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**Question No. 1**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Self initiated work**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the Minister's office or department management)?
2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:
3. When did the project commence?
4. When is it expected to conclude?
5. What will the total cost of the project be?
6. Where did the money for the project come from?
7. Where is the project based?

**Answer**

1. No, ACIAR does not have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the Minister's office or department management).
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 2**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

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?
2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?
3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?
4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?
5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reasons, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?
6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?
7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?
8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?
9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?

**Answer**

1. No
2. Not applicable
3. No
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. No
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable

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**Question No. 3**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Non-Conventional Therapies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes:
  1. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?
  2. Who are they available to?
  3. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?
2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:
  1. What therapies have been provided?
  2. What were they used to treat?
  3. What was the cost of the therapy?

**Answer**

1. Non-conventional therapies can be provided to ACIAR staff only if they satisfy the health promotion initiatives policy.
  1. Process is detailed in ACIAR Human Resource Manual – Health promotion Initiatives.
  2. ACIAR APS employees.
  3. Health promotion initiatives are agreed to under ACIAR Enterprise Agreement.
2. No, the agency has not paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff.

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**Question No. 4**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Statutory Review Provisions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:

1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not?
2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review.
3. When did/will this work begin?
4. When is/was the review due to commence?
5. What is the expected report date?
6. Who is the Minister responsible for the review?
7. What department is responsible for the review?
8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.
9. List the terms of reference.
10. What is the scope of the review?
11. Who is conducting the review? How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?
12. What are the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?
13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?
14. What decision points are upcoming for the Minister on this matter?
15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review.
16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?

**Answer**

Applicable current legislation: Nil.

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable
10. Not applicable
11. Not applicable
12. Not applicable
13. Not applicable

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14. Not applicable

15. Not applicable

16. Not applicable

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**Question No. 5**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Sunset Provisions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:

1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?
2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?
3. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active.
4. When did/will this work begin?
5. When is/was the review due to commence?
6. What is the expected report date?
7. Who is the Minister responsible for the review?
8. What department is responsible for the review?
9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.
10. List the terms of reference.
11. What is the scope of the review?
12. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?
13. What are the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?
14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?
15. What decision points are upcoming for the Minister on this matter?
16. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review.
17. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?

**Answer**

Applicable current legislation: Nil.

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable
10. Not applicable

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- 11. Not applicable
- 12. Not applicable
- 13. Not applicable
- 14. Not applicable
- 15. Not applicable
- 16. Not applicable
- 17. Not applicable

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**Question No. 6**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Domain Usage**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the Minister's office. Please provide:
  1. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).
  2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.
  3. Number of times the site was accessed.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not have access to domain usage of the Minister's office.



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**Question No. 7**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Procedures Manuals (Department)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the Minister? If yes, please provide a copy and:
2. When was the manual last updated?
3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?
4. Has the Minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.
5. Who is the manual distributed to?
6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the Minister or the Minister's office?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not have a procedures manual for communicating with the Minister.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. The CEO will clear all communications being sent to the Minister. The General Manager, Corporate or Director, Stakeholder Engagement and Communications will clear all other communications before they are sent to the Minister's office.

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**Question No. 8**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Procedures Manuals (Ministerial)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Does the Minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the Minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and:
2. When was the manual last updated?
3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?
4. Who is the manual distributed to?
5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR is unaware of a procedure manual for communication between the Minister's office and ACIAR.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

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**Question No. 9**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: G20 - Brisbane**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Which Ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane?  
For each attending Minister, please answer the following:
2. How long will the Minister be in Brisbane for?
3. Please provide a copy of the Minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled.
4. Did the Minister request any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles.
5. How many Ministerial staff will attend with the Minister?
6. How many departmental staff attended the G20?
7. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane?
8. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?
9. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail.
10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.
11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes:
  1. What will be the scope of the report?
  2. When will it be complete?
  3. Will it be available to the public?

**Answer**

1. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
2. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
3. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
4. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
5. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
6. No ACIAR staff attended the G20.
7. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).

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8. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
9. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
10. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).
11. Please refer to the response from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Response No. 127).

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**Question No. 10**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Report Writing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. 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?
2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, ACIAR has not pulped, moved to offsite storage, shredded or disposed of any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers of any other report-like documents.
2. Not applicable

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**Question No. 11**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Graduate Intake**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?
2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?
3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?
4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?

**Answer**

1. 3 non-ongoing graduate positions
2. 3 non-ongoing graduate positions
3. 2 non-ongoing graduate positions
4. The graduate intake for 2015-16 will require APSC approval.

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**Question No. 12**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.
2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.
3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail

**Answer**

1. ACIAR Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014
2. 29 June 2011 – 30 June 2014
3. ACIAR has commenced negotiations but has not as yet commenced formal bargaining.

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**Question No. 13**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Reviews**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:
  1. the date they were ordered
  2. the date they commenced
  3. the Minister responsible
  4. the department responsible
  5. the nature of the review
  6. their terms of reference
  7. the scope of the review
  8. who is conducting the review
  9. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
  10. the expected report date
  11. the budgeted, projected or expected costs
  12. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
2. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
  1. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
  2. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
  3. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
  4. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
  5. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
  6. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
  7. If yes, for each, who selected them
  8. If yes, for each, did the Minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
    1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
    2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
    3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
    4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
    5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
3. Which reviews are on-going?



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1. Please list them.
2. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
8. What reviews are planned?
  1. When will each planned review be commenced?
  2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
  3. When will government respond to each review?
  4. Will the government release each review?
    1. If so, when? If not, why not?

### **Answer**

1. No new reviews have been commenced since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
2. Not applicable
3. No reviews are ongoing.
4. No reviews have been stopped, paused or ceased.
5. Not applicable
6. No reviews have been provided to Government since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
7. Not applicable
8. ACIAR plans to review the Australian International Food Security Research Centre (AIFSRC)
  1. The review will commence in December 2014.
  2. The review will be concluded by April 2015.
  3. The review will be commissioned by ACIAR for management purposes. A response from Government is not anticipated.
  4. Not applicable.
    1. It is likely that the review will be released by June 2015.

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**Question No. 14**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Commissioned reports**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?
  1. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?
3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer**

1. No reports have been commissioned by ACIAR that will be handed to Government or require a response from Government since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable

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**Question No. 15**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Appointments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 the following appointments have been made to the Commission for International Agricultural Research and the Policy Advisory Council

<b>Commission for International Agricultural Research</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>Term of Appointment</b>	<b>Tenure</b>
Mr Don Heatley OAM	04/08/2014 – 30/06/2015	Chair, part-time
Mr John Cook	04/08/2014 – 30/06/2015	Commissioner, part-time
Ms Lucinda Corrigan	04/08/2014 – 30/06/2015	Commissioner, part-time
Dr Tony Gregson AM	04/08/2014 – 30/06/2015	Commissioner, part-time
Ms Catherine Marriott	04/08/2014 – 30/06/2015	Commissioner, part-time

<b>Policy Advisory Council</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>Term of Appointment</b>	<b>Tenure/Country of Representation</b>
Professor Kym Anderson	01/10/2014 – 30/09/2017	President, part-time Australia

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Dr Iftikhar Ahmad	22/08/2014 – 21/08/2017	Member, part-time Pakistan
Sir Brown Bai KBE CSM CSE	22/08/2014 – 21/08/2017	Member, part-time Papua New Guinea
Dr Leah Buendia	22/08/2014 – 21/08/2017	Member, part-time Philippines
Mr Xaypladeth Choulamany	22/08/2014 – 21/08/2017	Member, part-time Lao PDR

2. 50% of the Commission for International Agricultural Research are female, while 16.66% of the Policy Advisory Council is female
3. No
4. Not applicable

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**Question No. 16**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Stationery Requirements**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date?
  1. Detail the items provided to the Minister's office.
  2. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.
2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date?
3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.

**Answer**

1. No funding has been spent by ACIAR on government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
2. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 a maximum of \$6016.17 has been spent on ACIAR's stationery requirements, which includes business cards, and plain printing paper.
3. No customised stationery has been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff

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**Question No. 17**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Electronic equipment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Other than phones, iPads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office:
  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

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not provide any electrical equipment to the Minister’s Office.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 18**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Media Subscriptions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  1. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.
  2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
  1. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
  2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?
  3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not have any pay TV subscriptions.
2. The following details ACIAR's newspaper subscriptions:
  1. Since Budget Estimates in June 2014 ACIAR has newspaper subscriptions to The Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Canberra Times and The Financial Review. The newspaper subscriptions are to provide an information source of issues effecting international development and ACIAR and for the general interest of staff.
  2. The cost was \$1492.13 during the period
  3. Nothing is provided from ACIAR's newspaper subscription to the Minister of the Minister's office
  4. Not applicable
3. The following details ACIAR's magazine subscriptions:

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1. Since Budget Estimates in June 2014 ACIAR has magazine subscriptions to The Economist and Choice. The magazine subscriptions are to provide global insight to issues effecting ACIAR's operating environment and to review relevant products such as IT and office supplies.
  2. The cost has been \$547.28 during the period.
  3. Nothing is provided from ACIAR's magazine subscription to the Minister of the Minister's office
  4. Not applicable
4. ACIAR does purchase a small range of scientific publications.
1. Precise data on publications purchased is not readily available as the small range of scientific and associated publications are purchased to support the research programs.
  2. The precise cost of publications is not known for the period, but would be less than \$1000.
  3. No purchased publications are provided to the Minister or the Minister's office.
  4. Not applicable



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**Question No. 19**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Media Monitoring**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?
  1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
  2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
  3. Itemise these expenses.
2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?
  1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
  2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?
  3. Itemise these expenses.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR did not pay for any media monitoring services provided to the Minister's office since Budget Estimates in June 2014.
2. ACIAR did not pay for any media monitoring services since Budget Estimates in June 2014.

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**Question No. 20**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Media Training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:
  1. Total spending on these services
  2. An itemised cost breakdown of these services
  3. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  4. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
  5. The names of all service providers engaged
  6. The location that this training was provided
2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:
  1. The name and nature of the service purchased
  2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  5. The total amount spent on the service
  6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
  4. The location used
  5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not purchased any media training services since Budget Estimates June, 2014
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 21**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: G20 - Expenses**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.

For each item, please provide:

1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.
2. The location of the event.
3. The date of the event.
4. The name and ABN of the service provider.
5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.
6. The total value of the contract/invoice.
7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.
8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.
9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.
10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.
11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.

**Answer**

The following itemises ACIAR expenses incurred associated with official G20 and related activities:

1. The Meeting of the G20 Agricultural Scientists (MACS) and associated travel
2. Brisbane
3. 19-20 June 2014
4. ACIAR provided funding to the Department of Agriculture to assist in hosting the MACS (ABN: 24113085695) and supported two members of ACIAR staff travel to the MACS.
5. The funding to the Department of Agriculture was not awarded through an open tender process
6. \$20,000 (GST exclusive) and \$1990 for the travel of two staff members
7. 16 April 2014
8. Approximately 60 attendees
9. No Australian Government Ministers were in attendance

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10. The attendance was predominantly foreign delegates of approximately 48 people.
11. The contract/expenditure was not approved by the Prime Minister's Office

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**Question No. 22**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Market Research**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency:
  1. List the total cost of this research.
  2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program.
  3. Who conducted the research?
  4. How were they identified?
  5. Where was the research conducted?
  6. In what way was the research conducted?
  7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?
  8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?
  9. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected?
  10. What input did the Minister have?
  11. How was it approved?
  12. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not conducted any market research since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
  1. Not applicable.
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable
  8. Not applicable
  9. Not applicable
  10. Not applicable
  11. Not applicable
  12. Not applicable

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**Question No. 23**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: FOI requests**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
  1. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
  2. For how many has a redacted document been provided?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not received any requests for documents under FOI since Budget Estimates in June 2014.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable

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**Question No. 24**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Motor Vehicle**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the Minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:
  1. What is the make and model?
  2. How much did it cost?
  3. When was it provided?
  4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
  5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
  6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
  7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a Minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.
  8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.
  9. 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.
  10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 the Minister has not been provided with, nor had access to, an ACIAR motor vehicle.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable
  8. Not applicable
  9. Not applicable
  10. Not applicable

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**Question No. 25**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:
  1. What is the make and model?
  2. How much did it cost?
  3. When was it provided?
  4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
  5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
  6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
  7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.
  8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.
  9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
  10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 none of the Minister's staff have been provided with a motor vehicle by ACIAR.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable
  8. Not applicable
  9. Not applicable
  10. Not applicable



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**Question No. 26**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff vehicles**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:
  1. What is the make and model?
  2. How much did it cost?
  3. When was it provided?
  4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?
  5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.
  6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?
  7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.
  8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.
  9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.
  10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 no Ministerial staff have been provided with a motor vehicle by ACIAR under the MoPS Act entitlements.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable
  8. Not applicable
  9. Not applicable
  10. Not applicable

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**Question No. 27**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
  1. Date the lease agreement is active from.
  2. Date the lease agreement ends.
  3. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  4. Location of the building (City and state).
  5. Cost of the lease.
  6. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:
  1. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
  2. Date the lease agreement ended.
  3. Why was the lease not renewed?
  4. Location of the building (City and state).
  5. Cost of the lease.
  6. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
  1. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  2. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  3. Expected location of the building (City and state).
  4. Expected cost of the lease.
    1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
    2. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. For each building owned or leased by the department:
  1. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
  2. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

**Answer**

1. The total cost of the building lease for ACIAR since Budget Estimates in June 2014 was \$212,363.40.
2. The details of the lease are:
  1. Lease agreement is active from 1 August 2013
  2. The lease agreement ends on 31 July 2023

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3. The lease is expected to be renewed.
  4. Bruce, Canberra, ACT
  5. The cost of the lease is \$480,000 (plus GST) per annum
  6. The building is the Head Office of ACIAR and is the only building ACIAR's leases.
3. Not applicable
  4. No other building is expected to be leased in the next 12 months.
  5. The building is fully occupied.

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**Question No. 28**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Government Advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)?
  1. List each item of expenditure and cost.
  2. List the approving officer for each item.
  3. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising.
2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?
  1. List the total expected cost.
  2. List each item of expenditure and cost.
  3. List the approving officer for each item.
  4. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has expended \$3,928.17 on government advertising since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
  1. The expenditure was for a single item advertising the agency's collaborative research focus in developing countries and was placed in the National Farmers' Federation, Annual Review 2013-14.
  2. Manager, External Engagement & Media Presence was the approving officer for the expenditure.
  3. National Farmers' Federation.
2. No government advertising is planned by ACIAR for the rest of the financial year.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable

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**Question No. 29**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Workplace Assessments**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?
  1. List each item of expenditure and cost.
2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?
3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has spent \$3,018 on workplace ergonomic assessments:
  1. 1 x workstation Assessment @ \$275each = \$275
  - 4 x full workstation Assessment, @ \$302.33each = \$1,209.32
  - 3 x 30min WSA reviews @ \$211.67each = \$635
  - 4 x 15-20min reviews @ \$181.25each = \$725
  - 1 x adjustment visit @ \$172each= \$172
2. All visits have resulted in adjustments to set up with furniture and equipment.
3. No further costs were required related to the changes.

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**Question No. 30**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Website**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website?
  1. List each item of expenditure and cost.
2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?
3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not been responsible for any expenditure on the Minister's website since Budget Estimates, June 2014.
  1. Not applicable
2. ACIAR is unaware of who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website.
3. No ACIAR staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website.

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**Question No. 31**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Existing Resources Program**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each
3. List the staffing assigned to each task
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, no projects, work, programs or other tasks have been started by ACIAR as a consequence of government policies or priorities that were required to be funded 'within existing resources'.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

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**Question No. 32**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Multiple Tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times:
  1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?
  2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?
  3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 no tenders were re-issued or issued multiple times by ACIAR
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable



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**Question No. 33**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Staff Transfers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How many people does your department employ?
2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?
3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?
4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?
5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?
6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?
7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?
8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013
9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?
10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.
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.
12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.
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.
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.
15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?
16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?
17. Please provide all relevant dates.

*Redundancies*

18. How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?
  1. How many of these positions were ongoing?
  2. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?

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3. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
19. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
20. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
21. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
22. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
23. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:
  1. 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.
  2. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).
  3. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.
  4. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.
  5. Please provide all relevant dates.
24. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:
  1. 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.
  2. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.
  3. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.
  4. Please provide all relevant dates.
25. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?

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2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
26. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?
  1. How many of these employees were ongoing?
  2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?
  3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?
27. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:
  1. 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.
  2. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).
  3. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.
  4. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.
  5. Please provide all relevant dates.

### *Hiring*

28. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?
29. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?
30. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?
31. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?
32. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?
  1. 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.
33. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  1. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.
34. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?

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1. 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.
35. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?
  1. 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.
36. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?
37. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?
38. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
  1. 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.
39. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
  1. 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.
40. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
  1. 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.
41. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?
42. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?

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43. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?
1. 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.
44. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?
1. 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.
45. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?
1. 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.

### Answer

1. At 30 June 2014 ACIAR employed 51 people under the PS Act 1999.
2. All ACIAR staff employed under the PS Act 1999 are employed in the ACT. At 30 June 2013 ACIAR employed the following staff by classification and gender:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Employees by classification</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
PEO			1
SESB1	1		1
EL 2	15	3	12
EL 1	9	6	3
APS 6	4	4	0
APS 5	4	2	2
APS 4	19	18	1
APS 3	1	1	0

The average age of ACIAR staff on 30 June 2013 was 48.

3. All ACIAR staff employed under the PS Act 1999 are employed in the ACT.
4. No functions have been transferred

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5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. 51 Employees were employed in Canberra.
8. None
9. None
10. Not applicable
11. Not applicable
12. Not applicable
13. Not applicable
14. Not applicable
15. Not applicable
16. Not applicable
17. Not applicable

*Redundancies*

18. Since the 2013 federal election six positions have been made redundant
  1. All six positions were ongoing.
  2. Nil non-ongoing positions.
  3. All six positions were located in the ACT.
19. One employee was redeployed since the 2013 federal election.
  1. The one employee was ongoing
  2. None
  3. The one employee was situated in the ACT
20. All six employees were offered voluntary redundancies.
  1. Six employees were ongoing
  2. Nil non-ongoing employees
  3. Six employees were located in the ACT.
21. Five employees accepted voluntary redundancy.
  1. Five employees were ongoing
  2. Nil
  3. Five
22. All six employees were offered the choice between voluntary redundancy and redeployment.
  1. Six employees were ongoing
  2. Nil
  3. All six employees were located in ACT.
23. The following provides details of voluntary redundancies for the 5 staff who accepted voluntary redundancy:
  1. Dollar figure payout, age, gender, position, APS level, responsibilities and location

<b>Payout</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>M/F</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Location</b>
\$43,939	52	F	Mgr Communication & Secretariat	EL2	Ongoing	Communi cations	ACT
\$75,070	48	M	Manager IT & Infrastructure	EL1	Ongoing	IT	ACT
\$23,514	53	F	Public Affairs Officer	APS6	Ongoing	Communi cations	ACT

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\$79,137	44	M	Mgr Communication & Public Affairs	EL1	Ongoing	Communi cations	ACT
\$21,152	29	F	Communication s Officer	APS4	Ongoing	Communi cations	ACT

2. In the same order above, the following describes entitlements paid out:

<b>Total Payout</b>	<b>Annual leave payout</b>	<b>Long Service Leave payout</b>
\$43,939	\$893	\$16,990
\$75,070	\$9,283	\$24,461
\$23,514	\$2,427	\$8,619
\$79,137	\$4,525	\$28,193
\$21,152	\$4,024	\$4,862

3. Two staff spent the maximum of \$1000 for financial advice/counselling.
  4. Staff were offered voluntary redundancy due to an organisational restructure resulting from recommendations of the Independent Review of ACIAR, 2013.
  5. Staff were first advised of restructure on the 31 March 2014 and then had regular (weekly) meetings to discuss changes. Staff were formally advised of the restructure, changes to positions and advise on redundant positions on 26 June 2014. The process for Redundancy, Redeployment and Retrenchment (Appendix C - ACIAR EA 2011-2014) was followed.
24. There was only one ACIAR employee who chose redeployment.
1. The individual who worked in the ACT chose redeployment was: Female, 48years old, EL1, Ongoing employee, Manager Research Communications and Stakeholder Engagement and earned a gross salary of \$99 502 per annum.
  2. Nil
  3. Individual's role was made redundant due to restructure.
  4. The individual was formally advised of the restructure on 26 June 2014.
25. Nil
26. Not applicable
27. Not applicable

*Hiring*

28. 18 APS staff are employed on non-ongoing contracts.
29. 28 APS staff are employed on ongoing contracts.
30. Nil
31. Nil
32. Not applicable
33. Not applicable
34. Nil
35. None

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36. Two

37. Two

38. Two

1. 2 x 50+ males, \$166,167 per annum, EL2, Research Program Manager (PhD scientific expert in relevant field to Agricultural research in development within Australia and Developing countries) non-ongoing 5 year term, position was advertised externally to attract relevant Australian scientific expertise in Soil Management & Crop Nutrition and Livestock Production Systems.

39. None

40. None

41. One

42. One

43. One.

1. Appointed 45year old female, \$118,373 gross annual salary, EL2 Director Communications & Stakeholder Engagement. The position was approved to be advertised externally by the APSC, the individual was approved for the position as they were employed within the APS and this appointment allowed for promotion opportunity for the individual. This is an ongoing role, the individual transferred/was promoted from the Dept of Industry in March 2014.

44. None

45. None



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**Question No. 34**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Departmental Upgrades**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?
  1. If so, list these
  2. If so, list the total cost for these changes
  3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  4. If so, who conducted the works?
  5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works
  6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 ACIAR has made minor alteration to the building.
  1. The minor alteration created a more open work environment and additional publications storage.
  2. The total cost for these changes were \$4,634.00
  3. The itemised costs were:
    - Level 1 alterations = \$1,180.00
    - Ground floor shelving = \$2,684.00
    - Removal of part of an area = \$770.00
  4. Monaro Interiors conducted the work.
  5. Monaro Interiors had the skills and knowledge of the existing building and required changes to offer the greatest value for money.
  6. Works are completed.

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**Question No. 35**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Wine Coolers / Fridges**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?
  1. If so, list these
  2. If so, list the total cost for these items
  3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  4. If so, where were these purchased
  5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
  6. If so, what is the current location for these items?
  7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, ACIAR has not purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 36**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Office Plants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?
  1. If so, list these
  2. If so, list the total cost for these items
  3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  4. If so, where were these purchased
  5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
  6. If so, what is the current location for these items?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, ACIAR has leased indoor office plants, as outlined:
  1. A suitable range of indoor office plants
  2. The total cost since Budget Estimates in June 2014 has been \$3,701.70
  3. The itemised expenditure is a monthly account of \$616.95 for the supply and service of the range of plants.
  4. No purchases have been made.
  5. Not applicable
  6. ACIAR House, 38 Thynne St, Fern Hill Park, Bruce, ACT.

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**Question No. 37**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Office recreation facilities**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?
  1. If so, list these
  2. If so, list the total cost for these items
  3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  4. If so, where were these purchased
  5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
  6. If so, what is the current location for these items?
  7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 ACIAR has not purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 38**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Vending machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract, any vending machine facilities?
  1. If so, list these
  2. If so, list the total cost for these items
  3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  4. If so, where were these purchased
  5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
  6. If so, what is the current location for these items?
  7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 ACIAR has not purchased or leased or taken under contract, any vending machine facilities.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 39**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Legal Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency
2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external
3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)
4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.

**Answer**

1. The Government does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by the Government or its agencies. It is important to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential legal advice. As such, only total figures for legal service expenditure are provided rather than a list of each service and costs. Total Legal expenditure in the period was \$28,512.00 GST inclusive.
2. As per following table:

Total cost (GST Inc)	Source	Hours	Level	Internal/External;
\$5,841.00	Sage Legal Services	20	Solicitor	External
\$7,161.00	Sage Legal Services	24	Solicitor	External
\$8,580.00	Sage Legal Services	29	Solicitor	External
\$1,155.00	Sage Legal Services	4	Solicitor	External
\$5,775.00	Sage Legal Services	19	Solicitor	External

3. Nil.
4. All direct source from Legal Services Multi-Use List.

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**Question No. 40**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Lobbyist Register Meetings**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register
2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting
3. List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting

**Answer**

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 ACIAR has not had any interaction with any representative listed on the lobbyist register.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable

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**Question No. 41**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Provision of equipment - departmental**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff?

If yes provide a list of:

2. What has been provided?
3. The purchase cost.
4. The ongoing cost.
5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (eg. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

**Answer**

1. Yes
2. See table below
3. See table below
4. See table below

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purchase cost</b>	<b>Ongoing cost</b>	<b>Staff</b>
iPad Mini	\$571.82	Monthly data use - varies	EL2
Keyboard	\$31.80	NIL	EL2
iPhone x 3	\$480.91	Monthly data use - varies	EL2

5. Accessories provided include:

<b>Accessory</b>	<b>Cost</b>
iPhone covers x 2	\$54.46
iPad covers x 2	\$80.92
iPhone cover	\$30.91

6. EL2, SES and the CEO receive a laptop, mobile phone and some receive iPads due to international travel commitments. Some EL1 staff are allocated laptops, phones and iPads.



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**Question No. 42**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff Turnover**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary.
2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification.
3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification.
4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification.
5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.

**Answer**

1. None
2. None
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

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**Question No. 43**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Unallocated equipment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff.
2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

**Answer**

1. Electrical equipment, phones and computers ACIAR has in storage that is unallocated to staff includes:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Dell mouse	15	\$5.56 each
Dell keyboards	12	\$18.87 each
Docking stations for laptops	21	\$158.75 each

2. There are no ongoing or storage costs for any of these items.

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**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Communications Staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?
4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?
5. How many are graphic designers?
6. How many are media managers?
7. How many organise events?

### Answer

1. In relation to all public relations, communications and media ACIAR:
2. Has the following ongoing staff:
  - Director, Stakeholder Engagement & Communication - EL2; ongoing; manages the Stakeholder Engagement & Communication team, Canberra, ACT;
  - Manager, External Engagement & Media Presence – EL1; ongoing, manages: publications portfolio; media relations and production; external stakeholder engagement and sponsorship and events, Canberra ACT;
  - Manager, Corporate Engagement & Communications – EL1; ongoing, manages: corporate reporting; branding and style guide; capacity building amongst Regional Program Managers; executive support and briefings; government relations and provides the secretariat to the Policy Advisory Committee and the ACIAR Commission, Canberra, ACT.
  - External Engagement & Media Presence Officer – APS 6; ongoing; supports the work of the Manager, External Engagement & Media Presence; Canberra, ACT.
  - Strategic Corporate Engagement Support Officer – APS 5 ongoing; supports the work of the Manager, Corporate Engagement & Communications; Canberra, ACT.
3. Has the following non-going staff:
  - Executive Support & Government Relations Support Officer – APS 6; non-ongoing; supports the work of the Manager, Corporate Engagement & Communications; Canberra, ACT.

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4. ACIAR contracts with a wide range of firms for the production of its portfolio of publications:
- Coretex - 3 year contract; magazine production; Melbourne VIC;
  - Canprint Communications - 3 year contract printing and warehousing, Fyshwick ACT;
  - Econnect - individual contracts for specific publications, editing, QLD;
  - Biotext - individual contracts for specific publications, writing, edition and design, Deakin ACT;
  - Bites'n Colours - individual contracts for specific publications, printing, ACT;
  - Ceclia Bourke, Fluid Communications - individual contracts for specific publications, editing, Albury NSW;
  - Chantry Pol - individual contracts for specific publications, translation services, Cambodia
  - Exhibition Centre - individual contracts for specific publications, banners and pop-ups, Queanbeyan, NSW;
  - Elect Printing - individual contracts for specific publications, printing, Canberra ACT;
  - Ed Highley - individual contracts for specific publications, proof reading, Canberra, ACT;
  - Conor Ashleigh - individual contracts for specific publications, photographer, Sydney, NSW;
  - Online Transcription Services - individual contracts for specific publications, interview transcription services, Canberra, ACT;
  - James Dickson - individual contracts for specific publications, editing, Canberra, ACT;
  - Giraffe - individual contracts for specific publications, graphic design, Mitchell, ACT;
  - Sefton & Associates - individual contracts for specific publications rural and regional communications, Tamworth, NSW;
  - Kate Langford - individual contracts for specific publications, science writing, Canberra, ACT;
  - Lisa Robins - individual contracts for specific publications, writing/editing, Canberra, ACT
  - Mary Webb - individual contracts for specific publications, editing, Canberra, ACT;
  - Jo Mason - individual contracts for specific publications, editing, Canberra, ACT;
  - Peter Nolan - individual contracts for specific publications, graphic design, Canberra, ACT
  - Print Graphics - individual contracts for specific publications, printing, Melbourne, VIC;
  - Promo Concepts - individual contracts for specific publications, merchandise suppliers, Canberra, ACT;
  - Sereyrith Ly - individual contracts for specific publications, translation services, Cambodia;
  - Spinning Reel Audio Visual, Richard Snashall - individual contracts for specific publications, video and film production, Captains Flat, NSW;

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- Vivid Print - individual contracts for specific publications, printing, Canberra, ACT;
  - Voodoo Creative - individual contracts for specific publications, html conversion and graphic design, Canberra, ACT;
  - White Fox Communications, Lindsay Davidson - individual contracts for specific publications, graphic design, Canberra, ACT;
  - 360 degree Films - individual contracts for specific publications, video creation, Brunswick, VIC;
  - Allan Sharp - individual contracts for specific publications, proof reading, Canberra ACT;
  - Design One - individual contracts for specific publications, graphic designer, Canberra ACT;
  - Hilda Lionarta - individual contracts for specific publications, translation services, Indonesia;
  - Janet Lawrence - individual contracts for specific publications, writing and editing, Brisbane, QLD;
  - Jenny Saunders - individual contracts for specific publications, translation services, Sydney, NSW;
  - Dan Kaufman, media survival - individual contracts for specific publications, writing for the web services, Canberra ACT.
5. 4 contracts are specifically for graphic design.
  6. Nil.
  7. Nil.

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**Question No. 45**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Red Tape Reduction**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

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?
  1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
3. How have they been recruited?
4. What process was used for their appointment?
5. What is the total cost of this unit?
6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit?
7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.
9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR is a micro-agency, with a flat organisational structure. ACIAR does not have a specific strategy but strives for *red tape reduction* as part of its everyday functions within the corporate and research programs of the agency.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable

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**Question No. 46**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Land Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How much land (if any) does the department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
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)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
  1. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
  2. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
  3. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
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).
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?

**Answer**

1. None
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. One, leased
5. The building is not owned by ACIAR.
6. Occupancy rate is 100%

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**Question No. 47**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Ministerial Staff Code**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?
  1. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level
  2. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?
  3. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?
2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?
  1. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?
  2. How long have they worked for the Minister?
3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?
  1. If not, on what date did they comply?
4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?
  1. If so, on what date were those disclosure made?
5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee
6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment
7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level

**Answer**

Not applicable



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**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Boards**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:

1. How often has each board met, break down by board name?
2. What travel expenses have been incurred?
3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings?
4. List each member's attendance at meetings?
5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest?
6. What conflicts of interest have been registered?
7. What remuneration has been provided to board members?
8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?
9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?
10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings.
11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.

### Answer

#### Commission for International Agricultural Research (Commission)

1. The Commission met twice since June 2014.
2. Secretariat covers flights, motor vehicle allowance, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
3. 100 per cent average attendance at the board meeting on 15 August 2014. 66.66 per cent average attendance at the board meeting on 2 September 2014.
4. Mr Don Heatley, Mr John Cook, Ms Lucinda Corrigan, Dr Joanne Daly, Dr Tony Gregson and Ms Catherine Marriott attended the meeting on 15 August 2014.  
Mr Don Heatley, Ms Lucinda Corrigan, Dr Joanne Daly and Ms Catherine Marriott attended the meeting on 2 September 2014.
5. Board members are required to report on any conflict of interest issues as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to the board member's knowledge at of each board meeting. Board members who have an interest in a particular matter must not be present during any deliberation on the matter and must not take part in any decision with respect to the matter. The disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
6. No conflicts of interest have been registered since June 2014.

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7. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-08 and 2013-16 respectively) for part-time holders of public offices. Commonwealth employee members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
8. Under the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982* the Governor General may terminate the appointment of the chair or member.
9. No
10. Nil
11. Catering cost was \$177.10 for meeting held on 25 March 2014. The breakdown of the cost is \$157.30 for food and \$19.80 for delivery. Catering was not provided for meeting on 2 September 2014.

### Policy Advisory Council (PAC)

1. The PAC met once since June 2014.
2. Secretariat covers flights, accommodation, meals and taxi/transfers to meetings for board members.
3. 69.23 per cent average attendance at the board meeting on 1 September 2014.
4. Dr Iftikhar Ahmad, Dr Leah Buendia, Mr Xaypladeth Choulamany, Mr Blair Exell, Dr Jia Jingdun, Dr Ouk Makara, Dr Nguyen Van Bo, Prof Oniang'o and Dr Jimmie Rodgers attended the meeting on 1 September 2014.
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations (currently 2014-08 and 2013-16 respectively) for part-time holders of public offices. Ex officio members do not receive sitting fees and are paid the travel allowance they would normally receive in the course of their work.
8. Under the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982* the Minister may terminate the appointment of the president or member.
9. No
10. Dr Subanna Ayyappan, Sir Brown Bai and Dr Haryono attended less than 51%.
11. Catering cost was \$436.50 for meeting held on 1 September 2014. The breakdown of the cost is \$416.70 for food and drink, and \$19.80 for delivery.

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**Question No. 49**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Shared resources following MOG changes**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

**Answer**

1. No goods/services/accommodation are shared with other departments.
2. ACIAR does not share resources/services with other departments.
3. Not applicable

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**Question No. 50**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Departmental rebranding**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Has the department/agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:
  1. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?
    - a. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.
  2. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:
    - a. Signage.
    - b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).
    - c. Logos.
    - d. Consultancy.
    - e. Any relevant IT changes.
    - f. Office reconfiguration.
  3. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?
    - a. Who was involved in reaching this decision?
    - b. 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.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable

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**Question No. 51**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Contracts under \$10,000**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.

**Answer**

1. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources, which in the circumstances we cannot justify. Details of contracts in excess of \$10,000 are available on AusTender.

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**Question No. 52**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):

**Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister**

1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?
2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:
  1. The Department or Agency which was consulted;
  2. The document;
  3. The purpose of the consultation;
  4. 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;
  5. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension
3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?
4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:
  1. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;
  2. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;
  3. The purpose of the consultation;
  4. 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;
  5. 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
  6. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office.

**Staffing resources**

The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:

1. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?

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### FOI Disclosure Log

1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:
  1. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?
  2. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?
  3. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).
2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:
  1. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;
  2. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;
  3. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?
  4. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?
    1. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?
3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?
4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:
  1. On how many occasions charges have been imposed;
  2. The amount charged for each document
  3. The total amount charged;
  4. What is the highest charge that has been imposed.

### With respect to FOI requests:

1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?
2. Of those, how many were:
  1. Released in full
  2. Released in part
  3. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest
  4. Other (please specify)

### Answer

#### Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister

1. No, ACIAR rarely receives FOI requests.

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2. Not applicable
3. No
4. Not applicable

**Staffing resources**

The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:

1. Nil

**FOI Disclosure Log**

1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:
  1. Yes
  2. No
  3. No
2. Not applicable
3. No
4. Not applicable

**With respect to FOI requests:**

1. Nil
2. Not applicable



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**Question No. 53**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?
2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest - financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest - financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?
6. Have the Minister or Ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?
7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

**Answer**

1. No
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 54**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Senate estimates briefing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?
2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?
  1. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification
3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the Minister or their office?
4. Did the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?
  1. If so, when did this occur?
  2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.
  3. When were the changes made?
5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.

**Answer**

1. Three officers have been responsible for preparing ACIAR for the purposes of senate estimates.
2. Approximately 12 hours were spent on preparing the information
  1. Hours by officers APS classification:
    - PEO – 1 hours
    - SESB1 – 6 hours
    - EL2 – 5 hours
3. No drafts were provided to the Minister or the office before senate estimates
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

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**Question No. 55**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Government Advertising**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies.
2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.
3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has spent a total of \$3,928.17 on government advertising since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
2. ACIAR has not conducted any advertising campaigns since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
3. Not applicable

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### Question No. 56

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Departmental Staff Misconduct**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.
2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?
  1. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.
  2. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?
  3. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?
  4. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.

### Answer

1. ACIAR's Code of Conduct is found in the HR Manual:

#### **CHAPTER 3: CONDUCT**

##### **3.1 APS CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. An APS employee must behave honestly and with integrity in the course of APS employment.
2. An APS employee must act with care and diligence in the course of APS employment.
3. An APS employee, when acting in the course of APS employment, must treat everyone with respect and courtesy, and without harassment.
4. An APS employee, when acting in the course of APS employment, must comply with all applicable Australian laws. For this purpose, Australian law means:
  - (a) any Act (including this Act), or any instrument made under an Act; or
  - (b) any law of a State or Territory, including any instrument made under such a law.
5. An APS employee must comply with any lawful and reasonable direction given by someone in the employee's Agency who has authority to give the direction.
6. An APS employee must maintain appropriate confidentiality about dealings that the employee has with any Minister or Minister's member of staff.
7. An APS employee must:
  - a. take reasonable steps to avoid any conflict of interest (real or apparent) in connection with the employee's APS employment; and
  - b. disclose details of any material personal interest of the employee in connection with the employee's APS employment.
8. An APS employee must use Commonwealth resources in a proper manner and for a proper purpose.
9. An APS employee must not provide false or misleading information in response to a request for information that is made for official purposes in connection with the employee's APS employment.

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10. An APS employee must not improperly use inside information or the employee's duties, status, power or authority:
  - (a) to gain or seek to gain, a benefit or an advantage for the employee or any other persons; or
  - (b) to cause, or seek to cause, detriment to the employee's Agency, the Commonwealth or any other person.in order to gain, or seek to gain, a benefit or advantage for the employee or for any other person.
11. An APS employee must at all times behave in a way that upholds the APS Values and the integrity and good reputation of the APS.
12. An APS employee on duty overseas must at all times behave in a way that upholds the good reputation of Australia.
13. An APS employee must comply with any other conduct requirement that is prescribed by the regulations.

### Section 13 Public Service Act 1999

An APS employee, except in the course of his or her duties as an APS employee or with the Agency Head's express authority, must not give or disclose, directly or indirectly, any information about public business or anything of which the employee has official knowledge.

2. There have been no breaches by ACIAR staff of this code of conduct.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable

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**Question No. 57**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Cloud services and storage**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:
2. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?
3. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.
4. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.
5. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?
6. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?
7. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?
8. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?
9. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.

**Answer**

1. No
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable

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**Question No. 58**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Disability Access**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:
2. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).
3. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the Act?
4. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.
5. Has the Minister or the Minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the Minister's office and the department regarding this issue.
6. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.
7. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.
8. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.

**Answer**

1. The building leased by ACIAR complies with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010).
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable

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**Question No. 59**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Fee for Services**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since September 7, 2013:

1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include:
2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.
3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).
4. The date the fee came into place.
5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.
6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?
7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?
8. What justification is there for the fee?

**Answer**

1. Since September 7, 2013 no existing services provided by ACIAR have moved from being free to a user-pay service.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable



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**Question No. 60**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Documents provided to the Minister**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the Minister and do not require Ministerial signature.
2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by Ministerial signature and office for noting documents)
3. How are they transmitted to the office?
4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?
5. What level officer are they provided to in the Minister's office?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR provides a monthly ACIAR CEO's Operational Report in addition to subject specific briefings that are forwarded separately as required.
2. ACIAR Operational Report - monthly; for noting by the Minister and Senator Mason. The purpose of the document is to highlight key operational developments in ACIAR and to act as an accountability tool which may prompt specific requests for additional briefs.
3. The Report is transmitted to the office by hand.
4. The mode of delivery used is hardcopy.
5. The level of the officer in the Minister's office to whom the Report is provided varies depending on who is on duty on the front desk and whether the deliverer is attending a meeting with ministerial staff.

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**Question No. 61**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Merchandise or Promotional Material**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since 7 September 2013:

1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?
2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)
3. List the cost for each item
4. List the quantity of each item
5. Who suggested this material be created?
6. Who approved its creation?
7. Provide copies of authorisation
8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?
9. Who created the material?
10. How was that person selected?
11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has purchased limited merchandise/promotional material.
2. ACIAR pens were provided to participants who attended the Private Sector Engagement Workshop (17-18 November 2014) held in Canberra.
3. The item cost \$1,320.00 GST inclusive.
4. 30 pens were provided.
5. The Director, Stakeholder Engagement & Communications suggested this material be created.
6. The Director, Stakeholder Engagement & Communications approved its creation.
7. A copy of the authorisation is attached.
8. The Minister has not been informed of the material being created.
9. The material was created by Promo Concepts.
10. Promo Concepts currently contract to ACIAR.
11. One company was considered in selecting who to create the material.

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**Request for Payment Form - Domestic Payments**

Supplier Name:	Promo Concepts
SUN Description (max 25 characters):	With thanks pens
Barcode Advice (max 10 characters):	AD022

Dept.	Expense Code:	Card Reference Proc/Cont Code T2:	Leading Code T4	Quantity (S)	Unit Price (S)	Total Invoice (S)
COY:04	14441			1,200.00	1.00	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL INVOICE</b>						<b>1,200.00</b>

Approving Officer: [Signature] Date: 19/11/14

Clear Details:



Supplier Code:	S-PBLS-018
Job/Ref No.:	21926
Payment Date:	27/11/14



## TAX INVOICE

DATE  
14/11/2014

INVOICE #  
PC0712

**Invoice to:**

ACIAR

**Ship To:**

Bruce

Attn: Georgina Hickey Ph: 6217 0534

QTY	STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
30		Sheaffer 500 Ballpoint Pen - Engraved 2 positions	\$40.00	\$1,200.00
			Subtotal	\$1,200.00
			Freight	
			Subtotal	\$1,200.00
			GST	10%
			GST total	\$120.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,320.00</b>

Trading Terms: 14 days from invoice date

EFT Details: ANZ Bank BSB: 012 964 Acct: 376 740 242  
Trading name: Promo Concepts ABN: 48 605 879 592  
Remittance: fax to 02 6162 0778 or email [accounts@promoconcepts.com.au](mailto:accounts@promoconcepts.com.au)

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, please contact:  
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**Thank you for your business**

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**Question No. 62**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Freedom of Information stats**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date?
2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?
3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?
4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?
5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has received no FIO requests in that timeframe.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable

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**Question No. 63**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

**Answer**

1. Since June 2014 the agency has spent \$56,350 on temporary staff.
2. 3 temporary staff have been employed.
3. The total number of temporary staff is 3.
4. No fees were payed to find temporary staff.
5. No.

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### Question No. 64

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Staffing Profile**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?
2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).

### Answer

1. Yes
2. Changes are outlined below, noting that all staff are located in Bruce ACT.

Classification structure

ACIAR employees by broadband (excludes LWOP)

2 x SES Band 1 officers.

2013-14 APS classification	Employees by classification	31Oct 2014 APS classification	Employees by classification
EL 2	2	EL 2	2
EL 1	7	EL 1	5
APS 6	5	APS 6	4
APS 5	5	APS 5	10
APS 4	16	APS 4	7
APS 3	1	APS 3	1
APS 2	No employees at this level	APS 2	No employees at this level
APS 1	No employees at this level	APS 1	No employees at this level

### **Research Program Manager Structure**

2013-14 APS classification	Employees by classification	Dec 2014 APS classification	Employees by classification
EL2—RPM	13	EL2—RPM	14

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**Question No. 65**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Savings and Efficiency Measures**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:

1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued?
2. For each measure or task identified in question 1:
  1. What is the timeframe for implementation?
  2. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?
  3. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the Minister or initiated by the department?
  4. What action has the Minister asked be done on this policy?

**Answer**

1. Nil.
2.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable



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**Question No. 66**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Computers**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used.
2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location.
3. Please detail the operating systems used by the department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not provide computers for the Ministers office.
2. Current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by ACIAR

<b>Computer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>
Dell Optiplex 980	Canberra	1043.45	10
Dell Optiplex 9010	Canberra	715.00	1
Dell Optiplex 9010	Pakistan	715.00	1
Dell Optiplex 990	Indonesia	1257.78	4
Dell Optiplex 990	China	1327.48	1
Dell Optiplex 990	China	1158.94	1
Dell Latitude 6430u	Canberra	1211.00	18
Dell Latitude e6140	Canberra	989.89	5
Dell Latitude 6430r	Canberra	897.58	4
Dell Latitude e6430	Canberra	751.30	15
Dell Latitude e6430	Kenya	751.30	2
Dell Latitude E6220	Canberra	1790.06	1
HP Compaq Dc 7700	Vietnam	USD871.50	3
HP Compaq Dc 7700	Philippines	USD871.50	3
HP Compaq Dc 7700	PNG	USD871.50	2
HP Compaq Dc 7700	India	USD871.50	4
HP Compaq Dc 7700	Laos	USD871.50	2
Lenovo Thinkpad	China	1223.36	1
Macbook Air 11.6IN	Canberra IT	908.19	1
ACER Laptop Aspire S3	Indonesia	1124.09	1
Dell M4700 Mobile	Canberra IT	1900.58	1
Sony VPC SB	India	1,768.27	2

3. Operating systems used by the department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.

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<b>Operating System</b>	<b>Contractual arrangements</b>	<b>Ongoing costs</b>
Windows 7 Enterprise	Microsoft VSA agreement WoG Panel	Annual fees
Windows Server 2008	Microsoft VSA agreement WoG Panel	Annual fees
Windows Server 2003	Microsoft VSA agreement WoG Panel	Annual fees

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**Question No. 67**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Travel costs - department**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Is the Minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?
2. If so, under what policy?
3. Provide a copy of that policy.
4. When was this policy implemented?
5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.
6. Detail the process.
7. When is the Minister notified, when is approved provided?
8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
9. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
10. What date was the Minister or their office was notified of the travel?
11. What date did the Minister or their office approve the travel?
12. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer**

1. Yes. The Minister is required to approve 'non exempt' international travel expected to cost in excess of \$20,000. If the cost exceeds \$50,000 Prime Ministerial approval is required. Otherwise, all international travel is approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. Prime Minister's direction since incorporated into Resource Management Guide 405 issued by the Department of Finance.
3. Please refer: <http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/resource-management-guide-no-405.pdf>
4. November 2013.
5. No Prime Minister or Minister approvals of agency travel has been required under the policy.
6. Process is as outlined in Resource Management Guide 405 issued by the Department of Finance. Refer 3 above.

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7. Not applicable to date.
8. Nil.
9. At a total level, air travel ticketed for departmental officers between 1 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 was as detailed below split across class of airfare and between international and domestic travel.

<b>Travel Class</b>	<b>Domestic</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
First Class	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Business Class	\$ -	\$ 334,731	\$ 334,731
Economy	\$ 35,733	\$ 31,050	\$ 66,783
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,733</b>	<b>\$ 365,781</b>	<b>\$ 401,514</b>

Accommodation, meals, ground transport and other travel expenses (such as incidentals) paid/advanced for the same period totalled \$71,642.

The agency does not record travel data in a way that readily allows all travel costs to be separately captured to provide a detailed breakdown for each trip. To provide such details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified.

Travel is undertaken to assist the Chief Executive Officer fulfil his functions as detailed in Section 5 of the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982* (<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2012C00015>)

10. Not applicable
11. Not applicable
12. The agency does not forecast travel plans or expenditure separately to general budget planning. To provide details of individual travel plans and reasons for travel would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified. As noted at 9 above, travel is undertaken to assist the Chief Executive Officer fulfil his functions as detailed in Section 5 of the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982*.

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**Question No. 68**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Travel costs - ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary;
2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer**

1. Nil at ACIAR's expense.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Nil at ACIAR's expense.

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**Question No. 69**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Grants**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?
2. How are grants applied for?
3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.
  1. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.
4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?
5. Who is involved in this selection process?
6. Does the Minister or the Minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.
  1. Has the Minister or the Minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.
7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.
8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

**Answer**

1. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
2. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
3. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
4. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
5. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
6. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
7. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.
8. Not Applicable - ACIAR does not administer grants.

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**Question No. 70**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Government payments of accounts**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?
7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer**

1. Data on the precise amount of time taken to pay each account is not readily available. To provide such details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified. On the basis that goods and services have been received, it is agency policy that accounts are paid within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice. As such, the average time period would be less than 30 days.
2. Noting the comment at 1 above, we are not aware of any account paid outside agency policy. As such, 100% of relevant accounts (1,075) paid between 1 June 2014 and 31 October 2014 were paid within 30 days
3. Noting our response at 1 and 2; 0,0%
4. Noting our response at 1 and 2; 0,0%.
5. Noting our response at 1 and 2; 0,0%. Over 120 days; 0,0%.
6. Agency practices accord with the requirements outlined in Finance Circular 2012/02 Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. No interest has been paid since Estimates 2014.
7. Were interest to be charged it would be calculated in accordance with the Finance Circular 2012/02 procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. The penalty interest rate would be determined at the General

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Interest Charge (GIC) daily rate for the applicable quarter as detailed on the Australian Taxation Office website.



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**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e.. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
  1. List each, including name, cost and purpose
  2. If so, why?

**Answer**

1. Five – Total value \$364,155. Full details of these consultancies is available on AusTender.
2. Nil. Not applicable.
3. Yes.
  1. As detailed on AusTender.
  2. Estimated requirement was below the CPR Div 2 threshold.

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**Question No. 72**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Meeting Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
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.
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.

**Answer**

1. Owing to the large number of components that comprise 'meeting costs' (e.g. travel expenses, venue hire, equipment hire, catering expenses) and the decentralised model used by the agency for organising and holding meetings, determining the total amount spent on meeting costs for the period 6 June – 31 October would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified. Details of specific meetings are maintained on individual files across the agency. To provide the details sought would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.
2. \$Nil.
3. The agency does not forecast meeting plans or expenditure separately to general budget planning. To provide details of individual meetings planned and reasons for individual meetings would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.
4. \$Nil.

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**Question No. 73**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Functions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:
  1. The guest list of each function
  2. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function
  3. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function
  4. A list of drinks consumed at the function
2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not conducted any formal functions or other forms of hospitality for the Minister.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
2. ACIAR is not aware of any current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office.

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**Question No. 74**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Executive Coaching and Leadership Training**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:

1. Total spending on these services
2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:
  1. The name and nature of the service purchased
  2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
  4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  5. The total amount spent on the service
  6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide
  1. The location used
  2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location
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?
7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title

**Answer**

ACIAR did not provide any Executive Coaching or Leadership training to staff.

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable

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4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Provision of Equipment - Ministerial**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?
  1. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or Minister classification
2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
3. What is provided?
4. The purchase cost.
5. The ongoing cost.
6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

**Answer**

1. ACIAR does not provide any equipment to Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. Not applicable
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 76**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Staffing Reductions**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred?
  1. What was the reason for these reductions?
2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes provide details.
3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?
7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?
8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position
9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?
10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?

**Answer**

1. Since June 2014 to 31 Oct 2014 two staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred.
  1. Voluntary redundancies due to Organisational restructure.
2. No involuntary redundancies.
3. No.
4. NA
5. No.
6. 2 ongoing staff, 1 x APS6, 1 x EL1.
7. NA
8. APS6 Public Affairs Officer: \$23,514  
EL1 Manager Information Technology and Infrastructure: \$75,070
9. The packages do not differ from default public service packages.
10. Packages are funded internally from monies released due delays in filling vacant positions within the agency.

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**Question No. 77**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Staffing Recruitment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?
3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

**Answer**

1. No ongoing staff have been recruited since June 2014.
2. No non-ongoing positions have been created since June 2014.
3. The total number of temporary contract staff is 3 with an average length of 6 months employment.



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**Question No. 78**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Coffee Machines**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?
  1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
  2. Why were coffee machines purchased?
  3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
  5. Who has access?
  6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
  7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

**Answer**

1. ACIAR has not purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage since Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
  1. Not applicable
  2. Not applicable
  3. Not applicable
  4. Not applicable
  5. Not applicable
  6. Not applicable
  7. Not applicable

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**Question No. 79**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Printing**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?
  1. How many of these printed documents were also published online?
2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs?
  1. If so, what companies were used?
  2. How were they selected?
  3. What was the total cost of this printing by item?

**Answer**

1. The following documents (including the number of copies) have been printed by ACIAR since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:
  - Women-headed households Eastern Gangetic Plains, August 2014 – 400 copies – print and online (PDF) – printed by CanPrint at a cost of \$3,102
  - Crop yields and global food security, August 2014 – 500 copies – print and online (PDF and HTML) – printed by CanPrint at a cost of \$16,687
  - Water use for dry-season agriculture, September 2014 – online (PDF) only
  - ACIAR and SA partnerships, November 2014 – 100 copies – print and online (PDF) – printed by Elect Printing - \$175
  - ACIAR Annual Report 2013-14 – 1500 - printed by Giraffe Visual Communications Management- \$6930 + GST
  1. All of the above documents were published online.
2. ACIAR has used external printing services for print jobs.
  1. Companies used were CanPrint Communications, Elect Printing and Giraffe Visual Communications Management.
  2. The firms were selected directly. Both firms have regular one-off specific contracts with ACIAR.
  3. The total cost of printing = \$27,587 (individual amounts are itemised above).

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**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Corporate cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?
  1. Where are the cars located?
  2. What are the cars used for?
  3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
  4. How far did each car travel during the specified period?
2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?
  1. Where are the cars located?
  2. What are the cars used for?
  3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?
  4. How far did each car travel during the specified period?

**Answer**

1. Nil
2. Nil

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**Question No. 81**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Taxi Costs**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their Minister or Minister's office?

**Answer**

1. Between 1 June and 31 October 2014 the agency spent \$2,971 on taxi costs within the Canberra area. \$2,159 related to corporate activity and \$812 related to direct program activity. Taxi costs related to interstate and overseas are included in other trip related costs (refer Question 67). To extract the costs related to taxi would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified.
2. Attendance at meetings, banking and similar office activity, transfers to/ from airports and hotels for travel.
3. \$Nil.

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**Question No. 82**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Hire Cars**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.
2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?
3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their Minister or Minister's office?

**Answer**

1. Between 1 June and 31 October 2014 the agency spent \$202 on car hire within Australia. Overseas car hire costs (small) are included in other trip related costs (refer Question 67). To extract the costs related to overseas car hire would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified.
2. Cars are hired for ground transport related to domestic and international travel where the cost of doing so is expected to be less than taxi costs or where security issues (overseas) require, or make advisable, the hiring of a car and/or driver.
3. Nil.

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**Question No. 83**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Credit cards**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.
2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?
3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?
4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:
5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
7. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.

**Answer**

1. There have been no changes.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.
5. Not applicable.
6. No.
7. No agency credit cards are available to the Minister or their office.

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**Question No. 84**

**Program: ACIAR**

**Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment**

**Question in Writing**

**Senator Ludwig**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
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.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?

**Answer**

1. Nil
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. Nil
6. Nil
7. Nil
8. Nil
9. Not applicable