

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—BUDGET ESTIMATES, 2 & 3 JUNE 2014**  
**Department of Defence**

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Special Operation Task Force	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Special operations task force. You put out a department media release on 8 May 2013 regarding an operation in Zabul province in Afghanistan—an investigation.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> There are two aspects to that investigation. There was an inquiry officer's investigation conducted and the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service was doing an investigation. Both of those are still open. I think the former is close to completion, but the investigative service is still working on particular aspects of it, so they are still in hand.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Will it be publicly released when it is finished?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Once we have the outcome, I will provide advice to the minister on that. I will reserve that until I have actually read it myself.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Are you able to provide the date on which it was submitted to CJOPS?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I will take it on notice.</p>	P8	17/7/14	4/9/14
2.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Afghan civilian casualties	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> With reference to the inquiry into an Afghan child sustaining a gunshot wound in Uruzgan province in May 2012, could you tell us how long it took to investigate this matter?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Again I will take that on notice. I will have the information and I will come back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Okay; and whether that was a normal length of time for an investigation and why it took nearly 12 months for that to be publicly released.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Okay.</p>	P8-9	17/7/14	4/9/14

3.	Defence	Fawcett	Increase in Budget	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Mr Thomson has made comments in his work about Defence's ability to absorb an increase. I think this year was a six per cent increase in Defence funding, which is the first time that has occurred for a while. But given the backlog of maintenance-type activities, what I am concerned to understand—and I am happy to take it on notice—to see is a more detailed breakdown of where that funding is not just being directed to the things that make good announcements but directed to those things that we need to actually keep the capability running. Fuel farms are a classic example. We had a number of discussions around fuel farms and a backlog of maintenance to actually keep those operational. I would like to see a breakdown that indicates that the priorities Defence is putting on its additional funding is actually addressing those key sustainment issues for the force, in being, as opposed to be all directed at future acquisition and capability.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I do not think that is the case. We will give you the detail. The bulk of the funding that has been brought forward has been applied to priorities. They are not all in the sustainment of the force, in what people might think in terms of equipment, but we have facilities issues we need to address in terms of OH&amp;S, maintenance of the Defence estate and ICT issues that we need to address that both support our management of the department and conduct of operations. There is remediation going on in some of those areas which needed remediation. Again, we will get you the breakdown of the figures. We have not just put that into DMO DCP capital expense. It is in other areas of the portfolio that needed to be addressed.</p>	P12	21/7/14	4/9/14
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4.	Defence	Conroy	Locally Engaged Employees	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> As I said I agree with your policy. It is just that <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> appear to have been given some well-informed information which militates against the very suggestion you are making here that we should not really talk about it too widely. I appreciate the point you are making and I will not press you on that. Based on your answers from November last year, I understand that some applications are made by family members of locally engaged employees. How many of the applications are from family members?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I do not have that information to hand. I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Roughly how long is it taking to process an application?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Again, if I could, I will come back to you on that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You can probably take these two on notice as well: what is the longest period of time it has taken to process an application? And given the significant risk of harm that some of the individuals are in, are these visas given a high priority?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Senator, I can cover all of that. I would say, on the last one, that we will expedite when we are aware. I will get the other detail for you.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Have many been refused?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Again, it is more with the department of foreign affairs to do the handling of it. We will come back with that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes, take that on notice—and, also, if there are any reasons that you are able to publicly give, appreciating the sensitivity around this issue that you have identified. I understand there is an initial assessment for eligibility done by the department. Once the application is deemed 'eligible' it is forwarded to Immigration to go through the normal visa application process. Do you follow the application once it has been handed over?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I appreciate that you will probably need to take this on notice: what is the average time for an applicant from the lodging to being resettled in Australia?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Again, I will take it on notice.</p>	P15-16	21/7/14	4/9/14
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5.	Defence	Conroy	<p>Member for Shortland denied access to visit RAAF Base Williamtown</p>	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Minister, are you aware that your office denied the member for Shortland access to Williamtown air base to join me on a visit to the base last week?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> No, I am not.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you tell me who made the decision? Obviously, it was not you.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I will just go back to my recent visit to the Williamtown air base. As I indicated, Ms Hall was not allowed to join me on a visit to that base. I asked who made the decision. I think you indicated you would take it on notice, which clearly indicates it was not you. I would have been surprised if it was you.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I am not sure what the circumstances are. I want some time to have a look at what happened there.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> No, I accept that you have taken it on notice. To assist you in that, we received an email from your office—I am sorry; the email from your office was to Ms Hall, which said, 'You do not have approval as Senator Conroy already has the local member Ms Claydon in attendance.' The member for Shortland, Ms Hall, has constituents who work on this base. The base is very important to the local community and the local economy. I would have thought that you, as defence minister, would want MPs to have a strong understanding of the work of the ADF and the great contribution they are making to the security of our country. I was just a little surprised that such a limitation was enforced. You do not have to comment; I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Yes.</p>	P24 and 28	17/7/14	4/9/14
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6.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud control	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I want to ask some questions on an issue of fraud control within Defence. These are issues that I raised at the previous estimates. I want to follow through on some of the answers on notice in respect of that. In terms of the number of complaints that are received in respect of fraud within Defence, I would be grateful, on notice, if you could provide details of how many complaints have been made in the past two financial years. In relation to the questions I asked on notice, there is a regularly updated defence fraud control plan. When was it last updated?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not have the exact date. We do update that fraud control plan each year. That fraud control plan is part and parcel of our annual financial management processes.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Does the fraud control plan include a method of encouraging people to come forward if they have concerns about untoward activities in respect of fraud control?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Indeed. We do have what we call a whistleblower regime where individuals can remain anonymous if they wish to raise issues.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> How many whistleblowers have come forward in, say, the past 12 months?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not have that detail in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Could you provide that—</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I will, indeed.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> And, say, for the last three financial years, and this year to date, in respect of the number of whistleblowers coming forward in respect of fraud control, as well as details of the number of prosecutions and recoveries in respect of fraud control?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Yes, we do have that information.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Do you have any of that to hand here today?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Sorry, I do not have it with me. We do, obviously, keep that information.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> The answer on notice referred to the fraud control plan being supported by a strong network of fraud control coordinators. Could you provide, on notice, how many fraud control coordinators there are? The IT system includes data collection reporting capabilities. When was that IT system updated and what is the nature of that IT system? Do you have any information on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not have the sort of detail that I think you are after, except to say that we do run software across our transactions on a regular basis. It is a bit like what the banks do. Banks monitor transactions to look for unusual and what we call outlier transactions. We certainly do that on a very regular basis to try to identify fraudulent activity.</p>	P24-25	22/7/14	4/9/14
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7.	Defence	Milne	Afghan civilian casualty	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I just have a couple of questions with regard to Afghanistan, in particular, incidents of the shooting of children in Afghanistan and the follow-up to that. The first one is in regard to the 2012 incident in Uruzgan province where an Australian soldier shot a child. Can I ask: given the report was submitted to the department in May 2013, why was there such a long delay between the submitting of that report to the department and the release of the report publicly, even though heavily redacted, in April 2014?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Which particular incident? Do you have an incident date?</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> The victim was a 13-year-old boy. He was survived the incident and was discharged—</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> This would be 1 May 2012.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> We already have that question on notice from Senator Whish-Wilson. If we could come back to you on that? He asked that this morning.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I am sorry I was not aware that he had. Did he ask about the compensation payments?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> No, but we do not provide information about the amounts, if that is the question.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Let me continue in relation to that. What injuries did that child suffer and is there ongoing treatment that is required associated with his injuries? What are we doing to support that ongoing treatment?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> In terms of the nature of his injuries, I have here that he was struck by a bullet, injuring his face and neck. He was transferred to the Role 2 medical facility in Tarin Kowt and then to the Role 3 facility in Kandahar. He was discharged into the care of his family some time after 6 May. In relation to the rest of your questions, I do not have any information directly here. I will come back to you, if you are happy with that.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Okay. My main issue here is what monitoring are we now doing as to his condition, given that the report that has now been made public recommends that there be a process for civilian casualty tracking and that that process be reviewed to ensure that a casualty is routinely monitored post-incident. Has there been any ongoing monitoring of this particular child? Secondly, is there any review into protocols with regard to ongoing tracking of people who have been hurt in these circumstances?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Again, Senator, I do not have the detail right in front of me. I will come back to you as soon as I can.</p> <p>....</p>	P25-26	17/7/14	4/9/14
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8.	Defence	Conroy	Travel costs of AMINDEF adviser attending Senator Conroy visits to Defence Establishments	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are you also aware that the same staff member was sent to accompany me when I visited RAAF Base Richmond and Holsworthy Army Barracks in New South Wales a few weeks ago, on 6 May?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I suspect that is standard practice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> My understanding is it was not something that was done to you as a policy under the previous government. We did not send a minder along to keep an eye on you. I am happy for you to correct the record.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I seem to remember a minder being present almost at every turn of every corner. I did not have that many opportunities, I must confess, because I was denied a lot of briefings over the period. Point taken!</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Not by me. I was the—</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> No, certainly not by you.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I can assure you I also made sure you were not followed around.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> If I could correct the record, certainly not by you.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I just make the point that, when I was the minister, Senator Johnston, you were never denied a briefing. In fact, I believe you will find that you were not followed around any Defence establishment. I think you would have to acknowledge that.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I do acknowledge that.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I would say that that policy did not subsist—</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I do not know about anyone else's policy. I merely know about mine.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I am sure you do not.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I will follow up. I am not aware that that was a policy. In fact it has been put to me that was not the policy. I am happy to take your word and follow that one up, Senator Johnston.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I have tried to give you as many briefings as you have asked for.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> As I said, I wanted to thank you for access. I have a long forward plan of visits, and briefings are being made available. I acknowledge that.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Good.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> As I said, I was just wondering whether you could take on notice: what was the cost of sending a staff member to Sydney and Newcastle to accompany me on these visits?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Sure.</p>	P29	17/7/14	4/9/14
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9.	Defence	Conroy	DLO's in Minister's offices	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> If I could also take this on notice: how many DLOs have there been in each of these offices since the change of government? Could you please include temporary and permanent staff?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Sure.</p>	P30	22/7/14	4/9/14

10.	Defence	Conroy	Appointment of MINDEF's Chief of Staff	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Did your new chief of staff work with the Prime Minister's chief of staff in Mr Nelson's office?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I would take that on notice. I am just not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are you aware of another media article that was in the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> on 8 May titled 'Credlin's hit list'? It says that Ms Credlin had compiled her own hit list of underperforming ministers and: 'Watch out defence minister David Johnston! The over ambitious immigration minister Scott Morrison is eyeing off your job.' Do you want to respond to any of this scurrilous media?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> What do you think?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I offer you the opportunity.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Lovely. I am not going to respond.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It also says that you are in line to become the next President of the Senate. Is that correct? Can you categorically rule out that you are going to become President of the Senate?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I actually can categorically rule that out.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Has the party room picked the successor yet? I think they have, have they not?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I am not going to discuss party room tactics.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> The senators are nodding here. Senator Parry is even with us!</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Senator Parry has turned up just for the question. What are you talking about?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Just for the question! You can categorically rule that out?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I can categorically rule that out.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am sure that is good news for many. Can I ask you about your new chief of staff. Before working at ASC, what position did the chief of staff hold?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I understood he worked as a director for Government Relations Australia. Does that sound familiar?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure about that.</p>	P31	17/7/14	4/9/14
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11.	Defence	Faulkner and Conroy	Hot Issue Briefs	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Before Senator Conroy continues with his line of questioning, could you or someone from the department explain what the clearance process is for the hot issues briefs.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I would need to get—</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I suppose that I am really asking: is it exclusively departmental or is there currently a ministerial office—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Whatever the process was before the election is what the process is now.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I am asking what the process was before the election.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Coming back to the evidence that you gave, Mr Richardson, back in February, you indicated that the minister had not been briefed on hot issues briefs?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> But the answer to the question on notice said that the minister's office agreed to the suspension of hot issues briefs. So what has caused that confusion?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I am not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I accept in good faith that Senator Johnston said, 'No; let's just put it back on board.'</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> What has caused it is simply poor work within the department, quite frankly, and a lack of appreciation that issues such as the hot issues briefs can become sensitive; and, if you let something like that slip for too long, it can become an issue.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Appreciating that by definition they are not likely to be hot issues any more, will the outstanding 47 be added to the website any time soon? They are probably cold issues briefs by now, but—</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> For the purposes of the historical record, on the 47, you are comfortable with that?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, absolutely. In terms of transparency, which the minister has highlighted, there is no reason why that would not be done.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thanks for clearing that up. Congratulations, Minister, on proactively seeking to restore that transparency measure that the department had slowed down, shall we say.</p>	P32-33	17/7/14	4/9/14
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12.	Defence	Conroy	ACT APS workforce	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you tell us the FTE for each year for the ACT?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I would need to take that on notice. Again, we have not yet done the precise sculpturing of that because I assume that is something which the first principles review will want to look at and we have been careful to avoid making decisions which could be seen to pre-empt the first principles review.</p>	P39	23/7/14	4/9/14
13.	Defence	MacDonald	Staffing – APS numbers by region	<p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> No, the total number of Defence APS, as of a couple of weeks ago, was full-time equivalent, not a head count, 20,154.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> That is what I thought I said. That is what I thought I asked, but anyhow. Are they APS, Australian public servants?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> They are APS.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Do you have, on the top of your head, roughly where they are all based?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> About 40 per cent of them are in Canberra and about 60 per cent of them are in capital cities and regional Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Can you tell me on notice approximately where they are all based?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We can certainly provide that for you.</p>	P46-47	22/7/14	4/9/14

14.	Defence	Conroy	Pacific Maritime Security Program	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much money did the department spend on PMSP in 2012-13?  <b>Mr Richardson:</b> We might have someone here who can answer that. I haven't got it.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am sure it will come to the table in a moment. How much money has the department spent on PMSP in the financial year to date?  <b>Mr Richardson:</b> Again, I will need to take that on advice.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> I think someone is coming to assist as we speak.  <b>Mr Richardson:</b> We have not yet spent money on it. We have had a straight-line development on this over the last 12 months and, as I said, there are certain matters which will be considered by government over the next—  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> We are 11 months into the financial year and we have not spent any money on it this year?  <b>Mr Richardson:</b> No, but it is not a matter on which we plan to spend money this year.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much did the department spend in 2012-13? Do we have some assistance at the table?  <b>Mr Birrer:</b> I just wanted to clarify with you, are you discussing the current Pacific patrol boat program or the potential future Pacific Maritime—  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> This is maritime security program, PMSP.  <b>Mr Birrer:</b> As was discussed before, it has not yet been considered by the government.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> We have agreed that we are not spending any money this financial year. We are eleven-twelfths of the way into it. I was just going back to the question: how much was spent on the previous financial year, 2012-13? I assume it should be in the budget papers.  <b>Mr Birrer:</b> I am not aware of anything, but we will take that on notice.</p>	P50-51	21/7/14	4/9/14
15.	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Review – Pilots of Training Courses	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I would like to take you to Rizzo. In estimates in February I asked some questions which you agreed to take on notice in looking at Rizzo in terms of rebuilding Navy's engineering and technical workforce. You gave a fairly comprehensive answer but there are a few things that I would like to follow up on that. In the answer it talks about the professionalisation of the engineering officers' skill set being part of improved training in an education continuum and the pilots of training courses commenced in early 2014. I was wondering if you could outline briefly what pilots they were and what the success rate is in terms of attracting people, graduation rates and retention as appropriate?  <b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I would have to take that on notice.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Would one of your officers have that?  <b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> No. We do not have that level of detail.</p>	P65	22/7/14	4/9/14

16.	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Review – Technical Bureaus	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can you explain to me what the answer here talks about with the establishment of a number of in-house specialist technical bureaus? It does not explain whether they exist within the Navy, the SPO or whether they are joint industry/Navy bureaus. Can you talk a little bit about what they are?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> With the concept of the bureau service, I do not know if you recall that in the Rizzo report there was a diagram which was like a spaghetti diagram about engineering. It went to the fragmentation of the way the engineering function was done, not just in Navy but in DMO and the entire maritime sphere. What we are trying to do with the technical bureaus is to aggregate the skill sets around certain issues and put them in place so that, in effect, there is a shared service in terms of that particular engineering function or maintenance or sustainment function. My vision of this is that they will be integrated. They will certainly be uniformed and APS, both Navy and DMO, and in certain instances they will clearly have contractor support for particular expertise.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> What is the target number of those technical bureaus?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Head of Naval Engineering is still working out what the exact scope of that will be.</p>	P66	22/7/14	4/9/14
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17.	Defence	Fawcett	Submarines APB Program	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> You may be aware from many previous estimates that the now minister and myself have raised around this that the commercial construct of this APB program works for the US model of defence industry and government ownership of IP but, unless there is more proactive engagement of the Australian government in terms of developing and owning IP, there are roadblocks to our industry being engaged. I think tracing back through the history that is the real reason for that roadblock, so yet again I am asking what is Defence planning to do to put in place a framework that enables our industry to compete on a level playing field with the US, given that we put \$20 million of taxpayers' money into this program every year?</p> <p><b>Mr Gould:</b> What we get for the \$20 million is the continuous upgrade of the system. I am very much aware of the previous discussions that have taken place, but there are three things that I would point to. We have someone now in Washington whose specific job it is to make sure that opportunities for Australian industry are actually brought to the attention of the US. We have our own requirements. In addition to having observer status on the US requirements group we have our own requirements group that feeds directly into PEO subs there, which is a fairly recent innovation. We also started a seed com process by which we can actually fund promising developments in Australian industry, so that gives them a chance to overcome some of the IP restraints that they previously had because there is a very different model for IP management in the US and in Australia. Those are three things which, perhaps rather late in the day, we are now doing to hopefully produce some improvement there.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> On the second point could you let the committee know—and I am happy for you to take it on notice—how many meetings that requirements group has actually attended and how many submissions they have made?</p> <p><b>Mr Gould:</b> I will take that on notice. They have met but I will take it on notice for a precise answer.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> You are probably aware that framework has existed previously. We have discovered through this process of estimates that for a number of years there were no requirements actually put forward, even though the framework existed, so I am keen to know how many meetings they have attended and what requirements have been put forward.</p> <p><b>Mr Gould:</b> That is fairly recent, but I will get you the answer.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That would be good. I am very encouraged to hear that. On the third point you mentioned the program about trying to put a framework in to support our SMEs and our industry to develop. What takers have there been? Have there been any contracts? How is that structured? Do you put a tender out? Do you seek unsolicited proposals? What funding is attached to it?</p>	P68	22/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p><b>Mr Gould:</b> We put a tender out. There is funding attached. It is quite low-level research funding and I would say the take up has been mixed. Some people have said that this is a good step forward, but one or two people have said they think it is too little too late; that is the way that I would summarise it.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> What is the quantum of funding that has been attached to it?</p> <p><b>Mr Gould:</b> I would have to take that on notice. It is fairly low-level funding but I will come back to you on that.</p>			
18.	Defence	Conroy	Navy deliverable products	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I refer to table 17 on page 35 about Navy deliverable products. Can you please explain to the committee why the number of charting projects has fallen from 110 under the previous government to just 20 for the 2014-15, 2015-16 financial years and from 140 to just 20 in the 2016-17 financial year.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	P87	21/7/14	4/9/14
19.	Defence	Conroy	Savings Programs - Navy, Army, Air Force deliverables in PBS	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Page 33 takes one of the deliverables of outcome 1.2. It is to deliver reforms and savings. What savings are in the budget in relation to Navy capability? How much has been saved from these programs? You might want to take these on notice; I understand if you want to. What savings are currently being considered within Navy capability? How much would be saved as a result of those decisions?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We will take the specifics on notice, but what I would say is since 2009 we have been running a continuous improvement program which has looked at a number of different areas of Navy business, including in the aviation arena where we have made considerable savings in terms of the servicing regime of the Seahawk. I will take the detail on notice.</p>	P87	22/7/14	4/9/14
20.	Defence	Conroy	Hydro graphic unit	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Just to go back to that hydrographic unit question I was asking, just to clarify the question I am asking is about the hydrographic unit ready days relates to the growth from the prediction from page 31 of last year's PBS in table 14, which was 200 for 2014-15 to the prediction in this year's budget PBS, which is 2,800 in table 14. We are asking why that increased—</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I see.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> in last year's prediction.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I will take the detail on notice, but I suspect what that is is a result of the variable speed drive maintenance that we are doing right now on HMAS <i>Leeuwin</i>; in fact <i>Leeuwin</i> has just completed that; she is on her way to Cairns now. <i>Melville</i> is about to go into that, so we think that will go into better availability for the HSs as a result of that maintenance. I will give the detail on notice.</p>	P88	22/7/14	4/9/14



21.	Defence	Conroy	Armidale in service support contract	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can you give the committee an update on the performance of the Defence Maritime Service's sustainment contract? How many employees does DMS currently have working on this contract?</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> Are you talking about the contract for the sustainment—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Sustainment contract, yes.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> For Armidale sustainment?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes, we are just in the Armidale—</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> I do not have the exact number. I know they have increased the size of their workforce significantly in the last 12 months or so. Unless Rear Admiral Purcell has an exact number, I do not.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Purcell:</b> The Armidale in service support sustainment contract is an outcome based contract. It is a contract for availability. The Commonwealth does not actually control the number of personnel that the company employs. It is really up to the company to determine the appropriate number of personnel. That said, we have been in discussions with the company. We understand that their workforce is currently over and above 100, but that they do employ additional personnel at other shipyards around the country.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are there lessons that the Navy has learned from the DMS contract and the sustainment of the Armidale-class vessels?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Purcell:</b> There is a range of lessons that we have identified and we would fly those into any future ship contracts or support contracts.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am happy for you to not take us through all those. If you could just give us a broad brush outline on notice on that issue, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Purcell:</b> Certainly.</p>	P88	2/7/14	17/7/14
22.	Defence	Conroy	Operation Sovereign Borders	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Have any border protection command personnel sought to take unscheduled breaks or leave from OSB duties for health related reasons?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> That is a level of detail that we would not have with us here.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> It may not appear in the way these things are written down, but we will take it on notice, yes.</p>	P91	17/7/14	4/9/14
23.	Defence	Conroy	Savings from programs 1.2 and 1.3	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much is saved from programs 1.2 and 1.3? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> That needs to be taken on notice. Regarding the amount of savings from the various years that are now displayed in the PBS you need to go back many, many years to accumulate the various savings that have been accumulated over time. Does that make sense?</p>	P96	23/7/14	4/9/14

24.	Defence	Fawcett	Helicopters and repairable items	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Some of the suppliers I have been speaking to tell me that it is cost neutral. They can do the work here for the same price that they do it in Europe. I encourage you to look deeply into that. How many of the parts come back from Europe with no fault found?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Dalton:</b> I would have to take that one on notice. We are not seeing in Tiger right now a huge issue with parts coming back with no fault found. What we are seeing is the parts getting caught up in different gates in Europe and it is just taking too long. That is slightly different with MRH90 where we are seeing some issue with no fault founds and we are looking to incorporate a test set here in Australia that would at least give us a quick look before the parts are dispatched to Europe.</p>	P101	22/7/14	4/9/14
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25.	Defence	Ludlam	Joint Strike Fighter – Lightning protection	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Something that was available publicly was that the aircraft could not fly within 40 kilometres of an electrical storm, and we are proposing to base a substantial number of them in Darwin. Has that been solved.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I think it is just pulling on comments that were made at certain stages of the development of the aircraft. It is at a certain stage of development and it does not have all its kit or systems fitted in it. So whilst you are doing that you put some protections around what you do in the aeroplane. Would we ever buy an aeroplane that could not fly within 40 kilometres of an electrical storm? Believe me, we would not.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Has that equipment been reinstalled in the two that we are about to get delivery of in July? I believe the equipment that was meant to protect it from lightning was removed because the airframe is too heavy. Have the two that we have purchased and that we take delivery of in July been refitted?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> On the issue around the lightning, until you do some test points on the aeroplane, that is a restriction you often put on. I think at this stage that restriction has been removed.</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> It is in the process of it, I think. In fact, I am attending a conference to be updated next week. The work on that, as two people have said, was more a conservative measure. In fact, our own DSTO did some work on the program to assist in doing that evaluation, and I believe that issue has basically been retired.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> This all sounds a little vague: 'We believe this. We're not sure. We might have that.' The two aircraft that we are taking delivery of in July in the US—they are not to be flown to Australia, I guess—have had the lightning fasteners installed.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I believe you may be confusing two issues. One was a matter of test data about where you can fly the aircraft. The other was the removal of a device to lighten the load. I think it was in fuel control or something. I do not think we removed anything that was lightning protection or something like that. It was a matter of assuring ourselves that the aircraft could fly in that environment safely. I will get some more information on that.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Yes, if you can.</p>	P111	2/7/14	17/7/14
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26.	Defence	Ludlam	Joint Strike Fighter –4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> generation comparison	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I do not expect you to have this information at the table, but could you take on notice for us—whoever feels most qualified to provide it—the various criteria by which jets are judged to be either fourth or fifth generation? In addition, can you tell us which of those criteria the JSF meets and which it does not?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Yes, we can do that, but I could talk to you about it now if you wanted me to.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> It depends how much latitude I am going to be given by the chair, because I have a fair bit to cover.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> We can take it on notice.</p>	P112	2/7/14	17/7/14
27.	Defence	Ludlam	Aircraft performance	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Can you just spell out for me—Senator Xenophon put a quote to you before where General Mike Hostage—chief of US Air Combat Command, so not a Greens senator; somebody with a bit of skin in the game—on 3 February this year said: If I do not keep that F-22 fleet viable, the F-35 ... will be irrelevant. [It] is not built as an air superiority platform. Now that is all very well for the US air force, because they have both of those aircraft. We do not, and we probably never will. What is your response to that comment—that is, the F-35 is somewhat defenceless by itself?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Senator, I would like to get the rest of the comment. If we could take that one on notice, what I would like to do is get the full comment back to you and we could read the entire—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> By nature it is somewhat out of context.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Yes; it is well and truly out of context.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Okay, I will put that reference to you through the secretary. We will come back to this later.</p>	P114	2/7/14	17/7/14

28.	Defence	Conroy	BBJ and Challenger lease agreements	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In relation to the flying hours on table 22 on page 42, there are not any hours scheduled for the BBJs or the Challengers. I note the existing contracts have been extended by one year. Is there a plan in place to replace these planes?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Which years are you talking about?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am working mainly off 2013-14 as to 2014-15.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> In 2014-15 they are down for 1,600 hours for the BBJ and 2,400 for the Challenger.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Okay. I will seek some clarification on that and come back to you in a moment.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Table 22?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Sorry. In 2017-18 there are no hours. I gave you the wrong year.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> The previous government extended the contract on BBJ and Challenger for three years. There are a number of one-year extensions, so we are looking at what we would replace the BBJ and Challenger with in this time.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are there any plans in place at the moment?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> There is some preliminary planning going on at this stage but nothing concrete.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much would it cost to terminate the lease agreements for the current aircraft?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> I would have to defer to the DMO as to what it would cost to terminate.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Air Vice Marshal Gordon, as you were coming to the table I was asking how much it would cost to terminate the lease arrangements for the current aircraft. Can you break down those costs and provide it to the committee? I am happy if you need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Gordon:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Gordon:</b> I will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	P118	2/7/14	17/7/14
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29.	Defence	Conroy	Special Purpose Aircraft approvals	<p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> If you will give me a moment, I will get that information. There are three tasking authorities for special purpose aircraft—the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can it be delegated to anyone other than those three?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> We have the approval authority for military members flying on SPAs.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What level does that go down to?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> I will take that on notice to get better clarification.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I think you have also mentioned that the Prime Minister is responsible for approving international travel on these aircraft. Is that the case?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> It depends on what the tasking is.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Does this apply to applications for their use by government and opposition office holders?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> I will take that on notice too.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can that authority be delegated? Again, it sounds as if it can.</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> It can.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Perhaps if you can give us an explanation. In the absence of a delegation, would the Prime Minister's staff be able to authorise or reject the use of special purpose aircraft?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Air Force's delegation covers domestic travel for entitled persons, other than the Governor-General and the Prime Minister, and that is where a suitable commercial alternative is not available.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I understand those criteria, but I was asking whether the Prime Minister's staff can authorise or approve or reject the use of special purpose aircraft?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> No, the tasking authorities are the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could the minister delegate it to a staff member? Could the Prime Minister delegate it? It does not sound like it from what you are describing to me. If they wrote a letter saying, 'I pass my delegation on,' would that have legal authority?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> I will take that on notice. I do not believe that is the case.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Outside of elections, can you outline the arrangements for approving domestic travel and international travel. I happy for you to take that on notice. I would now like to move on to 1.6.</p>	P118-119	22/7/14	4/9/14
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30.	Defence	Conroy	Facilities becoming redundant due to the reduction in Protective Service Officers	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I note that it was announced in October last year that 110 PSO positions at various ADF bases were to be cut. Has this been implemented?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> The reduction of those PSO positions across the footprint of Defence has been completed and that was one of the savings measures that we have put in place.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Okay. What is the security risk assessment as a result of these changes?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I do not have any details with me of the security risk assessment, but we are always cognisant of security risk when we make any changes to our security posture. We do not believe that the security risk has increased as a result of what we have done.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> We have cut 110 positions but there is no increase in security risk from that.</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So is it not the case that Defence has built facilities for PSOs at ADF bases that will now no longer be required?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> I am not sure that we have built facilities that would not be required. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> They were built specifically for PSOs, is my understanding. I am happy for you to take it on notice but ,given we do not have those PSOs it would seem like -</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> In the facilities where we had PSOs in the past, we still have PSOs at present and will have them in the future—just in reduced numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you take on notice whether there are any facilities that have become redundant because of this?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	P119	21/7/14	4/9/14
31.	Defence	Conroy	WHS risk assessments across Defence Estate	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You mentioned WHS risk a couple of times. What assessments have been carried out over the Defence estate?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> As I said, we run a three-year forward look at WHS risks. Where we find areas that are presenting a risk, we seek to have that rectified through maintenance activity or disposal activity, perhaps. If in extremis we cannot fix the issue, we would generally close down the facility, usually a building or a part of a building, until such time as it could be made safe to occupy and use.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Have any significant new risks been identified and been managed since the election?</p> <p><b>Mr Grzeskowiak:</b> Requests for WHS works come in on a daily basis; in terms of significant new risks, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	P122	22/7/14	4/9/14

32.	Defence	Conroy	Soldier combat ensemble (TBAS)	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I want to ask you to talk us through the soldier combat ensemble and how it works.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> TBAS.</p> <p><b>Dr Zelinsky:</b> TBAS, yes. I might have to take that one on notice. I have to think it through. The main part of the acquisition was led by the DMO. DSTO was more of the innovation evaluator. We did a lot of evaluations of the parts of the ensemble and put it together. But all the parts of equipment I would have to take on notice. If the DMO were here I would have asked my friends to come forward and suggest some answers.</p>	P127	17/7/14	4/9/14
33.	Defence	Rhiannon	Former Sri Lankan police or army members working in Defence	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you, Chair. Are there any former members of the Sri Lankan army or Sri Lankan police working for the Department of Defence or the Australian Defence Force?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> In terms of the Department of Defence, I would not have a clue. I would need to check.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take that on notice, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Have any former members of the Sri Lankan army or Sri Lankan police been on the payroll of the Department of Defence or the Australian Defence Force? Could you take that on notice as well?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> When you say 'payroll', Senator, what do you mean? Do you mean someone who has a contract with Defence or someone who is employed by Defence?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I use the word 'payroll' in the wider sense, so it is anyone who receives a form of payment, whether it is a regular weekly salary or a form of contract.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> If it is a form of contract, we would not be able to give you that information. For instance, there are literally thousands of service providers to Defence. We do not necessarily know what every employee of a service provider has been involved in in the past. So in terms of people employed by Defence, we can certainly examine that. But in terms of service providers, no.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If we stop with the first one, that would be very useful.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> All right.</p>	Day 2 P6-7	22/7/14	4/9/14



34.	Defence	Conroy	Goods and Services revenue reduction	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Table 29, page 56, shows big increases in costs from the previous budget, over \$60 million in 2015-16 from employee costs and write-downs of assets, and over \$45 million in 2016-17. What are the reasons behind these increases in costs and write-downs over the previous year?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> In regard to the write-downs—are you talking about table—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Table 29 on page 56. In 2015-16 it is up by \$60 million and in 2016-17 it is up by \$45.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> With the write-downs in impairments and the reverse of the previous assets and so on, again, it has been a process over time of cleaning up that accrual adjustment. As I explained yesterday, we base those forward estimates of those actual adjustments on the history of the organisation over time; and, over time, we are seeing some changes in those adjustments.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So those figures are almost entirely made up of those adjustments?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> They are, because there are no cash adjustments as a result of those, so there is no acquisition or disposal embedded in those numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In the bottom half of the table we are expecting much less revenue, nearly \$20 million less in 2015-16 and 2016-17. What is behind your forecast there?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I would have to check that. I would have to see whether I have that with me. I do not have that particular number in front of me, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Yes, I will.</p>	Day 2 P7	22/7/14	4/9/14
35.	Defence	Conroy	Cadets	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You gave a response to question 62 for supplementary estimates—and I am happy for you to take this on notice: could you provide an update on the figures of the number of fit-outs and new units established that you provided in that response to question 62? As I said I am happy for that to be taken on notice. Are you expecting any further growth in numbers? I think you indicated that there is no disbanding, which has been bandied about before, so I am very reassured by that. It is just that future growth issue that I am hoping to get some joy on.</p>	Day 2 P8	21/7/14	4/9/14

36.	Defence	Fawcett	Reserves – Military post and technical competencies	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> In a reserve context, from the discussion I had with Chief of Navy yesterday about Rizzo and rebuilding the technical workforce in Navy, I am aware that across DMO and the three services there are a number of reservists who come back in to fill particular roles, because Defence has not had people with the appropriate competence, as in years of experience as well as qualifications. I am happy for you to take this on notice, but I am interested in getting some figures about how many people, for example, there are within SPOs. I think Navy's SPO did have a chief engineer; he was a reservist and I think he still is, in fact. I refer also to design engineers and people holding various delegations, and where Defence has had to bring in people from the Reserve because it has been unable to grow or retain people within the force. I am interested in looking 10 years out, when those reservists are no longer available, as to how we grow and sustain those technical competencies that we need. Also, I would be interested in getting a snapshot of how many posts that have a specific delegation of authority are currently filled in the three services and DMO by reservists.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Griggs:</b> We can certainly do that; I obviously do not have the detail of that here. As you know, we have a number of people who fill that bill. I am not convinced that, in 10 years, there will not be any reservists, particularly in Air Force and Navy, and regarding the way we use them as part of the integrated workforce. I think we are going to see, particularly as Suakin comes in, much more flexibility for our workforce generally that will translate into more of the permanent part-time—</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I perhaps expressed that poorly. It is not that there will not be reservists; but the current reservists who have the competencies required will probably have retired and, if we are not growing regular staff now who have those competencies, neither will we have grown reservists for 10 years' time. I am interested in what the current draw for reservists is, to get a sense of what is the task moving forward to make sure that we grow the range of competencies.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Could we treat that in two parts: the data you want in terms of figures on competencies and so forth, and what each is doing in relation to growth of engineering capabilities, where it is relevant and so forth. You will get a whole picture then rather than part of it.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That would be great; thank you.</p>	Day 2 P14-15	22/7/14	4/9/14
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37.	Defence	Eggleston	ADF Parliamentary Program	<p><b>Rear Adm. Jones:</b> What I can say is that our own ADF parliamentary program had its genesis in fact in a UK program of a similar nature. I also understand the US run a similar program as well. But our program has been running now for well over 10 years.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That must mean a lot of MPs have been through it. Have there been any problems with it in any area?</p> <p><b>Rear Adm. Jones:</b> Not that I am aware of. We can check that for you. I do not believe there has been any problem. I think it has been a highly successful program. The strength of it is the bipartisan nature of the support we get for it.</p>	Day 2 P19	21/7/14	4/9/14
38.	Defence	Conroy	Pension Indexation	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> On pension indexation—there was a bit of discussion on this yesterday—I note that the government's decision to change the indexation on some Defence pensions will cost \$1.4 billion over the forward estimates. That is at table 3 on page 17. If I am reading the PBS right, the total cost of nominal interest on these schemes is about \$14.5 billion—table 34, page 68. Is it fair to say that the new indexation of superannuation has increased the cost by about 10 per cent?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not know the percentage but it certainly is an increase because of the change.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you come back to us on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Yes, I can.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> A quick comparison regarding the total Defence spend on this particular item would indicate that the contribution towards the pensions of DFRDB, DFRB and MSBS makes up more than 11 per cent of the total Defence budget in 2014-15; is that the case?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> On the contributions that are made, are you talking about the administered budget or the departmental budget? In table 3, Defence makes notional contributions for superannuation, as do all organisation employers. Defence also administers, in a book-keeping sense, the scheme payments to pension recipients. That is administered as a separate appropriation to the running costs, if you like, and the capital costs of Defence. You will see in table 3 that there are two components to our budget, both departmentally administered. I can look at both of those and provide an answer—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thanks. How much of the current spending on nominal interest is being paid to current serving soldiers, in nominal terms and as a percentage of total Defence spending?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I will provide those to you.</p>	Day 2 P26	22/7/14	4/9/14

39.	Defence	Conroy	Ex-Service Personnel expenses	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thank you. Are there any other expenses in the Defence portfolio that relate to former ADF personnel?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Any other expenses related to former ADF personnel? Superannuation is the obvious one.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> The defence abuse task force. All of that does not relate to former ADF. There are administrative costs there. But where there are payments to be made to individuals, we provide that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> As an example, a left-field one that gets covered by the sort of question I have asked is about identification of soldiers in Fromelles in France. That is paid for by Defence rather than DVA. I am just looking to see if there is any other.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> We certainly get involved—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I understand that it is paid for by Defence?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Maybe you just take the money and hand it to them. That is the sort of example I am talking about, a sort of left-field example.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> Yes, got you.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> You would like us to provide you with a list of those; is that what you are asking?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes, thank you—the cost, and across the forwards.</p>	Day 2 P26	23/7/14	4/9/14
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40.	Defence	Conroy	Military Superannuation	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> No. I am more encouraging the secretary and the minister to see if they could convince some of their colleagues to change their perspective rather than changing Defence's perspective. Thank you for that. I note that the budget papers list the new superannuation arrangements as a saving of \$426 million over just two years of the forward estimates. How much money will it save you per soldier to shift from the current pension arrangements to the new ones?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Per soldier?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am happy for you to take that on notice. I appreciate you might not have done it yet.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I am not sure that is a saving.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> It is from 2016.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I was not suggesting it was on your existing at all. I am just saying, actuarially and importantly, this is the sort of thing Finance claim is structural savings, and that sort of argument. I am just looking to understand what the actual savings are. So if you are paying a soldier from 2016 forward, under the current scheme versus what you would be paying him under the new scheme, what is the saving on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> The actuaries were involved in making those sorts of assessments.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am sure there were.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> That work we will look into and provide some information.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Great. Thank you very much.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> To be clear, it is a reduced amount of money; not so many savings that would come back to Defence.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You would probably call it a 'reduction in future growth' if you were the Prime Minister. I appreciate that they are not getting paid less, by definition, because they are not getting paid anything at the moment.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In terms of future projection versus new future projection, it would be a different and lower amount, by definition. I am just looking to identify that per soldier. Have you done any calculations about the savings that will be made to the budget over the defence guidance period from the reduction in superannuation benefits? I am sure you have. It is just a question of breaking up that specific period as well as the longer one. If you could give us the specific period as well? Thank you.</p>	Day 2 P27	21/7/14	4/9/14
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41.	Defence	Conroy	ICT funding cut	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In table 5 on page 19 there has been a cut of over \$400 million from the ICT integrated plan of work, including 20—I am assuming that is million—in 2015-16, and 220 million in 2016-17, and no funding at all, it looks like, in 2017-18. What will no longer be delivered as a result of this funding cut? Are we ceasing the integrated plan of work?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> No, we are not ceasing the integrated plan of work.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It is just going to go very slowly, or will it have been completed?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> No. The integrated plan of work is a program of works for ICT. It encompasses quite a number of different projects. What you are seeing is really a remnant from the previous budgeting decisions that were made in terms of reducing Defence's funding. When we had reductions in our funding we went to particular places to find the money to meet the government's fiscal strategy.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you give me a list of projects being undertaken as part of the integrated plan of work which are being discontinued, delayed or downgraded as a result of this?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not have that with me.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I can do that. As a result of previous budget decisions?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes.</p>	Day 2 P29	22/7/14	4/9/14
42.	Defence	Conroy	Sale of specialist military items	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In table 7 on page 20 there is a notional \$7.5 million in each year for proceeds of sale of specialist military equipment. That is a fascinating line item. What are we selling and whom are we selling it to? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Certainly, to give you the exact answer, I will take it on notice.</p>	Day 2 P29	22/7/14	4/9/14
43.	Defence	Conroy	Income from sale of infrastructure, plant and equipment	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I note that we are also receiving less income from the sale of infrastructure, plant and equipment than predicated in the 2013-14 budget. What changes have there been to deliver that result?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> That would be—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> That is the offset to—</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> No. Those line items would just be a matter of fact of what we thought we could sell and what our estimates were in terms of what the sale proceeds were. Again, if you wanted particular items, I could provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> That would be good; thanks.</p>	Day 2 P29	22/7/14	4/9/14

44.	Defence	Conroy	Money paid to suppliers by Chief Operating Officer	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> At table 24, page 46, there is a big jump in money being paid to suppliers by the Chief Operating Officer. I think it is an extra billion in 2017-18 when compared to the previous year. What is happening there?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Chief Operating Officer is a composite of three elements: CIO Group, People Group and Defence Support Group. I would have to provide the granularity of that by going to each of those groups.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Day 2 P30	22/7/14	4/9/14
45.	Defence	Conroy	Changes to interest rates	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thank you. In table 33 on page 66, the expenses are shown to decrease over time, whereas, in the previous budget, they were planned to grow over time. Is that all associated with the change to superannuation arrangements for the new ADF recruits?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Table 33, yes, it is. Also, there may be an interest rate change in there. These numbers are generated by our actuary to provide to us and to put those in, but they incorporate all of the changes that—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you give us what the parameter changes, interest rates and, obviously, accrued dollars paid were?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Primary changes include personnel, rank et cetera.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you give us a breakdown of which parts have contributed to the fall?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Can do, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Income is also shown to decrease over time whereas, in the previous budget, it was growing over time. Is this also a result purely of there being a super change?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> It is both super change and actuarial adjustments that occur over time.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> If you could give us those breakdowns in the same manner, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Yes.</p>	Day 2 P32	22/7/14	4/9/14

46.	Defence	Conroy	Costs of Operations	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In table 39 on page 76, there is not any allocated funding for 2017-18 to support the UN in international efforts to uphold global security. Are there active plans to withdraw ADF troops from all of our overseas deployments prior to the 2017-18 financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> No. As I said before, these are operations that are budgeted on a year-by-year basis.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I appreciate that, but supply and grant figures go through the whole of the forward estimates.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Are you looking at the grants line?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes. I am just trying to understand whether the government is changing—I do not think it has changed it—our position on Paladin, Mazurka, Slipper, Manitou, Accordion.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> And Palate II and Aslan? I am just trying to understand why there is a gap there that has not been there previously. I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the answer to that, sorry.</p>	Day 2 P32	22/7/14	4/9/14
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47.	Defence	Conroy	Grants and Tenders	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I would like to ask some questions about grants from table 44 on page 84.</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Table 44, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> This table appears to show that organisations like ASPI and the Kokoda Foundation will not receive any funding in 2014-15. It does seem very unlikely. Are details of the funding that they are likely to receive this year available in the budget?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> These are grants to be approved. ASPI has a grant program which goes across three years, from recollection, so it will not be an approved grant in that period.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So help me with the white paper. There is an approved grant, yes, very interesting. How much has been set aside for grants in this portfolio in 2014-15? I am presuming that is what it is, although I have 2014-14 here?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not have that information here, but we can provide that to you.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can you provide a full list of all grant recipients within the Defence portfolio, including high-level details of the projects that are being funded under programs like the Army history research grants scheme?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> We can.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> For the larger grant recipients, like ASPI and the ANU, can you provide a copy of the funding deed?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> I do not understand why we could not, but there may be some commercial sensitivities around looking at that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Or jealousies.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Do they count?</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> There may be some commercial issues.</p>	Day 2 P32	23/7/14	4/9/14
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48.	Defence	Conroy	Strategic facilities	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Private enterprise within the Defence industry owns a lot of facilities around the country and these are facilities which contribute to our national security and are strategically important. Does the government have the ability to protect strategic assets from being dismantled once they are in private hands?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I am sorry, could you—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am just saying that private enterprise within the Defence industry owns a lot of facilities around the country and they are facilities which contribute to our national security and are strategically important. Does the government have the ability to protect strategic assets from being dismantled once they are in private hands?</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> I am not sure of the specific matters you may be raising but normally they are protected by the fact that, for the company to continue to deliver that service to us, they have to retain those facilities in the provision of that service.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It is all a bit of a chicken-and-egg situation here, though. They are defined as strategically important and we may lose them because they have not been able to get work or for whatever reason, or they may have just decided that they can make more money by flogging them off to a developer. I am thinking, say, of Williamstown Naval Base, although that is probably still Commonwealth land. I am thinking of that sort of example.</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> Strategic facilities are identified and programs are put in place to protect them and their retention. The other facilities that we use, whilst important, are not defined as being strategic.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are you able to identify the strategic ones?</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> If you were to identify areas that were not normally identified, except by Google Maps, that would be—</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> Some are held by the Commonwealth and operated by industry; others are owned by industry and managed for the Commonwealth. I can get you that list.</p>	Day 2 P33	22/7/14	4/9/14
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49.	Defence	Conroy	Aust-Indonesia joint exercises	<p><b>Senator McEWEN:</b> There are no joint exercises between the two defence forces of Australia and Indonesia at the moment?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN:</b> Is there any indication when any of the ones that have been suspended are going to resume?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> No, not until the political leadership of both countries agree that we will do so.</p> <p><b>Senator McEWEN:</b> I presume that will be a subject of the discussions by the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> It could well be.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Will they have to wait until after the new President is sworn in?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I have no idea. It will be a political decision. We will get signals from both governments as to when we go back to business as usual.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> They are the ones that have been cancelled so far. How many would we have been involved in the next three to six months, which is not an unreasonable time frame?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I will take it on notice, but we have a program of activities that we would be running through.</p>	Day 2 P35	21/7/14	4/9/14
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50.	Defence	Conroy	Milestones for JSF	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What is the total cost of this acquisition in the financial year 2014-15 and over the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Deeble:</b> There are two stages of the program. Stage 1 was agreed in 2009. The budget for stage 1 was \$3.1 million. The second stage was agreed in April of this year. That is \$12.4 million. The total value of phase 2A-2B is effectively \$15.5 billion. Could you say again those years that you are interested in?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I just said 2014-15 and over the forward estimates.</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Deeble:</b> Total funding for 2014-15 is approximately \$377 million; 2015-16, \$598 million; 2016-17, \$948 million; and 2017-18, \$1.483 billion. These figures may be subject to a small amount of change.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Was that billion?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Deeble:</b> Billion.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Is payment tied to delivery milestones? If so, what are they?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Deeble:</b> Payment is tied to when we take delivery of various aspects of the JSF capability. We will pay for elements associated with long lead time items for the aircraft and there will be various payments made as the various development of those aircraft continues. We will also pay at the point in time that we take delivery of various component parts of the ground and support system.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can a timetable of these milestones be provided to the committee? Or are they simply as you have just described?</p> <p><b>Air Vice Marshal Deeble:</b> We could provide some level of detail. They are subject to changes as a result of changes to the US acquisition cycle and contracting cycle, but we could provide some broad indication.</p>	Day 2 P43	2/7/14	17/7/14
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51.	Defence	Conroy	F35 international participation	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Has there been any change in international participation in the F35 program since the February estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am talking more in terms of other countries.</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> We should be able to get it this afternoon.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Has anyone joined in?</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Is this countries that are making purchases or—</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> There have been a couple of changes, nothing substantial. I think it was mostly—</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> I think Japan—</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> Japan was indicated.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> And Korea.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So, no-one is out that we are aware of? You keep hearing these stories of people who are about to drop out or Canada is reconsidering. Is there none of that sort of stuff?</p> <p><b>Air Marshal Brown:</b> Canada is delayed, but they have not dropped out of the program.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> If there is anything other than that, can we get—</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> We will get the details. I will just check between February and to date.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thanks.</p>	Day 2 P43-44	22/7/14	4/9/14
52.	Defence	Fawcett	LAND 121 Ph3B	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> As a learning organisation, what will you pass to your successor as a list of not-to-dos or to-dos as a result of this project and what has occurred over the last 24 months?</p> <p><b>Major Gen. McLachlan:</b> How long have you got, Senator Fawcett?</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Give me the top five.</p> <p><b>Major Gen. McLachlan:</b> It is a very open question.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> It is, but it is also a project, the conduct of which has negatively impacted upon a number of Australian companies right through from the original announcement by the minister raising expectations about AIC to the prolonged contract negotiations, the value for money considerations that have driven changes in what was eventually called for in the contract. All of that has had an impact on industry.</p> <p>I understand Defence's capability needs to be the main driver, but there have clearly been a range of actions that have occurred that have had a negative impact on the broader Australian Defence community. I am interested to know what we have learned from that, and I am happy to take it on notice. I am sure you have internal processes that look at these things.</p>	Day 2 P47	22/7/14	4/9/14

53.	Defence	Conroy	Delayed DCP Projects	<p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> Yes, but you fundamentally do not understand what I am talking about. When we are confronted with the current state of play, that is, the current status of the DCP and its relevance to the projected time frames in each of the programs, we got to a point where it was clear that the 119 were late, 45-odd had been reduced in size and eight had been cancelled. In seeking to explain that to you, I was giving an example of what we had been confronting in terms of the state of the Defence Capability Plan. I am happy to give you a list of the 2009 to September 2013 programs that have been delayed. If your question is since September what has been delayed, I will take that on notice. I actually do not think there are any programs that have been delayed since September, but I will take on notice to see and to make sure that the officials can give me all of the benefit of their wisdom to confirm to you exactly which—and I am sure it is one or two—have been delayed since that time. However—</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are there indications of when they have been delayed to?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I will take that on notice and I will give you a full summary of what those one-line statements actually mean.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Have you just got, 'Project delayed from 2009 to Sep 2013' and a list of them?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> That is right. I am happy to give you a more—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I was asking where they had been moved to.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> In fact, I am happy to give you a briefing on all of the programs that have been delayed during that period pursuant to the document I have just tabled.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> As I said, I will happily take your briefings but, first of all, before I do that, if I could get the actual dates that they have been delayed to.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I will take it on notice. I will give you the dates.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I will give you a full outline of what measures have been taken in terms of finding the money that I have been talking about, the robbing of Peter to pay Paul, which has gone on for the last five years</p> <p>....</p>	Day 2 P54  P55	23/7/14	4/9/14
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			<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I would like Mr Richardson to explain why I have a list that does not include LAND 125 Phase 3B Soldier Enhancement Version 2 – Survivability, which is body armour if you go on the website. I am sure Mr King can give us a much robust explanation of it than I just did if we need to. Mr Richardson, can you help solve this conundrum?</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> I would clearly need to take on notice any differences between the list that you have which you say was provided to the previous government before the election and the list that was provided in response to questions at estimates in February. There could be all sorts of technical and other reasons for the differences. I would need to take the two lists away, have them examined and have a proper explanation provided for you</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am talking about LAND 125 Phase 3B Soldier Enhancement Version 2 – Survivability. I am seeking an answer.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> That is a good one.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am seeking an answer to understand why you are claiming, Minister, that this was moved to the right prior to the last election. It is your claim. It is not Mr Richardson's claim; it is your claim.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> I have asked for information on what programs in the DCP have been moved to the right pursuant to those headings 'Delays from 2009 to 2013', and that is the list that I have been presented with.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am accepting that is the list that you have been presented with.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> There are many more like those two.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> To be fair, it does say to September 2013. I am saying to Mr Richardson that I have a list prepared by his department prior to the election that does not include that.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> You need to put all of that on notice and we will explain it to you in detail. I will give you a briefing, if you would like.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am sure we are going to have an ongoing discussion on this. That stands out right away to me and I am sure once others have had a chance to examine the list we will have some more issues to discuss around it. I was not sure whether Mr Richardson was going to add anything there.</p> <p><b>Mr Richardson:</b> No. I said that I would need to take that on notice in terms of differences. There could be a whole variety of reasons and they would really need to be worked through carefully to ensure that you received accurate advice</p> <p>.....</p>	P61		4/9/14
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			<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Now, coming back to the major general, could you assist us by identifying whether these came through as a process of Diggerworks or whether they came through the review that was talked about earlier? Are you able to assist?</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> We would have to review that. I just do not have that immediate detail. It is a long list, so we would have to check it and come back.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Jones:</b> These are the DCP pre-second pass. As we indicated in the response to your question, the delays came from a range of causes some of which are budgetary but there are also others where they were delayed because they needed additional time to reassess requirements. Also some of the requirements may have changed and that inserted a delay. There could have also been workforce constraints, both from the departmental and industry, which have led to delays in those projects since their inception in 2009.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I understand also that some of those became outdated technology. They were originally requested and another technology came along that might have superseded them as well.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Jones:</b> Yes, correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Do any of those stand out that fall into some of those categories? I appreciate you will not be able to give us -</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> We are getting into the memory test here.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Vice Admiral Jones seems to have an excellent memory for this.</p> <p><b>Gen. Hurley:</b> I think he has just read a document.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Jones:</b> I do not have the detail. All I have is that list. What we have provided were the causal factors. I would suggest that it is best for me to take that on notice. I would then be able to provide you with the causal information for those delays.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can I just clarify from anyone at the table the 154 Counter IED? There was an issue that further work was needed on it which falls into the category that Vice Admiral Jones has indicated.</p> <p><b>Vice Adm. Jones:</b> I would like to take that on notice and I will provide that with the rest of those projects to provide the causal data for why those projects were delayed.</p> <p>....</p>	P63-64		4/9/14
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			<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I accept the point but that is not the point that you made earlier. I wanted to go to JP154 Phase 3A. These are the only two that I have been able to chase up so far, but I promise you we will be chasing them all up. I think JP154 was also identified.</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> We will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I would like to clarify JP154 Phase 3A, Mr King. Are you familiar with that one?</p> <p><b>Senator Johnston:</b> It is not on the list.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am just reading from the portfolio budget statement. I will read it to you. It says, 'During 2013-14 this project will undertake final testing, platform design acceptance, statement of work and APRCC system simulation training and development, integrate Army future communications and battle management system reporting information.' Where is that at?</p> <p><b>Mr King:</b> I have 180 major projects with an average value of \$500 million. It would really be more informative for the discussion if we could take it on notice and analyse each of the projects with what is in a phase and why it is on the list and then we can respond. I just cannot respond to that level of detail on the fly.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am sure we will provide you with a whole range of more questions to come based on the information that we have been supplied. I have some questions but I am conscious of the time. I will put some questions on notice on the future submarine project, the Anzac Anti-Ship Missile Defence Upgrade and SEA 4000 AWD and projects of concern. I just wanted to ask some questions about Defence Housing.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You can put it on notice.</p>	P76		4/9/14
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54.	Defence	Eggleston	PTSD	What is the Department doing to assist service personnel with dealing with and overcoming PTSD?	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
55.	Defence	Rhiannon	US Marines in Darwin	<p>In answer to my February 2014 estimates question of “why are US marines routinely stationed in Darwin?” I was provided with the answer: “On 16 November 2011, the then Prime Minister Gillard and President Obama announced two force posture initiatives: rotational US Marine Corps deployments and increased rotations of US Air Force aircraft in northern Australia.”</p> <p>May I have actual details please:</p> <p>(1) For what strategic reasons did Australia agree to the ‘rotational deployment’ of US marines to Australian territory in November 2011, especially when there is no military threat to Australia?</p> <p>(2) What is the reason for this departure from previous practise?</p> <p>(3) How will the Australian government respond if the US marines deployed to Darwin engage in military action somewhere in our region? May I please have details.</p> <p>(4) Bearing in mind the fact that, according to a Ministerial Statement of June 26 2013, ‘Full Knowledge and Concurrence’ does not mean that Australia approves every activity undertaken, has the Australian government sought an assurance from the US government that the marines deployed to Darwin will not take part in any military action in our region without prior approval from the Australian government?</p> <p>(a) If such an assurance has not been sought, will the government seek it?</p> <p>(b) If not, why not?</p> <p>(5) The US has gained a ‘forward position’ for its military forces when they make use of Australian facilities, giving that country considerable strategic advantage. What strategic benefit accrues to Australia from these arrangements?</p> <p>(6) Is ex-PM Malcolm Fraser correct in suggesting that the presence of the US forces places Australia at risk?</p> <p>(a) Where is he wrong in this analysis?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

56.	Defence	Wright	Replacement medals	<p>(1) Is the Department aware that there are veterans who have had to march without medals, because of significantly increased waiting times for replacement medals?</p> <p>(2) The Department advised the office of Adam Bandt MP that the waiting time for replacements is six to eight months. Is it correct that there have been significant staff reductions for the function of processing replacement medals?</p> <p>(3) Is it correct that that the number of public-facing positions have been 'rationalised' from 7 to 1.5, and that the number of people processing the requests has dropped from 10 to 4?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14
57.	Defence	Wright	Discharge from Service – Retrospective change to mode of Separation	<p>(1) Looking specifically at applications for retrospective medical discharge from the ADF - How many reviews of this nature are being performed by the department at present?</p> <p>(2) What safeguards does the department have in place to ensure that such reviews are conducted in an independent and unbiased way?</p> <p>(3) In the case of veterans seeking a retrospective medical discharge from the ADF, what are the avenues of independent merits review or appeal of decisions made to either change or retain the mode of separation from the ADF? Is this different for veterans who were discharged before 30 September 1972 who seek a retrospective medical discharge compared to those who were discharged after 1 October 1972?</p> <p>(4) If there is a difference in the avenues of review of decisions available to these two scenarios, why is this so and what is the rationale for this difference?</p> <p>(5) What are the options available for veterans seeking a retrospective medical discharge if they experienced improper assessment or improper recording at the time of their discharge? How is this taken into account in the decision process?</p> <p>(6) What options are available when new medical or other evidence has become available following the discharge which indicates that the medical assessment undertaken at the time of discharge was lacking or was improper?</p> <p>(7) What options are available to veterans when new medical or other evidence subsequently become available which suggests a medical discharge should have been made? How would this be taken into account in the decision making process?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14

58.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Cooperation with France in the Southern Ocean	<p>(1) What are Australia's obligations under our arrangements with France in patrolling the Southern Ocean?</p> <p>(2) What is the Department of Defence's role in this arrangement?</p> <p>(3) Are their meetings between the Navy of France and Navy of Australian regarding this treaty?</p> <p>(a) How often does this occur?</p> <p>(4) How does Australia judge the effectiveness of this arrangement?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
59.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Defence Spending	<p>Could the Department provide a detailed rationale for why the 2% of GDP figure is considered appropriate, particularly with reference to:</p> <p>(a) Are there any serious potential international threats in the short or long term?</p> <p>(b) If so, what strategies are required for protection?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14
60.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Climate Change	<p>Does ADF share the Pentagon's concerns about the security threats from the effects of climate change?</p> <p>What are ADF concerns about regional security threats in relation to effects of climate change? (eg destabilisation of Pacific states, mass migration, extreme weather events, etc)</p> <p>How does ADF plan to prepare for and respond to these threats?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
61.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Energy Security	<p>Does the ADF share the Pentagon's concerns regarding energy security? How does it plan to respond to these?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
62.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	DSTO Scottsdale Facility	<p>(1) Has the DSTO had discussions with the Member for Bass about expanding the facility?</p> <p>(2) Has DSTO provided a briefing to the Minister on the merits or otherwise of any potential expansion?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

63.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Fraud/ANAO Audit Implementation	<p>In the February 2014 Additional Estimates, I asked about the 'Busuttil Report'. You advised that the 'Report of LCDR J. P. Busuttil RANR Concerning RANAD Newington' was reported on the 18th December 1996.</p> <p>(1) Did the contents of the report warrant reporting to the then Chief of Navy? If so, on what date was the Chief of Naval Staff/Chief of Navy informed?</p> <p>(2) Did the contents warrant advising the responsible Minister? If so, on what date was the responsible Minister advised?</p> <p>(3) Can you advise what inventory a Royal Australian Naval Arms Depot would be expected to carry and have on hand in the 1990's? Say at RANAD Newington?</p> <p>(4) Can you advise what value in dollar terms was written off from the RANAD Newington inventory in the years 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 as a result of fraud, financial error and theft or just lost?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
64.	Defence	Xenophon	Trial Balances	<p>Can the Chief of the Defence Force, provide a copy of the current Trial Balance for each Service and an aggregate trial balance for Defence?</p> <p>(1) Can this be accompanied by the Chart of Accounts applicable to each Service and Defence itself?</p> <p>(2) What Accounting Management Information system does each Service run and what does Defence run overall?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14

65.	Defence	Xenophon	ANAO Audit Implementation	<p>(1) In the February Additional Estimates, I asked about the ANAO Audit implementation.</p> <p>(a) Have you complied with all the recommendations for the past three years provided by the ANAO?</p> <p>(b) If not, why not? When will you comply?</p> <p>(c) Has the Defence Audit Team considered a French adaptation of Lotus Notes called Plomino which has been ported to the Plone Content Management System running Python as a programming language?</p> <p>(d) What would be the cost savings if the data could be apparently transferred seamlessly? This as opposed to adopting a whole new data structure and operating platform?</p> <p>(2) When I asked about the ANAO Audit Implementation in the previous Estimates hearings, your reply in part was: "The plan is supported by a strong network of fraud control coordinators, an IT system which includes data collection and reporting capabilities, as well as investigative standards which comply with the Australian Government Investigative Standards."</p> <p>(a) Can you advise from what date this statement would be effective from as the previous Secretary of Defence is on record in this place as having said:  Hansard: Senate - Monday, 28 May 2012 Page 88  Mr D Lewis: " ... I personally am not satisfied that the framework within which we go about our investigation and our reporting is sufficiently robust for the circumstances we find ourselves in. ...."</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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66.	Defence	Xenophon	Investigation of alleged notifiable incident	<p>On the 26th February, I submitted a written question that became Q30, of the Additional Estimates about the Reserves. The Reserves member in question is and was a travel agent by profession when he discovered what he considered a notifiable incident. He came to question an amount in excess of \$500 in over charging and false accounting on a single Defence Travel ticket. He had the knowledge and correspondence with Defence to present an argument of a potential \$20 million issue of false accounting on the full annual Defence Travel contract.</p> <p>As a member of the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police (RACMP) he tried to report it and his example is mentioned in Defence's Pathway to Change Report titled 'Review of the Management of Incidents and Complaints in Defence' dated 2011. Although the notifiable incident took place in early 1995, the RACMP/ Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) did not take a Service Police Statement until March 2007, 5MPA/06/2007.</p> <p>(1) Given the quantitative size of the alleged false accounting, why was it not immediately investigated given the ramifications for the Defence contract and the issue of major fraud?</p> <p>(2) Having received notification of an incident which prima facie was indicative of major wholesale fraud, why did ADFIS choose not to properly investigate?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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67.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Policing and Security Management System (DPSMS)	<p>(1) In the previous estimates, I submitted written questions that became Q31 Fraud Investigators and Q34 Defence Policing and Security Management. In the recent 'Re-thinking systems of inquiry, investigation, review and audit in Defence' Review, it was reported in Stage A – Annex C – Analysis of previous relevant inquiries that the following were agreed : Investigative Capability Audit 2006 (97 recommendations) Can you advise in what years Recommendation 34 and 60 were implemented and completed?</p> <p>(2) The Defence Policing and Security Management System (DPSMS) is a corporate application used by multiple business units within Defence, each of which is responsible for identifying and rectifying the data quality errors for the users within their units. The business units are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defence Security Authority</li> <li>2. Australian Defence Force Investigative Service</li> <li>3. The Army, Navy and Air Force Service Police</li> <li>4. Inspector General – Defence</li> <li>5. Directorate of Conduct, Performance and Probation</li> <li>6. The Intelligence security areas</li> <li>7. Cryptographic Controlling Agency</li> <li>8. Chief Information Officer Group Network Support Agency</li> <li>9. Joint Logistics Security</li> <li>10. Defence Science and Technology Organisation Security</li> <li>11. Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Office</li> </ol> <p>(a) Is Recommendation 60, still the agreed recommendation where the DPTC is a 'centre of excellence', or has the basic training for Phase 2 (Oracle) been fragmented to the discretion of the respective business units?</p> <p>(b) Who is responsible for coordinating the course material pertaining to each business unit?</p> <p>(c) The Inspector General – Defence is responsible for the DPSMS, but who has been delegated by the IG-D to maintain the high quality of data analysis generated by these 11 business units and how many people are in support?</p> <p>(d) Who has been delegated by the IG-D to take responsibility for the system (DPSMS)?</p> <p>(e) How many support staff are employed to look after the system (DPSMS)?</p> <p>(f) What is the reporting process to ensure that all business units maintain a high standard of service delivery?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
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68.	Defence	Xenophon	Review – Re-thinking Systems of Inquiry, Investigation, Review and Audit in Defence	In past Estimates, Defence has made mention of the 'Re-thinking systems of inquiry, investigation, review and audit in Defence' Review. Given my ongoing interest in the matter, will Defence be releasing the results of this review? If not, why not?	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
69.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud Control and Investigation	<p>In the February 2014 Estimates hearings, I submitted a written question that became Q35 Fraud Control and Investigation. I refer to inspect the transmittal letter attached to the Defence Annual Report 2012-13. I note that both the Secretary and the Chief of the Defence Force have signed off to the Minister with an additional sentence to their Letter of Transmittal: "Defence has taken all reasonable measures to minimise the incidence of fraud and to investigate and recover the proceeds of fraud."</p> <p>(1) Why, after a decade of being definitive in your assertion that "we are satisfied that Defence has prepared fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures and processes that meet the specific needs of the department and comply with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines", do you find yourselves adding this qualifier?</p> <p>(2) Is there a cumulative error that has yet to be revealed?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

70.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Police Security Management System (DPSMS)	<p>On the 09th June 2014, the ABC 4 Corners program ran a program titled "Chamber of Horrors" (<a href="http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2014/06/09/4019501.htm">http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2014/06/09/4019501.htm</a>). From this program I would like to benchmark previous questions that I have asked about the Defence Police Security Management System (DPSMS).</p> <p>(1) As a case management tool, can you confirm that the four victims are included in the database, and on what date they were added.  (a) Is a DPSMS data entry point available at ADFA?</p> <p>(2) At the time of all alleged incidents, were any members of the RACMP (Officer or Senior NCO) attached to ADFA as a non-Corps Posting / Instructor?  (a) Were any RAN or RAAF Service Police Officers or Senior NCOs in place as a non-Corps Posting / Instructor?  (b) Can you identify by Rank and Gender, what Service Police Officers have been attached to ADFA as training staff and in what year?</p> <p>(3) At the time of each incident, what was the location of the nearest Service Police Officer?  (a) Was a Service Police Investigator summoned?  (b) Was a Service Police Statement taken and an Incident Report generated?</p> <p>(4) What Divisional/Unit/Routine/College Orders were in place to prevent abuse at ADFA.  (a) On what date was the practice of 'bishing' added to these Orders.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
71.	Defence	Xenophon	Contract management	<p>In June 2013, I asked about commercial contract payments in the Senate Budget Estimates. This was followed on the 20th November 2013, with a supplementary question that asked who was responsible for the monitoring and the reporting of contract management or mismanagement. It was answered that "Business owners in each Defence Group and Service, who initiate procurement, retain the responsibility for that procurement. This includes monitoring and reporting contract management and any issues to the relevant Group Head or Service Chief."</p> <p>Can the Department advise when this became the standard operating procedure for procurement? If this has changed, can you advise when this change occurred and what was the previous policy?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

72.	Defence	Xenophon	<p>HMAS Westralia – Defence Contract Procurement probity</p>	<p>In the Supplementary Budget Estimates November 2013, I put questions on notice about who in Defence is responsible for monitoring and reporting contract management or mismanagement and to whom. I was informed Business owners in each Defence Group and Service, who initiate procurement, retain the responsibility for that procurement. This includes monitoring and reporting contract management and any issues to the relevant Group Head or Service Chief.</p> <p>I refer to the article published on the 15th February, 2007 titled "'Nothing wrong' with dodgy engine parts" (HMAS Westralia) which brings the probity of Defence Contract Procurement into focus. It states:</p> <p>“The Inspector General of Defence, Dr Ian Williams, yesterday revealed his department had raised serious allegations of misconduct over the parts with the navy after it received a report from investigators in February, 1998, three months before the ship caught fire, killing four sailors”</p> <p>(1) Can you provide an overview of what investigations took place prior to the incident? Who and what agencies were involved?</p> <p>(2) When the HMAS Westralia underwent the major refit before the disaster, a contract would have been signed for the work to be done in the engine room. May I have a copy of that part of the contract?</p> <p>(a) When the ship was turned over back to Navy Control, the Engineering Officer would have had to sign off on all the work contracted and done. May I have a copy of that document?</p> <p>(b) The contractor would have provided an itemised materials invoice for the work done in the engine room. May I have a copy of that?</p> <p>(c) Before departing after the refit, the Commanding Officer would have signed off / made signal that the "ship was in all respects ready for sea" May I have a copy of that report / signal?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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73.	Defence	Xenophon	JSF Fuel	<p>(1) Is it the case that the JSF requires special heat-tolerant fuel?          If yes, what is ADF going to do about obtaining the fuel required by JSF? Is such fuel currently available in Australia?          It reportedly requires special high-heat-tolerant av gas rated as JP900 or above that is not currently generally available.</p> <p>(2) Will Australia buy it in build a refinery to make such heat tolerant fuel here?</p> <p>(3) If so, how much would that cost?</p> <p>(4) If we are to import it – what is the estimated price of the imported heat tolerant fuel compared to ordinary jet fuel?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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74.	Defence	Xenophon	JSF Capabilities	<p>(1) What contingencies is the ADF putting in place if, as a number of reports suggest, it becomes necessary to use other more capable aircraft than the as-yet unproven JSF?</p> <p>(2) What controls and verification mechanisms are in place that allows the ADF to bow out of this acquisition if the JSF does not live up to the performance promises made?</p> <p>(3) What other major defence acquisition has proceeded along the lines of the JSF, that is, a new platform committed to by the Government before its capabilities have been verified in testing?</p> <p>(4) The US Air Force officer in charge of the JSF project, Lieutenant General Chris Bogdan, says the fighting edge of the JSF is its ability to avoid dog fighting with other aircraft, destroying them before they can get into aerial engagements. Further to Bogdan's comments, isn't it the case that this strategy relies on the use of radar and missiles and that once a pilot has used-up his missiles then a dog fight may in fact become unavoidable for the JSF?</p> <p>(5) Is the JSF relatively slow, flies relatively low and has a shorter range compared to the air superiority fighters that will be operating against it (Russian and Chinese 5th generation fighters)?  <i>"The JSF will not operate in isolation, but will be part of a network that will include Growler electronic warfare aircraft able to freeze an enemy's communications and missile systems, Wedge tail early warning and control aircraft, Poseidon long-range patrol planes and unmanned Triton maritime surveillance aircraft, KC-30 tankers to extend the JSF's range significantly, Vigilare and Over-The-Horizon Radar systems and new air warfare destroyers."</i>  From: <a href="http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/features/visionary-fighter-a-home-run/story-e6frg6z6-1226893875913">http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/features/visionary-fighter-a-home-run/story-e6frg6z6-1226893875913</a></p> <p>(6) If the above description from The Australian's Brendan Nicholson is accurate, what aircraft does the ADF envision will be providing fighter cover for Wedge-tail early warning and control aircraft?</p> <p>(7) If it is to be the JSF, how does the ADF envision it will perform against dedicated fifth generation fighters from Russia and China which reportedly can fly higher, faster, for longer and are more maneuverable than the JSF?</p> <p>(8) Given that the JSF is designed to go to war along with all of these other assets providing a wide degree of information processing support and situational awareness, it begs the question: is the JSF safe to go to war without all of these other assets, which, in a war time situation, may be needed elsewhere or may have been damaged or destroyed and would therefore be unavailable?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(9) In the absence of a competitive tender, what has ADF done to satisfy itself, in the way of official processes, reviews or verification procedures and checks, that the JSF will deliver on what was promised more than a decade ago?</p> <p>(10) What does the ADF say in response to the perception that they have largely acted as “barrackers” for an untested but hugely hyped new jet?</p> <p>(11) In percentage terms, how much of the JSF’s capabilities and flight envelope have been tested and verified to a level deemed acceptable by the US military – some reports suggest less than 50 per cent?</p>			4/9/14
75.	Defence	Lundy	Transfers	<p>(1) How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <p>(a) State and Territory</p> <p>(b) Age</p> <p>(c) Gender.</p> <p>(d) APS level classification.</p> <p>(e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</p> <p>(2) How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:</p> <p>(1) State and Territory.</p> <p>(2) Age.</p> <p>(3) Gender.</p> <p>(4) APS level classification.</p> <p>(5) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</p> <p>(3) How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <p>(a) State and Territory.</p> <p>(b) Age.</p> <p>(c) Gender.</p> <p>(d) APS level classification.</p> <p>(e) Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</p> <p>(4) Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?</p> <p>(5) For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following:</p> <p>(a) Number of staff employed before and after the transfer,</p> <p>(b) Where the function was based before and after the transfer.</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14

				<p>(6) For each employee transferred please provide the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) Their APS classification.</li> <li>(d) The wage of the employee before and after the transfer.</li> <li>(e) The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer.</li> <li>(f) A description of their position before and after the transfer.</li> <li>(g) The dates of their transfer.</li> <li>(h) An explanation for why the employee was transferred.</li> <li>(i) Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra.</li> <li>(j) Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer.</li> </ul>			4/9/14
76.	Defence	Lundy	Redundancies	<p>(1) Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How many of these positions were ongoing?</li> <li>(b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</li> <li>(c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul> <p>(2) How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>(b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>(c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul> <p>(3) How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>(b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>(c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul> <p>(4) How many accepted voluntary redundancies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>(b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>(c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14



			<p>(5) How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?</p> <p>(a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>(b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>(c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>(6) For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:</p> <p>(a) Their age.</p> <p>(b) Their gender.</p> <p>(c) A description of their position.</p> <p>(d) The APS classification level of their position.</p> <p>(e) Their wage.</p> <p>(f) Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</p> <p>(g) Where they were located.</p> <p>(h) A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</p> <p>(i) The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>(j) Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>(7) For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>(a) Their age.</p> <p>(b) Their gender.</p> <p>(c) A description of their position before and after redeployment.</p> <p>(d) The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment.</p> <p>(e) Their wage before and after redeployment.</p> <p>(f) Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment.</p> <p>(g) Where they were located before and after redeployment.</p> <p>(h) Please provide the reason for the redeployment.</p> <p>(i) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment.</p> <p>(j) Please provide all relevant dates.</p>			4/9/14
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				<p>(8) Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>(a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>(b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>(c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>(9) 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>(10) For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:</p> <p>(a) Their age.</p> <p>(b) Their gender.</p> <p>(c) A description of their position.</p> <p>(d) The APS classification level of their position.</p> <p>(e) Their wage at retrenchment.</p> <p>(f) Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</p> <p>(g) Where they were located.</p> <p>(h) A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</p> <p>(i) The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.</p> <p>(j) Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</p>			4/9/14
77.	Defence	Lundy	Non-ongoing Contract Extensions	<p>(1) Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?</p> <p>(2) How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>(3) How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14

				<p>(4) For every approved extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The employees age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their APS classification level.</li> <li>(e) Their wage.</li> <li>(f) Where they are located.</li> <li>(g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.</li> <li>(h) The length of the approved extension.</li> <li>(i) The reason why the extension was submitted.</li> <li>(j) The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(5) How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?</p> <p>(6) For every rejected extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The employee's age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Where they were located.</li> <li>(f) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.</li> <li>(g) The length of the extension sought by the department/agency.</li> <li>(h) The reason why the extension was submitted.</li> <li>(i) The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC.</li> <li>(j) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(7) Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?</p> <p>(8) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The employee's age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(f) Where they were located.</li> <li>(g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.</li> <li>(h) The length of the extension granted by the department/agency.</li> </ul>			4/9/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval? The reason why the extension was granted.</li> <li>(j) The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(9) Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?</p> <p>(10) For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The employee's age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(f) Where they were located.</li> <li>(g) Their length of continuous employment at the APS.</li> <li>(h) The reason why the extension was not sought for their position.</li> <li>(i) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(11) Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(12) Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?</p> <p>(13) How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?</p> <p>(14) For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates</li> </ul>			4/9/14
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			<p>(15) How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>(16) For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates</li> </ul> <p>(17) Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>(18) For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) The length of their non-ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(19) Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(20) Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>(21) How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p>			4/9/14
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				<p>(22) For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Their wage.</li> <li>(e) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) The length of their ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(23) How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>(24) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(e) Their wage.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) The length of their ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>(25) How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>(26) For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Their age.</li> <li>(b) Their gender.</li> <li>(c) A description of their position.</li> <li>(d) Where their position is located.</li> <li>(e) Their wage.</li> <li>(f) Their position's APS level classification.</li> <li>(g) (g)The length of their ongoing contract.</li> <li>(h) Whether their position was advertised externally.</li> </ul>			4/9/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The reason for engaging this new employee.</li> <li>(j) The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission.</li> <li>(k) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul>			4/9/14
78.	Defence	Conroy	Denial of Access to Williamstown for Member for Shortland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Who made the decision to deny the Member for Shortland access to Williamstown Air Base on Tuesday 20 May?</li> <li>(2) What was the reasoning behind this decision?</li> </ul>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
79.	Defence	Conroy	Cost of Ministerial staff member accompanying Senator Conroy on visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) How much did it cost to send a Ministerial staff member to accompany me during my visit to DSTO on 11 June, including flights and accommodation?</li> <li>(2) What has been the total salary cost of the staff member for the time spent accompanying me on my visits to Defence establishments since the change of government?</li> </ul>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
80.	Defence	Conroy	Defence management of staff morale – job cuts	<p>In relation to the announced job cuts, what are the steps the Department are taking to ensure proper treatment of staff to minimise stress?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) What is the Department's assessment of morale among staff?</li> <li>(2) Is the Department conducting surveys of staff?</li> <li>(3) What are the processes the Department is using to keep staff informed of developments?</li> </ul>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

81.	Defence	Conroy	Commission of Audit	<p>(1) Regarding the recommendations from the Commission of Audit's report, what work has been done by the Department in relation to the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) ASC privatisation (Recommendation 57, page 224)</li> <li>(b) DHA privatisation (Recommendation 57, page 224)</li> <li>(c) Independent property expert to oversee divestment process (Recommendation 58, page 226)</li> <li>(d) Reassessment of promise to spend 2% of GDP within a decade (Recommendation 24 (a), page 134)</li> <li>(e) Improvements to governance, transparency and effectiveness (Recommendation 24 (b), page 134)</li> <li>(f) Develop holding funds for separate projects in the budget and change to administered funding (Recommendation 24 (c), page 134)</li> <li>(g) New ministerial directive to separate some functions of diarchy (Recommendation 24 (d), page 134)</li> <li>(h) "professionalise" the Capability Development Group (Recommendation 24 (f), page 134)</li> <li>(i) Reduce staffing at Defence HQ, including senior staff to 1998 levels (Recommendation 24 (g), page 134)</li> <li>(j) Publishing performance indicators and reform progress, including teeth-to-tail ratio (Recommendation 24 (h), page 134)</li> </ul> <p>(2) Has the Department provided additional briefing or further information on any of the recommendations? If yes: Which recommendations has the Department been asked to provide Ministerial briefs on?</p> <p>(3) Has a new Ministerial Directive been issued since the Commission of Audit? Is it the same as, or similar to, the Commission of Audit's suggested Directive?</p> <p>(4) Regarding recommendation F – the move to a "professional" Capability Development Group. Is it the Department's view that the capability development group does not operate professionally at the moment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Do uniformed ADF personnel work in CDG?</li> <li>(b) Could the job currently undertaken by CDG could be done by people without a defence background?</li> </ul>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
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82.	Defence	Conroy	Estate sales	<p>(1) What work has the Department undertaken to identify property that could be sold?</p> <p>(2) What criteria has the Department used to identify property assets for divestment?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department provide a list of property that has been earmarked for sale?</p> <p>(4) Will there to be any base shutdowns or moves for some units through these sales?</p> <p>(5) Will any Defence Force Reserve units to be affected by estate sales?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
83.	Defence	Conroy	Engagement with PNG	<p>(1) Please detail the engagement do we have with PNG at the moment?</p> <p>(a) Have there been any recent changes to that relationship?</p> <p>(b) Do PNG officers undertake training in Australia?</p> <p>(c) Are any PNG personnel “embedded” in the ADF at the moment?</p> <p>(2) Under the previous Government, there was a significant expansion in Australia’s Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) with Papua New Guinea (PNG). Can the Department please advise the Committee why this expansion decreases by approximately \$1.2m in 2014/15?</p> <p>(3) How are the following elements of the DCP being implemented:</p> <p>(a) The establishment of mentoring liaison teams.</p> <p>(b) The work with the PNGDF Air Transport Wing.</p> <p>(c) The expansion of scholarships and professional skills training.</p> <p>(d) The work with the PNG Defence Department, particularly in the fields of financial management and procurement.</p> <p>(4) The O’Neil Government in PNG has announced its first ever National Security Policy and released an updated Defence White Paper on 20 December 2013. What are the implications for Australia in these documents?</p> <p>(a) Is Australia specifically discussed in these documents?</p> <p>(b) Are there implications for Australia’s DCP with PNG as a result of the release of these documents?</p> <p>(5) I note that there has been some criticism from ASPI about the “direction” of the PNGDF and its “cohesion”, is this something that we would seek to assist them with? What have our efforts been in this regard?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

84.	Defence	Conroy	Engagement with Solomon Islands	<p>(1) In relation to the Solomon Islands, how has Defence's relationship with the government of the Solomon Islands following the completion of RAMSI last year?</p> <p>(2) Does Defence have any personnel located in the Solomon Islands on a permanent basis?</p> <p>(3) What role did Operation Render Safe have in developing the relationship between the ADF and the Solomon Islands?</p> <p>(a) Who do ADF personnel working as part of Render Safe work with when they are in-country in the Solomon Islands?</p> <p>(4) Please provide a summary of ADF involvement in flood assistance efforts in the Solomon Islands?</p> <p>(5) Is the government satisfied with our response to this natural disaster?</p> <p>(a) What have we learnt any lessons from this operation?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
85.	Defence	Conroy	Engagement with Fiji	<p>(1) What has been the impact on the ADF's relationship with the Republic of Fiji Military Forces since the Foreign Minister's visit in February?</p> <p>(a) Has the Fijian attaché been posted to Australia yet?</p> <p>(b) Is there an ADF attaché posted to Fiji?</p> <p>(2) What will form part of the defence co-operation program with Fiji that was announced by the Foreign Minister?</p> <p>(a) Will there be joint military exercises?</p> <p>(b) Are there any plans for Fijian officers to participate in staff training this year?</p> <p>(3) Have Fiji signed up to the patrol boat program?</p> <p>(4) Has there been an increase in the officer-to-officer contact since February?</p> <p>(5) What are the next steps in growing the relationship between our two defence forces?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
86.	Defence	Conroy	DCP - Philippines	<p>Can the Department please advise the Committee on the nature and extent of Australia's DCP with the Philippines?</p> <p>(1) How much is spent on this DCP?</p> <p>(2) What is the future trajectory for growth in this DCP?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
87.	Defence	Conroy	DCP - Vanuatu	<p>I note that the DCP with Vanuatu is decreasing by over 10% in 2014/15.</p> <p>(1) Why is this so?</p> <p>(2) Has there been any move to expand Defence cooperation between the ADF and the Vanuatu Mobile Force?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
88.	Defence	Conroy	Patrol Boat Program – Timor Leste	<p>Is Defence considering expanding the Pacific Patrol Boat Program to Timor Leste? Is the cost of this found in the budget?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14

89.	Defence	Conroy	DCP - Burma/Myanmar	Can the Department please advise the Committee on the structure and work of the DCP between Australia and Burma/Myanmar?	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
90.	Defence	Conroy	Engagement with Thailand	I note an announcement on the weekend from the Minister with the Minister for Foreign Affairs about the change to the government's military engagement with the Thailand military; can the Department confirm the details of this change? (1) How does our response compare with the recent US decision in relation to Defence cooperation with Thailand? (2) Are there currently any Thai military personnel training in Australia? (3) Are there currently any Australian military personnel embedded into the Thai military? (4) What other engagement between the ADF and the Thai military?	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
91.	Defence	Conroy	DSTO	(1) Please describe the process by which that DSTO has worked closely with the DMO in an iterative process where DSTO personnel were posted to Afghanistan to learn from our experiences and make modifications the Bushmaster vehicles to improve safety over the winter months. (a) In the Department's view, did this program would have saved the lives of Australian personnel because we were able to learn and implement the lessons from our deployment in such a small timeframe? (b) Has engagement between DSTO, the ADF, the DMO and Thales helped to ensure the great reputation of the Bushmaster? (2) What role does our investment in science and technology through DSTO play our strategic alliances? (3) Can the Department provide examples of where DSTO has been able to provide technical inputs into defence projects that have assisted our allies to improve capabilities that we both utilise? (4) Did DSTO have anything to do with the frozen blood project with the Red Cross that was announced last week? (5) Did the DSTO have any role in the Anti-Ship Missile Defence (ASMD) system for the ANZAC class vessels? (6) Did the DSTO have any role in the Jindalee Over-The-Horizon Radar? (7) Did the DSTO have any role in the AGM-158A Joint Air-to-Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM)? (8) Did the DSTO have any role in the dipping sonar for the Seahawk Romeo helicopters? (9) The Government's Commission of Audit recommended that the DSTO be outsourced. Has the DSTO undertaken any work, at the direction of Government, to assess the feasibility of this recommendation?	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

				<p>(a) Is the first principles review of Defence contemplating the outsourcing of DSTO?</p> <p>(10) In relation to the answer the Department provided to QON 58 regarding DSTO collaboration with IBM. Could the Department update me on the proposals have been developed?</p> <p>(11) The Department also indicated that it have established formal alliances over the past few months with seven other companies (ASC, BAE Systems, Boeing Australia, Lockheed Martin Australia, Northrop Grumman Australia, Saab Australia and Thales Australia). Is the Department confident that the extensive collaboration with the private sector can possibly continue?</p>			4/9/14
92.	Defence	Conroy	Change strategies	Can the Department update me on its progress on the change strategies including Use of Alcohol and Personal Conduct?	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
93.	Defence	Conroy	Social Media Policy	<p>(1) In relation to Social Media policy what progress is being made?</p> <p>(a) What are the future plans to address social media use inside the Defence?</p> <p>(2) How much does it cost for the Department and ADF to maintain a social media presence?</p> <p>(a) Where are the costs for social media attributed within the budget?</p> <p>(b) How does the budget that cost compare to traditional media?</p> <p>(3) How does the reach of social media efforts compare with traditional media?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
94.	Defence	Conroy	JSF	<p>Joint Press Conference, Canberra, Wednesday, 23 April 2014, Canberra</p> <p>Prime Minister Minister for Defence</p> <p>Subjects: F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to transform Australia's air combat capability; Budget 2014; Malaysia Airlines flight MH370; the Government's commitment to repeal the carbon tax and the mining tax. <a href="http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2014-04-23/joint-press-conference-canberra">http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2014-04-23/joint-press-conference-canberra</a></p> <p>During the press conference, when talking about the acquisition, the Minister said QUOTE: "It's expensive; it's highly technical" He also said QUOTE: "There is flexibility in that purchase regime for us to defer, for to us be unhappy as a customer, we've built that flexibility in."</p> <p>What measures have been put in place to manage the risks the Minister has highlighted?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

95.	Defence	Conroy	ASMD Upgrade of ANZAC Class Frigates	<p>(1) Can the Department please update the Committee on the progress of the ASMD Upgrade of our ANZAC Class Frigates?</p> <p>(a) What is the timeline for this work?</p> <p>(b) When will it be complete?</p> <p>(c) Has there been any schedule change?</p> <p>(d) Is all this work being performed in WA?</p> <p>(2) Given that four of our eight ANZAC Class Frigates are in dockyards at the moment, for maintenance or upgrades, what effect is this having on the availability of this force element?</p> <p>(3) What other improvements or upgrades are being given to the ANZAC class while the ASMD work is performed?</p> <p>(4) Have any other defects in ships has been detected during the ASMD work?</p> <p>(5) Has there been any significant impact on costs from this work</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
96.	Defence	Conroy	AWD	<p>(1) Can the Department please update the Committee on the cost and schedule of the AWD project?</p> <p>(2) Have there been any new risks identified since February that may affect the cost or schedule of the project?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
97.	Defence	Conroy	Contract Amendment Proposals for SEA 1000	<p>In an answer to a Question on Notice (Number 24) from the February estimates, the Department advised that there has been seven Contract Amendment Proposals on SEA1000. What are the details of each of those amendments, plus any others that have occurred since that answer was written?</p> <p>Please include:</p> <p>(1) Detail of amendments (What it is for)</p> <p>(2) Value of amendments.</p> <p>(3) Stakeholders and contractors involved in the amendment.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

98.	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarines	<p>(1) Has the Department received any new directions from Government on how to proceed with the Future Submarine Project?</p> <p>(2) Has the Department been asked to look at other options for the Future Submarine project?</p> <p>(a) Has the Department been asked to investigate a MOTS option?</p> <p>(b) Has the Department been asked to investigate having the submarines built overseas?</p> <p>(c) Has the Department been asked to look at building fewer than 12 submarines?</p> <p>(d) Has the Department been asked to lower the capability that these submarines will have?</p> <p>(e) Has the Department been asked to look at extending the life of the Collins Class submarines even further?</p> <p>(f) Has the Department been asked to cease work on the future submarine project all together?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
99.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000	Can the Department please update the Committee on the schedule and timeline for SEA 1000?	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
100.	Defence	Conroy	Budget, Structure and Leadership of Future Submarine Office	<p>(1) Can the Department please advise the Committee of the budget, structure and leadership of the Future Submarine office at DMO?</p> <p>(2) Has the number of people in DMO working on the future submarine project changed since the election?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
101.	Defence	Conroy	Projects of Concern	<p>(1) My understanding of the Projects of Concern list is that it is a list of big ticket defence projects that are experiencing difficulty and it was implemented by the Labor government in 2008. Is that right?</p> <p>(2) Please explain to us how projects are added and removed from the Projects of Concern list?</p> <p>(3) What benefits do government, industry, DMO and Defence get from the Projects of Concern list?</p> <p>(a) Is it your intention to continue publishing the Projects of Concern list?</p> <p>(b) Are there criteria for projects to get on the list?</p> <p>(c) Do projects need to meet a certain value?</p> <p>(4) How often is the list normally updated?</p> <p>(5) Are updates published anywhere or released to the public?</p> <p>(6) In the past a media release was issued when the list was updated. Is this still happening?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

102.	Defence	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>(1) Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.</p> <p>(2) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>(3) Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</p> <p>(4) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.</p> <p>(5) Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail the changes made.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
103.	Defence	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>(1) List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p> <p>(2) List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
104.	Defence	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<p>(1) Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>(2) Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>(3) What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

105.	Defence	Ludwig	Staff Transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) How many people does your department employ?</li> <li>(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?</li> <li>(3) What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>(4) What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</li> <li>(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?</li> <li>(6) How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</li> <li>(7) How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>(8) How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</li> <li>(9) How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>(10) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</li> <li>(11) 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.</li> <li>(12) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</li> <li>(13) 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.</li> <li>(14) 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.</li> <li>(15) For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</li> <li>(16) For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</li> <li>(17) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ol>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14
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106.	Defence	Ludwig	Redundancies	<p>(1) How may 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>(2) 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>(3) 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>(4) 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>(5) 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>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(6) 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> <p>(e) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>(7) 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>(8) 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>(9) 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>			4/9/14
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				<p>(10) For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li> <li>(c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li> <li>(d) Please provide the reason for that redundancy.</li> <li>(e) Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul>			4/9/14
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107.	Defence	Ludwig	Hiring	<p>(1) How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(2) How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(3) How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(4) How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>(5) How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? 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>(6) How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission 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>(7) How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? 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>(8) How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? 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>(9) How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(10) How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(11) How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 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> <p>(12) How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 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>(13) How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? 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>(14) How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(15) How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(16) How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 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>			4/9/14
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				<p>(17) How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 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>(18) How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>			4/9/14
108.	Defence	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	<p>(1) Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <p>(2) List each project or piece of work</p> <p>(3) List the staffing assigned to each task</p> <p>(4) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</p> <p>(5) What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

109.	Defence	Ludwig	Conditions of All Government Contracts and Agreements	<p>Since 7 September 2013;</p> <p>(1) Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>(2) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(4) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>(5) For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(8) If no consultation has occurred, why not?</p> <p>(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?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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110.	Defence	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the date they were ordered</li> <li>(b) the date they commenced</li> <li>(c) the minister responsible</li> <li>(d) the department responsible</li> <li>(e) the nature of the review</li> <li>(f) their terms of reference</li> <li>(g) the scope of the review</li> <li>(h) whom is conducting the review</li> <li>(i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>(j) the expected report date</li> <li>(k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs</li> <li>(l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.</li> </ul> <p>(2) For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</li> <li>(b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</li> <li>(c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</li> <li>(d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</li> <li>(e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</li> <li>(f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</li> <li>(g) If yes, for each, who selected them</li> <li>(h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</li> <li>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</li> <li>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> <li>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</li> <li>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(3) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p>(a) Please list them.</p> <p>(b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>(4) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>(5) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>(6) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>(7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>(8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>(a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>(b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>(c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>(d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when? If not, why not?</p>			4/9/14
111.	Defence	Ludwig	Computers	<p>(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</p> <p>(2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>(3) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

112.	Defence	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <p>(1) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>(2) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>(3) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>(4) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>(5) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>(6) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
113.	Defence	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <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 usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
114.	Defence	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>(1) How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p> <p>(2) How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

115.	Defence	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <p>(1) List the items  (2) List the items location or normal location  (3) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level  (4) List the total cost of the items  (5) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items  (6) List the date they were provided to the office  (7) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
116.	Defence	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>(1) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.  (b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?  (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?  (d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(2) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.  (b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?  (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?  (d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(3) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?  (a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.  (b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?  (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?  (d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(4) What publications does your department/agency purchase?  (a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.  (b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?  (c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?  (d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

117.	Defence	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>(1) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>(b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(c) Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>(2) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>(b) What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(c) Itemise these expenses</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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118.	Defence	Ludwig	Media training	<p>(1) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <p>(a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>(b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>(c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>(d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>(e) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>(f) the location that this training was provided</p> <p>(2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>(a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>(b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>(c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>(f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>(3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>(a) The location used</p> <p>(b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>(c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
119.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>(1) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>(2) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

120.	Defence	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>(2) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>(3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
121.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>(1) How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(2) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(3) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>(4) Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
122.	Defence	Ludwig	Report printing	Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
123.	Defence	Ludwig	FOI Requests	<p>Since September 7, 2013:</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	17/7/14	4/9/14

124.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>(1) Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) What is the make and model?</li> <li>(b) How much did it cost?</li> <li>(c) When was it provided?</li> <li>(d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>(e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>(f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>(g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>(h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
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125.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>(1) Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) What is the make and model?</li> <li>(b) How much did it cost?</li> <li>(c) When was it provided?</li> <li>(d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>(e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>(f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>(g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>(h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>	Written		4/9/14
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126.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>(1) Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) What is the make and model?</li> <li>(b) How much did it cost?</li> <li>(c) When was it provided?</li> <li>(d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>(e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>(f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>(g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>(h) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
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127.	Defence	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	<p>(1) What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(2) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>(b) Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>(c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>(d) Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>(e) Cost of the lease.</li> <li>(f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul> <p>(3) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>(b) Date the lease agreement ended.</li> <li>(c) Why was the lease not renewed?</li> <li>(d) Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>(e) Cost of the lease.</li> <li>(f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul> <p>(4) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li> <li>(b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li> <li>(c) Expected location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>(d) Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li> <li>(e) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul> <p>(5) For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</li> <li>(b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</li> </ul>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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128.	Defence	Ludwig	Legal Costs	<p>(1) List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(3) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</p> <p>(4) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
129.	Defence	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>(1) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(2) List each item of expenditure and cost.</p> <p>(3) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>(4) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
130.	Defence	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <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 usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
131.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>(1) List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>(2) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(3) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(4) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification .</p> <p>(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</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

132.	Defence	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>(1) List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:</p> <p>(2) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>(3) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>(4) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
133.	Defence	Ludwig	Market research	<p>(1) List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:</p> <p>(a) List the total cost of this research</p> <p>(b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>(c) Who conducted the research?</p> <p>(d) How were they identified?</p> <p>(e) Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>(f) In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>(g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>(2) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
134.	Defence	Ludwig	Market research	<p>(1) What is the spending on Market Research since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(2) Please detail all spending on market research including a breakdown on the purpose of the research, who conducted the research and which section commissioned it.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
135.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>(2) If so, list these</p> <p>(3) If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>(4) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>(5) If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>(6) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works .</p> <p>(7) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

136.	Defence	Ludwig	Wine Coolers/Fridges	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>(2) If so, list these</p> <p>(3) If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>(4) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>(5) If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>(6) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>(7) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>(8) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
137.	Defence	Ludwig	Office Plants	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>(2) If so, list these</p> <p>(3) If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>(4) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>(5) If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>(6) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>(7) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
138.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>(1) Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <p>(2) List the items</p> <p>(3) List the purchase cost</p> <p>(4) List the ongoing cost</p> <p>(5) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
139.	Defence	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>(1) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(a) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(b) List the approving officer for each item</p> <p>(c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</p> <p>(2) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <p>(a) List the total expected cost</p> <p>(b) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(c) List the approving officer for each item</p> <p>(3) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

140.	Defence	Ludwig	Boards	<p>Since September Additional Estimates in February, 2014;</p> <p>(1) how often has each board met, break down by board name;</p> <p>(2) what travel expenses are provided;</p> <p>(3) what is the average attendance at board meetings;</p> <p>(4) how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</p> <p>(5) what conflicts of interest have been registered;</p> <p>(6) what remuneration is provided to board members;</p> <p>(7) how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</p> <p>(8) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(9) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings.</p> <p>(10) What have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
141.	Defence	Ludwig	Senate estimates briefing	<p>(1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>(2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>(a) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>(b) How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>(a) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>(b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>(c) When were the changes made?</p> <p>(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.</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14

142.	Defence	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>(1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>(a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>(b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>(e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>(f) How many organise events?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
143.	Defence	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p>(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?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

			<p>(2) If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Department or Agency which was consulted;</li> <li>(b) The document;</li> <li>(c) The purpose of the consultation;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> <p>(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?</p> <p>(4) If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;</li> <li>(b) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;</li> <li>(c) The purpose of the consultation;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(f) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office</li> </ul> <p>The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <p>(5) For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?</p>			4/9/14
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				<p>(6) For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <p>(a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents 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>(7) 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>(8) Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</p> <p>(9) 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>(10) 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>(11) 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>			4/9/14
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144.	Defence	Ludwig	Functions	<p>(1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <p>(a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>(b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>(c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>(d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>(2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
145.	Defence	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>(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?</p> <p>(2) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>(3) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>(4) How have they been recruited?</p> <p>(5) What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>(6) What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>(7) What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _</p> <p>(8) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>(9) Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>(10)What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
146.	Defence	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>(1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <p>(a) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</p> <p>(b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>(c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function.</p> <p>(2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14

147.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<p>(1) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>(2) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>(3) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written		4/9/14
148.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>(1) Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? * If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level * If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? * If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</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? * If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? * How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>(3) Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? * If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>(4) Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? * If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>(5) By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>(6) Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>(7) Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level.</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

149.	Defence	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>(1) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has corporate credit card.</p> <p>(2) Please update details of the following:</p> <p>(a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>(b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>(c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>(d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>(e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
150.	Defence	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG Changes	<p>(1) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>(2) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>(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?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14

151.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<p>(1) Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <p>(a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>(b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Signage.</li> <li>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</li> <li>iii. Logos</li> <li>iv. Consultancy</li> <li>v. Any relevant IT changes.</li> <li>vi. Office reconfiguration.</li> </ol> <p>(c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
152.	Defence	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
153.	Defence	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>(1) How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>(2) How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>(3) How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?</p> <p>(4) How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff</p> <p>(5) How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff</p> <p>(6) What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?</p> <p>(7) How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

154.	Defence	Ludwig	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	<p>(1) Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?</p> <p>(2) Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</p> <p>(3) Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>(4) Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>(5) Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel</p> <p>(6) Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels.</p> <p>(7) Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14
155.	Defence	Ludwig	Unallocated Equipment	<p>(1) Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and 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>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
156.	Defence	Ludwig	Advertising	<p>(1) How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies.</p> <p>(2) Please detail each advertising campaign including it's cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

157.	Defence	Ludwig	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 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>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
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158.	Defence	Ludwig	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>(1) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(3) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(5) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(9) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
159.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs-ministerial	<p>(1) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>(2) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(5) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14



160.	Defence	Ludwig	Grants	<p>(1) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>(2) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
161.	Defence	Ludwig	Government payment of accounts	<p>(1) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>(2) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>(3) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>(4) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>(5) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p> <p>(6) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>(7) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(8) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

162.	Defence	Ludwig	Question time	<p>(1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>(2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>(a) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>(b) How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>(a) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>(b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>(5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
163.	Defence	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>(1) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(3) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
164.	Defence	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>(1) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>(2) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

165.	Defence	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <p>(1) Total spending on these services</p> <p>(2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>(4) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>(a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>(b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>(c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>(d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>(f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>(5) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>(a) The location used</p> <p>(b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <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>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
166.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>(1) What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>(2) Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14

167.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>(1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>(2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(4) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>(5) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(6) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>(7) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>(8) What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>(9) How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>(10) How is the department/agency funding the packages?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
168.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>(1) How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>(2) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>(3) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	17/7/14	4/9/14

169.	Defence	Ludwig	Coffee Machines	<p>(1) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>(a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>(b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>(c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>(d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>(e) Who has access?</p> <p>(f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>(g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>(2) Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>(a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>(b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>(c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>(d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>(e) Who has access?</p> <p>(f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>(g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
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170.	Defence	Ludwig	Printing	<p>(1) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>(2) Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(a) If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>(b) How were they selected?</p> <p>(c) What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written	21/7/14	4/9/14
171.	Defence	Ludwig	Corporate Cars	<p>(1) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>(2) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>(3) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>(4) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(5) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(6) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>(7) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>(8) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>(9) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>(10) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
172.	Defence	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>(1) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>(2) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
173.	Defence	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>(1) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>(4) If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14

174.	Defence	Ludwig	Air Cadets Assets	<p>(1) How many aircraft are currently used by the Australian Air Cadet Program? If yes, please provide a detailed list and break the list down by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Type (e.g. Aeroplanes, Gliders, Sustainers, etc)</li> <li>(b) Make / Model</li> <li>(c) Year Purchased / Leased / Other arrangement was put in place. If other please detail.</li> <li>(d) Life expectancy</li> <li>(e) Cost</li> <li>(f) Who it is used by (Squadron name etc)</li> <li>(g) What it is used for</li> <li>(h) Frequency of its use</li> <li>(i) Location/s it is used</li> <li>(j) Where it is stored <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the land and the buildings used to store the aircraft owned, leased or used under some other arrangement? If other please detail.</li> <li>ii. How much space has been obtained under this arrangement?</li> <li>iii. What is the cost of the space used for this storage?</li> <li>iv. What are the ongoing costs associated with this storage?</li> </ul> </li> <li>(k) Maintenance Costs? Please detail cost break downs and who is contracted to perform the maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>(2) How are these aircraft transported? Please break down the list of transport vehicles by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Type (Trailer, truck etc)</li> <li>(b) Make / Model</li> <li>(c) Year Purchased / Leased / Other agreement was put in place. If other please detail.</li> <li>(d) Cost</li> <li>(e) Frequency of its use</li> <li>(f) Location/s it is used</li> <li>(g) Where it is stored</li> <li>(h) Maintenance Costs? Please detail cost break downs and who performs the maintenance.</li> </ul>	Written	22/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(3) Is the Department of Defence planning / discussing / seeking / under contract or in any other way intending to acquire any additional or replacement aircraft for use by the Australian Air Cadet Program in the future? If yes, please provide a detailed list and break the list down by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Type (e.g. Aeroplanes, Gliders, Sustainers, etc)</li> <li>(b) Make / Model</li> <li>(c) Year they are to be Purchased / Leased / Other arrangement is to be put in place. If other please detail.</li> <li>(d) Life expectancy</li> <li>(e) Cost</li> <li>(f) Who it is to be used by (Squadron name etc)</li> <li>(g) What it will be used for</li> <li>(h) Frequency it is to be used</li> <li>(i) Location/s it will be used</li> <li>(j) Where it will be stored <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Will the land and the buildings to be used to store the aircraft be owned, leased or used under some other arrangement? If other please detail.</li> <li>ii. How much space will be / has been obtained under this arrangement?</li> <li>iii. What is the projected cost of the space used for this storage?</li> <li>iv. What are the projected ongoing costs associated with this storage?</li> </ul> </li> <li>(k) Have maintenance contracts been put in place? If no, why not? If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How much will the maintenance cost? Please break down costs?</li> <li>ii. Who will perform the maintenance?</li> <li>iii. How much will it cost?</li> <li>iv. Please provide a copy of the maintenance contracts.</li> <li>v. Please provide a copy of any other documents relating to the maintenance contracts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			4/9/14
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				<p>(4) How are these aircraft to be transported? Please break down the list of transport vehicles by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Type (Trailer, truck etc)</li> <li>(b) Make / Model</li> <li>(c) Year they are to be Purchased / Leased / Other agreement to be put in place. If other please detail.</li> <li>(d) Life expectancy</li> <li>(e) Cost</li> <li>(f) Who it is to be used by (Squadron name etc)</li> <li>(g) Frequency it is to be used</li> <li>(h) Location/s it will be used</li> <li>(i) Where it will be stored</li> <li>(j) Have maintenance contracts been put in place? If no, why not? If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How much will the maintenance cost? Please break down costs?</li> <li>ii. Who will perform the maintenance?</li> <li>iii. How much will it cost?</li> <li>iv. Please provide a copy of the maintenance contracts.</li> <li>v. Please provide a copy of any other documents relating to the maintenance contracts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			4/9/14
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175.	Defence	Ludwig	Defence Tender System – Market Research	<p>According to the Australian Government's Tender System, AusTender, the Department of Defence contracts various firms to perform market research on the Department's behalf.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) What is the process by which the Department decides that market research needs to be conducted?</li> <li>(2) Who can request that market research be conducted?</li> <li>(3) Does approval for market research need to be signed off by the Minister? If not, who signs off on the request?</li> <li>(4) Is there a list of prequalified agencies who can be contracted for market research by the department? If yes, please provide a list and include the date on which they were accepted to be on the list.</li> <li>(5) Since September 7, 2013, have any agencies applied to be a prequalified agency and been denied. If yes, please provide a list and the reasons they were denied.</li> <li>(6) Is market research ever conducted to discover information about any subject not directly related to defence force recruitment? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> <p>According to the AusTender website, the following contracts are in place to provide market research: CN1875901; CN1875161; CN1859831; CN1913501; CN1993382; CN1976511; CN1968701; CN2172641; CN2172071; CN2170491; CN2193912; CN2209481; CN2220601; CN2230341; CN1931742;</p>	Written	23/7/14	4/9/14
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				<p>(7) With regard to each tender contract, could you please provide me with the following information?</p> <p>(a) What was the market research commissioned to discover?</p> <p>(b) What was the scope of the research?</p> <p>(c) How was the research conducted and what research methods were employed in its collection? (e.g. focus groups, surveys etc.)</p> <p>(d) Who was involved in requesting the research be conducted?</p> <p>(8) What were the findings of the research? Does the minister have access to the findings?</p> <p>(9) Was the research completed on budget or below? If no, by how much was it over?</p> <p>(10) Please provide a breakdown of costs associated with the research.</p> <p>(11) Were other tenders received for the research? If yes, please provide copies explain why the firm that won the contract was chosen over other competitors.</p> <p>(12) Who was involved with selecting the winning tender?</p> <p>(13) Can the minister add questions to the market research package? If so, what is the process that is used by the minister to add these questions?</p> <p>(14) Did the minister or his office add any questions to the market research covered in the contracts listed above? If so, please detail which contracts and what was asked.</p> <p>(15) Since September 7, 2013, has the Department of Defence conducted or contracted other firms to conduct any market research not listed in the tenders above? If yes, please detail and break down by the questions listed above. Why were these research projects not put out for tender and / or listed on the AusTender website?</p>			4/9/14
176.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud Recovery Figures	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Can you tell me, in terms of fraud recovery—on notice, if you do not have the figures handy—for the last three years and to date, what has been recovered in terms of fraud recovery, whether there have been any actions, prosecutions or disciplinary action taken in respect of that? I have a number of technical questions that I will put on notice ....</p> <p><b>Mr Prior:</b> Okay.</p>	P25	23/7/14	4/9/14
177.	Defence	Carr	Use of assets and cost for OSB	What are the daily costs involved with the deployment of ADF resources for OSB? Specifically, what is the cost of having two Major Fleet Units in the area on standby for OSB?	Transfer from Immigration	17/7/14	4/9/14