voice is starting to give up on me a bit. Dr Clark might answer part of that question. You are correct. Maybe the question more broadly about the Boeing engagement is around aviation fuels. We have been working in areas around biofuels for some time. Yes, you are right; there has been some work going on in the Fitzroy Basin. As you know, it is a matter of significant interest to the Premier of Queensland and his thinking around the broader future for the city and port of Gladstone. We are working there in a small way. As a general rule, we have decreased our investment around biofuels. Dr Clark might want to talk a bit about that.</p> <p>Dr Clark: We undertook with the aviation industry—in fact, with a number of players—to look at the potential of a biofuels industry in Australia. That was all the way from what sort of plant product that would come from, right through to the transport logistics and where transport hubs and processing hubs may be to be able to support the airline industry.</p> <p>It was a major project. No-one had done that level of work to particularly look at the processing and transport hubs. It was provided to multiple players. It was not just Boeing, actually. I do not remember the number but it involved many of the industry players.</p> <p>The reason there was quite a bit of interest is that there has been some work already done in terms of the application of biofuels. That work demonstrated that they were actually lighter and as efficient, if not more efficient. That led the industry to then look at this seriously. We contributed to a major report on that. I can provide you with the reference to that report</p>	Page 26 23/10/14		

				<p>off-line. Senator CANAVAN: I think you have taken that on notice; thank you very much. Dr Clark: I will.</p>			
SI-10	Wright	CSIRO	Testing of products in accordance with Australian Standards	<p>Senator WRIGHT: Thank you, Chair. I just have a one-off question first of all and then I am going to go to questions about gender and CSIRO. The one-off is: can you tell me what the total revenue derived by CSIRO is through the provision of services for the testing of compliance of products in accordance with Australian standards? Dr Clark: I cannot break that down. We undertake a number of services through our services arm. We do that in terms of compliance with standards across a number of areas. Is there any way you can constrain that? Is there a particular area of compliance with standards that you would want me to answer on notice? Senator WRIGHT: It was a general question that I was asked that I am putting. Perhaps you can give me some assistance in what areas that might cover? Dr Clark: What I will take on notice is the work that we do through our services arm. As Mr Roy outlined, we have our line of business in services. I will cover the work that we do for compliance with standards across several sectors. We will do that on notice.</p>	Page 27 23/10/14		
SI-11	Wright	CSIRO	Misconduct Proceedings	<p>Senator WRIGHT: How could I get some certainty about the answer to that question? Is that available publicly? Dr Steele: The general findings report is publicly available. We can readily find that and send you an email, if you like. Senator WRIGHT: I would appreciate that. Thank you very much. Dr Steele: Sure. Senator WRIGHT: What was the gender of the two staff against whom Professor Pearce recommended CSIRO bring misconduct proceedings? Dr Steele: You are referring to specific recommendations. It was referred to in general findings report No. 2 that CSIRO conduct two investigations. The wrong way to phrase this is one of each, but I believe there was one person who was a female staff member and one person who was a male staff member. I will confirm that. Senator WRIGHT: Thank you very much for that.</p>	Page 28 23/10/14		
SI-12	Wright	CSIRO	CSIRO - gender equity policy	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I understand CSIRO has a diversity policy, but does it have a gender equity policy as such? Dr Clark: We have a comprehensive diversity policy, of which I am the champion and report to the board on. Part of that looks at all aspects of diversity. Gender is one of those aspects. Senator WRIGHT: Is it possible for us to be informed of that policy, the wording of that policy? Dr Clark: We will provide that policy to you, and are happy to do so, on notice</p>	Page 28 23/10/14		

SI-13	Wright	CSIRO	CSIRO – representation of women	<p>Senator WRIGHT: Can I just clarify: is that presenting the information that was previously presented in a different format? Would I be able to find out the same information from that table as previously in, say, the 2007-08 annual report?</p> <p>Dr Steele: Closely related information; not precisely the same classification, but closely related information.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: My next question was going to be about perhaps taking on notice the current situation with respect to women's representation at different salary levels as previously reported. Are you suggesting that if I look at that table that will actually give me that information?</p> <p>Dr Steele: It will give you a starting point, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Could I ask you then to take on notice that question that I have just asked?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	Page 30 23/10/14		
SI-14	Waters	CSIRO	Fugitive emission study – Phase 2	<p>Senator WATERS: I understand from a throw-away comment that the minister made the other day that there is a phase 2 of that fugitive emission study. Can I ask: what is the scope of that phase 2 and what time frame is it operating under?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I will take that on notice in terms of how far that has progressed in terms of determining the scope as well as the time frame, to provide you with at least an update on how that has progressed.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: You are not able to assist me at the minute with indicative time frame or are you not too sure?</p> <p>Dr Clark: No. I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 30 23/10/14		
SI-15	Waters	CSIRO	Unconventional gas extraction	<p>Senator WATERS: I might further ask: are you are whether there is any similar work proposed or funded for other forms of unconventional gas extraction, especially—</p> <p>Dr Clark: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 31 23/10/14		
SI-16	Waters	AIMS	AIMS – external funding	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. I am coming back to your increased external funding. What level and from whom have you been able to receive that private investment?</p> <p>Mr Gunn: I will turn to my colleague Mr Mead in that regard.</p> <p>Mr Mead: We work across a range of sectors, various government programs and also external. The growth in the budget this financial year is primarily in the industry sector, and again primarily in the north-west of Australia, with work we are doing in the oil and gas sector. In the out years, as Mr Gunn alluded to, we forecast a budget. At this point in time only a proportion of the out years is contracted. So our efforts are there to retain that high level of external revenue, but we cannot confirm whether or not that will be the case at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Could you perhaps take on notice just to provide me the detail of the level of the private investment? You said it was mostly from oil and gas in the north-west. I am interested in a bit more detail about that and then whatever the residual amount is from private sources as well.</p> <p>Mr Mead: Can I just confirm you are after a breakdown of external</p>	Page 32 23/10/14		

				<p>revenue? Senator WATERS: Yes. Mr Mead: Your question was specific around what the change was. Senator WATERS: I am after a breakdown. Pardon me for using the wrong term there. Mr Mead: No, that is fine. Senator WATERS: Thank you Mr Mead: Your question was specific around what the change was. Senator WATERS: I am after a breakdown. Pardon me for using the wrong term there. Mr Mead: No, that is fine.</p>			
SI-17	Waters	AIMS	Research on the introduction of species into the Great Barrier Reef	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can we move on to the Great Barrier Reef specifically. Is there any research being done by AIMS or that you are aware by any other body about introducing species into the Great Barrier Reef? Mr Gunn: Not that I am aware of but I can certainly take that on notice and do some searching for you Senator WATERS: Thank you. I raised this with the departmental officials the other day and they were aware of some research, I recall, by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. Does that sound familiar to you or jog your memory in any way? Mr Gunn: This may be off course, but one of the projects that AIMS collaborates on, both through the foundation and through some international collaborations, is one that is essentially called 'Assists Evolution'. For many years AIMS researchers have been looking at variability in various species of coral and other organisms on the Great Barrier Reef and their ability to adapt to climate change.... Senator WATERS: Can you take on notice to provide me a bit more detail about the scope of the impacts of any such introduction or relocation, whatever term is appropriate, and whether or not your research is also looking at the impacts that will have on the ecosystem? Mr Gunn: I can certainly do that... Senator Ronaldson: Just so Mr Gunn is clear, are you talking about indigenous movement as well as introduced species? Senator WATERS: I think Mr Gunn has clarified that there were not any plans to introduce species. He was talking about— Mr Gunn: None that I know of, I think is what I said. Senator WATERS: That he knows of but he was going to check on that. Mr Gunn: I was.</p>	Page 32-33 23/10/14		
SI-18	Waters	AIMS	Great Barrier Reef Foundation	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can you also take on notice for me the amount of funding that AIMS had dedicated to that particular program of your meagre funds available? Mr Gunn: Sure.</p>	Page 33 23/10/14		
SI-19	Carr	CSIRO	Australian Animal Health Laboratory	<p>Senator KIM CARR: We were discussing the restructuring arrangements to deal with the budget cuts. Dr Clark, could you give me some advice as to</p>	Page 35-36 23/10/14		

				<p>what is happening at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong? Dr Clark: In terms of the animal health laboratories, the research part of that will be part of our Biodiversity Flagship and the management of the facility will be part of the national facilities. In regard to the leader, Kurt Zuelke will remain the leader of the facility, reporting through to Dave Williams on the national facilities, and also will be the head of the Biosecurity Flagship. Senator KIM CARR: What is the employment situation within the laboratories? Dr Clark: In terms of the laboratories, are you specifically asking around— Senator KIM CARR: Have there been any changes in employment? Dr Clark: We have around 250 people at AAHL. In terms of the changes to employment, we have had three reductions from the biosecurity area in Canberra. We identified eight in Geelong but we have now established funding for one of those and we have had reductions of two from the facilities. We have had no reductions in the area that relates to emerging infectious diseases. Senator KIM CARR: So are there eight positions or seven positions to go? Dr Clark: It is now seven. Senator KIM CARR: What areas will those seven be drawn from? Dr Clark: I can provide that detail on notice, Senator</p>			
SI-20	Carr	CSIRO	Funding for Ebola Research	<p>CHAIR: Any dedicated funding on Ebola? Dr Clark: Yes, we have dedicated researchers working on Ebola. CHAIR: And funding? Dr Clark: Yes, we have dedicated— Senator KIM CARR: How much is that on Ebola? Dr Clark: I can provide that on notice. We have both our dedicated funding and external funding. Senator KIM CARR: How many people do you have working in the Ebola team? Dr Clark: In terms of emerging infectious diseases and diseases that come from animals, and diseases that are similar to Ebola, I am happy to provide all of the people that we have working on that on notice.</p>	Page 36 23/10/14		
SI-21	Carr	CSIRO	Biosecurity and Safety training	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In 2013, as part of an NCRIS agreement, the Australian animal health laboratories started offering specialised biosecurity and biosafety training. How much was that? Dr Clark: I will have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: As I understand it—if my recollection is right—that NCRIS agreement allowed you to provide international training; is that correct? Dr Clark: I will have to take the details of the NCRIS, but what I can tell you is that our teams are fully engaged with the international network and have had meetings. We are part of that network, as I mentioned, both from WHO and the biosecurity network. We are a critical node in this country to both the global and regional networks for biosecurity.</p>	Page 37 23/10/14		

SI-22	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	IDC Membership	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Were you on the IDC? Dr Clark: We have been working through the department. Senator Ronaldson: The IDC for the competitiveness agenda was— Mr Ryan: This is a task group that was operated out of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I participated on that and some of my colleagues participated on that. In my participation I certainly, in conversations with Dr Clark and others, kept them informed and tested ideas with them. Senator KIM CARR: I am surprised, given CSIRO's critical role in this area, that they were not actually directly represented on the IDC. Mr Ryan: The IDC was kept at a very tight level of a small group of representatives and then broader contact was made with other portfolios, other departments, other agencies through that process. Senator KIM CARR: How many were on the small group? Mr Ryan: Five or six. Senator KIM CARR: Who were they? Mr Ryan: Essentially they represented the ministers who made up the ministerial group. Senator KIM CARR: Who were the department's represented on that? Mr Ryan: The department's represented were Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury, us and, from recollection, Environment. I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 40 23/10/14		
SI-23	Carr	Office of the Chief Scientist	Commonwealth Science Council	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you on the new science council that the minister has announced? Dr Clark: No. Senator KIM CARR: Do you know why you have been left off? Dr Clark: I do not think that is for me to answer. I would welcome seeing on the new PMSEC the previous chair of CSIRO. Senator KIM CARR: Maybe Mr Secretary could tell me: why has the CSIRO been left off? Mr Ryan: The new science council will be made up of a group of science research and also industry leaders. They are supported by a group led by the secretary, which will include CSIRO and— Senator KIM CARR: This is the also-rans group that people have been telling me about? Is that right? Senator Ronaldson: If you want to ask us a certain question— Senator KIM CARR: What is it called this second group, the ones that are left off? Mr Ryan: It is the secretary's advisory group. Senator KIM CARR: I see. It advises which secretary? Mr Ryan: This is the industry secretary. Senator KIM CARR: Who is on that? Mr Ryan: I would have to come back and give you the answer on that.</p>	Page 43 23/10/14		
SI-24	Carr	CSIRO	CEO Recruitment	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I probably cannot take this further. I will</p>	Page 45		

				<p>have to take it up elsewhere. Could I, finally, turn to the issue of the appointment of the CEO. This will be a matter that goes to the department, I suspect. Mr Ryan, can you assist me with this matter?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Sure.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Did the board engage a recruitment company to assist in the search for the new CEO?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Yes, they did. They engaged Egon Zehnder to conduct a search program. The search program considered over 70 candidates.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Where do those 70 come from?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I would have to either take that on notice—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Were they all domestic? How many were international?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: The coverage was national and international. The actual numbers we cannot give you.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: On what basis did the company select the 70? Was there an advertisement placed somewhere? How did you know if you wanted to be interviewed?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: It was advertised nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So with the response to advertisements—</p> <p>Mr Ryan: The process for all of these very senior positions is a mixture of response to public advertisements and, as you would appreciate, a degree of head hunting takes place.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Of course. How many applications were there? You told us there were 70 interviewed but how many applications were there?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I am not saying there were 70 interviewed. I am saying—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am sorry.</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Over 70 candidates were considered.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: My apologies. How many were interviewed?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	23/10/14		
SI-25	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	Cost RV Investigator	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have a few quick questions. Before I go to them, could you give us an outline of what it costs to have the <i>Investigator</i> at the wharf versus at sea? Have we got a number on operating costs of having the boat—</p> <p>Dr Clark: We have had a number of questions relating to those costs. If you are comfortable, I will add that question to those.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. We are trying to work out what the cost savings might be for 180 versus 300.</p> <p>Dr Clark: We are happy to provide it.</p>	Page 47 23/10/14		
SI-26	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	Report on ocean acidification	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have two questions on two reports that relate to what I asked earlier about public good research. The first one was on your two-year published study on ocean acidification, which was released only a few weeks ago, titled An updated synthesis of the impacts of ocean</p>	Page 47 23/10/14		

				<p>acidification on marine biodiversity. There has been some good media on this around the country today. Can you outline the report's findings briefly to the committee?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I have to admit that it has only just been released and I have not read it cover to cover. I would be happy to provide you with the synthesis and the summary of the outcomes of that report. It has only just been released.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have not read it cover to cover either, but I have read some blurb. It says unmitigated ocean acidification will cost the world economy \$1 trillion by the year 2100. I was interested in how that figure was reached and what particular industries you thought would be impacted?</p> <p>Dr Clark: We will provide that information.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I suppose more importantly to me, now that the report has been released, where do you go from here in terms of your processes for advising other departments that are working in this area?</p> <p>Dr Clark: As you outline, the first step is the release of that report. That report goes to advise all of the sectors, not just government but also private sector, that this is of interest. That is CSIRO's fundamental role as a trusted adviser in this space. It is an area of research that we can deeply contribute to.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Was the report written for any international forum or was it written for government?</p> <p>Dr Clark: That will be provided in the summary that we provide for you on notice.</p>			
SI-27	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	<p>Report – Understanding the effects of marine debris on wildlife</p>	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: My last question is on a report that is very important to me personally. That is the report that you released about a month ago called <i>Understanding the effects of marine debris on wildlife</i>. It is the first study of its kind—a multiyear approach to sampling marine debris. Have you briefed the environment department on the findings of that report?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I am not aware of whether we have briefed on that work done by one of our researchers, Denise Hardesty. It has been well received nationally and internationally. It has been part of a very long-term understanding of marine debris. In terms of your specific question around whether we had a specific brief, I would need to ask some questions and come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I asked the environment department the other night, because they are obviously going through a process of looking at areas on recycling initiatives around plastic, and given that it is the only study of its kind that I know of. Apart from the departments, would you brief the government on that as well? You would pass that information on to relevant ministers? What I am trying to get an idea of is how you prioritise a report like that. I do not</p>	Page 48 23/10/14		

				<p>know how significant it is; you do so much good work across so many different areas. To me, the ocean is turning into a plastic soup; it is a really serious pollution issue and nobody seems to take it seriously. You have a fantastic report.</p> <p>Dr Clark: It is a really good question. I do commend the work of, as I said, the lead researcher, Denise Hardesty. That report has been widely distributed. It has also been widely picked up in the media. We have had numerous requests for additional information on that, and we stand ready. CSIRO releases a number of reports. It is one of the bases of why we are such a trusted adviser. In this particular area we are becoming recognised for that expertise. You asked me for who has been briefed and who has not. I will provide as much information as I can on whether there have been specific briefings.</p>			
SI-28	Rhiannon	ASQA	Unscrupulous Registered Training Organisations	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Have you looked at Aussia?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: No, we have not seen that one.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If I understood correctly from—</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I will be looking at it straight away after this.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I thought that you had said in response to an earlier question that if it comes up in the media then you look at it. On 10 October, the ABC covered this one and I did find the figures concerning. It is not an RTO, but it is advertising three courses—early childhood, business and management. The diploma of early childhood is \$11,000. At TAFE it is \$1,500.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I will look into that one straightaway. That program sounds like a formal VET program, so we will have to check that out.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: It certainly comes across that way.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes, and it sounds like if it is not, they are mirroring it and we could have some power to act on them anyway. We will have a look at that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Considering it is prominent and got a lot of coverage, could I ask how did you come to miss that one?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I am not sure that we did miss it. I will have to check. I just do not recall that one.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes.</p>	Page 60-61 23/10/14		
SI-29	Carr	ASQA	Registered Training Organisations	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Could I ask Mr Robinson, how many providers do you have registered at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: ASQA regulates about just over 3,900, but there are another 700 that are regulated by Victoria and WA regulators in the system. The overall number of RTOs has gone down by about a bit over 300 since ASQA has been working. Here are the exact numbers: 3,922, and the total number in Australia is 4,631.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, you are saying that the number of registrations has actually declined in the last year?</p>	Page 61 23/10/14		

				<p>Mr Robinson: When ASQA started on 1 July there were 4,947. There are now 4,631. We have taken action to not renew the registration or to cancel or suspend the registration of just under 350 RTOs that did exist.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What were the grounds for those deregistrations, in effect?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: They were very poor compliance with most of the standards, if not all, and always involving very poor assessment processes and often very poor quality training as well. So, people that were really struggling to be doing the right thing on just about any consideration, they are the hard end kind of group.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could I have a list of those entities that have been deregistered in that way?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes. Some of those have regained their registration through the appeal process.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you give me a list of the ones that have deregistered and the numbers that have been able to appeal the decision and have not re-established their registration?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Okay, we will come back on notice with that list of detail.</p>			
SI-30	Carr	ASQA	Non-Compliance RTOs	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Having said all of that, there have still been quite serious non-compliance issues. It really does boil down to the level of supervision. You said there were 14 industries that you have noticed that there are problems in; is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: No, I said there were 14 investigations going on at the moment that might involve criminal matters.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay, can you tell me what the industries are that you have identified?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: They relate to RTOs and RTOs often have multiple registrations across multiple industries. It does not really work on an industry basis. Often they can be providers in many areas.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but what sort of courses do they offer? Can you tell me that?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I have not got that information with me. I might have to come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you take that on notice please?</p>	Page 62 23/10/14		
SI-31	Carr	ASQA	Misuse of the VET HELP system	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. So, when did you get your first complaint?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: They have been coming in since the beginning of 2013.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, so the first one was the beginning of 2013?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: February, 2013.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes, because the scheme rolled out in that year.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to give me a pattern of what month the 82 arrived?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I have not got the timing of those ones but I could get that information for you on notice.</p>	Page 63 23/10/14		

				<p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. If we go through your compliance activity, say in the last 12 months, can you give me a summary of what action you have taken?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes. In the year 2013-14, we had around 8,000 applications to us that were completed. Many of those were approved, but we rejected four per cent of the applications for renewal of registration from existing RTOs. We rejected 12 per cent of the applications for a new RTO to be established. We also took further action, 297 regulatory decisions to cancel registration, suspend registration or give another written notice requiring RTOs to comply with certain matters.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I get a list of those particular institutions covered by those numbers?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes, we can supply that on notice</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice please if there are any Certificate 4 students that have been affected by any of these actions, because that would cover the Commonwealth programs off?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you automatically notify the education department in regard to the loans program?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I believe we do, but I would have to confirm that if I could, on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you would do that on notice. In terms of Aspire, who do they channel students to?</p>			
SI-32	Carr	ASQA	Community Training College	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Let us go onto Community Training College, which is in Queensland. I understand you have cancelled their registration as a childcare provider?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I have just got to check and see if we have got anything on that one here. I might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes, I can give you a report about anything we have done with them.</p>	Page 66 23/10/14		
SI-33	Carr	ASQA	Sand Goanna distance training college	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much, if you could take that on notice. Are you familiar with the operations of Sand Goanna, a distance training college?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I do not think we have got that. Which one was it?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Sand Goanna is the way it is described to me as. If you would like to take that one on notice?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: It is a peculiar name for a college, I am sure I would have remembered it. I may have to take that one on notice as well. We may well be undertaking action against some of these organisation; I just do not have them all at hand.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: This is where business name and information has been misappropriated by other companies. That is essentially the claim made there.</p>	Page 66 23/10/14		

				<p>Mr Robinson: We will check that out for you and get back to you</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: There was another company called Aussia, in the childcare industry.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: That was the one that was mentioned just before, is it not?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Have you dealt with that?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We have, I think. Let me just check. I am not sure. We are coming back on that one too, I think.</p>			
SI-34	Carr	ASQA	RTO – Registration cancellation	<p>Mr Robinson: I have some further information. Senator Carr asked about this as well. This is the one where we have had the prosecution through the courts recently in relation to this RTO having presented ASQA with false documents about the qualifications of the training staff. It has led to a prosecution of the owner of this RTO.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: The owner?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I believe it is the owner.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Your website talks about a training manager.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I would have to check what position.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: I have Googled that college. They still seem to be operating. The website gives every indication that they are—</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Their registration was cancelled in August, so they are not operating. There may be a website there. We will double check that issue, but their registration was cancelled.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: I noticed that there is a campus in Victoria. There is a Victorian connection here. Is this based in Victoria?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I think this RTO is based in Queensland. I will have to double check whether there are any links. We will make sure that the actions that have been taken have been followed through.</p>	Page 70 23/10/14		
SI-35	Ketter	ASQA	Inquiry into the Community Training College	<p>Senator KETTER: I was going to continue with my line of inquiry in terms of the community training college. I was interested in the number of trainees that were affected by that fraudulent activity which took place over what would appear to be some years. Do you have any information about that?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I do not have any further details about their operation at the moment. I can come back on notice about that matter. Basically speaking, we regulate prospectively, not retrospectively. Once we have discovered a problem we take action and we seek to ensure that non-compliant providers cannot continue unless they become compliant, but in this case there was criminal action and it ended up with a prosecution in the courts as well...</p> <p>Senator KETTER: There was found to be fraudulent certificates and the person who was accused had used identities of three people that had been presented as trainers without their knowledge or consent. My concern is for the students, the trainees, so I am wondering whether ASQA has some sort of duty of care to those trainees.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: As I said, we regulate prospectively. When we discover a process that requires us to take action, we take it. In this case there was also</p>	Page 71-72 23/10/14		

				<p>action taken through the criminal code in relation to those matters. We have no role or power to deal with the past in relation to that process.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Can you enlighten me as to what the impact will be on those trainees? What is the effect on them if they have been found to be trained by people that do not have the appropriate qualifications?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: The people who had been through this college earlier had received qualifications that were legitimate at the time they received them. Not everyone who has been through that college was the subject of the particular issues that were found in this case.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: In terms of that prosecution you say there is the potential there for the licence to be revoked and apart from that you have no further interest in that particular case?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We have no power to take any other action.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: You mentioned that Victoria seemed to feature heavily in the compliance activity of ASQA. Do you have any figures in terms of the Queensland situation?</p> <p>CHAIR: And the rest of Australia as well?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes. I will get some state figures for you on notice. There is quite a lot of detail but I can give you the figures for each state as well as the national figures. We can come back with those in relation to the proportion of existing RTOs that we have taken action against and also the new ones that were applying and what happened to those.</p>			
SI-36	Carr	ASQA	VET FEE HELP debt	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I will bring you back full circle. If you are saying that there are people enrolled in programs in which they are not suited, be it disabled and I would suggest if you have large numbers of non-completions then perhaps a prima facie case of a problem, what happens to the VET FEE-HELP debt for those students?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: That is probably more a question for Education.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I did say before that in one case that we were talking about that we had contacted the RTO and then they had cancelled the VET FEE-HELP debt of those students. We do follow up and in some cases we can get some action. We refer some of those over to Education as well. You are right that basically the program is administered by the Department of Education.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I understand that. It goes to your administrative actions. As a matter of course will you be contacting the Department of Education where you discover that students are enrolled in inappropriate courses?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes, and if we have a concern that they were enrolled in the wrong one we would ask the education department to look at the debt that they had incurred. I will have to check, as I said before, what process we have had in place—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: To date.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: To date and we will come back to you on that issue.</p>	Page 74 23/10/14		
SI-37	Carr	Corporate	Melbourne office	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I get a list of the furniture and a cost of the</p>	Page 78		

			fitout	furniture? Ms Graham: I would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Of course. An itemised list of the furniture that was purchased and the cost of the individual items would be very helpful.	23/10/14		
SI-38	Carr	AusIndustry Entrepreneur Development	Training process – R&D Tax Programme	Senator KIM CARR: How long have you been running the R&D tax program? Mr Wilson: In terms of me personally? Senator KIM CARR: Not you personally but the branch or the department. Mr Wilson: The program has been in existence for 25 years. Senator KIM CARR: So, you have discovered the need for some training now? Ms Weston: Staff change. Senator KIM CARR: A lot of changes? Ms Weston: Obviously, there are new people coming in, people leaving and so forth. Senator KIM CARR: I accept that, but I thought Mr Wilson said this was the first time that you have done this. How have you run the training programs before? Mr Wilson: It may not have been the first courses certainly in my time of running the program. Senator KIM CARR: Can you take on notice what is the normal process for training officers to administer these programs? Why was it necessary to introduce this particular method of training and at this cost? Mr Wilson: I have to take that on notice.	Page 79 23/10/14		
SI-39	Carr	Manufacturing and Services	IT Consultation services	Senator KIM CARR: Have we been able to find the information technology consultation services— Ms Weston: We have a bit of an issue; the contracts referred to are for the 2012-13 financial year. We have with us some spreadsheets and electronic access to 2014-15. Senator KIM CARR: This was a contract period from 18 June 2013 to 30 June 2014. Ms Graham: What we are saying is that the spreadsheet that we have with us, which has the details, only has new contracts that were entered into after 1 July. We can certainly take them on notice, but we just do not have the details of them here	Page 79 23/10/14 Copy of information given to Senator Carr at Hearing.	n/a	
SI-40	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Industry Innovation Network	Senator KIM CARR: So what do they do for their money under the new government? We know what they did under the old government; they worked on those innovation precincts. The government froze those programs when it came to office and it established, as we have seen, these growth centres. We have the same contractor being used. Is that the case? Mr Murfett: The contract with Collabforge ceased on 30 June 2014 and the process from there was that we hosted the platform with providers from within the department. Senator KIM CARR: So you have taken over the platform?	Page 81 23/10/14		

				<p>Mr Murfett: We have a panel arrangement for providers that can provide the department with services and we are using one of those panel providers to host that network in the interim. I would have to take the further details on notice on who that provider would be.</p> <p>Mr Murfett: We have a panel arrangement for providers that can provide the department with services and we are using one of those panel providers to host that network in the interim. I would have to take the further details on notice on who that provider would be.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. I would like to know the ins and outs of who it is, what they are doing and what the value for money is for the \$1.6 million. Was that a limited tender because it was already in place?</p> <p>Mr Murfett: That was an extension.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, you took it as an extension. What was the value of the extension?</p> <p>Mr Murfett: The figure that I have here is that it was \$10,909 excluding GST. Just to confirm, we will take those other questions on notice.</p>			
SI-41	Carr	AusIndustry Business Services	Manufacturing Transition Grants Programme	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Could I ask you to take on notice to advise the committee how many applications there have been at the close of the round?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: Certainly</p> <p>.</p>	Page 89 23/10/14		
SI-42	Carr	AusIndustry Business services	Competitiveness Agenda	<p>Senator KIM CARR: So, the board met on 17 September. Did it discuss the competitiveness agenda then?</p> <p>Mr Murfett: My understanding would be that there was an item on the competitiveness agenda and we would have provided a general overview of the agenda.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: When was the previous meeting?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: It was 6 August.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I take it that the board still has its full membership?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: At the moment there are a number of vacancies on the board. There are currently nine members, including the ex officio, and six vacancies.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Six?</p> <p>Ms Peterson: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why are there six vacancies?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: That is something we will take on notice.</p>	Page 92 23/10/14		
SI-43	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Innovation Board	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. If you have abolished the review committee, you will obviously have to find somebody else. Is it the intention to abolish the Innovation Board?</p> <p>Mr Ryan: Since the department was established, we had 35 portfolio boards and committees and as at this week—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Probably on reflection that is a policy matter. I do not know the answer to that. I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 93 23/10/14		
SI-44	Carr	Portfolio	Deregulation	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Take me through this again. You have had one</p>	Page 95-96		

		Strategic Policy	Workshop	<p>workshop, you have paid a consultant \$8,000 for it?</p> <p>Ms Clough: Thereabouts, yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: There was an enormous amount of preparation—to talk to staff of the department?</p> <p>Ms Clough: The workshop was about looking at a particular piece of regulation.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many?</p> <p>Ms Clough: One regulation.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: A piece of regulation. Did this take all day?</p> <p>Ms Clough: Most part.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many staff were involved?</p> <p>Ms Clough: From the department?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Clough: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the exact proportion of staff that were from the industry department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, were there other departments present?</p> <p>Ms Clough: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many?</p> <p>Ms Clough: I may have to take that on notice. It was a small proportion</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: A small proportion of the total number there?</p> <p>Ms Clough: Thereabouts, but I will take that on notice....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Who was the consultant for the previous workshop?</p> <p>Ms Clough: Ernst & Young—a limited tender there, too.</p> <p>Ms Clough: On that occasion, if my memory serves me correctly, that was also done via quotes, but I am happy to take that one on notice..</p>	23/10/14		
SI-45	Carr	Skills Policy	Funding for training programmes for Ford workers	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How much was reduced from the training program for Ford workers in the last budget?</p> <p>Ms White: None of the Ford money has been impacted by the budget decision.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: None of that? How much money was affected by the last budget in regard to Ford workers? Not your program, other programs in the budget.</p> <p>Ms White: I am not across that, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Lalor: Yes.</p>	Page 98-99 23/10/14		
SI-46	Carr	Skills Policy	FTB Liability	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Mr Lalor, what is the FBT liability?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: When you grin at those things, it just shows how incredibly guilty you clearly are about what your government did.</p> <p>Mr Lalor: A potential FBT liability could arise if a company was giving a benefit to its employees that was not for the purpose of its current employment.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: That is right. What would the monetary value be of a contribution of this size?</p> <p>Mr Lalor: I do not have those details. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 99-100 23/10/14		

SI-47	Carr	Skill Policy	Funding for Industry Skills Councils	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Would you mind providing me with the funding details for each of the skills councils, including the amount each council receives, the progress, research and other tasks that each Industry Skills Council is required to undertake? How many people does each Industry Skill Council employ? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Robertson: Yes.</p>	Page 100 23/10/14		
SI-48	Carr	AusIndustry Business Services	CRC guidelines – public benefit research	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Is public benefit research currently a guideline criteria within the CRC program?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I might throw to my colleagues, but the objective of the CRC program is to facilitate end user connections.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but is there a particular criteria within the CRC guidelines in support of public benefit research?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: Sorry, in support of?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Public benefit research.</p> <p>Mr Stirling: There is no specific criteria such as that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No specific criteria? Could I ask you to take that on notice—</p> <p>Mr Stirling: You can, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: because I explicitly put one in.</p> <p>Mr Stirling: It is not selection criteria, Senator, but I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 106 23/10/14		
SI-49	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Mr Miles - Contract	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much. In regard to the contract for Mr Miles, when was he contracted? What is the end date of the contract?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I might have to take that on notice, but from memory I think it is the end of March next year.</p>	Page 106 23/10/14		
SI-50	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	CRC Review discussion paper	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The discussion paper was released on Tuesday with responses due on 11 November. Who prepared the discussion paper?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: We, in the department, sort of sat down at the computer and wrote it, and Mr Miles obviously oversaw it and indicated what sort of content he wanted in it and provided sign-off for it before it was published.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Was there other departmental advice on this matter?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: We certainly spoke to other areas inside the department. We spoke to our evaluations area, for example, in the department as well as the science part of the department and obviously the delivery part of the department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The chief scientist?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I would have to take that on notice, but speaking to the science division of the department, my expectation would be that—</p>	Page 106-107 23/10/14		
SI-51	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	CRC information sessions	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You have a number of information sessions next week, is that right?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many?</p> <p>Ms Schofield: I think there are four sessions. I can take that on notice and provide you with the dates.</p>	Page 108 23/10/14		
SI-52	Carr	AusIndustry	CRC – appeal	<p>Senator KIM CARR: My understanding is that, of those that applied, the</p>	Page 108-109		

		Business Services	mechanism	<p>CRC for Optimising Resource Extraction, Vision CRC, CO2CRC and the Innovative Manufacturing CRC were those that applied for funding terms beyond 2014-15. Is that correct?...</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is there an appeal mechanism on quality?</p> <p>Mr Stirling: I do not believe so. I can take that on notice and come back to you on that.....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I bet there are other factors. The CRC for Vision was about to go into a commercial venture, weren't they?</p> <p>Mr Stirling: I am not sure about that. I could take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but you have responsibility for governance of the—</p> <p>Mr Stirling: That is correct. As part of the general governance arrangements of the CRC program, each CRC needs to provide advice to the CRC committee in terms of its wind-up plan.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And when will that occur?</p> <p>Mr Stirling: I can take that on notice specifically for those two, but, generally, it is a year out from the time that they are due to expire.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So when are they due to wind up?</p> <p>Mr Stirling: I can take that on notice for you, in terms of the specific dates.</p>	23/10/14		
SI-53	Carr	AusIndustry Entrepreneur Development	R&D Tax Incentive	<p>Senator KIM CARR: This is to do particularly with the tax incentive. Are you able to tell me the number of companies—I know you will not be able to tell me the individual companies because of the confidentiality requirements—that currently have R&D tax incentive that will be affected by the proposed introduction of the Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>Mr D Wilson: I do not have those figures in front of me. We may be able to take that on notice.</p>	Page 112 23/10/14		
SI-54	Carr	AusIndustry Entrepreneur Development	R&D Tax Incentive National Reference Group	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In the charter of the national reference group, there is a reference to the working groups of state and territory consultative forums. That is on pages 3 and 4. The purpose of those consultations is to disseminate information to the broader business community. Have the working groups had meetings with state and territory forums?</p> <p>Mr D Wilson: The AusIndustry state and territory offices each met regularly with the consultant and tax advisory community, mostly roughly twice a year. That aligns also then with the national reference group. Those meetings are done as workshops or bilaterals.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice, please, who you have met with and what the outcomes of those meetings have been?</p> <p>Mr D Wilson: I can take that on notice, yes.</p>	Page 112 23/10/14		
SI-55	Carr	Manufacturing and Services	ATS Registration	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many firms in the industry are currently registered for the ATS?...</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me a list of those firms that are no longer registered?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: It is quite difficult. You would appreciate that there are</p>	Page 116- 117 23/10/14		

				<p>clauses in the legislation that are very definitive about what information can be supplied about ATS registrants. I appreciate now that they are no longer residents, but—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So they are not covered by the legislation.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I would have to take some advice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Take some advice, but my reading of the legislation is that there is no prohibition on you now providing who is not registered.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: That could well be the case but I need to seek advice.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice.</p>			
SI-56	Conroy	Resources	Greenfields Exploration	<p>Senator CONROY: What is the current level of greenfields exploration, and how does this compare year-on-year, state-by-state, with the previous levels of exploration over the past 10 years?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: We can certainly provide that on notice in a table format, if that would assist.</p>	Page 118 23/10/14		
SI-57	Conroy	Resources	Tax incentives on exploration	<p>Senator CONROY: Could you tell us the history of any previous tax incentives on exploration?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: There has been a long history, going back decades.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Why were they removed?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: As I said, there is a long history of tax policy in this area. I will take the specific question of why the most recent previous one of this nature was removed. I will take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay. I get a sense from the questions that, even within the same level of integrity measures, perhaps they were not particularly successful.</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: I am not aware of that being the case, so I would not necessarily agree with that assertion.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I look forward to your answer. When were they removed? Will you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: Yes.</p>	Page 118 23/10/14		
SI-58	Conroy	Resources	Australian shareholders – exploration companies	<p>Senator CONROY: How will the requirements around Australian resident shareholders be implemented, given foreign shareholdings of exploration companies?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: Again, I would make a general comment up-front that this is primarily the responsibility of—and those sorts of questions go primarily to—Treasury rather than this department. I have been attempting in this session to be helpful in responding to the questions. That is probably getting to one to which more properly does rest with the Treasury department.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Please take it on notice and give us any information, and we can try and pursue that through other committees.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take on notice anything that might be relevant to this department, but not for Treasury, obviously.</p>	Page 118-119 23/10/14		
SI-59	Conroy	Energy	Consultation – Federal and State Government	<p>Senator CONROY: Did the New South Wales government consult with the federal government before their moratorium extension was announced?</p> <p>Mr Hoffman: No.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Are you aware if the minister or the minister's office</p>	Page 119 23/10/14		

				<p>was involved in any consultations? Mr Hoffman: I am not aware of consultations with the minister's office. Senator CONROY: That is what I would have expected. Minister, could you take on notice—I do not expect you to have the information—whether or not the New South Wales government was consulted over this? Senator Ronaldson: I do not know what capacity these discussions were in, but I will take on notice. On the proviso that it is appropriate, we will let you know.</p>			
SI-60	Conroy	Resources	Petroleum Resource Rent Tax	<p>Senator CONROY: On the petroleum resource rent tax, how much tax revenue has been raised by the PRRT each year over the past 10 years? Mr B Wilson: I will have to take that question on notice. It is probably one best directed to the Treasury. Senator CONROY: You may need to take this one on notice also: could you please explain the reasons for any major shifts in the amount of tax collected by the government? Mr B Wilson: I would also need take that one on notice. Senator CONROY: Can you explain any changes to onshore PRRT equivalent to tax collections? Mr B Wilson: Again, I will have to take that on notice. Senator CONROY: How much money has been raised by the removal of the condensate excise exemption? Mr B Wilson: Again, I will take that on notice. Senator CONROY: How much money has been paid to the Western Australian government in compensation? Mr B Wilson: I am not aware of any payments, but I will take that on notice. Senator CONROY: Has the exemption, as announced in 2008, been changed? Mr B Wilson: Not that I am aware of, but I will also take that on notice.</p>	Page 120 23/10/14		
SI-61	Conroy	ARENA	Managed Projects - Funding	<p>Senator CONROY: What is the value by project of each managed project? Mr Frischknecht: We have 205 projects. Senator CONROY: I am happy for you to take it on notice. Mr Kay: Would you like a list or a table of all the projects? Mr Frischknecht: On average they are \$5 million. Senator CONROY: On average, \$5 million? If I could get the individualised list, that would be great. Mr Frischknecht: It is on our website. Senator CONROY: Thank you, great. Senator Ronaldson: If it is on the website, do you still want it? Senator CONROY: I am here seeking information on behalf of others. I have made a note to explain to them but, if we could get a printed out version or the web page address on notice, that would be great. What are the top 10 managed projects by locality, and how much Commonwealth money</p>	Page 120-121 23/10/14		

				is involved in each? Again, I am happy for you to take that on notice. Mr Frischknecht: We will take that on notice.			
SI-62	Conroy	Energy	COAG Energy Council	Senator CONROY: How regularly has the COAG Energy Council met since the change of government? Mr Hoffman: The COAG Energy Council has continued to meet twice each year: once around the middle of the year and once at the end. As I said earlier, the next meeting is on 11 December. Senator CONROY: What correspondence has there been between the federal government and the New South Wales and Victorian governments on encouraging gas supply? Senator Ronaldson: I think we will take that on notice. Senator CONROY: I am just asking how much. I did not ask what it is yet. When I ask what it is, you can take it on notice. Senator Ronaldson: No. We will take both the first question and the further follow-up questions on notice.	Answered during proceedings. Page 122 23/10/2014		
SI-63	Conroy	Energy	Budget and Staffing of ECA	Senator CONROY: Can you please outline the proposed operational budget and proposed staffing profile of ECA? Dr Locke: I think elements of that are still to be agreed by the ministerial council, so I might have to take that on notice. Senator CONROY: Okay. On the renewable energy target, can you update us on the rate of private investment in renewable energy this year? Mr Hoffman: The formal calculations of the actual amounts under the RET legislation are done by the Clean Energy Regulator, which is in the environment department. So that is a matter for the environment department and its portfolio agency, but I am happy to take that on notice.	Page 123 23/10/14		
SI-64	Canavan	Energy	RECs	Senator CANAVAN: How many surplus RECs are there at the moment? Mr Hoffman: The exact number I will have to take on notice, but there is generally acknowledged to be an overhang, yes.	Page 123 23/10/14		
SI-65	Conroy	Economic and Analytical Services Division	Graduate Positions	Senator CONROY: How many graduate positions will be available in 2015? Mr Calder: BREE exists within the Economic and Analytical Services Division of the department, and in the division we will be taking around four graduates. Senator CONROY: How many graduates has the bureau accepted over the past five years? Mr Calder: I would have to take that on notice.	Page 124 23/10/14		
SI-66	Ketter	Manufacturing and Services	Building Standards	Senator KETTER: My first line of questioning goes to the issue of building standards. I am referring to media reports in respect of substandard electrical cable which was imported, in particular an article in The Australian Financial Review of 18 September entitled 'Dodgy materials dog building industry'. The article reports: Parliamentary secretary to the industry minister Bob Baldwin, himself a former building inspector, said the government was determined to do something to stop the problem. "We're just trying to match up with	Page 124 23/10/14		

				<p>stakeholders ... as to the who, what, where, when and why." Can you please outline where the government is up to in relation to that? Mr Chesworth: The regulation of things such as electrical cable does not actually fall within the department nor with the Australian Building Codes Board. There are some COAG processes in place, such as the building ministers forum and those sorts of things, which may be where the reference came from. Certainly agencies, such as the ACCC, state fair trading bodies and other bodies, may have an interest in this area. Unfortunately, I think I will have to take that on notice and provide some information on exactly who is responsible for these areas.</p>			
SI-67	Ketter	Manufacturing and Services	Industry Participation Plans	<p>Senator KETTER: My next issue is Australian industry participation plans. In this series of questions I will be referring to the response that was received to a question on notice from Senator Carr No. BI-187. Firstly, the response that was received stated that the department has written to approximately 40 major project proponents, who had been identified as possibly having obligations under the act. My question is: how many executive summaries of plans are listed on the department's website? Mr G Wilson: There are six summary plans listed on our website. Senator KETTER: Is that a concern to you? Mr G Wilson: No, we have only received six plans and they have all been approved at this point. Senator KETTER: Can you provide a list of the 40 major project proponents that the department wrote to? Mr G Wilson: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me. Senator KETTER: Thank you very much. Could you include a summary of the responses received? Senator Ronaldson: We will do that to the extent that we can if there is no commercial-in-confidence or other issues. What we can give you we will.</p>	Page 124-125 23/10/14		
SI-68	Ketter	Manufacturing and Services	Consultation Paper - Australian Industry Participation	<p>Senator KETTER: For example, Ernst & Young made a submission on behalf of unnamed clients on 12 December 2011 in response to the consultation paper released by the department called Measures to extend Australian industry participation. Are you aware of that? Mr G Wilson: No. Senator KETTER: Do you know what client or clients Ernst & Young were acting on behalf of? Mr G Wilson: No. Senator KETTER: Are you able to take that on notice? Mr Chesworth: Senator, we will go and check through our records. We were not aware of the original reference that you made, so, following from that, we are not aware of the clients that may or may not be involved. Senator KETTER: Okay. Have the 13 bodies that made submissions on the Australian Jobs Bill 2013 exposure draft been consulted as part of the Ernst & Young review? Mr G Wilson: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 125 23/10/14		

SI-69	Ketter	Portfolio Strategic Policy	International Trade Remedies Forum	<p>Senator KETTER: Next I move to the International Trade Remedies Forum. I am informed that the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011, which established the International Trade Remedies Forum, received bipartisan support. Is that correct?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: From my personal knowledge, I am not entirely sure about that. Maybe go on with your questions.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Okay. Did the current government when they were in opposition in the lead-up to the election say anything about abolishing the International Trade Remedies Forum?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I will take that on notice. I just don't have the personal knowledge to appropriately answered that question...</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Will the group meet twice this year in accordance with the act?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice.</p>	Page 130 23/10/14		
SI-70	Ketter	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Stronger Compliance Working Group	<p>Senator KETTER: In relation to the work of the ITRF, I am referring to another question on notice No. BI-165 from budget estimates. The response related to the work of the Stronger Compliance Working Group. I am referring particularly to the analyses of other jurisdictions' approaches to sharing import data. In the response the department stated that the analysis was complete and had not been disseminated to members of the ITRF, as it was postponed in August 2013. The response also states: The analysis and information will be shared and discussed with the ITRF at an appropriate opportunity. Has the analysis and information been shared and discussed?</p> <p>Mr Trotman: Again, I think we might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Are you able to say whether the hold-up was because the ITRF has not met?</p> <p>Mr Trotman: No, as I said in response to your previous question, the government and the department still have an active relationship with members of industry in relation to antidumping matters. So regardless of whether the International Trade Remedies Forum meets or does not meet, the department definitely still progresses the concerns of industry. In relation to that specific matter, though, I will just need to take it on notice</p>	Page 130 23/10/14		
SI-71	Whish-Wilson	Manufacturing and Services	Innovation and investment fund Tasmania – Programme 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the Fund's Advisory Committee, has the representative from the Australian Government been appointed? If yes who is it? And have the members of the advisory committee with relevant Tasmanian business experience been appointed? If yes who are they and what is their experience? 2. Has the Minister appointed a delegate yet to approve the funding or will the Minister sign off on grants themselves? If the Minister has appointed a delegate who is the delegate and what is their position? 3. How will the level of net economic benefit the proposed projects will bring to Tasmania be assessed? 4. There is a minimum grant of \$50,000 is there a maximum grant amount? 	Written 31/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How will the program's success be reviewed? 6. Will forestry contractors who received grants under the Exit Grants Programs be eligible to apply for these grants if the proposed projects are in forestry? 7. Have you spoken to the Agriculture Department about sharing data on who has received grant money under these programs? If yes what processes have been put in place to share this data? 			
SI-72	Whish-Wilson	AusIndustry Entrepreneur Development	Entrepreneurs Infrastructure Fund – Programme 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What services are currently being offered under this programme? 2. How many businesses have accessed services under the three elements? 3. Have performance benchmarks for the programme been established yet? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are they? 4. How are you letting businesses know these services exist? Are you approaching them? Are you advertising? 5. How did you determine eligibility criteria for participation including type of industry? 6. Can you give a breakdown by industry about uptake of the services offered? 7. How much does it cost on average for a business evaluation? 8. Can you provide further information on how you see the Research Connections matched grants working? What kind of activities are you envisaging? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-73	Whish-Wilson	Manufacturing and Services	Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency – Programme 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Federal staff are now in Launceston? What APS level are they? 2. What is the cost of rental of the office space they are utilising? 3. How many projects are the officials working on? How many projects in the pipeline? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can you provide a breakdown of how many there are over and under the \$50 million threshold? 4. Can you advise who are the members of the advisory board, when they were appointed and what their remuneration is? 5. Who determined the members of the advisory board? On what basis where they appointed? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-74	Edwards	CSIRO	GM Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you able to update the committee on the revenue generated through the sale of CSIRO developed GM cotton, particularly Ingard and Bollgard II? • Is this seen as a responsible and profitable development programme which fills the organisations social charter? • Are there projects being conducted to develop similar GM products including food and grain products? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-75	Edwards	CSIRO	GMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the CSIRO conducted any polling on the public perceptions of GM foods or has it otherwise conducted or been made aware of studies into the same question? • Could you please table the results of any polling? 	Written 31/10/14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the CSIRO conducted studies into the benefits and health risks like carcinogens, allergic compounds, for example, for certain food groups? Could you outline the key findings? Has your organisation looked at the health risks associated with GM food material? • Is there a consensus in your organisation about the health impacts, if any, of GM foods? 			
SI-76	Wright	CSIRO	Pearce Bullying Investigation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to written QON BI-86 #15 (a) from 2014 Budget Estimates, CSIRO stated that three submissions to the Pearce Review made allegations in relation to Dr Clark and one of these was not further investigated because the person “<i>declined to provide the necessary privacy approvals required for that investigation to proceed</i>”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does CSIRO reconcile this answer with the fact that at least one former staff member who made allegations in relation to Dr Clark in Phase 1 was not asked to provide privacy approvals, and was told their allegations in relation to Dr Clark would not be investigated in Phase 2? 2. In response to written QON BI-86 #16 from 2014 Budget Estimates CSIRO’s answer to the question was “<i>No</i>”. However, by letter emailed directly to Dr Clark on 16 August 2010, a former staff member tendered her resignation due to failures of CSIRO in resolving a serious complaint. The failures were documented in detail in the letter, and were also raised during the Pearce Investigation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does the CSIRO acknowledge this answer was incorrect? b. How many other staff have resigned during Dr Clark’s tenure due to unresolved complaints? 3. Does the CSIRO Code of Conduct require CSIRO employees to “<i>provide frank, honest, comprehensive, accurate and timely advice</i>” to the Government and Parliament? 4. In relation to targeting people for redundancy, how is CSIRO ensuring that people who made a submission to the Pearce Investigation are not being victimised? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should any such allegation arise, how would CSIRO address this, particularly given it is CSIRO’s policy to discontinue investigation of grievances or complaints once the complainant ceases employment with CSIRO? 5. Is it correct that a former member of the CSIRO staff tendered her resignation in a letter dated 16 August 2010, alleging that a colleague had repeatedly published her work without her knowledge and without ensuring her contribution was acknowledged? 6. Is it correct that Divisional Managers conducted an investigation which found that the complainant’s colleague had indeed inappropriately published her work without acknowledging her contribution? 7. Is it correct that in their final investigation report, Divisional managers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. did not recommend any censure of the colleague; b. did not recommend that the colleague apologise for publishing 	Written 31/10/14		

				<p>the complainant's work; and</p> <p>c. did not take any steps to have authorship addressed by the relevant scientific journals?</p> <p>8. Is it true that authorship of publications is a key criteria for promotion and rewards in CSIRO?</p> <p>a. Would failure to ensure authorship recognition potentially reduce the strength of any promotion case?</p> <p>9. Has CSIRO ensured that all instances of plagiarism reported during the Pearce Investigation were addressed, and the complainant's contribution properly recognised through appropriate authorship?</p> <p>10. Is it true that both prior to and after resigning from CSIRO, the complainant repeatedly asked CSIRO for explanations and apologies from these managers for their inappropriate response to her complaint?</p> <p>11. Is it true that in 2010 an impartial external investigator recommended that the complainant be provided with these explanations and apologies, but the manager concerned disregarded these recommendations?</p> <p>12. In her submission to the Pearce Investigation, did the complainant specifically request apologies from the managers concerned?</p> <p>13. In his Phase 1 report on this complaint, did Professor Pearce find that CSIRO managers did not properly implement CSIRO complaints process?</p> <p>14. Did Prof Pearce propose to further investigate these CSIRO managers in Phase 2 for failing to properly implement CSIRO complaints process?</p> <p>15. Did Prof Pearce recommend that the managers who failed to properly implement the CSIRO complaints process be censured?</p> <p>16. In his Phase 2 General Findings report, Prof Pearce highlights the importance of providing appropriate apologies (pp 47-48). Did Prof Pearce recommend these managers provide the apologies the complainant requested?</p> <p>17. Is CSIRO aware that these events led to the complainant giving up her 30-year career as a successful research scientist, and that she suffered adverse financial impacts and long term health impacts?</p> <p>a. If so, has CSIRO censured or sought apologies from the managers concerned?</p> <p>18. Is it correct that under the terms of reference of the Pearce Investigation, the decision on which complaints to investigate in Phase 2 were to be made solely by the Investigator?</p> <p>19. How many supervisors, managers or HR staff did Prof Pearce identify as having failed to implement proper procedures in relation to handling complaints about bullying or other misconduct?</p> <p>20. Where Prof Pearce identified that supervisors, managers or HR staff failed to implement proper procedures in relation to handling complaints about bullying or other misconduct, did Prof Pearce specifically identify this as a breach of the Code of Conduct in his</p>			
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				<p>report to CSIRO and to the complainant?</p> <p>a. If no, why not?</p> <p>21. Following the Pearce Investigation, how many supervisors, managers or HR staff have been censured by CSIRO for failing to implement proper procedures in relation to complaints about bullying or other misconduct?</p> <p>a. How many have had a note of the failure recorded on their personnel file?</p> <p>22. For complainants who requested apologies, has CSIRO specifically sought apologies from all current staff members who were identified by Prof Pearce as having behaved inappropriately, including failing to follow proper procedures?</p> <p>a. Should such staff members not apologise, will this failure be recorded on their personnel file?</p> <p>23. How many submissions received in Phase 1 contained allegations in relation to Executive Director Dr Andrew Johnson?</p> <p>a. How many of these allegations were investigated in Phase 2?</p> <p>24. Has establishment of the Conduct Integrity Unit now been finalised?</p> <p>a. Who has been appointed to this Unit and what are their substantive roles within CSIRO?</p> <p>25. Does this Unit comprise a staff elected representative or other position independent of the CSIRO organisational structure?</p>			
SI-77	Xenophon	Manufacturing and Services	Automotive Transformation Scheme	<p>1. What surveys, what modelling has the Department undertaken on the impact of the proposed cuts to the ATS, in terms of the supply chain and Original Equipment Manufacturers (Ford, Holden and Toyota)? Has an assessment been carried out as to whether and how many supply chain firms will be affected by a closure?</p> <p>2. What contingency measures do you have in place should one or all of the automotive manufacturers cease production earlier than announced?</p> <p>3. What undertakings do you have from Ford, Holden, and Toyota, that they will commit to their announced end dates of 2016 and 2017 respectively?</p> <p>4. Are you aware of any examples in the automotive components sector that have recently undertaken successful diversification?</p> <p>5. Whilst the PC Report dismissed the impact of a multiplier effect in terms of job losses, has the department performed any modelling on the predicted number of job losses in the automotive industry, and the wider economy?</p> <p>6. Can you please provide the figure of predicted direct job losses, as well as your predicted multiplier effect on jobs?</p> <p>7. What new initiatives is the Department planning in respect of ensuring the viability and diversification of the existing supply chain? What level of funding is there for new initiatives to ensure the viability of the supply chain?</p> <p>8. If a genuine contender for a new car-maker approached the department</p>	Written 31/10/14		

				<p>tomorrow, what funding and support does the department have on hand to assist?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Is there any specific assistance from the department for potential new car-makers and has the Department been approached by potential new car-makers? Is the Department considering funding for the business plan for these new car-makers so that it can be further assessed? 10. In the PC Report, there is an admission that the magnitude of job losses will very much depend on the extent to which component manufacturers are able to diversify into export or other markets. Do you concede that there is a direct link between job losses and available funding through the ATS? Further, has any modelling been undertaken, or any surveys in respect of this? 11. Has the Department and/or the Government considered varying the eligibility criteria for the ATS given the impending departure of the three OEMs in Australia by the end of 2017? 12. The South Australian Government's \$11.65 million <i>Automotive Supplier Diversification Program</i> has been welcomed by local industry in Australia. How does the ATS work in conjunction with that and can there be a synergy between the ATS and the South Australian Government scheme? 13. What support has been given for the transition of workers in the sector? Is this concentrated on the OEMs – to what extent is the supply chain impacted or assisted? 14. Adelaide is set to have a high degree of job losses in Northern Adelaide in the fall-out from the subs and automotive industries. Regions in Victoria will experience the same. Has the department performed any modelling in regard to re-training and re-skilling these workers? 15. Where does the department envisage that these workers will be re-employed within the manufacturing industry when so many jobs are to be lost in the next 18 months? 			
SI-78	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to item 3.13, the RAP says that research funding has assisted in improving the health, wellbeing, educational and employment outcomes of participating Aboriginal and Torres Strat Islander communities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please specify these improvements. 2. Please provide examples. 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-79	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department of Industry have a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in place? 2. When was the 2013-2015 Department of Industry Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launched? 3. When was the 2014-2016 Department of Industry RAP launched? 4. Are there any progress reports for either RAP plan? If so, please provide to the Committee. 5. Were Aboriginal employees consulted during the development of both the 2013-15 Plan and the 2014-16 Plan? If so, how? Please provide separate answers for each plan. 	Written 31/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Were there groups established to implement the plans? 7. If so, were Aboriginal employees involved in these RAP working groups? Please provide separate answers for each plan. 8. Was there an event to launch the RAP? Please provide separate answers for each plan. 9. If so, when and where was the launch? 10. If no, why? 11. Has there been any correspondence between the Department and the Minister in relation the drafting of the 2014-16 RAP? If so what were the nature of these correspondences? 			
SI-80	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p><i>Itemised questions relating to the RAP 2014-2016</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to item 1.1 of the RAP 2014-2016, since July 2013, how many meetings have been held between Industry representatives and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders? If none, why? 2. In relation to item 2.2, how many lunchtime seminars by Aboriginal groups have been facilitated by Industry? If none, why? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-81	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to item 2.3;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was the case study of savannah fire management as an approved offset method under the Carbon Farming Initiative which I believe was in the 2013-15 plan removed from the 2014-16 RAP? 2. Why have references to engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on the issue on climate change been removed from the 2014-16 RAP? 3. Was any consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders taken before the aforementioned (a. & b.) changes were made? 4. Were these changes made under the directive or instruction of the Minister's office? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-82	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to Item 3.3;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update as to the progress of this initiative since July 2013? 2. How many Aboriginal companies have been awarded supply contracts since July 2013? 3. What is being done by the Department to encourage and support Aboriginal companies in applying for these contracts? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-83	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to Item 3.4;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department still employ an Indigenous engagement officer? 2. If no, why was this position made redundant? 3. If the position is vacant, how long has it been so? 4. Why has the position not been filled? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-84	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to Item 3.10;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has an indigenous employment strategy been developed? 2. If not, why not? 3. Has the department consulted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees regarding the development of this strategy? 	Written 31/10/14		

SI-85	Lundy	Corporate	Reconciliation Action Plan	<p>In relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traineeship programme proposed in Item 3.10;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the programme commenced? 2. If no, when is it expected to commence? 3. How many people have been recruited to the programme? 4. If none, why have no people been recruited? 5. Over what time period will/did the programme run? 6. How was/will the programme be advertised? 7. What support networks and assistance will be provided to the participants? 	Written 31/10/14		
SI-86	O'Neill	Skills Policy	Youth Employment Pathways Programme	<p>In relation to the Youth Employment Pathways program announced recently by the government (if answering these questions requires consultation with another department, please complete that consultation):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much funding is specially attached to the Youth Employment Pathways program? b. What areas/electorates can expect to benefit? What criteria will be used to select these areas? c. How will the 3,000 young people participating be selected? Who will be consulted? What is the consultation process? When will it occur? d. What are the expected program outcomes? e. What will the unit cost of the program be? f. Do you have a list of areas/schools/electorates where this program been designed to target? g. Are there provisions in the program to specifically help indigenous Australians transition into work, training or further education? If not, why not? h. Is there any data that demonstrates why Youth Connections was cut in favour of this new program? 	TRANSFER FROM EDUCATION 4/11/14		
SI-87	Rhiannon	Skills Policy	Building Skills and Capacity	<p>On page 3 of The National Skills reform agreement a number of commitments are made about TAFE. Namely: <i>enabling public providers to operate effectively in an environment of greater competition, recognising their important function in servicing the training needs of industry, regions and local communities, and their role that spans high level training and workforce development for industries and improved skill and job outcomes for disadvantaged learners and communities.</i> What specific actions is the Minister undertaking to ensure that the states are fulfilling these obligations, considering that Victoria now has only 27% market share for TAFE?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-88	Rhiannon	Skills Policy	Training Needs of Industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With regard to “servicing the training needs of industry”, “high level training and workforce development for industries”: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is it true that face-to-face teaching delivery hours at several Institutes including Illawarra and Riverina have been cut by up to 33% in industry-critical courses including electrical trades? b. What risk analysis has been undertaken in relation to consumer, 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>workplace and student safety and quality of delivery?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Classes in engineering, automotive manufacturing programs have been cut back at South Western Sydney Institute. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the response to Institute of Automotive Engineers chief executive Peter Blanchard's statement that TAFE training was "absolutely essential" and the cuts to engineering courses would have a negative impact on industry? b. Does the National Skills Reform agreement demand local industry is consulted with before programs are cut as a consequence of funding changes flowing from the Agreement? If not, why not? c. What consultation AND risk analysis has been done by the government in relation to engineering and automotive industries prior to opening funding contestability? 3. What is the government's response to concerns that boat building and shipwrighting course might not be viable under Smart and Skilled, and given that Northern Sydney Institute runs the last remaining such TAFE course in NSW? 4. May I have a list of the courses on the NSW Skills List and associated TAFE Faculties that have suffered funding cuts? 5. Why have student fees in fine arts drastically increased, when the government's own Creative Industries Taskforce has argued against the increases? 6. What is the government's response to the concern that the HSC is now only offered in Sydney and Wollongong TAFE campuses? 7. What is the response to the situation where deaf students at the Illawarra Institute have been forced to withdraw from courses after funding support for assistance was dropped under the new student funding support regime? 8. Is the government aware that students with an intellectual disability at Northern Sydney Institute were forced to pay \$825 for courses that were previously free? What influence on this situation has the National Skills Reform Agreement been responsible for? Does this concern the government? 			
SI-89	Rhiannon	Skills Policy	VET-FEE-HELP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What due diligence does the Commonwealth undertake when it pays VET-FEE-HELP to private providers? Does it audit any of the companies involved? 2. What checks are in place to ensure that students claiming VET-FEE-HELP aren't being used by private providers to port public funding? For example, private providers claiming extra funding by artificially inflating the number of enrolled students with a disability? 3. What checks or audits has the Commonwealth undertaken in regards to Vocation, a private provider operating in Victoria, over the past 12 months? 4. If private providers are found to have breached funding guidelines or mislead either state or federal governments are they required to accept 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>responsibility for payments made under VET-FEE-HELP?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. On what date did John Dawkins, former chair of the National Skills Standards Council and the Australian Qualifications Framework Council, notify the government of his conflict of interest as chair of Vocation? 6. What processes and procedures were in place, prior to Mr Dawkins' resignation from the National Skills Standards Council that standards in areas such as the regulation of RTO's and the accreditation of courses was being undertaken at arm's length from individuals commercially connected to private training providers? 7. What methods does the Commonwealth use to ascertain the proportion of a private providers income that is derived from state or federal financial support, either in the form of grants or VET-FEE-HELP? 8. For each provider awarded VET-FEE-HELP in the past four years, could you please provide, in a machine readable format, the approved courses and what Field of Education they fall into, alongside the funding provided? 			
SI-90	Carr	ASQA	RTOs and VET-FEE-HELP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many providers were registered with AQSA in 2012-13, 2013-14 and currently? 2. How many complaints have you received about providers in 2012/13 and 13/14? 3. Can ASQA provide a list of RTO non-compliance investigations? How many of these have resulted in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) deregulation? b) appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal? 4. How many RTOs have been deregistered since ASQA was established? If this can't be provided by individual RTO can it be provided by general categories such as private/public, location/State, and course? 5. What resources do you devote to investigations? 6. Your website states, <i>ASQA takes a risk-assessment approach to complaints—our resources are limited so must focus on the most serious complaints.</i> How do you define a "serious complaint"? 7. What action has been taken following recent media reports about the actions of so-called education brokers, who act for providers, or purport to do so, and are reported to target young people, people with English as a second language, people in public housing, aboriginal communities? 8. In Senate Estimates on 23 October 2014, Mr Robinson advised that if ASQA identifies media reports regarding problems with RTOs they will investigate whether the claims have substance. Can ASQA advise what steps have been taking following media reports on the companies in Attachment A? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Additionally, with regard to companies such as Aspire who are not on the VET FEE HELP list, how are students able to sign up to VET FEE HELP through a company that is not on the VET 			

				<p>FEE HELP provider list?</p> <p>b) Has ASQA identified (a) the blacklisted Canberra child care training companies mentioned in previous articles and (b) the hairdressing training college mentioned in ABC reports? What action has been taken with regard to these training colleges?</p> <p>c) Are you aware of media reports that these brokers sign people up to courses and VET FEE-HELP using incentives like free laptops and cash incentives to recruit other students?</p> <p>d) And are you aware that people are being told it doesn't matter if they pass or fail, and that they won't have to pay back their loans? What action has been taken against these providers or RTOs that employ brokers to perform this task?</p> <p>e) Are these brokers subsidiary companies of registered RTOs? If not, how can students apply for VET FEE HELP through these broker companies?</p> <p>9. There have been media reports regarding the recruitment of disadvantaged students (particularly students with low literacy levels and people with intellectual disabilities), and the family and community concerns about these students being signed up to huge debts through VET FEE-HELP. There have also been reports of prospective students noting that they have an intellectual disability on their form and subsequently being accepted into a course they are unable to complete.</p> <p>a) Will the new National Standards ensure that additional care and attention to the advice and information is provided to students with a disability or language barriers?</p> <p>b) If so, which measures will ensure that these students are (1) enrolled in an appropriate course and (2) ensure they comprehend the financial implications of their enrolment?</p> <p>10. Is ASQA concerned about the huge disparity in hours required for the same qualification between providers, as reported on A Current Affair on 15 October 2014?</p> <p>a) Does ASQA receive complaints about these disparities? If so, how many has ASQA received? Is there a pattern in a particular industry sector or geographical location? Please provide details.</p> <p>b) In Senate Estimates on 23 October 2014, Mr Robinson advised that there are volume of learning requirements for training. How is this monitored and enforced?</p> <p>c) Does ASQA believe that the new National Standards will address the huge disparity in hours required? If so, which measures will particularly target this problem?</p> <p>11. Under the new National Standards will there be stronger measures requiring RTOs to*:</p> <p>a. Provide advice to students of upcoming census dates in order to ensure that VET FEE-HELP is not being misused? If so, which measures will particularly target this problem?</p>			
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				<p>will not use because graduate quality is so poor. There has been an explosion in the number of trainers offering Certificate IIIs and diplomas in childcare after the Government made qualifications mandatory.</p> <p>KAPS Institute of Management - A Current Affair on 15 October 2014, providing Cert III and Cert IV qualifications in areas such as mechanics with as little as a half an hour of “study” when other quality courses require 1200 hours of study. These shonky courses can cost tens of thousands of dollars and students are accessing VET FEE-HELP and coming out with an effectively useless qualification.</p>			
SI-91	Carr	IP Australia	IP Laws Amendment Bill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill currently before the House of Representatives, and the removal of Crown Use provisions that were part of the IP Laws Amendment Bill introduced by the previous Government: in evidence provided to the Committee in the Senate Estimates hearing on Thursday 23 October 2014 the Departmental official stated that these provisions were removed due to stakeholder concerns. Can you please provide a brief summary of these concerns. 2. Is IP Australia aware of any modelling commissioned by the Government on the potential costs of implementing some of the IP-related proposals being discussed in the context of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement? If so, what was the nature of IP Australia’s involvement in that exercise? 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-92	Carr	CSIRO	UK Patent Box Arrangement	<p>In reference to the round table looking at the UK patent box arrangement chaired by Dr Clark (Hansard, p. 40):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) At whose request was this round table held or established? b) Which agency provided the secretariat or administrative support for the round table? c) How many times did it meet? d) Were its deliberations part of the process for developing the Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda? Were they part of any other overarching review or policy development process? e) If the round table was part of a broader process, please describe how the round table fit into this process? f) Who were the members of, or participants in, the round table? g) Did the round table result in a written report of any kind? If so, please provide a copy of that report. 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-93	Carr	CSIRO	CEO Recruitment	<p>In relation to the process for appointing the new CSIRO Chief Executive, Dr Larry Marshall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of the 70 candidates considered in the selection process were not resident in Australia at the time (whether Australian citizens or otherwise)? b) When did the Board take the decision to appoint Dr Marshall or to recommend Dr Marshall to the Minister for appointment? c) What was the process for approving Dr Marshall’s appointment? 	Written 3/11/14		

				d) Was Dr Marshall informed that he was the preferred candidate before or after the Minister and/or Prime Minister and/or Cabinet consideration process was finalised?			
SI-94	Carr	CSIRO	CSIRO Property	Please provide a list of properties covered by CSIRO's decadal property plan. For each property (see Hansard, p. 38), 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 3/11/14		
SI-95	Carr	AIMS	National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme	1. What would be the impact on AIMS if the funding for the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Scheme (NCRIS) was to lapse? 2. In reference to the renewal bids for the Integrated Marine Observing System or the National Environmental Science Programme mentioned on p. 32 of the Hansard: a) Please describe the renewal bid process for each project? b) When is a decision expected to be made on each project? c) What would be the impact on AIMS if the renewal bids for either project were not successful?	Written 3/11/14		
SI-96	Carr	Science Policy and Governance	Council Membership	1. When did you first brief the Prime Minister on the operation of PMSIEC? 2. Were any subsequent briefings provided? If so, how many and when? 3. Please describe the process undertaken in determining the make-up of the Commonwealth Science Council (CSC) and the membership of the Council. 4. Was the final decision on CSC membership made by the Prime Minister or the Cabinet? 5. What will be the role of ACOLA, if any, in supporting or providing advice to the CSC? 6. Your STEM strategy paper emphasised the importance of international engagement in science and research. a) What are your key policy prescriptions to increase international science engagement? b) What measures would you recommend implementing to measure the impact of any such policy measures?	Written 3/11/14		
SI-97	Carr	AusIndustry Business Services	Board Memberships	Please provide a full list of Innovation Australia Board members, including the membership and functions of the various working groups	Written 3/11/14		
SI-98	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	R&D Tax Incentive	The previous Government made a commitment to review program data for the R&D Tax Incentive program after the program had been in operation for two years. What body is now responsible for the legislated review of the R&D Tax Incentive program? Will the findings be publically available?	Written 3/11/14		
SI-99	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Deregulation Activities	Please provide a full list of stakeholders that have been consulted in relation to the Department's deregulation activities.	Written 3/11/14		

SI-100	Carr	Economic and Analytical Services	Australian Innovation System	Is the Department currently working on the next edition of the annual Australian Innovation System report please? If so, what area of the Department is responsible for developing the report and when can we expect the report to be published?	Written 3/11/14		
SI-101	Carr	Skills Policy	Industry Skills Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide funding details for each Industry Skills Council including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The amount that each Industry Skills Council receives; b. The programs, research and other tasks that Industry Skills Councils are required to undertake; c. How many people does each Industry Skills Council employ? 2. Does the Government recognise and acknowledge that Industry Skills Councils bring together a broad range of skills, experience, expertise and knowledge in order to develop training modules to enable students, particularly those accessing government funds for training, to acquire skills for a lifetime? 3. Does the government intend to completely cease all direct funding to Industry Skills Councils from 1 July next year? If so, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the government assessed the implications of such a decision for the viability of Industry Skills Councils and the impact on employees? b. Has the Government received representations from Industry Skills Councils board members, or their organisations, or general industry stakeholders expressing concerns about the decision to tender out training packages and de-fund Industry Skills Councils? If so, how many? What is the nature of concerns expressed? 4. Industry Skills Councils conduct research and provide projections regarding future skills needs in their areas. Will Industry Skills Councils continue to conduct this research and provide this advice from 1 July 2015? 5. The Minister recently announced that the Government is moving to a more contestable model for the development and maintenance of training packages so that “industry has the freedom to design the type of training they’re after – through both full trades and through skill sets” (see Minister’s Press Release – 11 September 2014). In relation to this announcement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What detail are you able to provide on the progress on the tendering of this work previously done by industry skills councils? b. Will the tenders require applicants to have strong connections to all the stakeholders in the sector? Is this being written into the tender? c. When will the tendering process commence? d. What protections will be put in place to ensure national consistency for training qualifications? e. Will tenderers be required to conduct research and provide projections regarding future skills needs in their areas? f. What protections for workers will be put in place to ensure they 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>gain a portable qualification for a lifetime rather than narrow employer-based skill-set training, particularly given that taxpayer funds will be expended on this training?</p> <p>6. In Senate Estimates on 23 October 2014, Mr Robinson advised that a discussion paper was soon to be released regarding the contestable funding model for Industry Skills Councils. When will this be released?</p> <p>7. Australia is well regarded around the world for the way our Industry Skills Councils operate. Other countries, including India, are looking to emulate our system due to the high regard that skills and training packages are held. The system works well because Industry Skills Councils bring together industry, government and unions to develop the best training packages for workers to develop the skills they need for a lifetime of employment, not just skills to suit their current employer.</p> <p>a. Is the Government aiming to move to the cheapest approach to training package development rather than ensuring quality in the sector?</p> <p>b. What measures will the Government put in place to ensure that safety considerations and quality are guaranteed? Who will be overseeing this process?</p> <p>8. Will the government continue to fund and participate in overseas delegations that promote and teach the value of our Industry Skills Councils?</p>			
SI-102	Carr	Skills Policy	VET Advisory Board	<p>1. In relation to the announcement on 15 August 2014 from the Minister regarding the appointment of a five-member Vocational Education and Training (VET) Advisory Board:</p> <p>a) What was the process of selecting the Chair and Board Members for the VET Advisory Board?</p> <p>b) Who compiled the list of proposed nominees? Was there an invitation to apply process at all? If not, why?</p> <p>c) Why are there no union, community or public RTO representatives on the VET Advisory Board?</p> <p>d) What experience do the Board members and Chair have in the VET sector?</p> <p>e) Did the Prime Minister's office or the Treasurer's office, or any other Minister, provide any advice to the Industry Minister's office or the Department regarding the Board appointments?</p> <p>2. In answer to a Question on Notice (Q275) to the Minister in the House of Representatives the Minister has replied to the Member for Cunningham that: <i>"The Board was established following extensive feedback from industry and VET stakeholders undertaken as part of the VET reform consultation process. These consultations included more than 5000 engagements with stakeholders, including businesses, training providers and students."</i></p>	Written 3/11/14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many stakeholders in this process proposed the establishment of such a Board? b) Did any of those consulted propose the abolishing of AWPA or Industry Skills Councils? How many? c) Were consultations on the formation of the Board and its appointments undertaken with any other stakeholders? 			
SI-103	Carr	Skills Policy	Industry Skills Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the recently announced Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways being administered through the \$476 million Industry Skills Fund? If yes, will there be additional funding from the Industry Skills Fund for these programs? 2. In the Administrative Orders, Youth Transition falls within the responsibility of the Department of Education. Has this changed to the Department of Industry? If not, why is the Minister for Industry administering the Youth Employment Pathways program? 3. Have any funds from the Industry Skills Fund been allocated to date? 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-104	Carr	Skills Policy	Australian Apprenticeship Support Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network replace Australian Apprenticeship Centres? 2. Are Australian Apprenticeship Centres currently allocated \$210 million per year in funding? 3. Is the funding for the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network \$10 million per year less at \$200 million per year? 4. Has the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network been allocated additional tasks such as job-matching, mentoring, administration of the Trade Support Loans following the cuts to the Australian Apprenticeship Access Program and the Australian Apprenticeship Mentoring Program? 5. The Minister recently indicated to the House that there were 6,000 apprentices who had taken up Trade Support Loans. Is there an updated figure? 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-105	Carr	Skills Policy	Adult Learners Week	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon Bird, Shadow Minister for Vocational Education, took part in Adult Learners Week this past September by taking a learning pledge on the Adult Learners Week website. Will the Department continue to support Adult Learners Week in 2015 to encourage Australians with low literacy to continue learning? 2. Has funding been allocated for 2015 Adult Learners Week? If so, what funding has been allocated? 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-106	Carr	Skills Policy	Tools for your Trade	How many apprentices were in receipt of Tools for Your Trade payments in 2012, 2013 and 2014? Please provide a breakdown by industry and year of apprenticeship.	Written 3/11/14		
SI-107	Carr	Skills Policy	Training assistance for auto workers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What assistance is currently available to assist workers currently employed in the automotive manufacturing industry to retrain and reskill? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What components of this assistance are funded by the Federal Government? Please provide a detailed breakdown and summary of the funding being provided, including information on how 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>workers can access this assistance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. In respect to the Government’s Growth-Fund and the \$30 million Skills & Training initiative – when will this program be up and running? 3. In respect to the \$30 million Skills & Training initiative as part of the Government’s Growth Fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will Ford workers be able to access this assistance? If not, what support can supply chain workers access? b) Will supply chain workers be able to access this assistance? If not, what support can supply chain workers access? 4. Is there any Federal Government assistance that automotive manufacturing industry workers can access now to help them retrain and reskill in readiness for scheduled closures, or do workers have to wait until they are unemployed before accessing Commonwealth assistance – either through the Growth Fund or through the Department of Employment? 5. Please provide a detailed summary of retraining and reskilling assistance available to each category of affected worker listed below, including what components of the assistance are funded by the Federal Government, and information on how and when workers can access this assistance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) GM Holden workers b) Toyota workers c) Ford workers d) South Australian supply chain workers e) Victorian supply chain workers f) New South Wales supply chain workers g) Queensland supply chain workers h) Western Australian supply chain workers i) Tasmanian supply chain workers j) Northern Territory supply chain workers k) ACT supply chain workers 			
SI-108	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Cooperative Research Centres	<p>Program 2 – Cooperative Research Centres</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the relationship between the consultation currently underway on <i>Boosting Commercial Returns from Research</i> and the CRC review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will the outcomes of the former consultation (due for completion by the end of 2014) feed into the CRC review (due to be completed in “early 2015”)? b) If so, will stakeholders have an opportunity to respond to any conclusions arising from the former process before the CRC review is finalised? 2. In relation to the secretariat for the Boosting Commercial Returns from Research consultation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where is this located? b) How many staff does it have? c) Which agencies have provided staff to the secretariat? 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>3. Minister Ronaldson stated (Hansard, p. 52) that he had been advised that the intent, in relation to the “commercial returns” consultation, that “the intent is to finalise the document which will be released in draft form by the end of this year”:</p> <p>a) Is this timeframe for release of a draft document still correct?</p> <p>b) What will be the process for public consultation on the draft document?</p> <p>c) What is the timeframe for completion of the process subsequent to the release of the draft document?</p> <p>4. Will the final outcome of the “commercial returns” consultation be made public prior to the 2015-16 Federal Budget? If so, when is any final report expected to be publicly released?</p> <p>5. Will the CRC Review process include the public release of a draft report or draft findings prior to its recommendations being finalised?</p> <p>6. Will the final outcomes of the CRC Review be made public prior to the 2015-16 Federal Budget? If so, when is any such report expected to be publicly released?</p>			
SI-109	Carr	AusIndustry Business Services	Staffing - Cooperative Research Centres	<p>1. How many staff in total are employed directly by CRCs (both FTE and head count)? How many additional jobs are dependent on CRCs (for example, employees in CRC partner organisations)?</p> <p>2. Please describe the process for assessing the Innovative Manufacturing CRC, which submitted its proposal on 2 June 2014. When can a decision be expected on this proposal?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-110	Carr	Corporate	Programme Funding - Research	<p>1. Please list all the program or funding cuts in the 2014-15 Federal Budget that affected programs with a primary or secondary goal of: increasing collaboration between researchers and end-users; commercialising the outcomes of research; or supporting entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>2. For each program, provide the savings achieved across the current forward estimates period</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-111	Carr	Science Policy and Governance	International engagement – Science and Research	<p>1. Is any process underway to examine the extent of Australia’s international engagement in science and research, and how this can be improved? If so, please describe this process, including:</p> <p>a. How stakeholders will be consulted;</p> <p>b. Secretariat or policy support arrangements, including portfolio responsibility, staffing level and secondment arrangements;</p> <p>c. Any inter-departmental process established to support the work; and</p> <p>d. The expected timeline for completion.</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-112	Carr	Corporate	Science Communication	Please list all programs that relate to science communication and engaging the public with science, including the Prime Minister’s Science Prizes and National Science Week, and provide a funding breakdown for each across the current forward estimates	Written 3/11/14		
SI-113	Carr	Questacon	Inspiring	The <i>Inspiring Australia</i> web page states that: “the Australian Government	Written		

			Australia web-page	has allocated \$750 000 to support some key recommendations from [the six expert working group] reports. The recommendations funded by the Government were prioritised by external experts in these areas and several projects are now underway". Please provide a list of the projects, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who is undertaking the project; The form of project tender or contracting arrangement; The current status of the project (eg complete, underway); and The project cost for each relevant financial year. 	3/11/14		
SI-114	Carr	Manufacturing and Services	Contract Report	Please provide a copy of any report(s) provided to the Department by Ernst and Young under its contract for a "Review of policies and programs", as listed in the Department's tabled list of contracts (order deed 008345).	Written 3/11/14		
SI-115	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Appointments – Science Agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please explain the reasons for the following vacancies listed in the Department's tabled information prior to the Supplementary Budget Estimates. For each vacancy, please provide the length of time the position has been vacant, the process for filling these vacancies and the expected timeframe for filling the vacancy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson and two members of the Australia Telescope National Facility Steering Committee. Chairperson and 13 members of the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund Advisory Panel. Two members of the ANSTO Board. Six members of the Innovation Australia Board. Deputy Chairperson and three members of the Questacon Advisory Council. 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-116	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	National Survey of Research Commercialisation Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide an update on the 2014 National Survey of Research Commercialisation Review, including specifically: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The expected completion date for the review. Whether the review's outcomes or report will be publicly released and, if so, when. If the review has been completed, a copy of any report and/or recommendations. 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-117	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	R&D Tax Incentive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In evidence provided to the Committee on Thursday 23 October 2014, Ms Scholfield referred to the measure to reduce the rate of the R&D tax incentive offset by 1.5 per cent in line with proposed reductions in company tax as an election commitment. Please provide the source for this election commitment. Based on current registrations to the R&D Tax Incentive, how many users of the incentive would be affected by the proposed introduction of a Paid Parental Leave levy? What preparations have the Department made for the 2014 review of the R&D Tax Incentive program, as foreshadowed in <i>The Coalition's</i> 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p><i>Policy to Boost the Competitiveness of Australian Manufacturing</i> launched during the 2013 Federal Election? (p. 7).</p> <p>4. How does the Department interact with Treasury on the implementation of the R&D Tax Incentive? Is the National Reference Group established by AusIndustry and the ATO to provide advice on the R&D Tax Incentive still operational? How would you describe the role of the National Reference Group? When did the group last meet?</p> <p>5. In respect to the <i>Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill</i>, which is currently before the Senate:</p> <p>a) Is the Department aware of any negotiations to amend this legislation?</p> <p>b) Have you provided any advice to the Minister on alternative measures that could still deliver savings but not exclude any firms from claiming the incentive? If so, what was the nature of this advice?</p>			
SI-118	Carr	AusIndustry – Business Services	Manufacturing Transition Grants program	<p>In regards to the Manufacturing Transition Grants Programme:</p> <p>a) How much funding is available in Round One of the program?</p> <p>b) How many rounds will there be?</p> <p>c) When will the next round open?</p> <p>d) How many applications were received for Round One of the program?</p> <p>e) When will the Department announce the successful project/projects?</p> <p>f) How many projects do you expect to fund in the first year?</p> <p>g) How many projects do you expect to fund each year?</p> <p>h) What is the maximum number of grants that can be funded over the life of the program under the current funding envelope?</p> <p>i) Do firms have to be operating in one of the x5 Growth Centre sectors to be eligible for funding?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-119	Carr	AusIndustry – Business Services	Automotive Diversification Program	<p>Regarding the Automotive Diversification Program:</p> <p>a) How much funding is available in Round One of the program?</p> <p>b) How many rounds will there be?</p> <p>c) When will the next round open?</p> <p>d) How many applications were received for Round One of the program?</p> <p>e) When will the Department announce the successful project/projects?</p> <p>f) How many projects do you expect to fund in the first year?</p> <p>g) How many projects do you expect to fund each year?</p> <p>h) What is the maximum number of grants that can be funded over the life of the program under the current funding envelope?</p> <p>i) Do firms have to be diversifying into one of the x5 Growth Centre sectors to be eligible for funding?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-120	Carr	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Program	<p>1. In relation to the Accelerating Commercialisation stream of the Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Program announced 31 October 2014:</p> <p>a. Please provide a detailed summary outlining the main points of difference between the now abolished Commercialisation Australia and the Accelerating Commercialisation initiative announced 31 October 2014.</p>	Written 3/11/14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Were the guidelines for this program developed by PM&C or the Department of Industry? c. What consultation did the Department undertake with external stakeholders on development of this measure? Who is responsible for stakeholder consultations, PM&C or the Department? <p>2. Regarding the Entrepreneurs Infrastructure Program and a listing in the grants register for an “AusIndustry Sponsorship of Indian Ocean Rim Business Lunch” for the value of \$4,400 at Burswood Casino in WA – please provide a detailed breakdown outlining what this expenditure was for.</p>			
SI-121	Carr	AusIndustry – Entrepreneur Development	Enterprise Connect	<p>1. In relation to Enterprise Connect, please provide a breakdown outlining the following statistics over the life of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many businesses received services? b. How many business reviews were delivered? c. How many tailored advisory services grants were approved? What was the total value of TAS grants? <p>2. How many researchers in business grants were approved? What was the total value of RiB grants?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-122	Carr	Manufacturing and Services		<p>1. What are the savings associated with the abolition of the Automotive New Markets Program? Please provide a breakdown of the financial impact of ceasing the program over the forward estimates.</p> <p>2. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), please provide a detailed breakdown outlining how the MYEFO and Budget measures reduce the allocated funding available through the scheme. Please provide this breakdown on a half-year (i.e. calendar year) basis and on a financial year basis.</p> <p>3. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), please provide a detailed breakdown outlining remaining funding available through the scheme. Please provide this breakdown on a half-year (i.e. calendar year) basis and on a financial year basis.</p> <p>4. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), the Department provided estimates of expected claims under the capped component to the Productivity Commission under a scenario with and without the MYEFO cuts. Have those projects been updated? If so, please provide a detailed breakdown of current projections.</p> <p>5. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), what portion of the projected claims for motor vehicle manufacturers was for R&D, investment or production? What were the expected/projected claims for those categories for other claimants?</p> <p>6. In relation to the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), comparing the 2013-14 PBS (p. 43) to the 2014-15 PBS (p. 62), the expected investment generated by the ATS is substantially higher. Why is that? What is the methodology used to calculate induced investment from the ATS?</p>	Written 3/11/14		
SI-123	Carr	Corporate/	Program Funding	<p>1. Please update the attached table and provide it in excel format,</p>	Written		

		Finance	and Grants	<p>responding to the following questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the Australia-China Science and Research Fund please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ For the International Education and Training (Australia-India Strategic Research Fund) please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ For Science for Australia's Future please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ For the Square Kilometre Array Radio Telescope Project please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ For the Cooperative Research Centres please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of ongoing CRCs ○ Number of new CRCs ○ For the Innovation Investment Fund please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ For Commercialisation Australia please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of grants awarded ○ Number of participants ○ For the R&D Tax Incentive please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of registrations ○ For Enterprise Connect please provide the total cost of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of grants awarded ○ Number of participants ○ For Expediting Clinical Trial Reform in Australia please provide the 	3/11/14		
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				<p>total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed <p>○ For Industry Innovation Precincts please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed <p>○ For Buy Australian at Home and Abroad Initiative please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed <p>○ For the Australian Industry Participation measures please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of AIP plans under the Australian Jobs Act 2013 ○ Number of AIP plans for Commonwealth procurement processes <p>○ For the TCF Investment and Innovation Programs please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of customers assisted ○ Number of BIC grants awarded ○ Number of TCF Small Business grants awarded <p>○ For the Textile Clothing and Footwear - Strategic Capability Program please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of grants awarded <p>○ For the Textile Clothing and Footwear - Structural Adjustment Program please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed <p>○ For the Geelong Region Innovation and Investment Fund please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of grants awarded ○ Number of participants <p>○ For the Melbourne's North Innovation and Investment Fund please provide the total cost of the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-14 Budget estimate and actual ○ 2014-2021 Budget estimate and committed ○ Number of grants awarded 			
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SI-124	Waters	CSIRO	CSG fugitive emissions study	<p><i>CSG fugitive emissions study</i> <i>Field Measurements of Fugitive Emissions from Equipment and Well Casings in Australian Coal Seam Gas Production Facilities</i> was released on 31 July 2014 and claimed that CSG fugitive emissions were not significantly higher than current government estimates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this report settle the question of the magnitude of fugitive emissions from CSG? 2. One of the qualifications that CSIRO placed on the report was that it had a very small sample size – 43 wells out of the estimated 5,000 already operating, or less than 1% of all wells. I understand that US studies have found that much of the fugitive emission from unconventional gas may come from a small number of “mega-emitters”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In your understanding, do you expect that the situation in Australia will be similar, with “mega-emitters” accounting for a significant proportion of CSG fugitive emissions? b. In your understanding, did the sample size in the recent study adequately account for the wide variability in fugitive emissions levels? 3. The study only looked at a few stages of production, and didn’t look at well completion, gas compression, water treatment, pipelines and downstream activities, however the largest leak you found was at a water facility that was outside the scope of the study (p 34), do you have reason to suspect that those leaks are commonplace? 4. Have overseas studies identified significant fugitive emissions at the stages of production which you did not study? 5. Another qualification was that the measurements were taken over a short timeframe – and that long term trends like deterioration and poor maintenance might not have been captured – how long would you have to measure for to get an accurate picture? 6. Has anyone in CSIRO commenced or completed any work to identify an appropriate time period over which to measure fugitive emissions from CSG facilities? 7. Please provide a summary of the above work to date, if any. 8. I understand that some of the largest leaks the study identified were fixed immediately. That is positive, but on page 35 the study notes that 	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>since wells operate largely unattended, there may be some time between when the leak forms and when it is repaired.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were those leaks detected as a result of the study being undertaken? b. Do you know how long it would have taken if you hadn't been there to pick up those leaks? <p>9. You didn't find any well casing leaks, but the study notes that US estimates are that 6-7% of wells are subject to integrity failure. Do you think that means there are no casing leaks in Australia?</p> <p>10. The study pointed out that a randomised sample was not used because of the method used for well selection. In relation to this issue:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is CSIRO confident that the initial lists of wells or facilities provided by participating companies were complete lists rather than incomplete ones? b. What measures did CSIRO take to ensure that those lists were complete lists? c. Did CSIRO make any requests to access particular wells or classes of wells which were denied by participating companies? d. How many such requests were denied? e. How many wells were subject to those requests? f. How many CSG companies were not participating companies? g. Did CSIRO make any offers to those companies to participate which were turned down? h. How many such offers were turned down? i. What segment of the market, broken down by total wells, was not represented in the study? j. Is the CSIRO aware of poor compliance records among those companies not represented? k. Please provide a timeline of when particular companies agreed to participate in the study, including the date on which all data gathering was completed. <p>11. I understand this is the first phase of a collaborative research program between the Department and CSIRO into CSG fugitive emissions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does that program have a name? b. When is that program expected to publish its next piece of work? c. What's the overall timeframe for that program? d. What is the budget, broken down by financial years, in the next four years? e. Has that program lost staff or resources from the recent budget cuts to CSIRO? f. Will that program be subject to delays as a result of funding reductions at the CSIRO since September 2013? g. How long are those delays if any expected to be? h. Please provide a detailed summary of the scope of that program. i. How large is the sample size of wells and facilities covered 		
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				<p>expected to be?</p> <p>j. Will the program examine the adequacy of current emissions factors as the last study did?</p> <p>k. In particular, does the program cover, well completion, gas compression, water treatment, pipelines and downstream activities?</p> <p>l. In relation to well selection – will the same system be employed to select wells as was used in the last study – i.e. selection from a list provided by companies who have volunteered to participate?</p> <p>12. Did the CSIRO ever ask any other government agency for advice on compelling CSG companies to participate, or to provide access to particular wells or classes of wells?</p> <p>13. Is the CSIRO aware of any powers which might be used to compel such cooperation?</p> <p>14. Has CSIRO considered compelling cooperation from CSG companies or other industry players?</p> <p><i>Shale and Tight Gas</i></p> <p>15. Is there any similar work proposed or funded for shale or tight gas?</p> <p>16. Please provide the following details about any such work:</p> <p>a. Timeline – including expected publication dates</p> <p>b. Budget</p> <p>c. FTE committed</p> <p>d. Scope – stages of production to be examined, temporal range</p> <p>e. Will the companies involved be obliged to provide access to wells and facilities, or will the work be done on a voluntary basis?</p> <p>f. Other funding sources (i.e. GISERA, private funds)</p> <p>17. Does the CSIRO consider that the knowledge base in relation to fugitive emissions is settled?</p> <p>18. Does the CSIRO consider the current emissions factors in relation to shale and tight gas to be adequately backed up by scientific evidence?</p> <p>19. Have you advised the Department of Environment, the Department of Industry or the relevant Ministers regarding the adequacy of the scientific evidence behind emissions factors for shale and tight gas?</p> <p>20. What was the date of that advice? If more than once, please provide all.</p>			
SI-125	Waters	AIMS	Budget cuts	<p>1. AIMS lost \$7.8 million over the forward estimates from this year’s Federal Budget, including \$1.8 million this FY. How many staff will you lose as a result of that?</p> <p>2. What programs have you or will you discontinue or postpone?</p> <p>3. Have you been able to attract private investment to cover what you lost?</p> <p>a. Please detail the sources and amounts of any private funding</p> <p>b. Please detail what the funding is being used for, and whether any conditions are attached to it.</p> <p>c. Please give a summary of your work program before the budget</p>	Written 3/11/14		

				<p>cut, and your work program now – broken down by project area and funding levels, plus FTE commitment.</p> <p>d. Overall, has the focus of AIMS work shifted towards industry priorities away from ecological research?</p> <p>e. Please detail any projects which have been subject to a reduction in funding or FTE.</p> <p>f. Please detail any projects which have gained funding or FTE.</p>			
SI-126	Waters	AIMS	Climate change adaptation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide as much detail as possible in relation to any projects related to “assisted evolution” including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Timeframe b. Cost and FTE commitment c. Sources of funding d. Expected output e. Whether approaches have been made to government or private organisations for funding f. Detailed discussion of scope. g. The species involved h. The present habitat of those species i. The proposed future habitat of those species 2. Are there any external stakeholders involved – i.e. tourism operators, university marine ecologists, industry representatives, UNESCO representatives? 3. In what capacity are they involved? 4. Is the project primarily motivated by ecological or aesthetic considerations? 5. Has any assessment been done of the potential ecological impacts of introducing outside species in particular sections of the GBR? 6. What were the conclusions of that assessment? 7. Please provide a copy of that assessment. 8. Does this project or projects fall under the Great Barrier Reef Climate Change Action Plan 2012-2017? 	Written 3/11/14		
SI-127	Ludwig	Resources	G20 - expenses	<p>Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.</p> <p>For each item, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. 2. The location of the event. 3. The date of the event. 4. The name and ABN of the service provider. 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. 6. The total value of the contract/invoice. 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department. 	Written 30/10/14		

				8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. 11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.			
SI-128	Ludwig	Resources	G20 - Brisbane	1. Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following: 2. How long will the minister be in Brisbane for? 3. Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. 4. Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles. 5. How many ministerial staff will attended with the minister? 6. How many departmental staff attended the G20? 7. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane? 8. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane? 9. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail. 10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail. 11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes: a) What will be the scope of the report? b) When will it be complete? c) Will it be available to the public?	Written 30/10/14		
S1-129	Ludwig	Portfolio Strategic Policy	Red Tape Reduction	1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target? 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit? 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS and SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskfoce/team/workgroup or	Written 30/10/14		

				agency within the department?			
SI-130	Ludwig	Corporate	Commissioned reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written		
SI-131	Ludwig	Corporate	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the date they were ordered b) the date they commenced c) the minister responsible d) the department responsible e) the nature of the review f) their terms of reference g) the scope of the review h) Who is conducting the review i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j) the expected report date k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g) If yes, for each, who selected them 	Written		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 3. Which reviews are on-going? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please list them. b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When will each planned review be commenced? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) When will government respond to each review? d) Will the government release each review? e) If so, when? If not, why not? 			
SI-132	Ludwig	Corporate	Graduate intake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013? 2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014? 3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015? 4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-133	Ludwig	Ministers' Office	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Who is the manual distributed to? 5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-134	Ludwig	Corporate	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent 	Written 30/10/14		

				to the minister or the minister's office?			
SI-135	Ludwig	Corporate	Domain Usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). b) Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. c) Number of times the site was accessed. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-136	Ludwig	Corporate	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-137	Ludwig	Corporate	Sunset Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? 2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? 3. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active 4. When did/will this work begin? 5. When is/was the review due to commence. 6. What is the expected report date. 7. Who is the minister responsible for the review 8. What department is responsible for the review 	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</p> <p>10. List the terms of reference.</p> <p>11. What is the scope of the review.</p> <p>12. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</p> <p>13. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</p> <p>14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</p> <p>15. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</p> <p>16. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>17. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>			
SI-138	Ludwig	Corporate	Self Initiated work	<p>1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?</p> <p>2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</p> <p>3. When did the project commence?</p> <p>4. When is it expected to conclude?</p> <p>5. What will the total cost of the project be?</p> <p>6. Where did the money for the project come from?</p> <p>7. Where is the project based?</p>	Written 30/10/14		
SI-139	Ludwig	Corporate	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written 30/10/14		
SI-140	Ludwig	Corporate	Requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</p> <p>2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</p> <p>3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:</p> <p>a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</p> <p>b) For how many has a redacted document been provided?</p>	Written 30/10/14		

SI-141	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-142	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 	Written 30/10/14		

				10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.			
SI-143	Ludwig	Corporate (Property)	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date the lease agreement is active from. b) Date the lease agreement ends. c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date from which the lease agreement was active. b) Date the lease agreement ended. c) Why was the lease not renewed? d) Location of the building (City and state). e) Cost of the lease. f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c) Expected location of the building (City and state). d) Expected cost of the lease. e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget? f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 5. For each building owned or leased by the department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-144	Ludwig	Corporate	Government advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each item of expenditure and cost b) List the approving officer for each item c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the total expected cost b) List each item of expenditure and cost c) List the approving officer for each item d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 			
SI-145	Ludwig	Corporate	Workplace assessments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-146	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial Website	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-147	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial staff turnover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-148	Ludwig	Corporate	Multiple tenders	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-149	Ludwig	Corporate	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary 	Written 30/10/14		

				and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting			
SI-150	Ludwig	Corporate	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these changes c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, who conducted the works? e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-151	Ludwig	Corporate	Non-Conventional Therapies	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b) Who are they available to? c) Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)? 2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What therapies have been provided? b) What were they used to treat? c) What was the cost of the therapy? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-152	Ludwig	Corporate	Office Plants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-153	Ludwig	Corporate	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 			
SI-154	Ludwig	Corporate	Vending machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-155	Ludwig	Corporate	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-156	Ludwig	Corporate	Legal Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-157	Ludwig	Corporate	Appointments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has the department instigated of changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed. 			
SI-158	Ludwig	Corporate	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-159	Ludwig	Corporate	Staff Transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? 6. with co 7. How many of these people are employed in Canberra? 8. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election? 9. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013 10. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election? 11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age. 12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer. 13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender. 14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 15. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 16. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer? 17. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred 	Written 30/10/14		

			<p>by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>18. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p><i>Redundancies</i></p> <p>19. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>20. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>21. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>22. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>23. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>24. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <p>a) Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</p> <p>b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d) Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p>			
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				<p>e) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>25. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>a) Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.</p> <p>b) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</p> <p>c) Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</p> <p>d) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>26. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>27. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>28. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <p>a) Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located.</p> <p>b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d) Please provide the reason for that redundancy.</p> <p>e) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p><i>Hiring</i></p> <p>29. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>30. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>31. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>32. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>33. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p>			
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				<p>a) For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>34. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>35. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>a) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>36. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>37. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>38. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>39. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p>			
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				<p>40. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>41. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>42. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>43. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>44. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>45. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>46. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their</p>			
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SI-160	Ludwig	Corporate	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-161	Ludwig	Corporate	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contract. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-162	Ludwig	Corporate	Market Research	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the total cost of this research b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c) Who conducted the research? 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) How were they identified? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted? g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i) How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j) What input did the Minister have? k) How was it approved? l) Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail. 			
SI-163	Ludwig	Corporate	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel? 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels? 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-164	Ludwig	Corporate	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is provided? b) The purchase cost. c) The ongoing cost. d) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-165	Ludwig	Corporate	Freedom of	The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of	Written		

			Information	<p>Information Act (the Act):</p> <p>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Department or Agency which was consulted; b) The document; c) The purpose of the consultation; d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; c) The purpose of the consultation; d) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension f) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office <p>Staffing resources</p> <p>The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests? <p>FOI Disclosure Log</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents 	30/10/14		
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				<p>released under section 11A (direct download)?</p> <p>b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?</p> <p>c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).</p> <p>2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:</p> <p>a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;</p> <p>b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;</p> <p>c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?</p> <p>d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?</p> <p>e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?</p> <p>3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</p> <p>4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <p>a) On how many occasions charges have been imposed;</p> <p>b) The amount charged for each document</p> <p>c) The total amount charged;</p> <p>d) What is the highest charge that has been imposed.</p> <p>With respect to FOI requests:</p> <p>1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?</p> <p>2. Of those, how many were:</p> <p>a) Released in full</p> <p>b) Released in part</p> <p>c) Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest</p> <p>d) Other (please specify)</p>			
SI-166	Ludwig	Corporate	Land costs	<p>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency</p>	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p> <p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>			
SI-167	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>1. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>2. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>3. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>1. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>2. How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>1. If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p>	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level 			
SI-168	Ludwig	Corporate	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-169	Ludwig	Corporate	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-170	Ludwig	Corporate	Departmental Rebranding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). 	Written 30/10/14		

				iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.			
SI-171	Ludwig	Corporate	Credit cards	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How any credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.	Written 30/10/14		
SI-172	Ludwig	Corporate	Contracts for Temporary Staff	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written 30/10/14		
SI-173	Ludwig	Corporate	Hire cars	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written 30/10/14		
SI-174	Ludwig	Corporate	Unallocated	1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and	Written		

			Equipment	<p>computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</p> <p>2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	30/10/14		
SI-175	Ludwig	Corporate	Advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies.</p> <p>2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.</p> <p>3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.</p>	Written 30/10/14		
SI-176	Ludwig	Corporate	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</p> <p>2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?</p> <p>a) If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</p> <p>b) If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c) If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>d) If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</p>	Written 30/10/14		
SI-177	Ludwig	Corporate	Cloud Services and Storage	<p>1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:</p> <p>2. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?</p> <p>3. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.</p> <p>4. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.</p> <p>5. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?</p> <p>6. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?</p> <p>7. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?</p> <p>8. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?</p> <p>9. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.</p>	Written 30/10/14		
SI-178	Ludwig	Corporate	Disability Access	<p>1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:</p> <p>2. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental</p>	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>agreement, when it expires).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act. 4. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete. 5. Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue. 6. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs. 7. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached. 8. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail. 			
SI-179	Ludwig	Corporate	Fee for services	<p>Since September 7, 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-180	Ludwig	Corporate	Documents provided to minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature. 2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3. How are they transmitted to the office? 4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-181	Ludwig	Corporate	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>5. Who suggested these material be created?</p> <p>6. Who approved its creation?</p> <p>7. Provide copies of authorisation</p> <p>8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</p> <p>9. Who created the material?</p> <p>10. How was that person selected?</p> <p>11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</p>			
SI-182	Ludwig	Corporate	Freedom of Information - Stats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-183	Ludwig	Corporate	Savings and Efficiency Measures	<p>Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued? 2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the timeframe for implementation? b) Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks? c) When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department? d) What action has the minister asked be done on this policy? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-184	Ludwig	Corporate	Contracts under \$10,000	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-185	Ludwig	Corporate	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each, including name, cost and purpose b) If so, why? 	Written 30/10/14		

SI-186	Ludwig	Corporate	Electronic equipment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the items b) List the items location or normal location c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d) List the total cost of the items e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f) List the date they were provided to the office g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-187	Ludwig	Corporate	Media subscriptions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the 	Written 30/10/14		

				specified period?			
SI-188	Ludwig	Corporate	Media monitoring	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c) Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c) Itemise these expenses. 	Written 30/10/14		

SI-189	Ludwig	Corporate	Media training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) An itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) The location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-190	Ludwig	Corporate	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 5. How many are graphic designers? 6. How many are media managers? 7. How many organise events? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-191	Ludwig	Corporate	Report Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or 	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?</p> <p>2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal</p>			
SI-192	Ludwig	Corporate	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What has been provided? b) The purchase cost. c) The ongoing cost. d) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-193	Ludwig	Corporate	Travel costs - department	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under. 6. Detail the process. 7. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 9. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 10. What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel? 11. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 12. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-194	Ludwig	Corporate	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 			
SI-195	Ludwig	Corporate	Senate estimates briefing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, when did this occur? 2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 3. When were the changes made? 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-196	Ludwig	Corporate	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014? 	Written 30/10/14		

				7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			
SI-197	Ludwig	Corporate	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Detail the items provided to the minister's office. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-198	Ludwig	Corporate	Meeting costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-199	Ludwig	Corporate	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 			
SI-200	Ludwig	Corporate	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The location used 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written 30/10/14		

				<p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			
SI-201	Ludwig	Corporate	Staffing profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state) 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-202	Ludwig	Corporate	Staffing reductions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-203	Ludwig	Corporate	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-204	Ludwig	Corporate	Coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage? 	Written 30/10/14		

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? 2. Why were coffee machines purchased? 3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? 4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? 5. Who has access? 6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 			
SI-205	Ludwig	Corporate	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, what companies were used? b) How were they selected? c) What was the total cost of this printing by item? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-206	Ludwig	Corporate	Corporate cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-207	Ludwig	Corporate	Taxi costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written 30/10/14		

SI-208	Ludwig	Corporate	Grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants? 2. How are grants applied for? 3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved. 4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? 5. Who is involved in this selection process? 6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail. 7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written 30/10/14		
SI-209	Xenophon	Skills Policy	Training courses – Job Services Act	How does the Federal Government determine which training courses to provide funding for?	Transfer from Education 12/11/2014		
SI-210	Ludwig	Corporate	Functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The guest list of each function 2. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function 3. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function 4. A list of drinks consumed at the function <p>Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</p>	Written 30/10/14		

SI-211	Edwards	ASQA	Registered VET facilities in South Australia	<p>CHAIR: Very quickly before I set you free. I live very close to the GMH factory. I live in Clare and it is on my way home. It is in the seat of Wakefield, and the northern suburbs have a 44 per cent youth unemployment rate. I am just giving you some context. We were greatly encouraged to see two of the 20 Prime Minister's Awards for Skills Excellence go to participants from the seat of Wakefield. Are you able to, on notice I suspect, let me know how many registered VET facilities there are in South Australia?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We could. I may have those figures somewhere but we will certainly come back with that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I do not want to bog it down now. It is not a test.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We can certainly provide that information to you.</p> <p>CHAIR: And particularly in the electorate of Wakefield, because we are trying to crank things up and get some outcomes. I am also interested in some benchmarks. What percentage of young people aged 15 to 19 are enrolled in VET courses—that is a question on notice—and how does South Australia's involvement in those programs stack up against the national average?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: There are 253 RTOs in South Australia. We can give you a list of those.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Australians undertook VET courses in the most recent reporting period? What was the total number of participants from South Australia? Where available please supply the numbers by region in SA. • What was the average completion rate across Australia? Please provide a breakdown average completion rate per state. 	Partially answered on page74 23/10/14 and Written		
SI-212	Ludwig	Corporate	Ministerial Motor vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, 	Written question 30/11/2014		

				<p>how are these costs met?</p> <p>g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>			
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