

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2014
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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1.	COAG Reform Council	Wong	O'Connell Street Sydney Lease	<p>Senator WONG: You have a lease at O'Connell Street, Sydney—is that correct, Mr Frost? Mr Frost: We do. Senator WONG: And that lease ends on 14 August this year? Mr Frost: I believe it has been extended, but I do not have the details to hand. Senator WONG: No-one has the details? Mr Frost: The Corporate Services area may have that tomorrow. Alternatively I can take that on notice. Senator WONG: When were you aware it was renewed? Mr Frost: I would need to take that on notice to give you an exact timing, but it was approximately—you need to advise them about six months in advance of a renewal. Senator WONG: Okay, so coming back from August that will be February. Mr Frost: Potentially, yes, but I would need to confirm that.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, pages 62 & 63		
2.	COAG Reform Council	McKenzie	CRC funding	<p>Senator McKENZIE: How much funding has the CRC received since its inception? Mr Frost: I do not have a total figure. I could take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 68		
3.	COAG Reform Council	McKenzie	CRC reports	<p>Senator McKENZIE: How many reports did the COAG Reform Council produce last year and how many staff were involved in the production of each report, on average? Mr Frost: I do not know the number of reports and I do not have the figures here. I could take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page68-69		
4.	COAG Reform Council	McKenzie	Council meetings chaired by Mr Brumby	<p>Senator McKENZIE: How many council meetings did Mr Brumby chair for each year that he was chairman? Mr Frost: I would need to take that question on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 69		

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				<p>Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. Was Mr Brumby based in Melbourne for the whole time he was chairman of the council?</p> <p>Mr Frost: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: When you are breaking down the council meetings, I would appreciate the travel costs for each year that he was chairman of the council.</p>			
5.	COAG Reform Council	McKenzie	CRC travel costs	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Could you also give the total travel spend for the council and its staff between 2007-08 and 2012-13? Do you have that information to hand?</p> <p>Mr Frost: I do not have that to hand.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 69		
6.	COAG Reform Council	McKenzie	CRC staffing	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Maybe you will have to do this on notice, but for each year of the council's existence since 2006 could you please provide the number of staff employed.</p> <p>Mr Frost: I can do that.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 70		
7.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor- General	Wong	Executive Council meeting dates	<p>Senator WONG: Can you provide details of ExCo meetings—what dates they are held and so forth? Is there someone here who can provide me with that?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I would be happy to provide the historic dates to you on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 78		
8.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor- General	Wong	Executive Council papers for 18 Sept 2013 meeting	<p>Senator WONG: Therefore, the ExCo papers were received before Mr Abbott became Prime Minister.</p> <p>Mr Fraser: That may well be the case, but the papers were received that morning. There is probably no benefit in me speculating, not having been at that meeting.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: There is no minister at the table, for obvious reasons. Why are you taking it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I would be very happy to take it on notice so that I can check the sequencing of the paperwork that day. I know that the papers were received that day because I have that information from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. They may be able to better inform you about when those papers were passed across when they come before you tomorrow.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Who would know, from your end, when those papers were received?</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 79 -80		

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				<p>Mr Fraser: I would have to check with administrative staff in the department who would have received the papers.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: What are you taking on notice, then?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: To find out at what time the papers were received at Government House on the morning of the 18th.</p>			
9.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor- General	Wong	Order of Australia gender ratio	<p>Senator WONG: Mr Fraser, I wonder if, on notice—I know you have said that it is in your annual report—you can collate that and give us over the gender ratio of awards over the last few years, including by level of award?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Certainly, I would be happy to.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 81		
10.	Australian National Audit Office	McPhee	Efficiency Dividend impact	<p>Senator WONG: On the efficiency dividend from which you are not exempted, there is the additional 0.25 per cent imposed in this budget. What is the impact of that going to be in terms of dollars, staff and services?</p> <p>Mr McPhee: In terms of the additional cost of the 0.25 per cent, it is over four years: \$1.668 million.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Presumably you have taken savings to date already.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: Yes. Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can clarify on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 88		
11.	Australian National Audit Office	Wong	National Commission of Audit Secretariat	<p>Senator WONG: I understand it is—and Senator Dastyari might know—about \$150,000 plus for five months work without any transparent process associated with procurement. Does that strike you as unusual? I am not talking about the commissioners; I am talking about the head of the secretariat.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Mr McPhee, I am happy to write to you. You looked at a previous contract at the urging of the opposition—I think CMAX—which was less money, from memory, than is under consideration here. We have two or three different bases on which this person has allegedly been appointed. We have the Prime Minister's chief of staff ringing him up to offer him the job or suggest to him he should have the job. We have no application of the Commonwealth procurement rules. I would have thought the Audit Office might be interested in it but, if you are not, I can howl it to you formally.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: No, I am happy to take it on board. We can talk to finance. I</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 89-90		

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				<p>am just saying we will follow it through and provide the committee with a response on what we learn.</p> <p>Senator WONG: As I said, we were told initially 'limited tender', which as you know has a particular set of meanings under the rules. We were then told it actually was not a limited tender; it was ministerial appointment, not subject to the CPRs. We were also told in a parliamentary question on notice that it was an eminent person's contract of employment, which is now also terminology the government has moved away from. I still do not quite understand on what basis this person was appointed and I do not understand on what basis \$157,000 of taxpayers' money is paid to someone to act as a head of the secretariat without any merit based selection process or the Commonwealth procurement rules. If you can explain it to me, I would be most appreciative.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: I think, if we roll forward to the end position, it is 'can executive government make decisions of this kind?' and in some cases they can. I am saying—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. I will give you some numbers and read them into <i>Hansard</i>. The AusTender document is CN1884191, Department of Finance. The question on notice is question No. 246. It is a chamber question on notice—I think a Senate question—and there is also a response to parliamentary question on notice 124. The three documents I have just outlined are not consistent. I am happy to put it to Mr Tune tomorrow or Wednesday, but I would not mind the Audit Office giving their views.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: No, thank you. If you have time, I think it would be appropriate to put it to finance first, and then we can follow it through.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am putting it on notice now, so you can make a decision as to whether or not you answer it.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: Thank you.</p>			
12.	Australian National Audit Office	Xenophon	'by boat no visa' advertising campaign	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Referring to your very lengthy letters to me of 1 August 2013 and of 14 August 2013, is there any update in relation to that campaign, how much was actually spent and whether there are any further opinions you have in respect of that campaign?</p> <p>Mr McPhee: We do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: We could consult with Finance on that.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 95		

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13.	Australian National Audit Office	Dastyari	Audit fee	<p>Senator DASTYARI: And perhaps you could take this on notice, and this will be my last question. In your agency resource statement you talk about the charging of the audit fee for financial statement audits of Commonwealth authorities, companies and their subsidiaries subject to the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 and then go on to say that revenues from these audit fees are paid into the official public account and are not available to the ANAO. I am just trying to get my head around how that process actually works, because I am looking at table 3.2.7—</p> <p>Mr McPhee: Yes, I know the issue, and I am happy to take it on notice. It is a straightforward answer, but I am happy to take it on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 96		
14.	Australian National Audit Office	McKenzie	International auditing organizations	<p>Senator McKENZIE: My understanding is that there are a few more international organisations that we play a role in. Perhaps you could take on notice to give that to us.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: Yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 96		
15.	Australian National Audit Office	McKenzie	Impact of efficiency dividend	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Just going to Senator Wong's line of questioning earlier, and the impact of the efficiency dividend, could you also comment on the effect that the reduction of the overall number of Commonwealth bodies as a result of the new government will actually have on the ANAO's workload? And have you factored that into your forward plans? You have obviously made no reductions this year, but obviously you have had some plans going forward. Also, perhaps you could comment on the structural changes to the shape of government as a result of the change in government and the consequent impact on your work. A quick comment and then more detail on notice would be great.</p> <p>Mr McPhee: In the past, for significant reductions or increases in the number of entities in the public sector, our budget has been adjusted, upwards and downwards. Symmetrically, we cannot argue with that; I think it is appropriate. So we will have discussions with the finance department and the public accounts committee about the consequences of the reductions in the number of bodies recently and the potential impact on that, and we will see where we come out.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 97		
16.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Redeployment register data	<p>Senator LUNDY: How many people have come off the redeployment register as a result of being terminated?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I do not have that number with me.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Does anyone have that number?</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 100		

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				<p>Mr Livermore: We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Have there been a few or a lot? Can you give me an idea? Has anyone come off it?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Since November last year we have had 168 people redeployed within the APS. They have come off the register and gone into jobs.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: But you cannot tell me the number of people who have gone off the register because they are no longer employed by the Public Service?</p> <p>Ms Foster: We do not maintain a number like that. We could potentially get it. But people will come off the register for a number of reasons. They can be redeployed as a result of being on the register. They can find another job themselves. They can leave the Public Service voluntarily. So it would be very difficult to find the reason why people no longer wish to be on the register, and it is voluntary for them to be on the register.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: There are times when, in consulting the register to see if there is somebody who can be put in a job, an agency will identify somebody who is prospective and when they ring them up they discover they already have a job. The point being that we are really reliant on the individual to keep that up to date. So it may not be easy to get the data you are looking for.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Yes.</p>			
17.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Voluntary/involuntary redundancy data	<p>Senator LUNDY: Can you provide the committee with your most recent report?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will have to take that one up with the government. It is advice to the minister.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will take it on notice and see what our attitude is.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: The most recent data, published a few weeks back, is for December. So, there is published data.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: But you just said it is done monthly, so I guess there is one for April.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: It is done monthly, and it is advice that we provide to the minister. I can tell you that the trend that you will see, the picture you will see by looking at the published data over the six months to December, is broadly the picture that has continued into the early part of the new year. So,</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 100-101		

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				<p>you can get the idea from just looking at what we published.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Perhaps you could take on notice to provide the most recent month's data. Has there been any monitoring of the use of employee assistance programs, particularly in relation to concerns over job security?—which I am sure you could appreciate would be at the forefront of most people's minds.</p>			
18.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Employee Assistance Programme data	<p>Senator LUNDY: Has there been any monitoring of the use of employee assistance programs, particularly in relation to concerns over job security?—which I am sure you could appreciate would be at the forefront of most people's minds.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will check, and we will correct the record if my memory is wrong here. Every year we do a survey of agencies. It helps to inform the <i>State of the Service</i> report, which we tabled in the parliament late in the year. One of the areas we asked agencies about in that survey is their use of things like an employee assistance program. We can take on notice how detailed that is, if you like, but it is annual data.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Doesn't the employee assistance program report?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: The employee assistance programs are contracted by each agency.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But doesn't it provide a generic report to each agency?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: They would be providing reports to their agency, yes, which is why the agency—</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I think some of the substance that Senator Lundy is looking for would be in those reports.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: It should be, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: There is no reason why this committee should wait till the <i>State of the service</i> report for that information to be collated, surely.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: The reports will be in different formats. The formats will have been devised by the agencies, reflecting their needs. It is not actually a simple matter to collect consistent data across the service. We do ask questions about the use of employee assistance programs. We will take it on notice to tell you what they are; we just do not have that with this. We will</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 101		

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				be happy to give you the data when we have it, if you like, but I do not think we will have it at the level of disaggregation that you are looking for.			
19.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Regional impact of job losses	<p>Senator LUNDY: On the geographic location of job losses?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Not to hand, no.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Are you able to get it?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We have done regional disaggregations. They are very ropey.</p> <p>Dr Schmidtchen: We have in the past reported at the level of metropolitan and state. Our data does not allow us to go with any confidence, or a great deal of confidence, below that level. It is a technical issue to do with postcodes and the relationship around how we collect the data. I am sure we could do the aggregation at that level, if that meets your need.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: It would go some way towards it. Are you able to provide that information this evening?</p> <p>Dr Schmidtchen: No, I am not; I do not have that with me.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: It would have to be a special piece of work.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: If you would take it on notice to provide the information on the job losses to date using your metro and state data analysis, that would be helpful.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 101-102		
20.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Separation data	<p>Senator LUNDY: Would you please provide a breakdown, by state and territory, of classification, gender, age, category of employment, duration of employment and reason for leaving of all separations since September 2013.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I suspect not, to be honest, but we will do what we can for you.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Thank you.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 102		
21.	Australian Public Service Commission	Lundy	Agency FTEs	<p>Senator LUNDY: If you could also provide me with the numbers of the full-time equivalents for each agency at this point in time, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We do not necessarily have that data for each agency. We have it for some, but we do not necessarily have it for each of them. It is unpublished data and it is part of that report we provide to the minister. So we will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 102		
22.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	Mental fitness at work course	<p>Senator SMITH: This special workshop was called 'Mental fitness at work: building your strength, flexibility and endurance'. ... I am curious to know how many people attended the course.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 103		

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				<p>Mr Sedgwick: You have us at a disadvantage.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I think that is from the Australian Public Service Commission website.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We are quite happy to track that down for you. It sounds as if it might be a course we provide to people who are prepared to pay for it.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I would be interested to know how many people attended the course and what prerequisites might have been necessary to attend the course, if any. I would also like to know whether participants took leave from work to attend and whether or not \$12,724 of taxpayers' money, which was paid to the facilitator, is considered value for money.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I do not know what that course is. We will look into it and come back to it. We do have an issue in our workforce in the area of the management of mental health conditions.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: My questioning in no way detracts from the seriousness of mental health issues for everybody in the Australian workplace. My question goes to value for money.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I understand.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: In that vein, it would be interesting to know what postcourse assessments might have been done of the success or otherwise of \$12,000 worth of expenditure on a facilitator.</p>			
23.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	Training at Peppers Manor House and Lake Crackenback Resort	<p>Senator SMITH: Not wanting to interrupt, but I suspect the test of value for money is not yours, nor mine, but a community test of value for money, and \$320,000 being spent at Peppers Manor House does, in my mind, give rise to inquiry and, at the very least, explanation. I am keen to understand how many times it has been necessary to go to Peppers Manor House, how many individuals attended and why this venue was preferred over any other venue.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: I am quite happy to answer those questions, Senator.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator SMITH: So \$90,000 was spent over the last three years at Lake Crackenback Resort. Again, I would be keen to understand how many people went, what was the nature of the training—</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Certainly, Senator.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 104		
24.	Australian Public Service	Smith	Woden Training Centre catering	<p>Senator SMITH: I briefly want to move to the Woden Training Centre. I am keen to understand. Again, on my calculations—and I am happy to be</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014,		

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	Commission			<p>found incorrect—almost \$500,000, half a million dollars, was spent on catering from the Idelic Cafe in Kingston. I am not too sure if it is near Woden. It is not in Woden, because it would be the Idelic Cafe in Woden. I am wondering, again, why catering for a Public Service Commission training centre in Woden is being sourced from Kingston. Perhaps the sandwiches are exemplary; I do not know. Why is that happening? It seems, to me, such an exorbitant cost. Catering costs for 18 October 2011 to 30 December 2011: banquet and catering services, \$47,500.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We run a lot of courses in that training centre. We have thousands and thousands of people through that training centre.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I do not argue against there being many sandwiches for many courses, but the question must be asked: is this expense necessary? It does strike me as a very, very significant quantum of money.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: When you run a lot of courses with a lot of people, you can run up lots of money. The point is that, nonetheless, they can constitute good value for money. We are quite happy to come back and answer your questions.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That would be very good, because \$500,000 over three years for a cafe proprietor sounds like a very, very successful business.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We are a large trainer. We are a large provider of training facilities.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If you could give me an idea of what that per-trainee cost looks like, that might be a very reasonable defence, but on the surface of it this looks like extreme waste.</p>	page 104		
25.	Australian Public Service Commission	Smith	Woden Training Centre chairs	<p>Senator SMITH: And the explanation. I would like to move on briefly to training centre chairs—\$42,000 worth of training centre chairs. It does not tell me how many chairs. I am wondering if anyone can provide me with an explanation of whether they are—</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We will answer that question on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 104		
26.	Australian Public Service Commission	Bernardi	Voluntary redundancies across agencies	<p>CHAIR: Mr Sedgwick, you will recall that at last estimates we agreed that, if ways of improving productivity could not be found, we would be looking at around 10,000 job losses were the CPSU's 12 per cent wage claim to succeed. That is a matter in the <i>Hansard</i>. I therefore ask you and your group to confirm that some agencies have or have not been conducting voluntary redundancy rounds to meet the 2013-14 budget.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 105		

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				<p>Mr Sedgwick: A number of agencies have been conducting voluntary redundancy rounds for some time.</p> <p>CHAIR: Do you have any indication of the number of agencies that are doing this?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: No, I do not. I do not have that list with me.</p> <p>CHAIR: Would you be able to provide that to me on notice?</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: We do not necessarily know them all, but we can give you what we know.</p>			
27.	Australian Public Service Commission	Faulkner	Question on Notice from February hearing – public servants	<p>Senator FAULKNER: This will not take long, Chair. Mr Sedgwick, at the last estimates round, I asked you some questions about section 32 of the Public Service Act in relation to nominees and nominations for public office for certain public servants who were not employed under the Public Service Act. I am not being critical of you. I think the questions have possibly just fallen through the cracks. I do not know if you have responded but the committee has not received them. I think they may have got missed out in the numbering of the questions on notice. No criticism intended and it is not urgent, but I would like to refer you to those questions which appear on pages 123 and 124 of the February estimates round. I do not want to take any time, but I just indicate to you that I am interested in pursuing that. I am interested in your response, and you were going to give some thought to them. I would appreciate it if they could be treated, if you like, as questions on notice for this estimates round. There may be some form of administrative foul-up. It is neither here nor there. I am just keen for it to be progressed.</p> <p>Mr Sedgwick: Certainly. It did appear as a question on notice?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes. As I say, there is no criticism intended or anything like that. I am just keen for the issue to be addressed on notice by the APSC.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 106 And for reference FPA, Monday 24 February 2014, pages 177 and 179		
28.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	Faulkner	Tabling of INSLM reports	<p>Senator FAULKNER: For the reports that have been tabled, can you please say when they were tabled in the parliamentary sessions?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I do not have in front of me the date on which the first report was tabled. I note, though, that the first report was by way of setting out a work program for the rest of the term. The second report was tabled in parliament on 14 May 2013. The third report was tabled in parliament on 12 December 2013.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 109-110		

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				<p>Senator FAULKNER: On notice I would appreciate the date of the tabling of the first report. I could easily ask through the parliamentary department, obviously.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Are you able to indicate why that report has not been tabled at this stage?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: It is due to be tabled within 15 sitting days, which I think means it is due to be tabled in the Senate on 10 July and in the House of Representatives on 19 June.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes, that is when the tabling period expires and evaporates. But, if it was submitted on 28 March, I am wondering whether there is any indication as to why it has not been tabled.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: It has not yet been tabled, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: We are on the same wavelength here. I know it has not been tabled. I totally accept that, Dr McCarthy. You may not. I am just asking why.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice. Usually governments like to have the opportunity to read, digest and consider these reports before tabling. Whether that is the reason or not in this case, I do not know. That is why I am taking it on notice.</p>			
29.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	McKenzie	Mr Walker – travel costs	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Was Mr Walker Canberra or Sydney based?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: Mr Walker's full-time role as a barrister was in Sydney but he would spend time in Canberra when the—</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: On notice, could you also supply the travel costs.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 112		
30.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Collins	Resourcing	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Okay. What concerns me in your case is that you are not only looking at an efficiency dividend scenario; you are also looking at adopting additional functions. For example, when the information commissioner was established, was there an adjustment in terms of the resourcing of the Commonwealth Ombudsman? You indicated you previously had dealt with some of those functions.</p> <p>Mr Neave: My office dealt with them, yes. I was not there at that stage. I will need to have a look and take that as a question on notice to see what resources we lost that stage, if any. We may not have lost resources.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That would indeed be an ideal</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 114		

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				<p>environment in some ways for the work that you would carry out. To lose functions but not lose revenue would be a dream, I would think, in your position.</p> <p>Mr Neave: Yes. It is always quite a nice thought!</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I will be interested to hear on notice whether that is actually what transpired since you took us through the history of efficiency dividends but perhaps not the history of changes in roles and function.</p> <p>Mr Neave: I accept that, yes.</p>			
31.	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	McKenzie	International forums – travel	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Okay. Could you outline the plans for staff from your office to travel to engage in these types of forums?</p> <p>Mr Neave: The plan?</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: The staff travel to participate in these engagements.</p> <p>Mr Neave: The arrangements are made through out office with funding through AusAID and DFAT.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How many staff? How big a budget out of AusAID? What is the travel budget for participating in these?</p> <p>Mr Neave: I think we might take that question on notice. That is probably the easiest way.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 116		
32.	Office of National Assessments	Collins	Saving measures	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Let us start with non-staff related savings. What measures have been applied that have yielded savings to date?</p> <p>Mr Maude: There have been a range of saving measures that have applied across the government.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I mean the measures within the ONA to yield—</p> <p>Mr Maude: You mean how we are finding the money?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is right, yes.</p> <p>Mr Maude: We are doing it in a number of ways. We have trimmed wherever we can our administrative budget and we have reduced our travel expenditure. They are the two main non-staff measures.</p> <p>Senator TILLEM: So of the \$12.5 million how much does that account for?</p> <p>Mr Maude: The \$12.3 billion is over this financial year and the forward estimates. I could not disaggregate it for you. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 118		

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				<p>Senator TILLEM: That is an awful lot of administration.</p> <p>Mr Maude: I have not said that that is the only way we are finding the money.</p> <p>Senator TILLEM: No, it is just an opinion I put forward. Could you provide that to the committee on notice?</p> <p>Mr Maude: Sure.</p>			
33.	Inspector- General of Intelligence and Security	Collins	IT network upgrade	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Dr Thom, could you provide the committee with a little bit more detail about what is required in terms of the upgrade to the IT network?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I am sorry, I do not know what upgrade to the IT network you are referring to. We made a minor upgrade to our own internal IT network. Is that what your referring to?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: In the budget statement on page 237, there is the statement under balance sheet that in 2014-15 it is anticipated that the secure IT network, which represents the most significant component of your assets, will be upgraded.</p> <p>Dr Thom: We are a very small agency. We rely on PM&C for our open network. We have a small internal closed network. Although it represents a major investment for us, we are talking about the replacement of desktop and the operating environment. I cannot recall the exact figure, but it is not a large number. It is just a routine periodic replacement of our internal network.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Perhaps you could provide me with that actual figure on notice, because you also state at that point that OIGIS also holds office equipment and furniture, the majority of which are owned by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and provided free of charge.</p> <p>Dr Thom: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But that is not the case with the IT.</p> <p>Dr Thom: Some of the IT is owned by PM&C and provided free of charge, but we have other systems as well.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Perhaps if you could clarify that point for me on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 124		

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34.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Election commitments list	<p>Senator WONG: I asked you, Ms Kelly, on a previous occasion for a list of election commitments. You indicated to me that you or someone who works to you was responsible for collating the list of election commitments. You took on notice the provision of the list. The question on notice response from Prime Minister and Cabinet refers us to the Liberal Party and National Party websites. I am asking you to provide the collated list that Prime Minister and Cabinet has as per your previous evidence.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: My understanding is that the substance of that list is the same as is on the Liberal Party website.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That may be the case, but I am asking you for your list.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Ms Kelly, you took this on notice months ago. It is a central list that you gave evidence was collated by Prime Minister and Cabinet—on what basis are you not able to provide that?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will have to make some inquiries about that basis.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you could, and, during the course of this hearing, come back to me please.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 3		
35.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Senate Estimates Questions on Notice - timing	<p>Senator WONG: Why don't you just give me the dates on which they were electronically submitted?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can certainly look into that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you confirm to me whether or not, given the department's serious understanding that it takes seriously its obligations to the parliament, whether or not you provided all or the majority of draft answers to the Prime Minister's office prior to the date in which they were required by the Senate?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to that question. I will endeavour to find the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would appreciate that.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 6		
36.	Prime Minister	Faulkner	Staff reductions	<p>Senator FAULKNER: The known outcome is to reduce from 30 to 20. Is</p>	FPA, Tuesday		

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	& Cabinet		– SES Band 1s	<p>that what you mean?</p> <p>Mr Neal: In the SES band 1 cohort, yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: When was that known?</p> <p>Mr Neal: I do not know the answer to that question. I will have to find out.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Even the staff who are not affected become concerned. I am just very conscious of what we say and not to add to that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I appreciate that and I understand those sensitivities. I also appreciate that, at the end of the day, officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are implementing budget decisions that are made by government. I understand that. But of course I could say to you that, if it was a reduction from 30 to 22, there would be fewer people impacted. I am just trying to understand when the decision was made, the timing of the decision for 20. That is where we have been for the last five minutes. It is still entirely unclear to me.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I think we will need to take that on notice. Obviously it has been an iterative process. As we have understood the changes in the budget, we have looked at the best structure to accommodate a new program arrangement and a new regional servicing model for our Indigenous programs and Indigenous service delivery. So it has been an iterative process. I do not think we could give you a date today, but obviously the discussions have been informed by changes in the budget.</p>	27 May 2014, page 14-15		
37.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Funding for official residences	<p>Senator WONG: That is fine. I appreciate the notice. I will just do as much as I can. Just to confirm, this shows funding for the Prime Minister's official residences continuing to rise over the forward estimates, over the budget period, from 1.611 million in 13-14, 1.697 in 14-15, 1.77 in 15-16, 1.81 in 16-17 and 1.85 in 17-18. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: It is certainly what the table shows, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the end of entitlement does not apply to the Prime Minister's residences?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: It is administered, so efficiency dividends are not applied. But there are parameter updates in terms of adjustments.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am simply making the point that you are seeing increasing funding for the Prime Minister's residences at a time—</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think it is maintaining the funding in real terms, but we will</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 17		

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				<p>check that for you. It is just maintaining funding in real dollar terms.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is going from 1.6 million to 1.85 million.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think that is simply indexation, so it is maintaining the funding in real dollar terms. But we will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: At the same time as people on benefits have to take a hit.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think the cost of the residences is a fixed cost that is just being maintained in real terms. But we will confirm that for you.</p>			
38.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Functions at official residences	<p>Senator SMITH: Can someone help me with questions about functions held at The Lodge and Kirribilli House between 1 January 2013 and September 2013. Can someone help me with regards to those?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: The historical information, I am afraid, Senator, we do not have available to us here.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: But you have it available elsewhere?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We would be able to obtain it.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: On notice I would be interested in the list of all the functions that were held at both Kirribilli House and the Lodge from 1 January 2013 to 6 August 2013, the beginning of the caretaker period, and if available, details about food, beverages and any of those related expenditure.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We will take it on notice and provide what we are able to provide.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 21		
39.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	ACTU delegation to G20 Conference in Moscow	<p>CHAIR: Who from the Prime Minister's office made the request and who in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet received the initial request.</p> <p>Mr Langman: I am afraid I do not have that information.</p> <p>CHAIR: You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: Was the request from the Prime Minister's office initially declined by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Also, if it was declined I would like to know if a subsequent request was made?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will take that on notice, but as I mentioned earlier we do not normally reveal the nature of advice we give but we will take the question on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: This is about whether you declined the request—not advice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 22		

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				<p>Ms Cross: That would go to the nature of the advice.</p> <p>CHAIR: On what class of travel did the individuals who were funded on this fly on this trip and what hotel did they stay in?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I am not sure that we have that information, but we will take it on notice and see if we do hold that information. I am not sure that we do.</p>			
40.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official residences – in the Budget line item components	<p>Senator WONG: On notice—or perhaps you can provide it now—in relation to the costs of the Prime Minister's official residences, are you able to break that up into the different components that were referenced earlier, Ms Cross?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will certainly see what we can provide for you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 23		
41.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Temporary residence lease – additional costs	<p>Senator WONG: What additional costs, in total, over and above the \$104,000 the taxpayers have paid for an empty house, has the Prime Minister's department expended in relation to this property?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Those are the costs.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You just told me plus \$1,402. Is there anything else?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can take that on notice and come back to you in relation to whether there were any other costs associated with the property.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We are not aware of any other costs.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 24		
42.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official residences – cost for The Lodge and Kirribilli House	<p>Senator WONG: ...Ms Cross, I have asked you to take on notice the breaking up of the line item 'Prime Minister's official residences' into different components. Are you able to tell me how much of that relates to the Lodge and how much relates to Kirribilli?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Could you give me the table number?</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is on page 31—the one we were discussing before the break.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is a pretty simple question.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We may be able to get that for you during the course—</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is a pretty simple question. I appreciate you may need to take on notice the additional disaggregation and different components that were discussed earlier, but this is how much for the Lodge and how much for Kirribilli. Surely you can tell me that. Ms Kelly is looking. Do you want to give her a chance before you rule out answering that?</p> <p>Ms Cross: No, I was just going to say that, if we cannot find it, we are happy to try to get that for you during the course of the hearing.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 26-27		

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				<p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can provide the operating costs up to 30 April for the official establishments.</p> <p>Senator WONG: 30 April which year?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: This year, and I can provide them back to 2008-09.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am looking at the table on page 31, which we have discussed now on a number of occasions, and asking for disaggregation between the two official residences for that line item over the forward estimates. There is movement at the station.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can only provide you actuals year to date.</p> <p>Senator WONG: In order to construct the figure, you would have to do this.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is what I was offering to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am informed that that is the total budget we allocated internally each year depending on the requirements in relation to both residences. Obviously that changes depending upon the patterns of occupation.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure; but, to construct that, you have done that. So I am asking for that figure. There is no public interest immunity claim in relation to that. If you want to take on notice, you can—or do you have it here, Ms McIntyre?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: I do not have it here, but that figure has not changed over a number of years. It is just indexation. But we can have a look at what the original breakdown is.</p>			
43.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Kirribilli House - occupancy	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. It is the first time since Mr Howard that a prime minister has lived in this harbourside facility, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not go back that far, but we will confirm that for you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 27		
44.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	PM attendance at Deakin University event	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I want to talk specifically about the decision that was made on 21 May 2014 to not attend an event at Deakin University. What role would the department have had in that? Was that directly between the PMO and the AFP? Or was the department involved in that decision?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am not aware that we had a role, but I will take it on notice and make inquiries to confirm that that is the case.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: If you were to have a role, would it have been you</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 33		

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				<p>who would have had that role? Or would that be Dr Watt? How does it work?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I would need to find out whether we had a role before I would be able to speculate on where it lay. I can say that I am not aware of us having a role in relation to that.</p>			
45.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	FOI requests - refusals	<p>Senator McKENZIE: How many FOI applications have been refused due to the request being an unreasonable diversion of resources under section 24.1 of the act?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have that information to hand, but I can obtain that readily, I think in the course of the day, and come back to it.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: That would be great, thanks. Can you provide an outline of the number and the classification of people who work in the department's FOI section, and if there has been any increase over the recent period of time.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: And the cost of supporting the section.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 36		
46.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Photographic equipment – procurement process	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Just so I am clear, can you explain to me what procurement process is undertaken on equipment like this, please.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can take that on notice and come back to you. I do not have the details of the particular process used in relation to the purchase of the various items of equipment that you have referred to.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 37		
47.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's video messages on PM website	<p>Senator FAULKNER: These video messages from the Prime Minister appear on the website www.pm.gov.au Have I got that right? You will quickly correct me, Ms Kelly?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I think that is correct, Senator</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: It has been around for a while. The Prime Minister has those video messages on the website. Is that a regular occurrence now?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I do not know; I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I am sure the staff would know. It is the PM's website.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have that knowledge to hand. I can make inquiries. I do not know how regularly it is updated.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 39		
48.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Election Commitments – consolidated list	<p>Senator WONG: No, it is the government's election commitments and that is why you referred me to both the Liberal and National Party websites. I think we have already established that you collate a consolidated list of government</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 42-43		

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				election commitments. Is that correct? Ms Kelly: Yes. Senator WONG: That is the list I want. Can you provide that? Ms Kelly: We can provide that; it is identical to the ones on the websites that we referred you to but we can provide you with a copy that is kept in the department. Senator WONG: Thank you.			
49.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Photo equipment	Ms Kelly: Purchases across the period 28 October— Senator FAULKNER: I thought that I had tried to make that clear in my question. I think there were four series of purchases. Ms Kelly: Sorry, I did not appreciate that. There is a different procurement method for each set of purchases. We will attempt to get that information, but it may not be possible to get all of that information for all of those purchases across that period to you today. Senator FAULKNER: Thank you.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 43		
50.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Global Partnership for Education	CHAIR: Did PM&C ever have a conversation, or discussions, with former Prime Minister Gillard about the Global Partnership for Education? Ms Cross: We would have to check that for you. Is it an aid organisation or an international— CHAIR: Was Prime Minister and Cabinet ever advised that former Prime Minister Gillard was going to become the chairman of such a partnership? Ms Cross: Is that since she was in the Prime Minister's— CHAIR: Yes. She was subsequently appointed— Ms Cross: Again, not that I am aware of. But I will check for you.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 44		
51.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Drafting of the October 2013 Trilateral Strategic Dialogue Joint Statement	Senator DASTYARI: I have put this to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, but the question I am specifically asking you, Dr McCarty, is that as the formerly titled National Security Adviser, and now called Associate Secretary, as the person who functions in the role of National Security Adviser, were you involved in the drafting of the communique or were you advised of the context and the text of that? Dr McCarthy: I was not, and it is not always the case by any means that the foreign minister or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade would in every case consult. Sometimes that happens and sometimes it does not. I can take on notice the matter of consultation.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 48-49		

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				<p>Senator DASTYARI: There are two separate questions. One question is: what was the consultation between DFAT and the Prime Minister's office regarding it? I accept that that is a matter for DFAT. The second question was whether the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and you in particular, were involved in the wording of the communique? I think the answer you are giving to me is that you cannot answer the first part, because that is a matter for DFAT and the Prime Minister's office, and questions should be directed to them, which is fair enough—but you will take that on notice. The second part being that your answer is: no, you were not personally involved in providing the advice or in the drafting of the communique.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I do not think it is appropriate for me to take the first question on notice, because it goes to dealing between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Fine.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I can take on notice the issue of any consultation in relation to that matter with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But, while you are taking on notice the question of any consultation, you are saying that you yourself were not consulted?</p>			
52.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Travel by Mr Shearer	<p>Senator WONG: Dr McCarthy, I may have misheard you—and I want to give you the benefit of the doubt. I thought you said, when you spoke of the trip to Japan, in answer to Senator Dastyari's question, that that was the only trip of which you were aware?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: We will need to check. I am not sure that the trip to the United States was as part of a delegation. We can check for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Dr McCarthy, what Senator Dastyari asked you, I thought, was, 'Are you aware of any other trips?—if you want to split hairs over whether it was part of a delegation or not. At this stage we have two trips by a prime ministerial political staff member, independent of the Prime Minister. Is that right? Are there any more?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think, Senator, we said that we would find out the details, because we do not have them with us, and take that question on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 52		
53.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Authorisation of independent travel by	<p>Senator WONG: Chair, could I ask the department a question while they are getting that information. I would also like to know the three other occasions on which a staff member has travelled independently, one to meet</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 52-53		

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			ministerial staff	Ms Bishop—the Bangkok and Israel trip, and the Malaysia and Burma trip, which are referenced in answer 152. Can you please advise why the Prime Minister authorised that travel, given the guidelines to which I have referred? I am happy for you to take that on notice and come back later. I understand that you are checking through the other issues as well. Is that right? Thank you.			
54.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Overseas travel by NSIP staff delegations	Senator DASTYARI: Perhaps you can take this on notice. In the past, let us say from 2007, are you able to say how many delegations there have been where someone from your team and the national security team have actually been? Senator Abetz: Was that in 2007? We will do our best.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 53		
55.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Drafting of the October 2013 Trilateral Strategic Dialogue Joint Statement	Senator DASTYARI: If your group was not involved in the text for the joint statement were referred to in Bali, are you aware of any involvement of the Prime Minister's staff in that text? I am asking whether you are aware of any involvement. Dr McCarthy: I will take that question on notice. Senator DASTYARI: Does that mean you are not aware or you are aware and not sure if you should tell me? Dr McCarthy: I do not have the details in front of me. Senator WONG: Was she there? Senator DASTYARI: No, Dr McCarthy was not there. You arrived after the statement was issued—correct? Dr McCarthy: That is my recollection. Senator DASTYARI: You are not aware of whether there was a role played by the office of the Prime Minister in the drafting of that text—is that correct? Dr McCarthy: I would need to check those details for you. Senator DASTYARI: Let us go to the case at hand. We are talking about the joint statement in Bali that was produced prior to your arrival and the Prime Minister's arrival in October last year. In that specific instance, your evidence is that you personally were not involved and you are unaware of the group's involvement—but you will confirm all that. You are not saying whether or not you know whether or not the Prime Minister's office had involvement or not, so obviously you do not know whether they did.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 54-55		

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				<p>Dr McCarthy: I am also conscious that I am not sure that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet should necessarily be answering questions that are about the Prime Minister's office's involvement in issues. I just want to be certain that whatever information we give you is accurate.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: If it is a question about the Prime Minister's office, who should I be asking?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Me, and I will take that on notice, because I do not know. It would not be surprising to me if the Prime Minister's office was in fact involved, because in our democracy if you left it all to the officials there would be no room, reason or rationale for the Prime Minister to exist, because the department would do it all, or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade would do it all. It would not surprise me if there was that cross-pollination between the PMO and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p>			
56.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Trilateral Strategic Dialogue Joint Statement - claim by former ambassador to China	<p>Senator DASTYARI: There is one more question, which I am happy to put on notice. Senator Abetz, can you answer a claim by Stephen Fitzgerald, who is a former Australia to China, who wrote: “The final wording agreed in Bali was reportedly different from the draft prepared by DFAT, bearing the stamp particularly of the two drafting officials from Tony Abbott’s Australia and Shinjo Abe’s Japan ... The Australian official was Abbott’s Senior Advisor on National Security, Andrew Shearer, allegedly in Bali to ride herd on the neophyte Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and an advocate of ... diplomacy ...” That is the quote, effectively. Would you take on notice whether or not the claim that the text of the document was changed by Andrew Shearer—the claim made by former ambassador to China Stephen Fitzgerald—is true or not.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Is the assertion that the changes were good, bad or indifferent or that there was punctuation that needed correcting or spelling that needed to be corrected? What is the issue here, so we can provide an answer?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: The assertion is that the position being advocated by DFAT was different from that of the Prime Minister's office and the Prime Minister's office overrode them.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: At the end of the day—it is something that, thank goodness, I do not often have to remind people of—in a democracy the public service can advise, but it is the government and ministers who actually decide. We</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 55		

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				<p>as ministers and the government and the parliament have to make decisions. Sure, we are advised by the public service, and they are good professionals, but it might stand to reason that the democratically elected officials might want to nuance a document or make a change to reflect the attitude of the democratically elected government, as opposed to a view that may be held in a bureaucracy. I do not see any issue there.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I am not disputing that. My question is whether that is something that occurred in this instance. Would you take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will do. Can I say that if it did it would not surprise me at all. My department very kindly provides me draft speeches and draft media releases, and it is very rarely that they go back unamended. It is not because they do not necessarily do a good job; I just like to express myself differently or want to put emphasis on something else or greater emphasis on an issue. There is nothing much to be had here, but I am more than happy to take it on notice.</p>			
57.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Travel by Mr Shearer	<p>Senator WONG: When you come back on Mr Shearer—and I make the point that I have asked these questions on notice in the chamber as well, so the department has had substantial notice on this—can I put to you a couple of other things that I want to ask about. What was the nature of the official business on each of the trips? When did the travel commence and conclude? Can you please provide full itinerary, including meetings and events? What was the total cost of the travel, including what costs were associated with airfares, accommodation, allowances, hospitality and other costs? Can you please confirm that the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office approved the travel? Can you please advise on what date the travel was approved and, as previously, could you please advise why this travel and the travel referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of question No. 152 do not constitute a breach of the guidelines for overseas travel?</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 56		
58.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Security clearances for ministerial staff	<p>Senator WONG: Can I just give you the opportunity to reconsider your evidence. I have just found—or one of my very good staff has just found—the employment form for MOPS staff, in which the 'Notice to prospective staff of a minister or parliamentary secretary' says:</p> <p>If you are to be employed by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary either in a personal or electorate staff position, it is a condition of your employment that you obtain and maintain a Negative Vetting 2 security clearance.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 56-57		

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				<p>I am reading from 'Employing an ongoing employee under the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012–2015'. Your evidence, I think, perhaps differed from that. I think this says that every staff member must have a negative vetting 2 security clearance.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will check that for you. That seems very high for some of the roles. It is not consistent with our understanding but we may be mistaken.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you assure me that any prime ministerial staff member that attends cabinet or cabinet committee meetings has a negative vetting 2 security clearance?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Again, I think we would need to take that on notice. They would have the security clearance that is appropriate for the item they are attending for. But we will take on notice whether that is always negative 2.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does the Prime Minister's chief of staff have the relevant security clearance—negative vetting 2?</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will have to take that on notice to see exactly what</p> <p>Senator WONG: You cannot tell me whether the Prime Minister's chief of staff—</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would assume that she has a very high clearance. But I would like to check what level that is.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: It is my understanding that the Prime Minister's chief of staff has the required level of clearance, but we will double-check.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does the Prime Minister's chief of staff have a positive vetting clearance; I think that was the next level up.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: We will check that for you.</p>			
59.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet meetings in WA - cost	<p>Senator WONG: Can you take on notice or perhaps you can tell me what were the costs of holding the cabinet and cabinet committee meetings in Perth in the week commencing 31 March during the WA Senate election.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: you do not have that here?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Sorry, I thought you asked us to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No. I will ask the question and you may need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do need to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 63		
60.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	G20 sherpa cultural activity cruise	<p>Senator WONG: So the G20 sherpa cultural activity cruise cost \$10,000-plus in December.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 63-64		

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				<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me who participated in that?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: There were approximately 100 guests. They were the sherpas who had been at the sherpa meeting in Sydney and some members of the G20 policy team. I understand that some members of the B20 were invited as well. I will ask Mr Langman to—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you want to take this on notice? I do not think you want to read out 100 names.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Mr Langman attended the cruise, but I am quite happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Langman: As Ms Kelly has said, it was a group of the sherpas from the G20 countries, their leaders' representatives, delegates from their delegations, Australian officers working on the G20 and some representatives of the B20 group.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Any ministers?</p> <p>Mr Langman: I do not believe so.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Members of parliament or senators?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think it is best if we take these questions on notice—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure. That is fine.</p> <p>Ms Cross: so we can be completely sure. Not to our knowledge, but we will take it on notice.</p>			
61.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	G20 cruise invite list	<p>Ms Kelly: Again, it would have been the G20 Taskforce.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there any consultation with the Prime Minister's office about the guest list?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Not to our knowledge, but we will take it on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 64		
62.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's website – number of videos	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Are you able to confirm, for the benefit of the committee, that there are in fact 46 videos on the website?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have that in front of me.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: You can take that on notice if you like, but I can assure you that there are 46 videos.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Well, it would not surprise, and, by the time they get around to answering, there might be more or less. Who knows?</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 65		
63.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's website – authorisation of video	<p>Senator FAULKNER: One of the videos is entitled, '<i>A message from the Prime Minister—WA Senate election</i>'. It was posted on Sunday 30 March. I think the Senate election was on 5 April in WA, as you would recall. The question I have goes to the issue of authorisation, which of course is a</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 65		

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				<p>requirement of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. I raised this earlier and I had hoped some advice might have been provided in the meantime.</p> <p>Minister, can you indicate to the committee what the obligations are in relation to this?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Look, I cannot. I can take that question on notice. But my first thoughts in relation to the matter would be that this is clearly an identifiable video on a clearly identified site. The ownership, operation et cetera is well known; therefore, whether specific authorisation has to occur on that, I do not know. We will get an answer on notice to you.</p>			
64.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's website – guidelines on content	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I am not coming in here pretending anything. I am just coming in here asking questions. At the moment, the critical question about the guidelines has not been answered. If you go to another one of the 46 videos that appear on the website, that is entitled, 'A message from the Prime Minister—Tasmanian and South Australian elections.' Again, I would ask, Ms Kelly, how is it possible that such a message could find itself there, when:</p> <p>Agency-funded websites should not contain material of a party political nature. How is it possible?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Once again, we will take that on notice. But it is not for the official to respond to that.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 66		
65.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM's website - guidelines on content	<p>Senator WONG: In relation to the principle that Senator Faulkner referred to, which is contained in the guidelines; that is, that agency funded websites should not contain material that are of a party political nature. I want to know whether, at any point, any officer in the department has raised that issue with the Prime Minister's office in relation to content that was to be uploaded or has been uploaded, given your obligation to observe those guidelines.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 66		
66.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's website – guidelines on content and Australian Electoral Act	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I asked about that, but I have also asked about the web guide. They are two separate issues. Surely, PM&C—which is the lead agency of government and the agency that, I have often said at Senate estimates, sets the example for government—would see it as a critically important issue as to whether its website—a website that it maintained, funded and ran—complied with Australia's electoral law?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Senator, you have raised the issue and I have indicated that, in</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 67-68		

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				<p>order to form a view on it, we would have to seek legal advice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Does that mean that the content of this website has been developed outside anyone seeking advice about these matters? For example, you have a message from the Prime Minister on the WA Senate election, a message from the Prime Minister on the Tasmanian and South Australian elections. Most people with a cursory knowledge of the political process in Australia would understand the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act in relation to the authorisation of material—but not PM&C?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I expected that you would want a view based on more than a cursory knowledge of the provisions.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No, but it is on a PM&C website. Of course I want more than a cursory examination of the issues. I was surprised when I saw this material. I saw it was not authorised and I wondered why advice has not been sought by PM&C. You have indicated that advice has not been sought by PM&C now. That is correct, is it not?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: No.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No-one has therefore raised whether such material may be in breach of provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Not that I am aware of, but as I indicated earlier, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: The relevant section in part 1 of the act says: Without limiting the generality of the definition of electoral matter in subsection (1)— I can refer you to that, if you wish to know— matter shall be taken to be intended or likely to affect voting in an election if it contains an express or implicit reference to, or comment on: (a) the election— this material does— (b) the Government, the Opposition, a previous Government or a previous Opposition— this material does— (c) the Government or Opposition, or a previous Government or Opposition, of a State or Territory— this material does— (d) a member or former member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or a State or of the legislature of a Territory—</p>			

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				<p>I do not think this material does— (e) a political party, a branch or division of a political party or a candidate or group of candidates in the election— categorically this material does— or (f) an issue submitted to, or otherwise before, the electors in connection with the election— this material does. I am perplexed as to what the role of the department has been. Has there been any communication at all from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet with the Prime Minister's office in relation to the nature of content of material on the Prime Minister's website? Ms Kelly: As I said previously in relation to I think the same question, I will take that on notice—not that I am aware but I will take it on notice. Senator FAULKNER: We were talking about legality before. I am now talking about the nature of the material, not the legality of the material. Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice. Senator FAULKNER: So you do not know whether that communication has occurred? Ms Kelly: And for that reason I will take it on notice.</p>			
67.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	PM's website – content of material	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I am just asking whether the nature of the material had been raised. Ms Kelly had talked about legality. I am broadening it to nature. Senator WONG: I thought before the break the questions I asked—and I assumed you would check—was whether or not anyone in the department had raised with the Prime Minister's office the content of the material that was being uploaded and whether or not that was consistent with those guidelines. Ms Kelly: I am not able to make that inquiry and provide you with reliable information over the course of the break and not— Senator WONG: Do you know if anybody has? Ms Kelly: Senator, as I said, I do not know and so I will take that on notice. Senator WONG: No, you did not say that; you said, 'I am not able to.' I asked: do you know if anyone has? Ms Kelly: I am not aware of that occurring, but I will take it on notice and make inquiries. But I will not be able to have that done reliably today. Senator WONG: Ms Cross, do you know if anyone has?</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 68-69		

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68.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	PM's website – Electoral Act	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Could I now ask about what I think is the relevant section of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, section 328A Publication of electoral advertisements on the internet. I will briefly read that section so that we know what we are talking about. It says:</p> <p>(1) A person commits an offence if:</p> <p>(a) either:</p> <p>(i) the person publishes an electoral advertisement on the internet; or</p> <p>(ii) the person causes, permits or authorises an electoral advertisement to be published on the internet; and</p> <p>(b) the electoral advertisement is intended to affect voting in an election; and</p> <p>(c) the electoral advertisement is paid for by the person or another person; and</p> <p>(d) the name and address of the person who authorised the advertisement do not appear at the end of the advertisement.</p> <p>That is why I ask these questions. My understanding—and it is not an understanding I have come to in the last 24 hours, let me assure you—is that there is a need for appropriate authorisation, which means the name and address of a person who authorised an advertisement of such a nature, including an electoral advertisement on the internet, as is clear under section 328A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act. My question is: has that provision of the Commonwealth Electoral Act been brought to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's attention before now?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Not to my knowledge, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Is the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet aware that the penalty for breach of that provision is 10 penalty points, which is included in 328A(1)?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not profess a familiarity with the Electoral Act. I have heard you read out that relevant provision, so on that basis I am happy to note that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you for that. I can assure you that I have read it out accurately. I have just checked in relation to the Crimes Act 1914. Section 4AA has a penalty unit at \$170. But I stand to be corrected because I am going on memory there. I am sure someone will tell me if I am not accurate. Ten penalty units is \$1,700. That would apply to any individual advertisement. But it is because of this situation that I ask these questions. I am really surprised that PM&C would not have checked either the appropriateness, or perhaps the legality, of matters that were being placed on material being placed on a website that it is responsible for administering</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 69		

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				and maintaining. I do not think these provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act are couched in secrecy. They are pretty well known. But no advice of any nature has been sought at any stage by PM&C. That is correct, isn't it? Ms Kelly: I think I said that I am not aware of any advice. 'Advice of any nature at any stage' is broader and it has unbounded parameters. I can certainly say that I am not aware of any and I have undertaken to take it on notice.			
69.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Former PM's website	CHAIR: Ms Kelly and Ms Cross, on this matter are you aware of any advice from Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the former Prime Minister about the content that appeared on her website as Prime Minister? Ms Cross: Again, I am not aware of any. CHAIR: Would you take that on notice, too, please? Ms Cross: Yes, Senator.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 69		
70.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	PM's website – responsibility for maintenance	CHAIR: Ms Cross, would you be able to answer this. Can you let me know whether there have been any changes to the protocols in the responsibilities of PM&C maintaining the pm.gov.au website under this administration versus previous administrations. Ms Cross: Again, not that I am aware of; but we would need to confirm that.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 70		
71.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlum	Parliamentary email servers breach	Senator LUDLAM: ASD tipped you off? All I have got is media reporting, because I was not in the cabinet in 2011, recognising this happened under the previous government. There were possibly—or almost certainly—changes of staff within the PMO? Dr McCarthy: I would need to take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM: That there have been changes of staff in the Prime Minister's office? Dr McCarthy: No, the question you asked me about how we became aware. Senator LUDLAM: Could you take on notice when you became aware. What I am most interested in is: who was then made aware? And why was the rest of this building not made aware? With a commercial internet service provider, generally industry lets you know when there has been a massive data breach, such as somebody gaining unauthorised access to your email. I	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 71		

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				<p>am very interested to know why the parliament's email servers do not operate in the same way.</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I can take on notice your question about the date of PM&C's awareness, but it seems to me that the third question you asked is more appropriately directed to Parliamentary Services, given that, as I understand it, they administer the IT system in the building.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: This is a policy question, not an administration question. What is the Australian government's policy as regards security of data traffic and communications for Australian MPs and staff?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: That is a very broad question. It is a policy question, so I suppose it should be directed to me, I can take it on notice for you and give you a considered answer as to what the full detailed policy is, but I would have thought it would be ultimately to make it as efficient as possible and as protected as possible.</p>			
72.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Subclass 600 visitor visa - consultation	<p>CHAIR: Specifically, was PM&C consulted over the government's decision in early 2013 to roll out the new subclass 600 visitor visa category, which extended to a further 21 countries' online applications for visitor visas to Australia?</p> <p>Dr McCarthy: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Would it be a matter of course that PM&C would be consulted on changes such as this?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would expect that we had been, but I would need to check that for you.</p> <p>CHAIR: You may want to check whether you were aware that the countries which gained access to this visa category included a set of countries in the Middle East but did not include Israel. Were you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Cross: No, I am not aware of the details.</p> <p>CHAIR: I put to you that this was a very important decision concerning Australia's relations with an important bilateral partner—Israel. It beggars belief that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was not aware of it and not included in such an important change.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We may well have been aware of it. I just need to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: If Prime Minister and Cabinet were not consulted I am seeking an</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 73		

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				<p>explanation as to why they were not, given that under normal circumstances they would.</p> <p>Ms Cross: As I said, we will take that on notice. There are some matters that are within ministers' remits to make decisions; there are others that go to Cabinet; there are some that are agreed through an exchange of letters. There is a whole range of different circumstances. We need to find out what the situation was.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Ms Cross: It depends on whether we were consulted and how we were consulted. We will take it on notice to see if we can ascertain that from our files.</p> <p>CHAIR: Indeed, it was a contingent question. If you were not consulted there must be an explanation as to why you were not.</p>			
73.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Official establishments – food and wine costs	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me expenditure to date on food and wine, just on this line item?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I can give you expenditure to date in relation to that line item, but it is not separately broken down into food and—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am going to ask Ms McIntyre that question. Do you separately break it down, for departmental purposes, for food and wine?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: We do track it against a separate line item. Ms Kelly I think has the spend to date.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I have the total spend to date.</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: Not against the food—</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We can get that. We only have a summary at the table.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Ms Cross: As I recall, when the question was asked you were specifically asking for a breakdown between the Lodge and Kirribilli. We do not have that information here for the breakdown that Ms Kelly is referring to. So Ms Kelly correctly indicated she could not give you the breakdown of those figures by the Lodge and Kirribilli and we took that question on notice, which is what we will do again now because we do not have that information to hand.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Ms McIntyre, how hard is it to interrogate your system to provide that data?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: I would have to go back to the team and ask that question.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 75-76		

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				Certainly, it can be provided; I am not sure of the time frame.			
74.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Senator WONG: What other costs are contained in hospitality?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I will need to determine that. And the other question in relation to hospitality is of course whether it included the CERHOS expenditure as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Well, that might be something you can use. I am happy to disaggregate between CERHOS and non-CERHOS.</p> <p>Ms Cross: There is a further disaggregation between food, sustenance and hospitality, so we will need to check whether we can give the breakdown that you have requested.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I am saying that there is a further breakdown—that the amount that you spend on food and sustenance is not necessarily all hospitality. So, we will have to check whether we can give the breakdown you are requiring or not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay, then let's just do food and wine. Is there any entertainment charged to that account—music?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I understand that there is, and I will just get the details of that.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 77		
75.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	CERHOS appropriation	<p>Senator WONG: Are CERHOS in departmental appropriation? Is that where their costs would be?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: In terms of the actual staff, yes, the CERHOS staff are in the departmental—</p> <p>Senator WONG: And any expenditure—functions, wine and so forth—where would that be?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: Again, it depends on what the function is in relation to. If it was an official hospitality function for G20, for instance, it may come out of their budget. So it will depend on the specific example.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But if it is not attributable to another portfolio, where in PM&C would actual expenses for a CERHOS function be coming out of?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: In terms of the food and wine?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: I do not know the exact answer, so I will check that for you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 77		
76.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Office of the Prime Minister	<p>Senator WONG: Then can you tell me the apple, shall we call it—total expenditure in relation to the Office of the Prime Minister from 28 February</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014,		

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			expenditure	<p>2014—the next set of expenditure post this answer being given?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have that figure in what is before me, but we can obtain that for you, and we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We are going to keep asking these questions, so do you think it would just be easier in future if you could come with the expenditure to date on these matters?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Is that year to date expenditure, or expenditure from the commencement of a particular Prime Minister?</p> <p>Senator WONG: From the change of government, as per these questions. If Senator Bernardi wants to ask for year to date, that is a matter for him. But I think it is quite clear from my questions on notice what I am seeking. It would just be a lot more efficient.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: We will take note of that.</p>	page 79		
77.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	RET Review modelling	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. I am aware that we are probably running short of time. Could you table for us or take on notice the details and timing around the process for putting that out to tender and the selection process? How many companies entered that tender?</p> <p>Mr Archer: My recollection is that there were nine, but I would like to take that on notice to ensure I am not misleading you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 82		
78.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	RET Review – activity and costs	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Thanks. Maybe take these on notice. How many sitting days have they had to date? What is the total amount of money expended to date on the RET review and your total allocation to get that project to conclusion?</p> <p>Mr Archer: I am happy to take those on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 83		
79.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	AFP advice	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Senator Abetz, if you could take this on notice, because we asked you a series of questions based on information that was provided yesterday which has subsequently been changed. The question—and this is the bit that I am not quite sure about—is: have the AFP have come back to say that the security assessment document that they produced had the recommendation to the government to not go or was that in separate conversations with the government? There is obviously a bit of confusion because there is the document itself and there are conversations around the document. So if you could take that on notice. That is a technical point.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 83		

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80.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Dastyari	Mr Shearer – security clearance	<p>Senator DASTYARI: ... Senator Abetz, you mentioned earlier the security clearance of the chief of staff to the Prime Minister, which was obviously the highest level, which is appropriate for a chief of staff of to a prime minister to have. You were able to get that information quite quickly. Do you know what level security clearance the gentleman we were talking about earlier—the Prime Minister's national security adviser—has?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: The 'gentleman'—you will have to assist. Mr Shearer?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Yes, Mr Shearer.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will have to try to find that out for you. I do not have that at hand. I will take it on notice, but, if we can get it quickly, we will let you know.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 83		
81.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – IDCs	<p>Senator MOORE: It is possibly not a security issue. How many IDCs are there operational at the moment on which the Office of Women sits? You may want to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Steele: I think I should take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator MOORE: On notice, can we get a list of the IDCs that are currently working? At a previous estimates I asked that question and the response was that they were being reformed as a result of the machinery of government so I did not ask it last time. If we could find out who those interdepartmental committees are, who is on them and what their focus is. At least 12 months ago there was a large number.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 86-87		
82.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – printing	<p>Senator MOORE: I want to move onto the international stuff. Minister, I do want to congratulate you on the document.</p> <p>Senator Cash: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: It was a long time coming.</p> <p>Senator Cash: I commend the department on having put it together. It involved extensive work, but I think they have done an exceptional job.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can you tell me how much it cost and where the money came from? What was the print run? What is the distribution plan? Is there going to be a reprint if required?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: The cost of the report was approximately \$7,000. That covered design, printing and the production of a web version of the report.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: How many did you print?</p> <p>Ms Steele: I would have to take that on notice. We did not do a huge print</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 88		

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				run initially. We have had some issues getting it up onto the website.			
83.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – CSW exercise costs	<p>Senator MOORE: Can we get, on notice, a breakdown of that cost?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: I have that here. To date, it is approximately \$58,000. Of that, departmental officer travel was \$22,000. Non-government delegate travel was \$23,934. The side event costs were \$11,965.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we also get a comparison over the last two just to have a look at what they cost, because I know that they have always been tightly budgeted—just in terms of our processes?</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: Yes, and this was a smaller delegation than in previous years. We can get those figures for you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 89		
84.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – CSW report	<p>Senator MOORE: Yes, and thank you, Minister, I believe there is a report. That is good. So you would actually envisage that as we move forward with the post-Millennium Development Goals there will be that link back. We have been working to get the link with the parliament. It has been rather siloed in terms of how you play in this space. I am not convinced that it has actually been strategically planned. I hope that as a result of things that are happening that will become more a strategic way through briefings, through engagement, through raising the profile of this with all parliamentarians, but in particular women parliamentarians and then women in the community as well.</p> <p>Ms Steele: I will take that on notice. I will discuss that in more detail with my colleagues in DFAT.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 90		
85.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – Budget measures	<p>Senator MOORE: It is on page 23 of the budget measures, the yellow one, which actually spells it out across the whole department. In the white one it is very neat and goes, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4. But in this one it has this little, quirky variation, and I just want to know why.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I will have to check that with our corporate services area. It looks as though in the first few years it is just the same amount being indexed. I am not completely clear why in 2017-18 it is a smaller amount. We would have to check that with our corporate area.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 92		
86.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Waters	Women's Budget Statement	<p>Senator WATERS: Is this the first budget in over 30 years where we have not had a women's budget statement?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 93		
87.	Prime Minister	Moore	Office for	Senator MOORE: On the current status of the plan, I know that the Office	FPA, Tuesday		

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	& Cabinet		Women – budget for roundtables	<p>for Women has a role with that as well as the DSS, and that they work very closely together. We talked about the roundtables. Have they been completed now?</p> <p>Senator Cash: They have absolutely been completed. Again, I congratulate the Office for Women and DSS for all of the work they have put into it. The states and territories have been very good in their negotiations as well and the second plan will be launched before 30 June. I will obviously ensure that you are made aware of that.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: In terms of the budget around those roundtables and all those, are they your budget or DSS's budget?</p> <p>Ms Steele: The Office for Women contributed some support for the roundtable.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we get some detailed funding on that?</p> <p>Ms Steele: Yes. I will take that on notice.</p>	27 May 2014, page 94		
88.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – budget for roundtables	<p>Senator MOORE: Also, we had a discussion and you were going to talk about whether we could find out who was at those roundtables. It was not on the website.</p> <p>Ms Steele: We have had a report from the consultant who was engaged, and that is not a public document as yet.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: And will it be? Is there an intent for that to be a public document?</p> <p>Ms Steele: I am not 100 per cent sure. I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Cash: We can take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I also want to get where the roundtables were, who was at them and the cost of the whole process leading up to that. Will that be done by 30 June?</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 94		
89.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Moore	Office for Women – launch	<p>Senator MOORE: People must be looking at the strategy for the launch—how you are intending to launch. In the past we have had national processes. I would like to get details about any work that has been done on the proposal to launch that plan and how it will operate. I will put some questions on notice. There are a number of women's awards through the government to let departments sponsor different awards for women. I would like to know what the role of the Office for Women is in that. Do you coordinate that? Are you aware of those awards? They are things like the Rural Women's Award and other awards that are around. I would like to</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 95		

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				<p>know what the interaction is with the Office for Women around those and also what the funding arrangements are. For instance, the Rural Women's Awards has a significantly well-resourced award base. I want to find out how we ensure that things like that are funded into the future.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will take the question on notice and see if we can answer it. It may be that in some instances we need to refer you to another department.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I understand that. That is why I have come to this one. Did the DSS processes, the gender equality for women programs, stay with DSS?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Why did they stay with DSS? This can be on notice as well. There are three major programs funded out of DSS. The National Rural Women's Coalition, the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Sports Commission all have women's leadership and development grants. I want to know why that stayed with DSS. I will ask DSS the same thing.</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: We might take that on notice around the timing. I think some of those projects are funded from the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy. If you put it in writing that means that we can be very particular about where they sit.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: A lot goes to why they were women's leadership and development. Your program is women's leadership and development. I am interested in how those go together.</p> <p>Ms McDevitt: I think they are projects that have been funded out of that, from what you have said, Senator. But we will have a look at it.</p>			
90.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Northern Australia White Paper Taskforce – staffing numbers	<p>Senator McLUCAS: When I was in Infrastructure today, they indicated to me that six people were seconded from Infrastructure, so from what other departments are the other 13.4 seconded?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: It includes, from memory, Industry.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Infrastructure and Regional Development, Treasury, Agriculture, Environment, and Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: Did you want us to repeat that?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Treasury—</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Is that six?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am not sure of the exact background.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 100		

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				<p>Senator McLUCAS: Give that answer to me on notice. The departments and the numbers are all I need to know.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p>			
91.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Northern Australia White Paper Taskforce - secondees	<p>Mr Hazlehurst: We also have one secondee from the Northern Territory on the northern Australia white paper task force.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Would I be able to ask you to update on notice the table that you gave me in No. 68 and perhaps also disaggregate in that where they are seconded from?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That might be the quickest way of doing it.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 100		
92.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Federation White Paper timeline table	<p>Senator WONG: It is a pretty big topic: how every Australian will be governed and how all the governments will be financed and—</p> <p>Ms Cross: It is slightly larger. It also has a longer time frame. Also, we are still expecting other secondees may join. So that is at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you able to update whether there has been any change to the time line table?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I do not believe there has been any change, but I will check that.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 101		
93.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Cabinet Secretary role	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Can I ask in relation to this: does the department have a clear understanding of precisely the role that Mr Stafford is performing? I accept that he is the Cabinet Secretary, but what functions does this entail? Could that be explained, please?</p> <p>Ms Spence: Yes, the department does have a clear understanding of the role that Mr Stafford is undertaking.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes, good. Is that public?</p> <p>Ms Spence: No, it is not recorded anywhere, but there is a clear understanding of his responsibilities around managing the business of the cabinet.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: He signs the minutes. Does the Cabinet Secretary prepare the minutes? Or is that done by notetakers one, two and three?</p> <p>Ms Spence: The normal longstanding procedures around the preparation of cabinet minutes still stand, with three PM&C notetakers signing off on minutes before the cabinet secretary signs off on them.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: That is what I would expect. So the Cabinet Secretary signs the minutes. What else does Mr Stafford do?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Senator, without wanting to be difficult, I think these are</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 101, 102 & 103		

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				<p>questions we should probably take on notice. These are really issues for the Prime Minister's office rather than the department—to describe what one of the Prime Minister's staff does is really a question for the Prime Minister.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No; what I'm talking about here is that I am clearly delineating, in this instance, the actual cabinet secretary role: it may be held by a MOPS staffer, but just because it is held by a MOPS staffer, or if it is held by a MOPS staffer, that does not make it the case that there is a total lack of transparency about the role and function. I don't think anyone could reasonably argue that. I don't mind, by the way, if you want to take it on notice, that is fine. I'm just trying to understand, given that we do have a situation which is not unprecedented in cabinet meetings, where a MOPS staffer holds that position—I am not suggesting it is unprecedented; I know it not to be unprecedented. I am just trying to get an understanding of roles and functions and then there might be some follow-up issues about how that interrelates to other parts of the cabinet office. Please take on notice that element of these questions and we can come back to it.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think the point I was just making is that they would be better placed to give a full, accurate description. If someone else was asked to describe my role, I suspect I would be better able to do that. I was just trying to make sure we give you an accurate—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: But herein lies the issue, I suppose. Obviously there is a critically important interface. Anyone who cares about the quality of cabinet government cares about the interface between the Cabinet Secretary, whether that individual be a MOP(S) staffer or somebody else, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. There is no question that that is the case. I think it is perfectly reasonable that where those functions lie and where the delineation falls be a matter of public record. Anyway, I will ask the department to consider that and I am sure, with the PMO, we will be able to get a response that clarifies that. I look forward to receiving that, reading it and, if necessary, following up with any further questions in the next estimates around.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Given some of the other answers that have been provided from the last round of estimates, I think I would supplement Senator Faulkner's question with this: if detail is not provided in answer to</p>			

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				that question on notice, the rationale for why that information should not be publicly available should also be provided. Ms Cross: Yes, Senator.			
94.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins	Cabinet Secretary security clearance	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: There is one final question about Mr Stafford that I would like to ask. Does he have a positive security vetting clearance? Senator Abetz: I do not know about that. Ms Cross: We would have to take that on notice. We will find that out for you.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 105		
95.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins	Cabinet Secretary - date of appointment	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you tell us what was the date of appointment. Senator Abetz: At the end of March; I do not have the exact date. I think there was an overlap between Mr Stafford and Mr Fox until 14 May, potentially. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Sorry, what was that? I could not quite hear. Senator Abetz: There was an overlap between Mr Fox and Mr Stafford, I think, from the end of March until 14 May, but we will get you that information on notice.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 105-106		
96.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins	Ministerial order of precedence – purpose	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And whether that ends up being an interim arrangement or not—how that stands at the time you answer the question. Another area is the order of precedence. Can you describe for me the purpose of the order of precedence that is approved by the Prime Minister and lists the seniority of the 42 members of the ministry—sorry, I should say 30—and the parliamentary secretaries? Senator Abetz: That is a very good question. I understand it has been long-established practice for the purposes of seniority for seating in the chamber and, I dare say, for representative roles. But I do not think there is any great magic to it. Senator FAULKNER: The Prime Minister chooses the order of precedence. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I was just wondering if the department themselves were in a position to outline their understanding of the order of precedence. Ms Kelly: It is as the minister has explained. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You have no understanding further than	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 106-107		

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				<p>what Senator Abetz has just indicated, other than that you will take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: No.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I have taken it on notice and we will see if there is anything further to add.</p>			
97.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Commonwealth Table of Precedence	<p>Senator SMITH: In addition to my previous question, perhaps the department can tell us where the order of precedence for the Commonwealth appears on Wikipedia, and you might like to share with us where that order of precedence is wrong, as displayed on Wikipedia. It is actually a publicly available document and I am not too sure how accurate it is. I do not understand why the order of precedence—</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Senator, is that the order of precedence in relation to office holders?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: It is an extensive order of precedence, because it starts with the Queen and then moves through the federal executive council.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: That is definitely available. I do not believe that is the document that Senator Collins is referring to.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: So there is more than one order of precedence? Or are there subsets of documents in the order of precedence?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I understand it is a different document, but it might be best to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Let us take it on notice and try to resolve it</p> <p>CHAIR: Very wise.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 108-109		
98.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Collins	Ministerial order of precedence – non-publication	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The first issue is the purpose for the order of precedence. First up there were the answers that you gave, Minister, that the department indicated were essentially their understanding but at this stage could not supplement but have taken it on notice to see if there were other factors. The next issue, though, was, with respect to the order of precedence, why it needed to be confidential, to which Ms Kelly confidently asserted was historic and which Senator Faulkner has disputed.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We will take on notice whether it is or was historic and will get back to you in relation to that.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am just interested in why the department was so confident about the historic nature of the order of precedence but was not in the position to outline its historic purpose, but maybe it is that</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 109		

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				egos in the current government are a bit fragile. CHAIR: It has been taken on notice, Senator Collins.			
99.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	COAG Reform Council lease	Senator WONG: It is a left hand versus right hand thing here, isn't it. Was the department aware that the government was considering the abolition of the council when the decision to renew the lease was made? Ms Cross: Not to my understanding. But we will confirm that for you.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 111		
100.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Remuneration – Mr Brumby	Ms Cross: I think the CRC were asked what Mr Brumby's salary was. The figure they provided was for the entire period of his appointment. Whereas it may have appeared as though that was an annual amount. So I was just clarifying that for the record. Senator WONG: What was the period of his appointment? We just want to know what we divide the figure by. Ms Cross: Again, I would have to check. But I think it was two and a half or three years. But will confirm that for you. CHAIR: Ms Cross, it was a daily allowance and then he related those. Is that correct? Ms Cross: The total figure was given at the hearing last night. Senator WONG: It was the wrong total. CHAIR: But the remuneration is a daily allowance, if I recall. Ms Cross: I will check that for you again.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 111		
101.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet attendance	Senator WONG: If we can just get this dealt with, there were two matters that you, minister, have declined to answer. I do not propose to revisit all of the matters, but just—for the purposes of subsequent procedure in the Senate—would ask that you do as is required under the continuing order the Senate. The two matters which I understand that you have declined to answer are whether or not the Prime Minister's chief of staff attends cabinet meetings and what the process was associated with the appointment of the cabinet secretary. That is my recollection. I just want to confirm that you are declining to answer those matters. Correct? I will take that as a yes. Senator Abetz: For the purposes of <i>Hansard</i> , can I say that: ...as a general rule, whether ministerial staff were present at any particular meeting is not a matter of legitimate interest to a parliamentary committee. Ministerial staff are accountable to their ministers rather than to the parliament. So spoke Senator Ludwig on 8 February 2010 at Senate estimates, F&PA, page 78. So, let's be very clear about this. He also indicated that again on	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 111-112		

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				<p>page 79 of that <i>Hansard</i> of 8 February 2010 when Senator Ronaldson was making enquiries about who was in attendance at cabinet meetings and staffers. It is interesting that oppositions try to ask but, when in government, it becomes very clear that they do not answer. I will take that on notice and—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Minister, can we just stop. Are you making a claim under clause 3 of the public interest immunity claim order of the Senate?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I will take the question on notice and then, in my response, you will find that out.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure. Are you taking both of those questions on notice?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you are not declining to answer at this point?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: No.</p>			
102.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of departmental secretaries – ExCo papers	<p>Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice, Ms Kelly, I again press my question. I do not want to traverse it any further here as to how it is, during a caretaker period, with all of those conventions, a decision can be made to prepare papers terminating three secretaries for ExCo. If you want to add to that on notice, I will leave that to you. I intend to move on now. On the basis of question on notice No. 85, I understand that the three secretaries were advised on 14 September that their appointment would be terminated. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am sorry; I do not have that question in front of me.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could I ask that, in future, maybe Prime Minister and Cabinet could bring the questions on notice answers to the estimates hearing? I would really appreciate that. It would be much quicker.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I have it now.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes, the three secretaries were advised on 14 September.</p> <p>Senator WONG: There are steps under the Public Service Act which are required to be taken in relation to secretaries. I ask again—I think you have taken this on notice—when the draft papers were actually prepared. When were instructions first given to Prime Minister and Cabinet for the drafting of the papers?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I have taken that on notice.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Paragraph (a) on what date did drafting commence on the</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 114		

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				secretary PM&C's report to the Prime Minister about the termination; (b) on what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the secretary about the proposed terminations; (c) what was the form of the request; (d) on what date did the secretary consult with the APSC ahead of the preparation of his reports about the proposed termination; (e) what was the form of the secretary's consultations with the APSC; (f) on what date did the secretary provide his reports on the proposed termination of the Prime Minister; (g) how many reports were provided; (h) you have taken on notice—on what date did PM&C commence drafting recommendations in relation to the EXCO papers; (i) on what date was a copy of the draft recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office; (j) on what date was a final copy of the recommendations to the Governor-General provided to the Prime Minister or his office; (k) I think you have now answered—which was the morning of the 18th, I think; (l) I think you have answered—which is delivered on the morning of the 18th. I maintain my request for all of those.			
103.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of departmental secretaries – opportunity to respond	<p>Senator WONG: Was an opportunity to respond given to the secretaries? Ms Kelly: Yes. Senator WONG: Did any of them take it up? Ms Kelly: I believe that one may have taken that opportunity. Senator WONG: What does 'an opportunity to respond' mean? Ms Kelly: An opportunity to provide any material to be considered before the decision is made. Senator WONG: So who provided the secretaries with an opportunity to respond? Was that Dr Watt or—how did you describe him?—the Prime Minister-designate? Ms Kelly: I believe it was Dr Watt. I will confirm that. Senator WONG: Could you also indicate to me—I do not need to know the content of it—the manner of the communication of the response from the one secretary who did avail himself of that. Ms Kelly: I believe that was in writing. Senator WONG: Was that forwarded to the Prime Minister-designate? Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to that question, but I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 114		
104.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of departmental secretaries –	<p>Senator WONG: Paragraph (a) on what date did drafting commence on the secretary PM&C's report to the Prime Minister about the termination; (b) on what date did the Prime Minister seek a report from the secretary about the</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 114		

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105.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of departmental secretaries – additional information	<p>Senator WONG: I asked a range of questions in question on notice 85 which are not answered. Ms Kelly, given the time, unless you really want to I was not proposing to go through (a) to (l), but a number of those were not answered. Can I be clear, via the minister, whether there is a public interest immunity claim being made, or is there another basis on which a number of these questions are not answered?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I might have to get you to particularise parts of the question.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I think I have given this evidence on a number of occasions. I have given evidence about those elements that are necessary to ensure compliance with the statutory process under section 59. If there are other matters here I will take those on notice and consider whether or not any additional information can be provided, but I have provided you with information that the statute was complied with.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am sorry, but your opinion that the statute was complied with is really not the answer to my questions. I would refer you to your early answers where you told me that it is not appropriate for us to seek legal opinion, but thank you for offering it. I am asking factual questions about this process. I asked them in January and you failed to answer them. I am asking them again and, if you do not wish to answer them, I am asking that department indicate the basis on which they are refusing to answer these questions. I am happy for you to take this on notice, Ms Kelly.</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I am happy to take that on notice. I merely wanted to clarify that</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 114-115		

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				in relation to the factual matters that are required to be asserted to ensure compliance with section 59 they were in a report provided at the time that is required to be provided. I have given that evidence previously. I am happy to go into the additional detail that is sought here if we are able to provide that, and I will take that on notice..... Senator WONG: When you give me the update on notice, could you in relation to the London trip indicate costs associated with air transport, including which class, land transport, accommodation, hospitality, travel allowance and any other costs			
106.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Royal visit – Prince Harry of Wales	Senator WONG: Thank you. Turning to the royal visits—I am sure Senator Smith will be very excited! In regard to the answer to question No. 86, one of the questions that was asked was in relation to Prince Henry of Wales, more commonly known as Prince Harry, and indicates that the cost to taxpayers for the two-night visit for Prince Harry was \$150,000. That obviously is a fairly large amount for two nights. Is it possible to get a bit more detail about the break-down of that? Ms Kelly: That would be possible. I would have to take it on notice, but I think that would be possible.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 115		
107.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Termination of departmental secretaries – dates	Senator WONG: Ms Kelly, this is becoming Orwellian. I am asking you about dates on which certain actions occurred. I want to know why you are refusing to provide that evidence. If you wish to take it on notice and consult with the minister that is your right, but I want to understand why it is. I asked questions on 17 January about this process, dates associated with various points in the process, and why is it that the department is refusing to answer? Ms Kelly: As I indicated earlier, in answer to questions on notice— Senator WONG: You have provided your opinion. Ms Kelly: In relation to question on notice No. 1—the factual matters. There are additional matters here that are additional to what needs to be asserted in relation to compliance with the statute. I will take those on notice.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 115		
108.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Royal visits - gifts	Senator WONG: Fine. In terms of the exchange of gifts, I assume that the Australian government paid for gifts provided to the Prince. Did we also pay for the gifts that the Prince gave out while he was here? Ms Kelly: I do not know that answer to that question, but I can take it on notice. Senator WONG: The Queen of Australia, as well as the Queen of Britain— Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to the question.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 116		

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			 Senator WONG: Can I ask the same question in relation to gifts—gifts presented to the Duke and Duchess and gifts from the Duke and Duchess to the Prime Minister or any officials. Did the Australian government meet the cost of those? Ms Kelly: I will provide that.			
109.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governor- General Designate – costs	Senator WONG: Turning to question on notice No. 61, which is in relation to costs relating to the Governor-General Designate. Can I get an update. Office accommodation was \$8,500 to March. Was this the final cost or was the office provided beyond March, and if so what was the cost of that? Ms Kelly: I do not have an updated cost in relation to office accommodation. Senator WONG: If you can take that on notice. The same for paragraph (b)—domestic travel. Are there further domestic travel costs? Ms Kelly: I am not aware that there are, but I will confirm that.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 116		
110.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governor- General Designate – official travel	Senator WONG: Over what period was this travel undertaken? The details of the travel. Ms Kelly: The support was provided to the Governor-General from the time at which he became Governor-General Designate until the time of his appointment. The travel that is covered by that support would have occurred over that period, but I do not have the exact dates, other than for the travel to London. Senator WONG: I will come to that. This is domestic travel, which is what I think paragraph (b) refers to. Ms Kelly: Yes. Senator WONG: Can you explain to me what the guidelines are to determine what is official travel, before an officeholder actually assumes office? Ms Kelly: It is travel associated with the taking up of the duties. Senator WONG: Okay. If you can update (b) that would be useful.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 116		
111.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Governor- General Designate – London trip	Senator WONG: Turning to question on notice No. 62, you were not able to tell me the cost of the trip of the Governor-General and his wife to call on Her Majesty the Queen. That answer was filed—I do not know when—but it was not filed by the return date. Are you able to tell me now? Ms Kelly: I do not have the break-down. I have the total cost to 30 April	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 117		

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				<p>associated with the Governor-General Designate. Senator WONG: Just give me that. Ms Kelly: That is \$89,585. Senator WONG: \$89,585—that is all costs? Ms Kelly: That includes the travel for official duties, a fit-out allowance and transport of personal items to Government House. Senator WONG: Can you tell me what proportion of that is the London trip. Ms Kelly: I do not have that break-down with me but I can take that on notice and return to it..... Senator WONG: When you give me the update on notice, could you in relation to the London trip indicate costs associated with air transport, including which class, land transport, accommodation, hospitality, travel allowance and any other costs</p>			
112.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Industry Investment Competitiveness Taskforce	<p>Senator WONG: This is the problem when the Prime Minister's office change answers. Paragraph (f) of answer to the question on notice says 'The terms of reference have not been publically released.' This is supposedly the big task force that is going to help develop a national industry investment and competitiveness agenda, making recommendations to government by the end of June 2014. Here you told Senator Ludwig that the terms of reference have not been publicly released. So I again ask why the terms of reference are so secret? Mr Hazlehurst: They are not secret, as such, but effectively they are set out in the scope—the next part of that response refers to the Prime Minister's press release. Senator WONG: You are asked for the terms of reference. Why can't you just give us the terms of reference? Mr Hazlehurst: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 117		
113.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Industry Investment Competitiveness Taskforce – budget	<p>Senator WONG: You had a budget of \$620,000 or thereabouts. Mr Hazlehurst: Yes. Senator WONG: How much has been spent to date? Mr Hazlehurst: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 118		
114.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Deregulation savings	<p>Senator WONG: I was going to ask some questions about deregulation, but I can put some of them on notice. I just want you to confirm that the</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014,		

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				<p>deregulation savings target is \$1 billion per year.</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: The current progress is \$700 million?</p> <p>Ms Cross: To be technically accurate, the \$1 billion target is a net target. As indicated on the website, the amount it repealed, over \$700 million, was the reductions in red tape. The net amount will be announced at the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me who costed the \$700 million?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Some of the measures were costed by the Office of Best Practice Regulation and others were reported by departments using the same methodology, but not independently verified by OBPR.</p> <p>Senator WONG: They were not or they were?</p> <p>Ms Cross: They were not. There are some that need to be verified and others that are reported by the department using the same methodology.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I do not know if it is best to take this on notice, but I want a breakdown on what was verified by whom and what was calculated by whom. Is it best to—</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is that—</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes, there were a large number of measures. It would be easier to take that on notice.</p>	page 118		
115.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Repeal Day savings	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Can you provide the committee with a detailed breakdown of the regulatory savings obtained from each of the pieces of legislation that were part of repeal day and in particular for omnibus bills, Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014, Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014 and Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014, and detail which legislative change resulted in a savings? I also ask this question: for question No. 82 the Senate was told that the Prime Minister has determined that the ministerial advisory council on deregulation for Prime Minister and Cabinet will be the Indigenous Advisory Council.</p> <p>Ms Cross: Yes.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 119		
116.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	Appointment of Mr William Johnston to Senator	<p>Senator WONG: I go to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. Could you confirm that the Prime Minister personally approved the appointment to Mr William Johnstone to the staff of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs in accordance with the procedure that you previously have given evidence</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 119 & 120		

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			Scullion's staff	<p>about?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: The evidence I have previously given is not as you have tried to summarise it, but the appointment was, as I understand it, processed in the normal manner.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the Prime Minister approved the appointment?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: As I have indicated previously, he delegates that out to staff. He does not go through every job application personally. The staff committee does go through and vet various ministerial staff appointments.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On what date did the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's chief of staff approve the appointment?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: I am not sure I have that with me.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I understand if you have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Alright. It will save me looking for it now when I do not think I have it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you also take on notice whether or not the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office at the time the appointment was approved knew that Mr Johnstone had a direct interest in a company operating in the area of the minister's portfolio?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>			
117.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	PM visits to PM&C Barton office	<p>Senator SMITH: I am curious to know the frequency with which prime ministers might actually visit the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Barton. If we start with the most recent prime minister, Prime Minister Abbott, how many visits has he made to the offices in Barton?</p> <p>Senator Abetz: We may need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I am trying to recall. It is at least two. It may be three.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That is okay. But not four.</p> <p>Ms Cross: We will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: And Mr Rudd in his last period as Prime Minister? Kevin Rudd mark II?</p> <p>Ms Cross: In his last period I can recall him visiting once, but there may have been others that I am not aware of, so we would have to check that too.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: And then Prime Minister Gillard?</p> <p>Ms Cross: Again, I think we would have to take that on notice. I can recall her visiting twice, but I would have to check that for you.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Then Prime Minister Rudd in his first incarnation.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 120		

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				Ms Cross: You are starting to go back beyond our corporate memory.			
118.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Smith	Mr Rudd – access to documents	<p>Senator SMITH: So Mr Rudd has visited the offices of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet twice since he was Prime Minister—16 January and 6 February—to seek access to documents that are available under the archives legislation. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: What documents did Mr Rudd seek access to or has he been given access to?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: I do not have material in relation to the particulars of the documents here, but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: If you could advise me on notice what documents Mr Rudd sought, what documents Mr Rudd sought but was not granted access to and what documents Mr Rudd sought and was granted access to, I would be most appreciative.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 121		
119.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	National education reform agreements Taskforce	<p>Senator McKENZIE: How were the national education reform agreements drawn up with the states and territories?</p> <p>Ms Cross: There was a task force in PM&C that had PM&C and Department of Education staff on it. That worked closely with the Department of Education as agreements were negotiated through senior officials meetings.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How many officers from PM&C were on the task force?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice. We are going back some time, now.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 122		
120.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	National education reform agreements - methodology	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Throughout that process in coming to an agreed position on the amount of funding required, how were the estimates for years 5 and 6 calculated? My understanding is that \$9.8 billion was the cost over six years, but \$7 billion was to arrive in years 5 and 6—that is over 71 per cent of the total bucket in years 5 and 6. How did that calculation come to be, as a methodology for arranging the money?</p> <p>Ms Cross: That I would have to take on notice, although it would be fair to say that there was a gradual ramp-up that increased over time. But I will take on notice the exact methodology.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Over what period was the gradual ramp up, years 1</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 122-123		

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				<p>to 4?</p> <p>Ms Cross: That is my understanding, but I will take the methodology on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: And then years 4 to 5 and 6. Would you typify the trend?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think the agreements would show a gradual ramp up increasing over the final years.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: A significant increase in the final years?</p> <p>Ms Cross: A greater increase than in the early years.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: What was the rationale for the increase in growth between years four and five?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I will take the exact methodology on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Was this sort of approach where most of the money was back ended similar to other national agreements?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I think in each agreement it depends on the negotiations. I am sure that there have been others in the past that have had similar expenditure patterns.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Such as?</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to go and check the details for you, but it is not unusual with new agreements to ramp up expenditure over time.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I would assume a trend of a consistent gradient.</p> <p>Ms Cross: I would have to check the profile for you.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: On notice would be fabulous, thank you.</p>			
121.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Lobbying Code of Conduct – 12 month rule	<p>CHAIR: I would just like to go to the Lobbying Code of Conduct, if I may. I refer to section 7 of the Lobbying Code of Conduct, which says: Persons who were, after 1 July 2008, employed in the Offices of Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 at Adviser level and above, members of the Australian Defence Force at Colonel level or above (or equivalent), and Agency Heads or persons employed under the Public Service Act 1999 in the Senior Executive Service (or equivalent), shall not, for a period of 12 months after they cease their employment, engage in lobbying activities relating to any matter that they had official dealings with in their last 12 months of employment. How long has this prohibition clause been in the code?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: It has certainly been in the code in relation to this government since 2013. I can have some inquiries made about whether or not that was a</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 123		

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				continuation of an existing provision in the code. CHAIR: Thank for that, Ms Kelly.			
122.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Lobbying Code of Conduct – removal of individuals from the registrar	CHAIR: It is the lobbying code of conduct. I have drawn this to your attention, Deputy Secretary, and I would ask that you address it in as prompt a manner as possible and alleviate my concerns and those I am sure of these many clients and take the appropriate action and advise me as quickly as possible of what that action is. Ms Kelly: We will do that, but clause 10.3 of the lobbying code says that the secretary may remove a lobbyist or a person who is an employee of a lobbyist if in the opinion of the secretary the conduct of the lobbyist or of the employee has contravened the terms of the code, so it is possible for any individual to be removed rather than an entire firm. They would be matters that would flow from an investigation of the issues that you have raised, which we will now undertake.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 124		
123.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Mr Shearer - clearance	Senator FAULKNER: I do not know the background to Senator Dastyari's questions, but you would expect the advisers—not just Mr Shearer, but others involved in security advice and so forth—to have a TS positive vet, wouldn't you? That would be my expectation. It is generally the case, isn't it Dr McCarthy? Dr McCarthy: It is often the case. Senator FAULKNER: So you will tell the committee—they are Senator Dastyari's questions, not mine, but I have seen a few of these things over the years—just what level clearance he has. Dr McCarthy: We will check.	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 127		
124.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Faulkner	Open Government Partners – Bali meetings	Senator FAULKNER: I do have a final question—not about that but about the OGP. I wondered if there had been any internal work in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in terms of preparation for a presentation for a speech of the Prime Minister at the Bali meeting—that is part 1 of the question. And part 2 of the question is, what is your understanding of Australia's attitude to the OGP? Does it actually support it? CHAIR: I will ask you to take that on notice, as it is now 11 o'clock. We	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 128		

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125.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	McLucas	Grants	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Yes. So that grant program covers CDEP, the Major Infrastructure Program and the grants program. Is there anything else that is covered?</p> <p>Mr de Mamiel: Yes, there are a significant number of activities in each of the eight programs. If you wanted that detail we could certainly provide that. We do not have it here today.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: That might help, actually. If you could provide that on notice—</p> <p>Mr de Mamiel: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I am looking for a disaggregation of CDEP. When does that finish? The MIP5—that finishes and, yes, I understand that you are hoping to get another MIP up. But then, with all those grants, even if you could break them down to the eight programs that would assist in trying to work out the halving of that income over the forward estimates.</p> <p>Mr de Mamiel: Yes.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 5		
126.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	MsLucas	Discontinued service/programs	<p>Senator McLUCAS: I will finish my questions with one last question, which I hope you will take on notice. Can you give me a list of services or programs that will not continue in 2014-15 or 2015-16, please?</p> <p>Mr Elu: Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 7		
127.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporation s	Xenophon	Corporation X investigation	<p>Senator XENOPHON: When did this investigation take place and over what period?</p> <p>Mr Beven: I can take that on notice, but it was this year.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 15		
128.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporation s	Xenophon	Complaints	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Your year book says that in 2012-13 ORIC responded to a total of 662 complaints during the year, a nearly 22 per cent increase over the previous years. It says that: on average, straightforward complaints were answered within two working days; on average, detailed complaints were finalised in 13 days; and, on average, the most complex complaints were resolved in 53 days. Were there any complaints that took more than 60 days to resolve?</p> <p>Mr Beven: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you take on notice: more than 60 days, more than 90 days, more than six months, more than 12 months, more than two years.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 16		

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129.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Xenophon	Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association investigation	<p>Senator XENOPHON: How was that investigation conducted?</p> <p>Mr Beven: The process of the investigation?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Beven: In that particular case, my office conducted an assessment of the complaints and the matters that were raised. We determined that the best way to approach that was to appoint an independent examiner. That is a person who has the powers of my office to go in and review all of the books and records of the corporation, and look at its governance standards and its financial position, but also to look at complaints that may be in existence in relation to the corporation. So an independent examination occurred. That examination revealed some procedural and process issues at the corporation where it was not meeting the requirements of its constitution. In that particular case a compliance notice was issued by my office.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: When was that?</p> <p>Mr Beven: I will take that on notice, but it was last year.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: When I met about 16 elders and members of this association in Port Augusta in April this year, they said that they had not received any response from ORIC that dealt with their concerns. Did you interview any of the complainants in respect of this process?</p> <p>Mr Beven: I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 16		
130.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Xenophon	Whistle-blower protection claims	<p>Senator XENOPHON: How many claims for whistleblower protection were made, on average, in the last couple of years? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Beven: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 18		
131.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Xenophon	Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association – trust arrangement	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Minister, you have heard the interchange in relation to this. The complaint I have had in relation to the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association is that my constituents feel that they cannot get an account of where the money has gone—we are talking about millions of dollars—because of the trust arrangement, which Mr Beven says in some circumstances ORIC does not have authority over. Is that something that the government will look at from a policy perspective? It seems to me to be a loophole.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: From what I have heard today, I generally do not have too many concerns. As you would be aware, I have sat on your side of the table for</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 19		

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				<p>a very long time in this place. I shared the same concerns, I have to say. Often, as other people around the table would have, I have Aboriginal communities or corporations registered to ORIC come to me as a senator and they would expose their side of the story. I would bring it to estimates and provide that to Mr Beven. As has happened today, I think he has given you a comprehensive assessment and a response to all of those matters. On this particular area, I will seek a further brief from Mr Beven. If there is further information that I can provide you on that particular matter about the extent of the powers of ORIC, I will. I think there is no suggestion that ORIC has not gone far enough. But, as you indicated—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It does not seem to have the statutory powers. Senator Scullion: As to whether it has particular statutory powers and the extent of that, I will seek a brief on that and I will provide you with a comprehensive answer in a brief.</p>			
132.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Arrulka Business Aboriginal Corporation determination	<p>CHAIR: The determination to give this \$1,091,000 to the corporation would not have gone through you. It would have gone through the department. I should address this to the minister. Is that correct, minister? Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice. Ms Carroll: I was just going to add that there are acquittal processes. The particular grant, I understand, has not been fully acquitted yet. But we could take on notice the details of what those acquittal processes are. CHAIR: Thank you. I would appreciate that.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 20-21		
133.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Aboriginal Benefits Account – grant acquittal process	<p>Senator Scullion: Just for clarification... But it would not have been in the normal way that government would provide a grant in that, once the grant was out of the door in terms of the Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account, it was probably not subject to the same acquittal processes as it would have been if a government grant had been provided. They are slightly different, and perhaps on notice I could provide some of those differences. CHAIR: That is great, but there is a— Senator WONG: Ms Carroll has something to add on this point. Ms Carroll: I was just going to add that there are acquittal processes. The particular grant, I understand, has not been fully acquitted yet. But we could take on notice the details of what those acquittal processes are. CHAIR: Thank you. I would appreciate that</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 20-21		

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134.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Bernardi	Aboriginal Benefits Account grants	<p>Ms Carroll: As the minister has outlined, there is a process around the Aboriginal Benefit Account grant. There is a process with the committee, as well as a process where, at the end of the day, it is the minister who signs off on those particular grants. Advice would come from the department as well.</p> <p>CHAIR: Did the committee recommend this grant go ahead?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I would have to take that on notice. I would have to check about whether we actually regularly made that kind of information available.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay. Did the department recommend that this grant go ahead?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: I would have to take that on notice and look at the process as well. But, normally, that would be advice to government, which we would not normally reveal during the course of this—</p> <p>CHAIR: Ms Edwards has clearly come to the table to be helpful. Are you able to shed any light on this?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: Only a very small amount of additional information, just to say that I am aware there was an ABA grant given in February 2012 and that all funds have been released; all funding activities have ceased, but the final reporting is yet to happen. I do not have anything additional in relation to the additional matters.</p> <p>CHAIR: You are unable to tell me whether this grant was recommended by either the committee or the department to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: I would have to take that on notice and have the details of all the various grants.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 21		
135.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Wong	National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing – Indigenous Australians affected	<p>Senator WONG: In remote communities. Is it over 300 remote communities across the states you described?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sowry: Yes, that is correct. It is in the order of about 300 communities.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Right. Would it be, maybe, 40,000 Indigenous Australians affected? Would that be about right?</p> <p>Mr Sowry: It is under 30,000, by our reckoning.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I have 38,000. Do you want to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Sowry: We will.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 29		
136.	Prime Minister &	Siewert	Funding Arrangements –	Senator SIEWERT: Can we have a list of all the programs that have been given six months and 12 months?	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014,		

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	Cabinet		transitional issues	<p>Mr Hooper: Conceptually, yes. I think we can do that for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Every single service that has an expiring contract on 30 June this year will get a transition arrangement?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: There are some that have indicated that they do not want to. That is a small number.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Can we have a list of those?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Sure.</p> <p>Mr Hooper: There are some that are projects that were only ever going to go to 30 June that will naturally cease anyway.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: May I have those now, please?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Yes. Just to be clear, we will get you those that decided to opt out and those where there was a natural end to the work that they were doing, because it was always intended to be time limited.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: How many of those are there?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We would need to take it on notice. The fundamental premise is that we are rolling them over where they had an expectation that they would get funding. If they have had a track record of funding before, we will roll them over.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: We will try to get to you today the breakdown of the total number of funding arrangements. That is, who has got six months, who has got 12 months and who is not continuing. There is probably one other category, which we have not talked about. That is that some service providers may not be performing and, because of underperformance, we would not want to continue. We can pull those together for you over lunch.</p> <p>Mr Hooper: We could certainly get the numbers for you. I think the actual individual details of the organisations will take a bit longer than that.</p> <p>Mr Hooper: It is easier to think about activities. The funding agreements are delivering a set of services and activities, and the funding agreements have been mapped to the new—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you give us that, then?</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I think that is what I asked for, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: We will take on notice what we give you there.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can you tell me what the problem is. You looked very</p>	page 35-38		

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				<p>distressed when we asked that, and I take that point in terms of the workload. What is the problem in providing us with what we have asked for?</p> <p>Mr Eccles: Because there are 4,000 contracts.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: All of which are in the system.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: We can take it on notice. We went through 4,000 contracts and assessed each of them—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Which has been done. That work is completed.</p> <p>Mr Eccles: That is right. It is a laborious exercise but important, so we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: What we were taking on notice was, by exception, those areas that may not be included within the general, 'If you are on 30 June 2014, you will be extended.' So we have got those categories. I think we can supply that today. We have agreed we can get that today. For the remainder of those 4,000, were you asking for all of those programs to be provided?</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: There are 4,000 contracts and there are 150 programs that are going to turn into five. We want to be able to track what is happening between each. If there is an organisation in Yarrabah that is getting a program to work with children after school, is it six months extended or 12 months extended? Is it going to go into the 'children and whatever' program? Is that where it will be, and which ones do not end up there? If you cut half a billion dollars out of Indigenous services, some are going to stop.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: It is \$239 million over these programs.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Some are going to stop and we, on behalf of our constituencies, are trying to track that.</p> <p>Ms Carroll: We will take on notice that exact tracking. We will not be able to get you that this afternoon, but what we possibly could get you this afternoon is the broad numbers of the other question, which was: how many got six months and how many got 12 months.</p>			
137.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Voluntary redundancies	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Is it possible to detail staff reductions by APS level? It says here 'program area', but I do not think we are actually allocating staff to program area.</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: Do you mean the VR estimates to date?</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: The overall—you cannot really do that, can you? If</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 42		

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				<p>you could do it for the expressions of interest on VRs, that would be helpful, I think.</p> <p>Mr Neal: We could definitely provide you with a breakdown of the people that have left voluntarily via natural attrition from the group over that period by classification. We could take that on notice. The voluntary redundancy estimates would be a little bit more difficult. I could give you a breakdown of the ones that have agreed to separate—the ones that have taken a formal offer of voluntary redundancy—and their classification profile.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And that is a current occurring thing.</p> <p>Mr Neal: That is currently—</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So that will be changing over time.</p> <p>Mr Neal: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When do you expect the process to be concluded?</p> <p>Mr Neal: By 30 June.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If you give us that, that might give us a flavour of what is occurring.</p> <p>Mr Neal: I can do it.</p>			
138.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Truancy officer turnover	<p>Senator PERIS: Could you please provide an update on the number of truancy officers in each school and the latest attendance rates?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: With attendance rates: as you know, the jurisdictions are responsible for education. With each jurisdiction we have a different set of arrangements about the provision of the attendance data. Some of them have provisions where we are allowed to use it but we are not able to pass that on at this stage. We would like that change, but there are some that we are able to use and publish publicly. We will be able to provide those ones that have no provision of confidentiality. I will have to get back to you on that on notice. There are some privacy issues around that I would have to clarify before I could say you would be able to pass those on.</p> <p>But within those restrictions, for example, I do not think it would be difficult to pass on the headline numbers. When it comes down to particular schools in particular jurisdictions there may be some differences. I would like the numbers to be consistent, so in terms of those conditionalities I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Fordham: With the numbers of people employed on the ground at the moment, as of yesterday there are 102 student attendance supervisors, 413</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 54		

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				<p>student attendance officers—they are the part-time officers—and another 133 in what we call 'the pipeline'—recruitment in a pool.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: There was a recent article in <i>The Australian</i> that indicated a high staff turnover in some of the areas, notably in the APY lands, where 10 out of the 16 truancy officers initially employed have since left their positions. Can you provide further turnover rates for all locations since the program has begun?</p> <p>Mr Fordham: To provide them for all locations we would have to do that on notice, I am sorry. There has been some turnover in the APY. There has been turnover in most locations, as you could imagine, with the nature of the work and the labour pool. They are mainly part-time positions. In some cases the turnover is because people get jobs. In that APY case there were three people who got jobs and moved on to other roles. Others choose for other reasons.</p>			
139.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Siewert	Truancy officer exit interviews	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Are you doing exit interviews with people who are leaving?</p> <p>Mr Fordham: We are, yes. We are not the employers. It is up to—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you require them to be done?</p> <p>Mr Fordham: No, we do not require them to be done.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you know how many have been done?</p> <p>Mr Fordham: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice, please.</p> <p>Mr Fordham: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Why are you not requiring them to be done? To understand this new program, I would have thought it would be useful to know why there is that high turnover.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 55		
140.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Peris	Truancy officer vehicles	<p>Senator PERIS: Last time we had estimates, Minister, I asked about whether you are providing additional funding—the \$13 million—for the truancy officers program and whether you would provide funding for vehicles for transportation of the kids to school. Has anyone put any proposals to you with regard to funding for vehicles?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Fordham: That is right, Minister. At the moment we have about \$600,000 worth of vehicles on order. I could not tell you the number of vehicles already out there, but we could certainly provide the details of the</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 53-54		

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				audit. It is by community and by vehicle. Senator PERIS: That would be fantastic.			
141.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	Vacancies	Senator McLUCAS: Mr Fordham, you have given us the number of people as well as the number of people in the pipeline. How many vacancies do we have as of today or sometime around now? Mr Fordham: I will have to take that on notice, Senator.	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 56		
142.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McLucas	School attendance data	Senator Scullion: I would like to intervene for a moment. I know that the assistant secretary is faithfully providing information in answer to the question and thus far probably has not offended one of the jurisdictions he is about to get to. Given that one of the jurisdictions he will read out will be a different amount, I really would like to check with them. These are very delicate arrangements we have with receiving the data, and if I can provide the remainder of that on notice, because I would like to check with the jurisdictions. The jurisdictions that we have already spoken about are quite happy to publish, but the others are challenging and have not released that. I ask to take the remainder of that question on notice, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I do not want to offend the jurisdictions by making announcements about how quickly or not they are providing that data. If I can take that on notice, I would really appreciate it. Senator McLUCAS: Could we get that now? The piece of paper that is being— Senator Scullion: That would mean that I would have to contact the jurisdictions. I will get it to you as soon as possible, but I do not think that I am going to be able to get in touch with those jurisdictions today. ... Senator Scullion: as I have said, some have done better than others. And it is a sensitivity. I would prefer it if I could provide that to you on notice. CHAIR: The minister has taken it on notice. Senator McLUCAS: I think you said that they are all reporting on a weekly basis. Have I heard you correctly? Senator Scullion: They are not all reporting on a weekly basis, which is why I have indicated— Senator McLUCAS: All right, I will let it go.	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 57-58		

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143.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	Alcohol Management Plans	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I had a brief line of questioning around the alcohol management plans from 2012 and the impact of the five minimum standards introduced by the previous government on the rollout of those plans. And I realise this is not a housing matter, but I am confident that the department would actually be able to comment on that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I thought you were going to put a question on notice, Senator McKenzie. I feel duded! Ms Carroll?</p> <p>Ms Carroll: We can answer that on notice.</p>	FPA, Friday 30 May 2014, page 61		

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144.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	COAG Reform Council reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the reports by the COAG Reform Council place any requirements on the States or Commonwealth to deliver on a given measure or to take any further actions? 2. The Council lists a number of reports on its website. Are these reports printed? What is the cost of having these reports printed? 3. Who are the reports distributed to? What is the distribution cost? 	Written		
145.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Chairman's accommodation	What was the total cost of Mr Brumby's interstate accommodation for each year he was Chairman of the Council?	Written		
146.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	COAG Reform Council base	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where in Sydney is the COAG Reform Council based? 2. What was the total cost to taxpayers of the Council's rent or lease arrangement in its Sydney office? 	Written		

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147.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many full time staff are attached to the COAG Reform Council? 2. Are these staff permanent PM&C staff? 3. In trend terms can you tell us by how much staff numbers grew between 2006 and 2013? Is it possible to break this yearly figure down by classification (eg. how many EL 2, ASO 6s etc)? 4. Which classification experienced the greatest growth in number? 5. Can you break down the existing number of employees at the Council by their classification (eg. how many EL 2, APS 6s etc)? 	Written		
148.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on travel in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year? 2. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on media monitoring in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year? 3. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on stationery in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year? 4. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on staff training in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year? 	Written		
149.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Newsletter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the COAG Reform Council produce a newsletter? If so, how often is it produced? 2. How many copies of the newsletter are printed and at what cost? 3. Who is on the distribution list? 4. What resources are involved in producing the newsletter? Do you use graphic design services? 	Written		
150.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Videos	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council website includes a number of videos of speeches. Can you outline your video program? 2. What resources are used in producing these videos? Do you outsource production? 3. Have you assessed the effectiveness of the videos, given that some of the videos show they have only received three views? 	Written		

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151.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council website states that it maintains a program of events and stakeholder engagement activities. Is there an annual events budget? 2. What are the desired outcomes of the events program? 3. How do you identify and engage stakeholders? 4. Do the stakeholders pay to attend the events? 	Written		
152.	COAG Reform Council	Bernardi	Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council recently hosted the Improving governments' performance forum in Sydney. Who was invited to the forum? 2. Who determined the invitation list? 3. How many people attended? Please provide a list of attendees if possible. 4. Where was it held? 5. What was the cost of the forum? 	Written		
153.	COAG Reform Council	Wong	COAG Reform Council chair	<p>With reference to Senator McKenzie's questions (proof Hansard, pp.69-70) about the appointment, remuneration and other matters related to the chair of the COAG Reform Council:</p> <p>When did Mr Paul McClintock's appointment as chair of the COAG Reform Council commence?</p> <p>When did Mr McClintock's appointment conclude?</p> <p>Was Mr McClintock's appointment full time or part time?</p> <p>What were Mr McClintock's remuneration arrangements?</p> <p>What total remuneration did Mr McClintock receive?</p> <p>Did Mr McClintock receive any allowances in addition to salary? If so, what was the nature and total value of the allowances?</p> <p>Where was Mr McClintock's home base during each year he was chair of the council?</p> <p>What were Mr McClintock's travel costs during each year of his appointment?</p> <p>How many council meetings did Mr McClintock chair during each year he was chair of the council?</p> <p>What was the selection process that led to Mr McClintock's appointment?</p> <p>Was there a shortlist of candidates?</p>	Written		

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154.	COAG Reform Council	Wong	Scheduled reports	Does the abolition of the COAG Reform Council mean scheduled COAG Reform Council reports on the National Education Agreement (due on 31 July 2014), the National Agreement on Skills and Workforce Development (due on 31 July 2014), the National Affordable Housing Agreement (due on 31 October 2014) and the National Disability Agreement (due on 31 October 2014) will not be completed?	Written		
155.	OOSGG	Wong	Social media	Since 28 March 2014 has any guidance been provided to employees on the use of social media including, but not necessarily limited to, commentary on the Australian Government? Please provide a copy of any written guidance.	Written		
156.	OOSGG	Wong	Domestic travel and accommodation costs	What total domestic travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 28 March 2014?	Written		
157.	OSSGG	Wong	International travel and accommodation costs	What total international travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 28 March 2014?	Written		
158.	OOSGG	Wong	Legal costs	What total amount has been expended on legal services since 11 February 2014? What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?	Written		
159.	OOSGG	Wong	Opening statement	With reference to the Acting Official Secretary's opening statement (proof Hansard, pg.72): Can details of the 78 events attended by the Governor-General be provided? Can details of the Governor-General's 102 patronages be provided? Can details of the 11 functions hosted by the Governor-General be provided? Can the details of the 24 callers received by the Governor-General be provided? Can the dates of the three Executive Council meetings be provided?	Written		
160.	OOSGG	Wong	Official Secretary	On what date was Mr Fraser appointed Acting Secretary? How was the Acting Secretary appointed? On what date does Mr Brady's appointment as Official Secretary conclude? What arrangements govern the "consultations and trainings" for Mr Brady	Written		

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				during the period before his appointment concludes? On what date was the Finance and Public Administration Committee informed Mr Brady would not appear at the Budget Estimates hearing?			
161.	OOSGG	Wong	Staff changes	Have there been any staff changes since 28 March 2014? If so, please provide details.	Written		
162.	OOSGG	Wong	Executive Council – 18 September 2013	At what time on 18 September 2013 did the Executive Council meeting commence? At what time did the meeting conclude? Did the Official Secretary have any notice before the submission of papers on the morning of the meeting that the Governor-General would be asked to terminate the appointment of three departmental secretaries? If so, when and how was this notice received? Did Government House inform the three secretaries they had been terminated, or was that a matter for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written		
163.	OOSGG	Wong	Building, refurbishment and furniture expenses	What “refurbishing services” are being provided at a cost of \$10,000 in the period 18 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1922322 published on Austender on 17 December 2013? What “painting and paper hanging” services were provided at a cost of \$10,436.80 in the period 9 December to 12 December 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1935782 published on Austender on 6 January 2014? What “construction and maintenance support equipment” was provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$10,890 on 4 October 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1806821 published on Austender on 22 October 2013? What “office furniture” at a cost of \$11,677 was provided in the period 8 to 20 January 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1981381 published on Austender on 20 January 2014? What “refurbishing services” at a cost of \$12,100 were provided in the period 27 August to 1 October 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1922362 published on Austender on 17 December 2013? What “design services” at a cost of \$13,970 are being provided in the period 6 May to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2231011 published	Written		

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				<p>on Austender on 30 May 2014?</p> <p>What “refurbishing services” at a cost of \$15,226 were provided in the period 17 January to 31 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2022161 published on Austender on 10 February 2014?</p> <p>What “refurbishing services” were provided at a cost of \$16,463 in the period 7 to 28 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2114151 published on Austender on 28 March 2014?</p> <p>What “architectural services” are bring provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$49,093 in the period 25 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1922291 published on Austender on 19 December 2013?</p> <p>What “architectural services” are bring provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$50,382.75 in the period 5 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1923902 published on Austender on 6 January 2014?</p> <p>What “painting services” were provided at a cost of \$68,871 in the period 19 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1893251 published on Austender on 27 November 2013?</p> <p>What “roads and landscape” services were provided at a cost of \$391,735 in the period 21 November 2013 to 31 January 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1897781 published on Austender on 27 November 2013?</p> <p>What “refurbishing services” were provided at a cost of \$690,683.28 in the period 30 January to 30 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2021991 published on Austender on 10 February 2014?</p> <p>What “refurbishing services” are bring provided at a cost of \$1,285,830.69 in the period 22 February to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2071831 published on Austender on 17 March 2014?</p> <p>What “refurbishing services” are being provided at a cost of \$1,303,402 in the period 27 March 2014 to 8 October 2015 as reported in contract notice CN2128201 published on Austender on 1 April 2014?</p>			
164.	OOSGG	Wong	Contact with ministerial offices	<p>With reference to the media report “New Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove angers government ministers”:</p> <p>Did the Official Secretary have any contact with the offices of (a) the Prime Minister and/or (b) the Minister for Foreign Affairs between receipt of the</p>	Written		

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				journalist's questions on 10 April 2014 before publication of the report on 12 April 2014?			
165.	OOSGG	Wong	Appointment of Governor-General	On what date was the Official Secretary informed by the Prime Minister's Office that Her Majesty The Queen had agreed to the appointment of General Peter Cosgrove AC MC as Governor-General?	Written		
166.	OOSGG	Wong	Announcement of Dame in the Order of Australia	Is the Governor-General, and not the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Order of Australia? Why did the Prime Minister, and not the Governor-General, announce on 9 June 2014 that Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO would be appointed a Dame in the Order of Australia?	Written		
167.	APSC	Wong	Engagement of non-APS staff by PM&C	Since 31 October 2013 on which occasions, and in relation to which vacancies, has the Australian Public Service Commissioner agreed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet engaging non-APS staff?	Written		
168.	IGIS	Xenophon	Pine Gap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Australian-United States joint facility Pine Gap has been used to gather information in at least one US drone strike in the Middle East in 2002, according to a report The Australian on 20 May: http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/policy/pine-gap-supports-us-drone-hits/story-e6frg8yo-1226923350422 The story contains expert opinion and circumstantial evidence that Pine Gap has been extensively used to gather telephone intercepts and other signal intelligence utilized to target US drones against suspected terrorists in the Middle East and other countries. Is Pine Gap used to gather information used to target US predator drones against suspected terrorists? 2. Was Pine Gap used to provide signal intelligence used to target a US drone that struck a convoy in Yemen containing senior al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsular (AQAP) figure Abu Habib al Yemeni in November last year? The strike reportedly killed al Yemeni and a number of others including two Australian citizens, Christopher Havard from Queensland and New Zealand dual national "Muslim bin John", birth name Darryl Jones. 	Written		

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				<p>3. In terms of what Pine Gap does - controls the four 'SIGINT' satellites, known as DEF-R-SAT-1A (Defence Research Satellite 1A), DEF-R-SAT 2A, DEF-R-SAT 3A and DEF-R-SAT 4B. Is it true that these satellites are being used to supply location information and phone conversation content used to tell US drone operators where to target their strikes, including the November 2013 strike referred to in Question 2?</p> <p>4. Is there a division of labour or any procedures that shield Australian personnel from being involved in such work?</p>			

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169.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Rhiannon	MPs Register of Interests	<p>1. What action is taken if it is ascertained that a MP, Senator, Minister or Prime Minister has not accurately disclosed their interests on the members' Register of Interests?</p> <p>2. Who has the power to investigate if the Register of Interests is accurate?</p> <p>3. If a dependent relative of a MP was gifted a scholarship from a company or organisation linked with the MP what are the obligations to report such a gift?</p>	Written		
170.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Xenophon	Requirements for Annual Reports document	<p>The Department has on its website a document titled 'Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA ACT Bodies' (http://www.dpmc.gov.au/guidelines/docs/annual_report_requirements_2012-13.pdf)</p> <p>1. In what financial year was the first version of this document produced?</p> <p>2. There are mandatory fields required, such as 'Management and Accountability'. Have these fields always been mandatory? If not, what year did they become mandatory?</p>	Written		

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				3. Once the Annual Reports have been presented, does the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have the ability and access to spot audit Annual Reports based on externally supplied information? 4. If not, is the report returned to the Department to be internally scrutinised?			
171.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	L20 Moscow meeting	In reference to answer to question on notice 29 (Dept of PM&C) from the Additional Estimates in February 2014: 1. Did PM&C preform any due diligence on the individuals from the ACTU given they were to receive taxpayer funded flights and accommodation? 2. Can you please provide a list of all of the Australian participants in the Labour 20 (L20), Think 20 (T20), Youth 20 (Y20) and Civil Society 20 (C20) in Moscow?	Written		
172.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Temporary roles	What temporary roles have been created within the department? Provide the number of temporary roles. For each temporary role provide the duration and purpose of the role and APS level of the staff.	Written		
173.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date since the change of government in September 2013? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, the method of procurement and the total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan on the Austender website? If not, why? In each case provide the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement and the name of the consultant if known.	Written		
174.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Engagement of non-APS staff	How many non-APS staff have been engaged by PM&C, including through external employment agencies, since 31 October 2013?	Written		
175.	Prime Minister and	Wong	National Commission of	On what date/s did the Prime Minister's Office have access to a copy of (a) the phase one report of the National Commission of Audit and (b) the phase	Written		

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	Cabinet		Audit	two report of the National Commission of Audit? On what date/s did the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have access to a copy of (a) the phase one report of the National Commission of Audit and (b) the phase two report of the National Commission of Audit?			
176.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Access to video featuring the Prime Minister	On how many occasions in June 2014 were servers maintained by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet used to access the video "Other countries' Presidents of the United States" which featured the Prime Minister and was broadcast on the United States' HBO network, including the following URLs: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3IaKVmkXuk http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/tony-abbott-roasted-by-john-oliver-on-hbo-show-last-week-tonight-20140602-zrv11.html	Written		
177.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	When did the Prime Minister decide that the position of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor would not be filled upon the expiry of Mr Walker's appointment on 20 April 2014? How have the statutory functions of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor been undertaken since 20 April 2014? Does section 7A of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 provide that the Committee on Intelligence and Security may refer matters to the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor? How will references under the Act be managed? Does section 20 of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 provide that an Acting Independent National Security Legislation Monitor may be appointed? Why has an Acting Independent National Security Legislation Monitor not been appointed?	Written		
178.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Answers to questions on notice	Are answers to questions taken on notice during Senate Estimates hearings submitted on behalf of the department or the Prime Minister? Who approves the submitted answers?	Written		
179.	Prime Minister and	Wong	Additional funding for	With reference to the \$25 million additional funding for redundancies in 2013-14:	Written		

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	Cabinet		redundancies	How much was expended? How many staff redundancies were funded?			
180.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	'Spill and fill' – SES Band 1 positions	Can the 'spill and fill' arrangements for SES Band 1 positions in the Indigenous Affairs group be outlined, including: (a) rationale (b) number of positions 'spilled' (c) number of positions 'filled' (c) commencement date (d) cessation date (e) number of staff who (i) were redeployed within PM&C (ii) redeployed within another APS agency (iii) received an incentive to retire or (iv) were made redundant and (f) associated costs.	Written		
181.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	'Spill and fill' – EL2 positions	Can the 'spill and fill' arrangements for Executive Level 2 positions in the Social Policy division be outlined, including: (a) rationale (b) number of positions 'spilled' (c) number of positions 'filled' (c) commencement date (d) cessation date (e) number of staff who (i) were redeployed within PM&C (ii) redeployed within another APS agency (iii) received an incentive to retire or (iv) were made redundant and (f) associated costs.	Written		
182.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	'Spill and fill' – other positions	Since 18 September 2013 has PM&C engaged in any 'spill and fill' activities for positions other than SES band 1 positions in the Indigenous Affairs group and Executive Level 2 positions in the Social Policy divisions? If so, can details be provided, including: (a) rationale (b) number of positions 'spilled' (c) number of positions 'filled' (c) commencement date (d) cessation date (e) number of staff who (i) were redeployed within PM&C (ii) redeployed within another APS agency (iii) received an incentive to retire or (iv) were made redundant and (f) associated costs.	Written		
183.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Functions	With reference to Senator Smith's questions about functions at The Lodge and Kirribilli House, including food, beverages and related expenditure, between 1 January and 6 August 2013, taken on notice by the department: Can the same information be provided for functions held at Kirribilli House and the Prime Minister's dining room since 18 September 2013?	Written		
184.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Prime Minister's temporary accommodation	Why did the answer to question no.80 taken on notice during the Additional Estimates round seeking details of the "total cost" of the Prime Minister's temporary accommodation omit brokering costs of \$1,402.70 and legal costs of \$14,144.35?	Written		

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				Is the total cost of the lease of an empty house for Mr Abbott \$119,654.18, made up of \$39,107.13 for rent, \$65,000 for a termination fee, \$1,402.70 for brokering costs and \$14,144.55 for legal costs? If not, what additional costs have been incurred?			
185.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Kirribilli House	What costs in relation to Kirribilli House have been incurred since 18 September 2013?	Written		
186.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	FOI applicants	Has (a) the Prime Minister's Office or (b) PM&C disclosed the identities of FOI applicants to third parties for non-official purposes? If so, please provide details.	Written		
187.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Items transferred from The Lodge	Can a full list of items transferred from The Lodge to the Prime Minister's Office since 18 September 2013 be provided?	Written		
188.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Agency-funded website	Is the website www.pm.gov.au funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? Do the Guidelines for Ministerial and Agency Websites provide that "material that relates solely to party political issues or that could be categorised as 'how to vote' material may not be placed on an agency-funded site"? Is the department aware the video titled "A Message from the Prime Minister – WA Senate Election" and published on the website www.pm.gov.au on 30 March 2014, during the 2014 WA Senate election campaign, promotes "the West Australian Liberal team", includes the warning "if you vote for minor party candidates you just don't know who you will end up with" and contains other party political statements? Have any officers of PM&C raised concerns about party political material placed on the website www.pm.gov.au with (a) more senior PM&C officers or (b) the Prime Minister's office?	Written		
189.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Secretary	With reference to evidence the Cabinet Secretary is a member of the Prime Minister's staff and is engaged under the MOP(S) Act (proof Hansard, pg.101) and signs off Cabinet minutes (proof Hansard, pg.102):	Written		

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				In addition to signing minutes does the Cabinet Secretary undertake other functions outlined in Annex A to the Cabinet Handbook, including exercising the Prime Minister's authority in relation to authority to bring forward items for consideration? Are the Cabinet Secretary's functions consistent with the limitations imposed on all MOP(S) Act staff under the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff?			
190.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	COAG Reform Council accommodation	With reference to the department's decision in February 2014 to renew the lease for COAG Reform Council accommodation at a cost of \$549,000 in 2014-15, \$623,000 in 2015-16 and \$655,000 in 2016-17 weeks ahead of the announced abolition of the COAG Reform Council in the May 2014 Budget: Has the department incurred any additional costs, including the cost of legal advice, in relation to sub-leasing of the accommodation?	Written		
191.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Abolition of the COAG Reform Council – staff	With reference to the Government's decision to abolish the COAG Reform Council: How many staff did the council have at 2 May 2014? How many staff have been (a) redeployed within PM&C (b) redeployed within another APS agency and (c) made redundant?	Written		
192.	Prime Minister and Cabinet		Abolition of the COAG Reform Council – costs	What costs have been incurred in relation to the abolition of the COAG Reform Council?	Written		
193.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Abolition of the COAG reform Council – reporting arrangements	Why were future reporting arrangements not considered and determined before the abolition of the COAG Reform Council was announced?	Written		
194.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Abolition of the COAG – role of COAG	With reference to evidence by Ms Cross (proof Hansard, pg.62) that the abolition of the COAG Reform Council was discussed at the meeting of COAG on 2 May 2014: Was the abolition of the council on the meeting agenda? If not, in what form was the matter raised?	Written		

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				<p>Did PM&C prepare papers for the meeting related to the abolition of the council? If so, (a) on what date were draft papers sent to the Prime Minister's Office and (b) on what date were final papers circulated? If not, why not?</p> <p>Why did the communique of the meeting not make reference to the abolition of the council?</p> <p>Were there any other matters decided at the council meeting on 2 May 2014 that were not included in the communique?</p>			
195.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Access to documents under the Archives Act	<p>With reference to Senator Smith's questions on notice about access under the Archives Act by former Prime Minister Rudd (proof Hansard, pg.122), specifically (a) documents sought to which access was granted and (b) documents sought to which access was not granted:</p> <p>If PM&C provides an answer to Senator Smith's question, can the same answer be provided in relation to former Prime Minister Howard's access to documents following his loss of office.</p>	Written		
196.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Relevant agency receipts	<p>With reference to Table 1.1 published on page 20 of the PM&C PBS for 2013-14 which provides an estimate of \$8.613 million in s31 relevant agency receipts in 2014-15:</p> <p>What are the sources of those receipts?</p> <p>Can a breakdown estimated receipts be provided?</p> <p>Why are s31 relevant agency receipts estimated to drop from \$10.7 million in 2013-14 to \$8.6 million in 2014-15?</p> <p>Can a breakdown receipts in 2013-14 be provided?</p>	Written		
197.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Equity injection	<p>What does the proposed equity injection of \$5.887 million in 2014-15 published in table 1.1 on page 20 of the PM&C PBS for 2014-15 relate to?</p>	Written		
198.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Own source revenue	<p>Why is the department's own-source revenue projected to decline from \$10.714 million in 2013-14 to \$3.185 million in 2016-17 as shown in table 3.21 on page 56 of the PM&C PBS for 2014-15?</p>	Written		
199.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Government Staffing Committee	<p>Does the Federal Director of the Liberal Party, Mr Loughnane, still attend meetings of the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p>Does Mr Nutt, who has moved from the PMO to the NSW Division of the</p>	Written		

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				Liberal Party, attend meetings in his new capacity?			
200.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Australia in the Asian Century – framework	With reference to the speech by the Secretary, Dr Watt, to the Canada-Australia Public Policy Institute about the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper on 10 July 2012: <i>This White Paper is very broad in its ambition. It will provide a framework for government policy-making over the next several years or more. It is not about short-term solutions; it is about ensuring that Australia has the right settings in place for a decade or two, or longer, not just a few years ahead.</i> What is the status of the framework provided by the Australia in the Asia Century White Paper?	Written		
201.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Australia in the Asian Century	With reference to question no.72 taken on notice at the last round relating to the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper: What is the status of the APS-wide strategy?	Written		
202.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Social media policy	Has the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet issued a social media policy to employees that places restrictions on speech used on social media, including when using personal devices outside work hours? Does the Department require employees who become aware that another employee is engaging in conduct that may breach this policy to report the conduct to the Department? If so, why? On what date was the current social media policy issued? Did the Department consult with the Office of the Prime Minister before issuing the policy? In preparing the policy, did the Department have regard to the speech by Mr Abbott to the Institute of Public Affairs on 6 August 2012 in which he said: 'Thanks to free speech, error can be exposed, corruption revealed, arrogance deflated, mistakes corrected, the right upheld and truth flaunted in the face of power,' and free speech 'should never be restrained in order to protect poor performance'? If not, why not? Does the policy apply to public comments by the Secretary? How many 'dob-ins' have been received since the policy was published? Under the policy, how many employees have been: (a) warned?	Written		

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				(b) disciplined? Can a copy of the social media policy be provided?			
203.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Private sponsorship of official travel	Do any rules govern the acceptance by Ministers of privately-sponsored travel and accommodation – other than the declaration of such travel to the House and Senate? Does the Prime Minister need to approve acceptance of privately-sponsored travel and accommodation by his Ministers when they are travelling on official business? Why did Mr Andrew Forrest – and not the Commonwealth – pay for official travel by the Prime Minister’s parliamentary secretary, Mr Tudge, on 14 and 15 October, a night’s accommodation on 14 October, and official travel on 21 and 22 November?	Written		
204.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Appointment of Ambassador	Did the Prime Minister or his office play any role in the appointment of a senior adviser to the Prime Minister as Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and NATO, as announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in May 2014? If so, please outline the role.	Written		
205.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cost of legal advice	With reference to the answers to questions 221 and 239 taken on notice at the previous Estimates round: On what basis has the department refused to provide information about the amount it expends on legal services? Why is the cost of this department’s legal advice secret? What total amount has been expended on legal services since 18 November 2013? What amount was expended on services from providers other than the Australian Government Solicitor?	Written		
206.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Ministerial correspondence guide	With reference to the answer to question no.74 taken on notice at the previous Estimates round which indicated the guide on the preparation of ministerial correspondence was still in draft form: Can the Department provide the current guide on the preparation of ministerial correspondence in the PM&C portfolio?	Written		

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207.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	DLOs, CLOs and ADCs	Can details of (a) departmental liaison officers (b) Cabinet liaison officers and (c) aides-de-camp be provided, by ministerial office?	Written		
208.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cost of Machinery of Government changes	Is \$1.5 million the total cost of machinery of government changes in this portfolio since 18 September 2013?	Written		
209.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Order of precedence	On what date did the Prime Minister, Mr Abbott, approve the order of precedence? Has the Prime Minister approved any amendments to the order of precedence? If so, on what date/s and what amendments were approved?	Written		
210.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	G20 funding – role of PMO	With reference to the report in the Daily Telegraph on 28 May 2014 relating to G20 funding: On what date were “department chiefs hauled in by the PM’s office and reminded that they were ‘not heads of state’ and could not use the G20 money for extravagant activities or events”? Which member of the Prime Minister’s staff “hauled in” senior officers of the department? On what date did the Prime Minister ask the department to “hand over its broader budget for vetting by his office?” How was this request conveyed to the department? Can the vetting process of departmental expenditure by the Prime Minister’s staff be outlined? Which staff in the Prime Minister’s office are approving departmental expenditure? On what basis are MOP(S) Act staff approving departmental expenditure? When did the department first become aware of the report? Would the disclosure by a “senior government source” of communications between the Prime Minister’s Office and the department be consistent with part 15 of the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff which provides that ministerial staff must “maintain appropriate confidentiality about their dealings with their Minister, other Ministers, other Ministerial staff, and APS and Parliamentary Service employees”?	Written		

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211.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	State Coach Britannia	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the Commonwealth received any requests for additional funding associated with the State Coach Britannia? If so, please provide details include the date/s and nature of the request/s.</p> <p>Has the Commonwealth met any costs associated with the State Coach Britannia in addition to the \$245,549 awarded by the Howard Government? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>Did the Howard Government award \$245,549 towards the cost of the State Coach Britannia on the understanding it was a private gift for The Queen's 80th birthday?</p> <p>Is the department aware of a report in the UK Telegraph on 4 June 2014 that the State Coach Britannia has been "purchased by the Royal Collection Trust"? (http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/queen-elizabeth-II/10873294/Queens-Speech-a-timeless-new-coach-only-eight-years-too-late.html)</p> <p>Would the sale of the coach be consistent with the terms of the Commonwealth's grant of \$245,549 of public money?</p>	Written		
212.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet meetings	Can an update of the table in the answer to question on notice 63 from the Additional Estimates round please be provided?	Written		
213.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	D-Day message	Did the department have any role in drafting the Prime Minister's D-Day message published on 1 June 2014 that included references to red tape, carbon pricing, "analysis paralysis" and budget deficits?	Written		
214.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Swearing-in of Governor-General	<p>With reference to the swearing-in of the Governor-General in the Senate on 28 March 2014:</p> <p>What role did (a) the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and (b) the Prime Minister's Office play in determining the arrangements, including the chamber seating plan?</p> <p>Can a copy of the chamber seating plan be provided?</p> <p>What costs did the department meet in relation to the swearing-in, including the cost of associated events at Parliament House?</p>	Written		
215.	Prime	Wong	Appointment of	Can the selection process for the appointment of Mr Brady's successor as	Written		

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	Minister and Cabinet		Official Secretary to the Governor- General	Official Secretary to the Governor-General be outlined, including, but not limited to, the date the process commenced, and the role of (a) the department (b) the Prime Minister and (c) the Prime Minister's Office?			
216.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Announcement of Dame in the Order of Australia	Is the Governor-General, and not the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Order of Australia? Why did the Prime Minister, and not the Governor-General, announce on 9 June 2014 that Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO would be appointed a Dame in the Order of Australia?	Written		
217.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Business Advisory Council	Can all costs associated with the operation of the Business Advisory Council since its establishment be provided? On what dates has the Business Advisory Council met since its establishment?	Written		
218.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Overseas ministerial travel	Can an update of the table in the answer to question on notice 69 from the Additional Estimates round please be provided?	Written		
219.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Travel approval	Can an update of Attachment A and Attachment B tabled in answer to question on notice 70 from the Additional Estimates round please be provided?	Written		
220.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Official functions	Can the department provide guest lists and menus for all official functions held since the answer to question on notice 76 from the Additional Estimates round was prepared?	Written		
221.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Prime Minister's Dinner for Australia-China Senior Business Leaders	With reference to the answer to question on notice 77 from the Additional Estimates round: Why did the department fail to advise who determined the guest list for the "Dinner for Australia-China Senior Business Leaders" held at Kirribilli House on 29 November 2013? Why were 18 of the 19 attendees at the function men? Why were no women business leaders present? How many other business functions has the Prime Minister held at which no women business leaders have been present?	Written		

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222.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Deregulation	<p>With reference to the answer to question on notice 81 from the Additional Estimates round:</p> <p>When in 2014 will SES performance agreements be revised to include a link between remuneration and reductions in regulation?</p> <p>On what date did Mr Tudge write to the Indigenous Advisory Council advising that it would act as the Ministerial Advisory Council on deregulation for PM&C? Can a copy of the letter be provided?</p> <p>What specific deregulation role has been assigned to the Indigenous Advisory Council?</p> <p>Does the Indigenous Advisory Council have a whole-of-portfolio deregulation function?</p> <p>Noting there are two Cabinet Ministers in the PM&C portfolio, how is the assignment of the Indigenous Advisory Council as the Ministerial Advisory Council on deregulation for PM&C consistent with the Coalition policy to “establish Ministerial Advisory Councils for each Cabinet Minister”?</p> <p>What is the relationship between the Indigenous Advisory Council acting as the Ministerial Advisory Council on deregulation for the PM&C portfolio and the PM&C deregulation unit?</p> <p>Can the role of the PM&C deregulation unit be outlined?</p> <p>What is the current staffing profile of the PM&C deregulation unit?</p> <p>Has a specific regulatory performance target for the Secretary, Dr Watt, been set? What is the target?</p> <p>On what date/s did Senator Scullion issue charter letters to chairs and CEOs of regulatory agencies in the portfolio? Can copies of the letters be provided?</p> <p>Has the policy to replace mandatory regulatory reporting requirements with random audits been implemented yet?</p> <p>Has the policy to develop a whole of government risk management framework for Commonwealth regulators been implemented yet?</p> <p>For how many regulations does PM&C have responsibility?</p>	Written		
223.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	5 October 2013 function	<p>With reference to the answer to question on notice 84 from the Additional Estimates round concerning the payment of transport costs for guests attending a function hosted by the Prime Minister at Kirribilli House on 5 October 2013:</p> <p>Has the department met the cost of transporting any other guests to functions</p>	Written		

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				hosted by the Prime Minister? If so, please provide details.			
224.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Record of conversation about FOI matter	With reference to the answer to question on notice 85 from the Additional Estimates round concerning the taking of file notes in connection with an FOI request relating to an Incoming Government Brief: Why did the department not answer the question, except to confirm that the Deputy Secretary, Ms Kelly, and the Secretary, Dr Watt, did not create a file note of their conversation? Why did Ms Kelly not create a file note? Why did the Secretary not create a file note? Was any other unrecorded advice was provided to the Secretary in relation to this matter? Do senior officers in PM&C have an obligation to ensure that key decisions and events are recorded in a way that captures the important features of a discussion or decision, presents a faithful and accurate account of the key things that have occurred and can easily be retrieved when needed, consistent with the advice contained in "Note for File: A report on recordkeeping in the Australian Public Service"?	Written		
225.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Recordkeeping	What advice does the department provide to incoming graduates about the importance of good recordkeeping?	Written		
226.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Guest of Government visits	With reference to the answer to question on notice 86 from the Additional Estimates round: Can costs acquitted since the answer was prepared be provided? Can the department provide details of all subsequent guest of government visits, including costs?	Written		
227.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Senate Order on public interest immunity claims	Can details of all documented communications between the department and the Prime Minister's Office related to the Senate Order on public interest immunity claims be provided?	Written		
228.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Official business – email communication	Are all emails transacting official business sent by departmental officers on the PM&C network? Are all emails transacting official business sent by ministerial staff on the	Written		

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				PM&C network?			
229.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	PM's media releases	Are all media releases issued by the Prime Minister's Office since 18 September 2013 published on the website www.pm.gov.au ? If not, (a) why not? (b) who maintains an official record of media statements issued by the Prime Minister (c) can a list of the Prime Minister's media releases that have not been published on www.pm.gov.au since 18 September 2013 be provided? Have any media releases issued by the Prime Minister's Office since 18 September 2013 and published on the website www.pm.gov.au been removed from the website? If so, can a list of those media releases be provided?	Written		
230.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Executive decision making	Are all staff in the Prime Minister's Office bound by part 12 of the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff which provides that "executive decisions are the preserve of Ministers and public servants"?	Written		
231.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff	Has the department identified and/or reported any breaches of the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff to the Prime Minister or his office since 18 September 2013?	Written		
232.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program	When was responsibility for the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program transferred to PM&C? Have any changes been made to the program guidelines? If so, please provide details. What funding is available for the program over the forward estimates?	Written		
233.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	PM's travel to France, Canada and the United States	How many (a) ministerial staff and (b) departmental staff travelled in advance in association with the Prime Minister's visit to France, Canada and the United States in June 2014? How many (a) ministerial staff and (b) departmental staff accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to France, Canada and the United States in June 2014? What costs did the department incur in relation to travel of departmental staff (a) in advance and (b) with the Prime Minister? What total costs did the department incur in relation to the Prime Minister's trip?	Written		

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234.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Prime Minister's staff – security clearances	Why did the department refer to 37 staff in the PMO in relation to questions about security clearances (proof Hansard, pg.127) when according to staffing allocations tabled by the Department of Finance on 29 May 2014 the Prime Minister has an allocation of 58 personal staff positions – 53 in the Prime Minister's Office and 5 in the Cabinet Office? How many of the Prime Minister's 58 personal staff have at least an NV2 clearance?	Written		
235.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Paid parental leave scheme	With reference to evidence by Treasury to the Economics Committee on 5 June 2014 that PM&C is leading work on the Prime Minister's paid parental leave scheme through a COAG process: Can the responsibilities of PM&C, Treasury and Social Services in relation to the COAG process, corporate tax changes, a PPL levy, and the design and delivery of the PPL scheme be outlined? Do any other Commonwealth agencies have responsibilities in relation to the PPL scheme? Why is PM&C leading work on the PPL scheme? On what date did PM&C commence work related to the PPL scheme? Can the COAG process be outlined? When did it commence? At what meetings of COAG or its councils has the PPL scheme been discussed? Have issues related to the inclusion of state sector public service employees been resolved? Has a working group been established within PM&C in relation to the PPL scheme? If so, when and which agencies are represented? How many times have officials from state and federal departments met to discuss the PPL scheme? On what dates? How is PM&C consulting with community and business organisations on the PPL scheme?	Written		
236.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Wine	Has the Prime Minister adopted Prime Minister Howard's practice of engaging a wine consultant to select wine? If so, please provide details including costs. Can details of all wine purchased by the department and held at (a) the Prime Minister's Office (b) AFP College (c) Kirribilli House and (d) the Andrew	Written		

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				Fisher building be provided, including (i) name and type (ii) number of bottles (iii) price per bottle and (iv) total value?			
237.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Spirits	Can details of all spirits purchased by the department and held at (a) the Prime Minister's Office (b) AFP College (c) Kirribilli House and (d) the Andrew Fisher building be provided, including (i) name and type (ii) number of bottles (iii) price per bottle and (iv) total value?	Written		
238.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	G20 – B20 and L20	Can the role of (a) the B20 and (b) the L20 be outlined? Can the membership of (a) the B20 and (b) the L20 be provided? What amount, if any, has been expended on the operations of (a) the B20 and (b) the L20 since 18 September 2013? Can the expenditure be disaggregated? Which official meetings or activities have members of (a) the B20 and (b) the L20 attended since 18 September 2013?	Written		
239.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Election commitments	How does the Prime Minister reconcile his election commitment on 6 September 2013 that there would be “no cuts to the ABC” with the Communications Minister's concession on 3 June 2014 that “cuts have been made to the ABC in the budget”? What other election commitments has the Prime Minister broken?	Written		
240.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Auspic	What is the total cost of services provided by Auspic to (a) the Prime Minister's Office and (b) the department since 18 September 2013?	Written		
241.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Office – staff	Can the functions of the Cabinet Office be outlined? Can the Prime Minister confirm the Cabinet Office is staffed by MOP(S) Act staff? Are all MOP(S) Act staff in the Cabinet Office bound by the Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff?	Written		
242.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Cabinet Office – costs	What costs has the department met in relation to the operations of the Cabinet Office since 18 September 2013?	Written		

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243.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Closing the Gap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you explain how the Northern Territory Land Councils are funded? Where are they funded from? Who approves the funding? 2. How much funding do the Northern Territory Land Councils receive each year? 3. Has that amount grown over the last five years? If it has grown, what was the percentage increase? 4. Can you provide similar information on receipts going into the Aboriginals Benefit Account that funds the Land Councils? 5. How does funding growth for administration of Northern Territory Land Councils compare to funding trends for other Commonwealth Departments or Agencies? What was the reason for any funding growth? 	Written		
244.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Closing the Gap targets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recent COAG Reform Council Report showed that only 3 of the 6 COAG indicators had shown any improvement? Which are they? 2. Child Mortality is trending well but was that trend already established before the target was introduced? 3. What is the situation for the life expectancy target? 4. Is the employment target likely to be met? 5. What is the situation in remote areas? 6. Is the Indigenous employment rate going backward? 7. Can you provide any indication of results against the literacy and numeracy targets, including for remote areas? 	Written		
245.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Transfer to five main themes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many programmes and activities were transferred to PM&C? 2. Can you tell me how many contracts there are and with how many providers? That means many have multiple funding agreements. Would they often have different contracts and different acquittal processes? 3. Is this an efficient process making best use of resources? 4. What steps are you taking to reduce red tape with the new programmes? 	Written		

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246.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Review of Native Title Organisations	Deloitte Access Economics was contracted in December 2012 to undertake a review of the roles and functions of native title organisations. 1. Could you explain the findings of the Review of Native Title Organisations that was recently released? What consultation did the Review involve? 2. What are the next steps the Government is proposing to take? Is there any further consultation planned?	Written		
247.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Regulation regarding Section 28 of the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976</i>	1. Could you explain the purpose of the Regulation that the Minister made in relation to the delegation of land council functions under the Northern Territory Land Rights Act? 2. What consultation was undertaken prior to the finalisation of the Regulation? 3. Were any changes made to the Regulation as a result of this consultation? 4. Did the Regulation provide that a Land Council has three months to respond to an application? And that a Land Council could seek an extension of a further three months if it required more time to consider the application? 5. Have there been any cases of a Land Council not responding to an application for a delegation of land council functions? What happened in that case? 6. Would the Regulation that the Labor Party and the Greens disallowed have ensured that this Corporation at least received a response to their application? 7. Now that the Regulation has been disallowed, can a Corporation still apply for a delegation of land council functions?	Written		
248.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	National Congress	1. How much did the National Congress received in funding by the previous government? 2. How much of this is left? 3. What funding was provided by the previous government? In all - that would make a total of \$44 million were the Government to provide that additional \$15 million. 4. How many active members does National Congress have?	Written		

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				5. How much of Congress' funds have been used in administrative costs and salaries? 6. How many people voted in the last elections for Congress? 7. What is the Congress' current funding situation?			
249.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development	1. Is it true that the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development was designed to contribute to Closing the Gap target for access to early childhood programs in remote areas? 2. Why have centres been built in urban areas such as Belconnen in Canberra and Palmerston in Darwin and in other non-remote areas? 3. I understand that the Commonwealth provided funding for the 'establishment' of the Centres. What was meant by the term 'establishment'? What proof is there that this funding provided value for money to the Australian taxpayer? 4. At the time of the Agreement was there any expectation that the Commonwealth would be responsible for covering ongoing operational costs? 5. Was there any provision made by the former government for ongoing costs in the forward estimates? If not, why not?	Written		
250.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Aboriginal Benefit Account – grant	1. The Arrulka Aboriginal Corporation has received funding from the Aboriginal Benefits Account Grants Programme. What was the purpose of the funding? When were the funding decisions made? 2. Why was a second application for funding submitted? Is it normal practice to approve top up funding like this? Did the Minister approve these funding requests? Did the Department recommend that the Minister approve this funding on both occasions? 3. What due diligence was conducted before this organisation was approved for either of the grants? Did the Department assess the value for money of this funding application? Did the Department assess this corporation as having a high risk of financial difficulty and is it true that the Minister was informed of this? 4. There was an application for a third payment after the event had occurred. Why was this refused? 5. Are there any Aboriginal corporations that are now out of pocket	Written		

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				because the former Minister approved this inappropriate grant?			
251.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Municipal services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By jurisdiction, can you outline the level of funding the Commonwealth provides for municipal services and the nature of services this delivers in? 2. Is it correct that the previous Government did not provide for this in the forward estimates? 3. Was the previous Government aiming to transition responsibility to the States? 4. Does the Commonwealth fund these types of services in other parts of the country? Or is it a state and local government responsibility? 5. What is the Government's policy intention for this programme? Has funding been allocated in the Budget to support this transition? 6. What progress did the former Government make? 	Written		
252.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Boarding schools	<p>In 2008 the former government pledged \$28 million to open three Aboriginal boarding schools in the Northern Territory.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of the 3 boarding hostels in the Northern Territory for which the former government pledged \$28 million, how many have been built? 2. When did the hostel at Wadeye actually become operational? How long was it from the announcement to when it became operational? If there was a delay, why was there a delay? 3. What was the original cost estimate? 4. How much did the facility finally cost? If the costs were over-budget, what was the reason for the cost blowout? Did the Department fail to factor in the cost of staff housing? 5. How many residents are there? 6. How many residents at the facility are from Wadeye itself? 7. What improvements have there been in academic outcomes for the residents? 8. What security arrangements are in place? 9. Who operates the hostel and what is the cost? 10. What is your view of the long-term viability of the Wadeye hostel? What is the status of the other proposed two hostels? 	Written		

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253.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Constitutional recognition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please outline what processes have been established to advance a bipartisan approach to Indigenous Constitutional Recognition? 2. Please outline the purpose of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples? 3. When does it report? 4. What work is underway in relation to the Expert Panel recommendations? 5. The legislation requires a Review under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Act 2013. Where is this up to? 6. What is its role? 7. When does it report? 8. Could you outline where <i>Recognise</i> fits? 	Written		
254.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Remote Community Advancement Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please set out what the Remote Community Advancement Network will be doing differently to what occurred in the past? 2. How will the new network benefit remote Indigenous Australians and what will be its key performance indicators? 3. Who will be in charge of the Network and how will the Network be structured? 4. What will be different at the local community level? 	Written		
255.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please explain the responsibilities of the states and Northern Territory Governments under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing. 2. Has NPARIH been successful in delivering on these specific responsibilities? 3. For example, what progress has the Agreement delivered on the output which calls for the "progressive resolution of land tenure on community titled land in order to secure government and commercial investment, economic development opportunities and home ownership possibilities"? 4. Please list any specific outcomes that NPARIH has delivered in terms of economic development opportunities in this area. 5. Please provide an update on progress in home ownership in remote 	Written		

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				<p>communities. Are you aware of many cases where residents have purchased their own home?</p> <p>6. Has NPARIH delivered any home ownership possibilities to support this?</p> <p>7. Is the Department working on implementing any new arrangements under NPARIH to better address these priorities? How do you think you will achieve this?</p> <p>8. Do you think the Northern Territory Government's recently announced sale of remote public housing policy will support better home ownership outcomes in the NT?</p>			
256.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Indigenous Economic Strategy	<p>1. Is the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy still current?</p> <p>2. When was it announced that the Strategy would be developed?</p> <p>3. Why did it take over three years for the Strategy to be released?</p> <p>4. What new funding or policies were announced as part of the Strategy?</p> <p>5. Has there been any evaluation of the Strategy?</p> <p>6. Has there been any improvements in the Closing the Gap targets on employment since the Strategy was announced in 2011? Or has the Gap widened?</p> <p>7. What positive results did the Strategy produce?</p>	Written		
257.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Vocational Training and Employment Centres	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the implementation of the Vocational Training and Employment Centres?</p> <p>2. Do you have any data from the three Centres that are up and running?</p> <p>3. Has the Government based its VTEC programme on the Fortescue Metals Group model? If so, why?</p>	Written		
258.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Indigenous employment	<p>1. Is there a target for Indigenous employment in the public sector? If so, what is the target? When was that target set?</p> <p>2. How is the public sector tracking to achieve that target?</p> <p>3. An ANAO Report showed the current target of 2.7 per cent by 2015 (set by the former government) will not be met. Has the department seen the report?</p> <p>4. The report shows that in 2013 Indigenous employment was 2.3 per cent, down from 2.5 in 2010. Is the department aware of any reasons for this?</p>	Written		

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259.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Remote Jobs and Communities Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the program start on 1 July 2013? 2. How much notice did providers have? 3. How were assets held by previous providers, particularly under CDEP, distributed? 4. Can you outline the transition arrangements for CDEP participants to RJCP? 5. What are the key performance indicators for the program and providers? 6. What evaluation/audits of providers have been conducted to date? 7. How is the program performing in relation to expectations? 8. Is the program on target for activities for participation and job placements? 9. What adjustments have been made by the current government? 10. What future adjustments do you anticipate will be made to the program? 	Written		
260.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Bernardi	Alcohol Management Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you carefully set out the process that is required under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory legislation to approve an Alcohol Management Plan? 2. When did the process for developing the plans start? 3. How many plans have been worked on by local communities and how many have been approved? 4. What did the 5 Minimum standards introduced by the previous government in February 2013 entail? 5. Why were these minimum standards introduced and how did their introduction affect plans that were under development? 6. What streamlined arrangements are being put in place to address the complicated processes set up by the previous government? 	Written		
261.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	List of Indigenous Programmes	The program list on the department's website and the list of programs described on indigenous.gov.au as having gone across to the department are not an exact match. Could the department provide a complete list of all Indigenous programmes within Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written		
262.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Budget information online	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department confirm that the information in the Indigenous Affairs Budget section on the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's website and the Minister's Budget media release are the only 	Written		

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				<p>public information that has been released since the Budget about the proposed changes for Indigenous programmes?</p> <p>2. Why is there no mention of 'Closing the Gap' in either the Minister's Budget media release or on the Budget information page on the department's website? Was this a deliberate omission? Is the Government still committed to Closing the Gap as outlined by the COAG reform agreement?</p>			
263.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	<p>1. What is the relationship between the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy and the Closing the Gap framework?</p> <p>2. According to the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Indigenous Advancement Strategy comes into effect on 1 July 2014 and will be rolled out over the next 12 months.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Could the department provide details of how existing programmes will be transitioned into the five new streams? b. Once the five new streams come into effect on 1 July 2014, will all existing programmes currently on transitional funding agreements be allocated to one of the five new programme streams? c. Could the Department provide a list of programmes as they will be organised under each of the five new programmes? d. How has the department determined the reallocation of funding into the five new programmes? What was the process involved in the reallocation of programme funding? e. How have funding agreements been mapped to the new programme structure where the activities cross over more than one of the new programme streams? <p>3. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy will begin on 1 July 2014. What tasks must be completed by 1 July 2014 in order to launch the Strategy?</p>			

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264.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Transitional funding agreements	<p>1. It was confirmed during the Estimates hearing on 30 May 2014 that the Government has not made any decisions on the future funding of programmes beyond the transitional funding agreements currently in place for up to 12 months.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the department developed a timeline for the transition of programmes beyond the six or 12 month extension of funding agreements? b. When can service providers expect to be informed of the future funding of their service beyond the six or 12 month extension? c. Will there be an evaluation or review of programmes conducted during the transitional period? Will this review be conducted by the department? If so, provide the number and APS level of each department staff involved in the review process. d. Could the department detail the process involved in the evaluation or review of Indigenous programmes and services? e. What is the standard or outcomes against which service providers' performance will be measured in this review? f. What is required of service providers during the transitional period and/ or review process? <p>2. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs confirmed during Estimates hearing on 30 May 2014 that a programme review had been undertaken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> g. On what date did the review begin? h. What was the time frame for the review? i. Who conducted the review? j. How many department staff were involved in the review? Provide the APS level for each staff member. k. Were each of the 4,000 current funding agreements assessed against standard criteria or outcomes? If so, provide the 	Written		

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				<p>assessment criteria used in the review. If not, why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> l. Will the review be made public? If not, why not? m. Have any programs been removed in their entirety as a federally funded program because of this process? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Could the department provide a list of all the services that are funded beyond the 12 month funding extension that will be honoured by the Government? 4. Could the department provide a list of all the services that are within the scope of transitional arrangements where their funding is yet to be guaranteed beyond the 12 months? Provide details of those providers who are on 6 month contract extensions and those who are on 12 month contracts. 5. Could the department provide a list of those services not being funded beyond 30 June 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> n. How many service providers opted not to continue on to a transitional funding arrangement? o. How many services are not continuing due to underperformance? Please provide a list of those services. p. What evaluation process was undertaken to determine that services were underperforming? What was the timeframe for this evaluation? 6. Could the department provide a list of one-off funding and one-off activities for the previous financial year? 7. Of the 4,000 funding agreements with the department, how many of them are service providers that have one-off funding year-in year-out? 8. If no decisions have been made about how to administer the \$239.5 million across existing Indigenous programmes, how was this figure arrived at? 9. What modelling was done by the department on the impact of \$239.5 million in cuts to Indigenous programmes? 10. The Minister stated during Estimates hearing on 30 May 2014 that the 			

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				<p>actual program cuts are “a 4.5 per cent efficiency dividend.” Could the department or the Minister explain why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are subjected to a 4.5 per cent “efficiency dividend” – 2 per cent higher than the Government’s 2.5 per cent efficiency dividend applied across other portfolios?</p> <p>11. Have all service providers been notified of the changes to funding arrangements in the new transition period? How were service providers notified? On what date were service providers notified?</p> <p>12. Is there a designated staff member or unit within the department which has been identified to service providers as the point of contact for any questions or concerns about transitional funding arrangements?</p> <p>13. Has a formal stakeholder consultation process been built into the Government’s review of Indigenous programmes? Could the department provide an outline of the formal processes for engagement with affected service providers?</p> <p>14. Many service providers have expressed very real and significant concerns about the uncertainty surrounding the future funding of their service, including the impact of ongoing uncertainty on their ability to retain or engage staff and plan over the longer term. Has a clear process about what will happen over the next 12 months with clear instructions on what is required from services been explained to providers? If not, why?</p> <p>15. Is there a formal and documented strategy and/ or communications plan within the department to inform consultation with affected service providers and communities? If so, could the department provide the document(s)? Was this strategy formalised before the Budget? Was the strategy and/ or communications plan followed in the lead up to the Budget?</p> <p>16. According to the Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, funding has been allocated to each of the five new programmes. Will this funding be allocated to service providers on a competitive</p>			

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				basis? Is there a formal application process and timetable for service providers to apply for funding?			
265.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Municipal services funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What States is the Commonwealth Government in negotiations with about municipal and essential services funding? On what date did the Minister begin negotiations and/ or make contact with his State counterparts about municipal services funding? Is this contact documented? 2. How much funding is in the contingency reserve for municipal and essential services? 3. Could the department provide a list of remote communities receiving federal funds for municipal and essential services? 4. Could the department provide a list of the municipal services that are funded in each of the remote communities? 	Written		
266.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Staff reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$53.9 million funding cut over the forward estimates for Prime Minister and Cabinet will be achieved through staff reductions (as a dollar figure)? 2. Why is a 'spill and fill' necessary to reduce staff numbers in the Indigenous Affairs group? When was the decision made to undertake a 'spill and fill'? 3. How will responsibility be restructured within the Indigenous Affairs Group at the completion of the 'spill and fill'? 4. Could the department provide a list of the APS level and salary of each of the 200 applicants for voluntary redundancy from within the Indigenous Affairs Group. 	Written		

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				<p>5. Are there plans to further reduce staffing levels within the department?</p> <p>a. If so, how will this reduction be achieved?</p> <p>b. What APS levels will be targeted?</p> <p>c. Will there be a reduction of senior executives over the next 12 months? Provide the number of senior executive positions that will be affected and the particular Outcomes or departmental areas from which these positions will be culled.</p>			
267.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Staffing – Programme support	How many staff are employed in the programme support component under the new program rationalisation?	Written		
268.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Remote Community Advancement Network	<p>1. According to the Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, the new Remote Community Advancement Network will move to a regional model rather than the current state and territory arrangements.</p> <p>a. Have the locations for regional offices been determined? Could the department provide a list of regional office locations.</p> <p>b. Are any new sites being considered as part of the rollout of the Remote Community Advancement Network? If so, provide details of locations.</p> <p>c. Could the department provide a map of these ‘regions’?</p> <p>d. What is the process for consideration and determination of these regional locations? Who is involved in this process and what consultation has taken or is taking place?</p> <p>e. Has the Minister or the department begun formal consultations with the States and Territories as well as Local Government Areas about the new regional model?</p> <p>2. What is the budget for the implementation and rollout of the Remote Community Advancement Network for the 2014-15 financial year? Provide details of ongoing costs of the Network across the forward estimates.</p> <p>3. How many staff will comprise the Regional Community Advancement Network? Are all staff from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet? Will the Network be staffed from the existing employee pool?</p> <p>4. Does the Remote Community Advancement Network subsume ICCs,</p>	Written		

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				<p>government business managers and ROCs into the new Network structure?</p> <p>5. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs stated during Estimates hearing on 30 May 2014 that the Remote Community Advancement Network would emphasise a change of focus for staff in the Network. What does this mean?</p> <p>6. What is the timetable for the rollout of the Remote Community Advancement network?</p> <p>7. The Remote Community Advancement Network will be headed by a National Director and supported by a Deputy Director for Northern Australia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the recruitment process for each of these positions? b. Who within Government will appoint the National Director? c. Who within Government will appoint the Deputy Director for Northern Australia? d. To whom will the National Director report and/ or be accountable? e. What is the APS level, if applicable, and remuneration for each of these positions? f. Where will the National Director position be based? g. Where will the Deputy Director for Northern Australia be based? h. Please provide the job description for each of the positions. 			
269.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Closing the Gap and COAG Reform Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During previous Estimates hearing on 28 February 2014 the Minister for Indigenous Affairs stated “we are still committed to ensuring that through COAG the matters around justice, incarceration and the high levels of Aboriginal and Islander victims need to be dealt with.” Is indigenous incarceration and/ or a justice target being negotiated as part of the agenda for the next COAG meeting? If not, why not? Could the department detail the work that has been undertaken to progress the development of a justice target to date? 2. The COAG Reform Council is independent of government and is responsible for monitoring and providing advice to government on efforts to Close the Gap. Where will the Government now receive this 	Written		

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				<p>advice from?</p> <p>3. Media reports have indicated that federal departments will take over the responsibilities of the COAG Reform Council. Will the Department and Prime Minister and Cabinet assume the COAG Reform Council's responsibilities insofar as they relate to Closing the Gap? Who within the department will assume these responsibilities? Provide APS level for each staff member.</p> <p>4. Part of the role of the COAG Reform Council was to highlight areas of challenge, such as rising unemployment, early childhood education and health, which need an accelerated effort. How will the department identify these challenges? Given that the department must implement the priorities of the Government, how will the department deliver independent advice which may challenge the policy priorities of the Government?</p> <p>5. How often will the department report on the new responsibilities of monitoring and providing advice on Closing the Gap and COAG reform? Will the department report be publicly available as the COAG Reform Council report was?</p>			
270.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	<p>1. Can the department confirm the year-by-year funding allocated across the forward estimates for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH)?</p> <p>2. The Minister has indicated that bilateral negotiations are currently underway with states and territories about the implementation plans under NPARIH.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the purpose and substance of these negotiations? Which States are currently involved in bilateral negotiations? When are the bilateral agreements expected to come into force? <p>3. Could the department detail changes to the implementation plans under NPARIH since the change of Government on 7 September 2013?</p> <p>4. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has flagged changes to rental agreements. What are these changes? What is the process of development and implementation of these changes? When will they be implemented?</p> <p>5. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has flagged potential changes to the</p>	Written		

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				<p>way housing priority is allocated, in particular, linking it to school attendance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is this being proceeded with? b. How will this be implemented? c. Have States and Territories agreed to this? <p>6. Could the department provide the latest figures for new builds and refurbishments under NPARIH?</p>			
271.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	McLucas	Forrest Review	Has the Forrest Review been provided to the Government? If so, when? If not, why?	Written		
272.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Opal fuel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the latest figures in the outbreak of petrol sniffing? 2. How close is the Darwin storage facility to finalisation? 3. Can you provide update on number of retailers who refuse to stock non-sniffable fuel? 4. Have you commenced negotiation with the states to enforce mandatory support of non-sniffable fuel? 5. Please provide update on negotiations. 6. If no negotiations have taken place why not? 7. What work or actions have you undertaken in implementing the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill? 	Written		
273.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Who are the lead offices on the Indigenous Advancement strategy and the community advancement strategy?	Written		
274.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	Truancy Program	Please provide attendance figures for remote truancy program with a week by week breakdown	Written		
275.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	AOD Services	Cuts to essential alcohol and other drug services, including 5-10% cuts to Aboriginal service programs, will have a devastating impact on many communities. How much money will be cut from contracts to Western Australian Non-Government organisations under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program (NGOTGP), Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund (SMSDGF) and under the Prime Minister and Cabinet Aboriginal programs?	Written		

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276.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Siewert	AOD Services within Indigenous Australians Health Program	Is alcohol and other drugs identified as a priority health issue within the Indigenous Australians Health Program? NOTE: QoN transferred to Department of Health. Committee advised of transfer on Monday 24 June 2014	Written		
277.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Hanson- Young	National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What impact will cuts to the National Partnership on indigenous early childhood development have on the local centres and communities? What is the rationale? 2. As the funding has been cut how will you ensure that the outcomes of this agreement will continue to be sustained beyond June 2014? 3. Have state and territory Governments provided any assurances to the Department that the Child and Family Centres will continue to fund the Child and Family Centres beyond the life of the Agreement? 4. How much non-capital funding was provided by the Commonwealth through each bilateral agreement with the States and Territories during the National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development? 	Written		
278.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	LawHelp	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I note that ORIC started LawHelp. Can you tell me why this service was established? 2. Please explain what LawHelp does. 3. How many lawyers or law firms participate? 4. What type of matters does LawHelp deal with? 5. What is its impact? 	Written		
279.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Separate regulatory body	Can you please explain why it is necessary to have a separate regulatory body?	Written		
280.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Reporting obligation convictions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you outline how many convictions have been secured against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations that have failed to meet their reporting obligations for 2012-2013? 2. How does this compare to the previous financial year? 	Written		

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281.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Accuracy of Public Register	Why is it important to ensure the public Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations remains accurate?	Written		
282.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Significant prosecutions	Have there been any significant prosecutions involving misconduct and where significant penalties have been imposed?	Written		
283.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Training activities	Can you advise on the range of training activities you are involved in?	Written		
284.	Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Bernardi	Corporate governance in the corporate sector	How has the strong regulatory approach combined with support and capacity building services led to improvements in corporate governance within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporate sector?	Written		
285.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Bernardi	Native title holders in the Torres Strait	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you explain what rights and interests have been granted to native title holders in the Torres Strait? And any sea rights that may have been recognised? 2. How do you think communities on the Torres Strait will benefit from these rights? Are there any barriers that will limit your communities' ability to pursue economic opportunities from these rights? 3. Do you think that the Indigenous Land Corporation could provide any assistance to native title holders in response to economic opportunities from the sea? 	Written		
286.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Bernardi	Queensland Government legislation	The Queensland Government has introduced legislation to allow freehold title on Indigenous land. What implications does that have for the Torres Strait?	Written		
287.	Torres Strait Regional	Bernardi	Delivery arrangements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you satisfied with the current delivery arrangements under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing in 	Written		

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	Authority		National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	<p>terms of Indigenous employment and contracting in the Torres Strait?</p> <p>2. What do you think we could do to make it better?</p>			
288.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Bernardi	Governance	<p>1. I understand that the question of autonomy and governance has been a prominent issue for the Torres Strait for some time. Could you explain what issues and challenges you have been considering?</p> <p>2. Could you describe the governance structures - local, state and Commonwealth as well as island level?</p> <p>3. If there any duplication in governance? If so, how could this be resolved?</p> <p>4. How does the TSRA define autonomy?</p> <p>5. Do you think a review of governance arrangements as outlined in the Commission of Audit is necessary?</p> <p>6. How would you suggest that Government could go about conducting such a review?</p>	Written		
289.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Bernardi	Torres Strait seawalls project	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the status of the seawalls project?</p> <p>2. How much funding has been provided and by who?</p> <p>3. What is the funding provided for?</p> <p>4. What will be the impact of this project?</p> <p>5. Can you provide an update on the coastal erosion that is a threat to the communities in your region? How will this funding protect this?</p> <p>6. What are the long term effects of this funding?</p> <p>7. Have you done any long term planning of the effect of sea level rise before this project was funded?</p> <p>8. How will the project be delivered? Can you provide an update on what work has commenced or what planning has started?</p> <p>9. Who will be delivering the different components of the project?</p> <p>10. When will it be completed?</p>	Written		
290.	Office of Township Leasing	Bernardi	Township leases	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the township leases that you currently manage?</p> <p>2. What is the situation now regarding the negotiation of subleases in these</p>	Written		

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				<p>communities and how does that compare to leasing arrangements before township leases were in place?</p> <p>3. Can you specifically provide an update on commercial development in these communities?</p> <p>4. Are there any examples of a township lease sublease being used to finance a loan for a business on Aboriginal land? Are you aware of any other example of that on Aboriginal land?</p>			
291.	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	McLucas	Community Operated Hostels	<p>17. According to the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, funding for the Corporate and Community Partnerships Programme (CCPP) under Programme 1.2: Community Operated Hostels is expected to reduce by more than \$2 million in 2014-15 as a result of portfolio programme consolidation.</p> <p>a. Can the department explain this reduction?</p> <p>b. Why has this funding been reduced?</p> <p>c. What is the effect of portfolio programme consolidation on the CCPP?</p> <p>d. What is the purpose of the CCPP?</p> <p>e. Could the department provide a list of grant recipients under the CCPP for 2012-13 and 2014-15?</p> <p>18. The 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, Programme 1.2: Community Operated Hostels, shows a reduction in the number of available beds from 741 in 2013-14 to 395 in 2014-15. Could the department explain this reduction?</p>	Written		
292.	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	McLucas	Staffing and budget	<p>1. According to the AHL Outcome expense Statement, Table 2.1: Budgeted Expenses for Outcome 1 shows a decrease in staffing levels from 406 in 2013-14 to 396 in 2014-15. Can the department account for the change in staffing levels? Where within AHL will these staff be cut from?</p> <p>2. According to the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement for Prime Minister and Cabinet, AHL is budgeting for an overall net increase of \$0.4 million in expenses in 2014-15. At the same time, AHL is budgeting for a decrease in total revenue from government of \$0.3</p>	Written		

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				<p>million in 2014-15.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much of the \$0.3 million funding reduction accounts for the Government's 2.5 per cent efficiency dividend? b. What is the extent and purpose of any remaining funding reduction once the efficiency dividend is taken into account? c. How will this funding reduction be applied across AHL programmes, grants and administration? Please detail all affected staff, governance and administration processes, programmes, grants and assets. d. What is the reason for the increase in expenses in 2014-15? 			
293.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	McLucas	Budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is \$3.5 million being cut from the TSRA over the next four years? 2. According to Budget Paper No.2, funding provided to the TSRA will be reduced to achieve efficiencies in its administration of grants. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noting that the TSRA Board has now met and approved the administration of the cut, could the Department provide a full account of where this funding will be cut from? Could the department account for these savings and how they will be applied within the TSRA on a year-by-year basis. b. Will staffing be reduced? If so, provide details on the number and roles of affected staff. c. List all affected programmes. d. List all affected grants. 3. The reduction of red tape and the elimination of waste and duplicity were identified as the reason for the 4.5 per cent reduction in funding for Indigenous programs, similarly applied to the TSRA as stated in Budget Paper No.2. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What specific red tape or duplicitous processes were identified within the TSRA before the decision was made to reduce funding by \$3.5 million over four years? b. Was any consultation had with the TSRA concerning the \$3.5 million cut or unnecessary red tape before the decision was made? Provide the location, dates and c. Was an evaluation of the TSRA undertaken after 7 September 	Written		

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				2013 and prior to the Budget?			
294.	Torres Strait Regional Authority	McLucas	Funding for Torres Strait Ranger Project	1. How much funding has the Commonwealth Government contributed to the current five year funding agreement for the Torres Strait Ranger Project? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When is this agreement due to expire? b. Is the Torres Strait Ranger Project currently on a transitional funding agreement as part of the Indigenous programme rationalisation? c. How many Rangers are employed in the Torres Strait Ranger Project? 	Written		

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295.	All (except Senate, PM&C & OOSGG)	Wong	Social media	Since 11 February 2014 has any guidance been provided to employees on the use of social media including, but not necessarily limited to, commentary on the Australian Government? Please provide a copy of any written guidance.	Written		
296.	All (except OOSGG, OIGIS, OCO)	Wong	Ministerial international travel and accommodation costs	Has the department/agency met any travel or accommodation incurred costs associated with international travel by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their staff since 11 February 2014? If so, please provide details including (a) Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (b) date/s of travel (c) origin and destination and (d) breakdown of costs	Written		

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297.	All (except OOSGG, OIGIS, OCO)	Wong	Ministerial domestic travel and accommodation costs	Has the department/agency met any travel or accommodation incurred costs associated with domestic travel by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their staff since 11 February 2014? If so, please provide details including (a) Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (b) date/s of travel (c) origin and destination and (d) breakdown of costs	Written		
298.	All Agencies	Lundy	Transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 2. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 3. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 	Written		

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				<p>4. Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?</p> <p>5. For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of staff employed before and after the transfer, b. Where the function was based before and after the transfer. <p>6. For each employee transferred please provide the followings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. Their APS classification. d. The wage of the employee before and after the transfer. e. The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer. f. A description of their position before and after the transfer. g. The dates of their transfer. h. An explanation for why the employee was transferred. i. Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra. j. Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer. 			
299.	All Agencies	Lundy	Redundancies	<p>1. Since 18 September 2013, how may positions have been made redundant in your department/agency?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these positions were ongoing? b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were</p>	Written		

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				redeployed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. The APS classification level of their position. e. Their wage. 			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing). g. Where they were located. h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.). i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position before and after redeployment. d. The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment. e. Their wage before and after redeployment. f. Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment. g. Where they were located before and after redeployment. h. Please provide the reason for the redeployment. i. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment. j. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>8. Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 			

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				<p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:</p> <p>a. Their age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position.</p> <p>d. The APS classification level of their position.</p> <p>e. Their wage at retrenchment.</p> <p>f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</p> <p>g. Where they were located.</p> <p>h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</p> <p>i. The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.</p> <p>j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>k. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>			

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300.	All Agencies	Lundy	Extensions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended? 2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)? 4. For every approved extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their APS classification level. e. Their wage. f. Where they are located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The length of the approved extension. i. The reason why the extension was submitted. j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 5. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC? 6. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where they were located. f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. g. The length of the extension sought by the department/agency. h. The reason why the extension was submitted. 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC. j. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>7. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?</p> <p>8. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Their position's APS level classification. f. Where they were located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency. i. The reason why the extension was granted. j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval? k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval. l. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>9. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?</p> <p>10. For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. 			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Their position's APS level classification. f. Where they were located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The reason why the extension was not sought for their position. i. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>11. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>12. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?</p> <p>13. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?</p> <p>14. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates <p>15. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>16. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p>			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates <p>17. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>18. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval. k. Please provide all relevant dates 			

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				<p>19. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>20. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>21. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>22. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>23. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>24. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. 			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>25. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>26. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission. k. Please provide all relevant dates. 			

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301.	All Agencies	McLucas	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the department/ agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefitted from the grants. 2. Could the department provide a list of grants which have not been proceeded with since the change of government in September 2013? 3. Have all grant agreement details been published on the department's website? If not, provide details. 	Written		
302.	All Agencies	McLucas	Programme launch spend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/ Agencies' program launch spend for this financial year to date, since the change of Government on 7 September 2013? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, detail the total program launch spend since the change of Government. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the planned program launch spending for the Department, Agencies, Minister and Parliamentary Secretary offices? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written		
303.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written		

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304.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written		
305.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Enterprise bargaining agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail. 	Written		
306.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staff transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? 6. 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 	Written		

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				<p>2013</p> <p>9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>17. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>			
307.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Redundancies	<p>1. How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. How many of these employees were situated in the</p>	Written		

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				<p>Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <p>a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</p> <p>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p>			

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located. b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment. c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment. d. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e. Please provide all relevant dates. 			

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308.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Hiring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts? 2. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts? 3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election? 4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of 			

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				<p>continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>9. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>11. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>12. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the</p>			

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				<p>Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>13. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>14. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>15. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>16. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p>			

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				<p>17. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>18. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>			
309.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Existing resources program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each project or piece of work 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 	Written		

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310.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Whom is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any 	Written		

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				<p>involvement in selecting them,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? e. If so, when? If not, why not? 			

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311.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written		
312.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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 b. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) c. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written		
313.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place. 5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 	Written		

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				2013? If yes, please detail			
314.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written		
315.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to the office g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written		

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316.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 	Written		

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317.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses 	Written		
318.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Media training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. an itemised cost breakdown of these services c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e. The names of all service providers engaged f. the location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
319.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written		
320.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies. 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including it's cost, where the 	Written		

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				advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning			
321.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs 	Written		
322.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information? 	Written		

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323.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written		
324.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Report printing	Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? A. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.	Written		
325.	All Agencies	Ludwig	FOI requests	<p>Since September 7, 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written		
326.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 			
327.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (Non MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether 	Written		

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				<p>the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>			
328.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written		
329.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date the lease agreement is active from. ii. Date the lease agreement ends. 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>b. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date from which the lease agreement was active. ii. Date the lease agreement ended. iii. Why was the lease not renewed? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>c. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. iii. Expected location of the building (City and state). iv. Expected cost of the lease. v. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>d. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the current occupancy rate for the 			

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				<p>building?</p> <p>ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>			
330.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 	Written		
331.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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 			
332.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. 2. List the items 3. List the purchase cost 4. List the ongoing cost 5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment. 	Written		
333.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff 	Written		

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				<p>recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>			
334.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:</p> <p>a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written		
335.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Market research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:</p> <p>a. List the total cost of this research</p> <p>b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>c. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>d. How were they identified?</p> <p>e. Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>f. In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written		

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336.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these changes c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, who conducted the works? e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written		
337.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Wine coolers/fridges	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written		
338.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Office plants	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written		

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339.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written		
340.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Government advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written		
341.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Boards	<p>Since September Additional Estimates in February, 2014;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how often has each board met, break down by board name; b. what travel expenses are provided; c. what is the average attendance at board meetings; d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 	Written		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. what conflicts of interest have been registered; f. what remuneration is provided to board members; g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served; 			

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342.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Senate Estimates Briefing	<p>1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made?</p>	Written		

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				5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Budget 2014 hearings.			
343.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Travel Costs - Ministerial	<p>1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>1. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 2. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 3. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written		
344.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p><u>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u></p> <p>1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <p>i. The Department or Agency which was consulted; ii. The document; iii. The purpose of the consultation; iv. 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; v. 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</p>	Written		

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				<p>2. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <p>i. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;</p> <p>ii. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;</p> <p>iii. The purpose of the consultation;</p> <p>iv. 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;</p> <p>v. 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</p> <p>vi. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office</p> <p><u>Staffing resources</u> The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <p>3. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?</p> <p><u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <p>4. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <p>a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?</p> <p>b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?</p> <p>c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).</p> <p>5. 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</p>			

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				<p>information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by 6 June 2014? d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? e. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? <p>6. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; b. The amount charged for each document c. The total amount charged; d. What is the highest charge that has been imposed. 			
345.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 	Written		
346.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Red Tape Reduction	<p>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p>	Written		

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 			
347.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Official Residences	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	Written		
348.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? 	Written		

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				c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			

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

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350.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Question Time	<p>1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.</p>	Written		
351.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<p>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written		
352.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p>	Written		

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				iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.			
353.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	1. Please list all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.	Written		
354.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013? 2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013? 3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff? 6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff? 7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?	Written		
355.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?	Written		

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356.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Unallocated Equipment	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.	Written		
357.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Land costs	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. a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. 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?	Written		
358.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?	Written		

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				<p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>f) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>g) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>h. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>i. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>j. How is the department/agency funding the packages?</p>			
359.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total)</p>	Written		

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				<p>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?</p> <p>g) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>			
360.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>i. If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written		
361.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Functions	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <p>a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written		
362.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Grants	<p>a) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>b) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at</p>	Written		

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				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.			
363.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written		

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				i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?			
364.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing profile	1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).	Written		
365.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Meeting costs	a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. c) 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. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written		
366.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	a) How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff? c) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written		
367.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Coffee machines	1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the	Written		

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				<p>amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
368.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Printing	1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written		

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				2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? a. If so, what companies were sued? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing?			
369.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Corporate cars	a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? e) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? f) How many cars are leased by each department/agency? g) Where are the cars located? h) What are the cars used for? i) What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? j) How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?	Written		
370.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Taxi costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written		
371.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Hire cars	a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written		
372.	All Agencies	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification	Written		

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				<p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			
373.	All Agencies	Wong	Staffing – redundancies	Have any redundancies occurred since 18 September 2013? If so, how many are (a) voluntary (b) involuntary?	Written		

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374.	All Agencies	Wong	Staffing – numbers	How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 7 March 2014? How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?	Written		
375.	All Agencies	Wong	Consultants	How many consultants have been engaged since 18 November 2013?	Written		
376.	All Agencies	Wong	Portraits of Her Majesty The Queen	Have any portraits (including photographs) of Her Majesty The Queen been hung or re-hung on department/agency premises since 11 February 2014? If so, (a) in what locations (b) who directed the action and (c) what costs, if any, have been incurred?	Written		
377.	All Agencies	Wong	Graduate program	How many applicants applied for the agency's 2014 graduate program? How many were accepted? What is the anticipated intake of graduates for the beginning of the 2015 year? Is this a reduction from the previous year? If so, what are the reasons for the decrease in the graduate intake? Have any Government decisions affected the level of graduate intake in the agency?	Written		
378.	All Agencies	Wong	Hospitality	What is the total cost of hospitality since 11 February 2014? For each hospitality event please advise (a) host (b) date (c) location (d) nature of event and (e) cost.	Written		
379.	All Agencies	Wong	FOI handling	Since 11 February 2014 has any advice been received from the Attorney-General or the Attorney-General's Department on the handling of Freedom of Information requests? If so, please provide details of (a) the date (b) the source (c) the subject of the advice and (d) a copy of the written advice.	Written		
380.	All Agencies (except OOSGG)	Wong	Advertising	What is the total cost (GST inclusive) of campaign advertising since 11 February 2014? What additional campaign advertising is planned? What is the estimated cost (GST inclusive) of planned campaign advertising? What is the total cost (GST inclusive) of non-campaign advertising since 11 February 2014? What additional non-campaign advertising is planned? What is the estimated cost (GST inclusive) of planned non-campaign advertising?	Written		
381.	All Agencies (except	Wong	Media monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services provided to the department/agency since 11 February 2014? Please provide details of (a)	Written		

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	OOSGG)			the service provider and (b) the cost. Are media monitoring services purchased by the department/agency provided to the office of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary? If so, please provide details of the service, including, if applicable, any additional costs incurred by the department/agency.			
382.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Stationery	What is the total cost expended on stationery since 11 February 2014? Is stationery purchased by the department/agency provided to the office of a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary? If so, please provide details of the stationery, including the total cost by Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.	Written		
383.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Subscription TV	Please provide details of all current departmental/agency subscription TV services including (a) provider (b) channels and (c) cost since 18 November 2013	Written		
384.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Newspaper and magazine subscriptions	Please provide details of current departmental/agency newspaper and magazine subscription services including (a) title of newspaper/magazine (b) whether the subscription is hardcopy/online/both and (c) cost since 11 February 2014	Written		
385.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	Domestic travel and accommodation costs	What total domestic travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 11 February 2014?	Written		
386.	All (except OOSGG)	Wong	International travel and accommodation costs	What total international travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 11 February 2014?	Written		

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387.	PM&C	McLucas	Expanded rollout of SEAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government committed to the expanded rollout of SEAM to 23 remote communities as an election commitment. Senate Estimates hearing on 28 February 2014 confirmed five schools will be rolled out in term 3 this year and the remainder in term 1 of 2015. Is this rollout still on track to meet these deadlines? 2. Are any of the SEAM funding agreements subject to transitional arrangements as part of the rationalisation of Indigenous programmes? 	Written		
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				If so, which sites and agreements are under consideration of Government?			
388.	PM&C	McLucas	38 Children and Family Centres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department and/ or the Minister received submissions or representations from States and Territories concerning the ongoing operational funding for the 38 Children and Family Centres when Element 1 of the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development expires on 30 June 2014? If so, which States and Territories and when was each contact made? 2. Has the Minister directed the department to provide advice on funding options for the 38 Children and Family Centres beyond 30 June 2014? 3. The 38 Children and Family Centres provide a range of culturally appropriate family services to a number of vulnerable families who may not otherwise be able to access these services. Has the department done any modelling on the impact of mainstream funding through the CCB or CCR on the operation and access to the Children and Family Centres? 	Written		
389.	PM&C	McLucas	School Attendance Officers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many of the School Attendance Officers that are no longer with the programme do not currently hold a job? 2. Under the Government's School Attendance Policy, what support is required to be provided to people exiting employment? 3. What supports are in place for School Attendance Officers who are experiencing difficulties in their position? 	Written		
390.	Inspector General of Intelligence and Security	Xenophon	Radio National's <i>Background Briefing</i> program	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, you are aware of the matters raised and on the public record, for instance, on Radio National's <i>Background Briefing</i>, about whether someone who worked for government either for a department or within government then works for another agency—and I am not putting it any higher than that. Are they matters that you would consider in the course of exercising your functions?</p> <p>Dr Thom: I am sorry, I am not aware of the briefing you are talking about.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: The radio program <i>Background Briefing</i>. Perhaps I will put it on notice and attach a transcript of that program.</p> <p>Dr Thom: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you very much.</p>	FPA, Monday 26 May 2014, page 124		

391.	COAG Reform Council	Wong	COAG Reform Council Lease	<p>Senator WONG: How long is the lease for?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: It is a three-year extension.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It was quite an expensive lease, from memory. Can you remind me?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: I do have those costs. I will just have to find them for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. You can take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 111		
392.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Smith	Redundancy fund provision criteria	<p>Ms McIntyre: I think it would be fair to say we met all of the criteria, otherwise we would not have received the funds.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Just step me through those criteria.</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: I do not have the criteria on me; I can take that on notice if you like.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I think one of them is "threat to core functions", operating losses"?</p> <p>Ms McIntyre: As I say, I do not have those available. I am sorry.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 27 May 2014, page 20		
393.	Commonwealth Ombudsman	Wong	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	<p>On what date, and in what form, was the Commonwealth Ombudsman advised the Abbott Government intended to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commission and transfer some functions to the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman?</p> <p>How was the Commonwealth Ombudsman consulted on the transfer of some functions before the decision was made to abolish the Office of the Australian Information Commission?</p>	Written		