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1.	PM&C	Moore	Staffing	Social Policy Division	Senator MOORE: How many people are there working in the Office for Women? Could you also please provide me with an organisation chart which shows all the levels, not the names but the levels and the numbers of people working in the unit? Ms Wallace: Senator, at the moment we have 20.1 ASL in the Office for Women, and I think we would be happy to provide you with the remainder of that question on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 48		
2.	PM&C	Moore	Correspondence received regarding wearing of the burqa	Social Policy Division	Senator MOORE: It was correspondence from a group of women's groups. It was sent on 9 October and its topic was the concern around the policy decisions around the wearing of the burqa generally and specifically in this building. Senator Cash: The department will have a look to see if they have received it. Ms McDevitt: I expected it would be on our system, but I cannot recall that one specifically. Senator MOORE: Have you received any kind of call or contact from anyone in the community? Sometimes people who have a concern about issues around women just contact the department. Have you received any concerns or questions on this issue? Ms Wallace: Not that is standing out, no, Senator MOORE: Can you check that as well to see whether there has been anything like that? That would be useful. Ms Wallace: Certainly.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 50		

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3.	PM&C	Moore	Second Action Plan 2013-16	Social Policy Division	Senator McKENZIE: Was there any specific issues around regional areas? I know in my home state of Victoria, Gippsland in particular has some data with particular issues for domestic violence. Could you comment more broadly on how the plan will affect those in regional areas? Mc McDevitt: We may need to take that on notice, but I am certainly aware that that was an issue raised by many stakeholders in terms of both how the data looks in rural and regional Australia and how implementation of all of the measures in the plan can be rolled out so that they are supporting communities and women and their families in rural and regional Australia as well.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 54		

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4.	PM&C	Wong	Australia Institute report – briefing	Social Policy Division	Senator WONG: Did you provide a question time brief? Ms McDevitt: I would need to take that on notice, but not that I am aware of. Senator WONG: So when the minister queried in the parliament the accuracy of that report, that was on the basis of her opinion and not on any advice she received? Senator Cash: The department would not necessarily be aware of what my answer was to the question when they do not know what the question was. Senator WONG: Yes, of course they would. They always watch. I am sure they would be aware of what question you were asked and what was answered. Senator Cash: I did not ask the question. Senator WONG: What question was asked and what you answered, Minister? Can I have an answer to my question? Ms Cross: I was just going to say, we will take that on notice. We certainly provided advice to the minister on the budget, which she may have drawn on in responding to the question. But without having the question in front of me, we would need to take that on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 56		

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5.	PM&C	Wong	ERC advice	Social Policy Division	Senator WONG: And on how many occasions in the last budget round did Office for Women advice get passed on to ERC, for example, by way of inclusion in a green comment? Ms Cross: As you know, we do not discuss the nature of any advice, and I— Senator WONG: No, I am not asking the nature. Ms Cross, do not misinterpret my question..... Ms Cross: Senator, as you are aware, we do not reveal the nature of the advice— Senator WONG: Which I did not ask for. Ms Cross: that we give to government, and in terms of the number of times on which we gave advice, I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Was there any occasion in the last budget where any advice from the Office of Women was actually provided to the ERC by way of inclusion by comment in the green. Ms Cross: As I said, I will take that on notice, and I also said we do not reveal the nature of the advice that we give.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 60		

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6.	PM&C	Waters	Disbanding of the National Plan Implementation Panel	Social Policy Division	Senator WATERS: I want to move quickly to the National Plan Implementation Panel, which formerly provided for input from the states, the non-government sector and front-line groups on the implementation of the national plan. My understanding is that the NPIP was cut recently. Given that its role was to provide feedback, particularly of what those in the community thought of the plan, can you tell me what was the policy reasoning for disbanding the NPIP? Ms McDevitt: I might have to take some of the details on notice, but my understanding is that NPIP was disbanded. I do not think it had met for a while, but I will take the detail of that on notice. Senator WATERS: Does the minister assisting have a view on that? Senator Cash: I would take that on notice. Senator WATERS: Nobody knows why it was disbanded, but thank you and I will await your response. Have you had any feedback from the sector about the disbanding of NPIP? Ms McDevitt: Again, I would have to take that on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 61		

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7.	PM&C	Wong	Higher education changes – provision of data	Social Policy Division	Senator WONG: In relation to the modelling of the impact of the government's higher education changes, in particular, deregulation, the changes to repayment arrangements and debt, do I understand that you have not provided advice in relation to the gender impact of those changes? Ms McDevitt: The Department of Education is responsible for the modelling in relation to those measures. Senator WONG: Okay. I presume you do not have an independent modelling capacity in the office? Ms McDevitt: No, we do not. Senator WONG: So you have not modelled how that might play out in terms of gender or different income levels, correct? Ms McDevitt: We do not have that capacity. Senator WONG: Has any such data been provided to you either during or subsequent to the budget process? Ms McDevitt: I would have to take that on notice..... Senator WONG: Well, it is a very simple question. If you have not, that is a matter for you, but have you or have you not looked at or sought advice about the different ways in which women will be affected by the government's proposed higher education changes? Senator Cash: I will have to take that on notice, Senator Wong, and go and check my files. Senator WONG: You do not know if you have sought advice? Senator Cash: No, I said I would take it on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 62 & 63		

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8.	PM&C	Wong	National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling - modelling	Cash's Office	Senator WONG: Okay. In particular, I have more confidence than the minister that you were aware of the question asked of her, because I am sure that public servants always watch what their ministers are asked. In relation to the NATSEM modelling to which the minister referred, about which the minister was asked, I understand from your previous answer that you were not asked to look at that modelling to consider whether or not it was accurate. Ms McDevitt: Not that I am aware of. Ms Wallace: Certainly not that I am aware of. We may well have, at the officer level, engaged with ABS, but I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Okay. You have not been provided by Education with anything in relation to that modelling? Ms McDevitt: To the NATSEM modelling? Senator WONG: Correct. Ms McDevitt: No, not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: Minister, have you been provided with any advice other than via your department in relation to the NATSEM modelling about which Senator Moore asked you? Senator Cash: I would need to go and have a look at the file and take that on notice for you.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 62		
9.	PM&C	Wong	Enterprise bargaining agreements – 10 agreements	Corporate Services Division	Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice you could give me the 10 different agreements. Mr Neal: I can, Yes.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 120		

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10.	PM&C	Wong	Enterprise bargaining agreements - enhancements	Corporate Services Division	Senator WONG: I am trying to get some quantitative or qualitative analysis here. Tell me: what is the best way to get that? I am trying to get a sense of how many employees would be in the position of, under government policy, losing what you have described as enhancements, which are the existing conditions, and I am also trying to get a sense of how many conditions there are and what they are. What information do you have that I can ask you to give me on notice? Mr Neal: That latter is easiest in that it would be able to tell you which conditions across the nine other agreements would be considered to be more generous than the current PM&C provisions. The first part of your question, which relates to usage or take-up, will depend on the number of employees currently preserved under the 24(3) determination. For example, about 50 or 60 staff came across from the Attorney-General's Department and 1,050 came from FaHCSIA. So, clearly, there are more people under the FaHCSIA agreement who would be affected. Pulling together that information would necessarily be far more difficult. Senator WONG: You can give me the former at least, or what was the latter in my first question? Mr Neal: Yes.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 121 & 122		

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11.	PM&C	Wong	Mr Nehal Gupta – declarations of interest	II&E Division	Senator WONG: On the appointment of Mr Nehal Gupta, who is co-chair of Liberal Friends of India, did the department identify him as the co-chair of this political organisation at any point prior to the appointment being made? Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice to check that. Senator WONG: Are you aware that he was the co-chair of Liberal Friends of India? Ms Cross: I am aware of that. I know, as I said before, that we did ensure appropriate processes such as declarations of interest were provided. I would have to check for further information. Senator WONG: I am happy with that. I appreciate that. You will check whether that was declared or on the CV or otherwise disclosed; is that what you are saying? Ms Cross: Yes, we will check that.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 125		
12.	PM&C	Wong	Appointment recommendation to ABC& SBS Nomination Panel	II&E Division	Senator WONG: It has been reported that the Prime Minister's office overturned the recommendation from Mr Turnbull that the former SBS chair be reappointed for a second term. Is that correct? Senator Abetz: That is not for the department. That would be for the PMO. There would be for me. I am happy to take that on notice, but discussions between minister and Prime Minister on these matters are on a confidential basis. I would doubt that any definitive answer would be given on that, but I will take it on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 125		

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13.	PM&C	Wong	Mr Gupta – details of Cabinet appointment	II&E Division	Senator WONG: I also note that there was a report in the media as to Mr Gupta's appointment. I think that was some 12 days prior to its announcement. That is a cabinet level appointment. Has the secretary initiated an investigation, or have you been asked by the Prime Minister's office to investigate how a cabinet appointment was provided to the media ahead of the announcement? Ms Cross: Not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: When did it go to cabinet? Ms Cross: I would have to check the date it went to the cabinet..... Senator WONG: I am asking when this appointment was determined by cabinet. I understand you are taking that on notice, Ms Cross; is that right? Ms Cross: I indicated that, yes. Senator WONG: Thank you. I am also asking: on how many occasions prior to that was the matter before cabinet? Senator Abetz: We will take that on notice, but— Senator WONG: Thank you. I appreciate that.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 126 & 127		

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14.	PM&C	Wong	ABC and SBS Nomination Panel - Briefing to the Secretary	II&E Division	Senator WONG: I am pleased. There are two written briefs? Ms Cross: There was a brief early in the process, and there was a brief at the end of the process. Senator WONG: And what did those briefs go to? Ms Cross: The first went to the process that the secretary would go through, and the final one was to formalise the appointments of the two candidates. Senator WONG: What was the process gone to garner names for the nomination panel? Ms Cross: Names were put forward from a range of sources. The department itself came up with a list of names. Other sources included the Department of Communications, and I understand there were conversations with the chair of the appointments panel. A range of sources. Senator WONG: Can I have the dates on those briefs? Ms Cross: I will have to take that on notice, but I can do that.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 131		
15.	PM&C	Wong and Faulkner	Date of US request for ADF capabilities	International Division	Senator WONG: I will put this to you and if you feel you need to look at the statement please do so. This is the statement in which the Prime Minister announces Australia's contribution to the international coalition against ISIL. In that statement, the Prime Minister says: The Government's decision responds to a formal request from the Government of the United States to contribute specific Australian Defence Force capabilities to the international coalition. I want first to ask about that formal request. When was that formal request received and in what form? Dr McCarthy: The request was in the form of a letter. I do not think I have the date with me. Let me	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 134 and 135		

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					check..... Senator WONG: Is the letter classified? I do not want to ask for it if it is—that is all. Dr McCarthy: I would need to check the classification of the letter. We do not have it with us, sorry. Senator FAULKNER: Would you mind taking that on notice as well as the date? Perhaps you could provide as much information as you can about the letter, including the addressee and so forth. Dr McCarthy: Yes, Senator. Senator FAULKNER: Understanding that there might be a security classification issue, you might take on notice to check with the Prime Minister as to whether that letter could be tabled. That might be a sensible way of us saving a little time. Senator Abetz: I have just been advised that I advised the Senate, that I provided the date of 13 September on the <i>Hansard</i> when I answered Senator Wong's question. I recall that I came back into the Senate after question time and provided that information—that is, 13 September, on the advice we have been given thus far. If that needs to be corrected, of course we will come back as a matter of urgency. Senator FAULKNER: Minister, you might take on notice the other elements that I mentioned to Ms McCarthy. Senator Abetz: Yes, absolutely. Senator WONG: You will take on notice whether or not there is a security classification associated with this and, if not, I am asking that it be tabled. Dr McCarthy: Yes, Senator			

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16.	PM&C	Wong	UN Security Council Resolution 2177 on Ebola - consultation	International Division	Senator WONG: Were you consulted on UN Security Council Resolution 2177 on Ebola? Dr McCarthy: We were. Senator WONG: It is a lengthy resolution, which includes—and we voted for this: Calls on Member States to provide urgent resources and assistance, including deployable medical capabilities such as field hospitals with qualified and sufficient expertise, staff and supplies ... Urges Member States ... to mobilize and provide immediately technical expertise and additional medical capacity ... It goes on and on. Was the department aware of what was included in this resolution before Australia voted for it? Dr McCarthy: My colleague advises me that we would have been consulted on the draft. Whether we would have been consulted on the final text—these things can be negotiated right up until the last moment. We would have been consulted on the draft, but I would need to take on notice whether we were consulted on the final text, and it is not necessarily the case that we would have been.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 138		

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17.	PM&C	Wong	Ebola virus – briefing to PM	International Division Social Policy Division	Senator WONG: Can someone tell me on how many occasions a written brief in relation to Ebola has been provided to the Prime Minister? Ms Cross: I would need to check the number of briefs because we have briefed the Prime Minister quite regularly since the outbreak began. Senator WONG: Dr McCarthy, there is no brief from you, but you are consulted in relation to at least some of the briefs provided? Is that— Dr McCarthy: That is correct. I think all the briefs have been provided by the domestic policy area, and we have been consulted—that is right. Senator WONG: On all of them or some of them? Dr McCarthy: To be absolutely certain I would need to take it on notice. Senator WONG: Sure. Take it on notice; that is fine. Has the Chief Medical Officer been involved in the preparation of any briefs to the Prime Minister? Dr McCarthy: We have certainly drawn on advice from the Chief Medical Officer. Ms Cross? Ms Cross: Yes, I can confirm that we have drawn on his advice. Senator WONG: You have drawn on his advice. There is not an independent brief prepared by the CMO for the Prime Minister's consideration? Ms Cross: Again I would have to check. We may have attached briefs from him, so there may have been advice direct, but I will check that for you. Senator WONG: If you could—and just give me the dates, if that is possible.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 139		

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18.	PM&C	Wong	Ebola virus – requests for assistance	Social Policy Division	Senator WONG: Has the government received any request for assistance from any government seeking that the Australian government do more than simply provide money? Ms Cross: Correspondence from some overseas countries was received by the Prime Minister. As to the exact nature of the request—whether it was just a general request for assistance or whether it went to specifics—we would need to check on the correspondence. But he certainly did receive letters..... Senator WONG: Did those requests for assistance go beyond financial resources? Did they ask for more than money? Ms Cross: I think we would have to check through the correspondence. Senator WONG: Do you not remember, Ms McDevitt? Ms McDevitt: Just a moment. I am not sure whether they were of a general nature or more specific than that, but I can take that on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 139 & 140		

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19.	PM&C	Wong	Ebola virus – contact with WHO	Social Policy Division	Ms McDevitt: WHO has been in touch with the government. I am not aware of the details of those discussions but I am aware that there has been some contact between the WHO and the government. Senator WONG: At which level? Ms Cross: I think they would normally contact the health minister. Senator WONG: Does that accord with what you understand, Ms McDevitt? Ms McDevitt: Yes, I think that is correct. Senator WONG: Were you advised—or how did you become aware of this contact?..... Ms McDevitt: I am aware that the Chief Medical Officer is part of committees or subcommittees—I am not quite sure of the name; I will have to take that on notice—with the WHO. Senator WONG: Why don't you take that on notice, and also the nature of the request—so is the World Health Organization requesting more assistance, or other assistance, in addition to the \$18 million? And can you also take on notice whether there has been any contact from Red Cross or Doctors without Borders? Ms McDevitt: Yes. I am not aware that there have been any requests.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 140		

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20.	PM&C	Milne	Medicins Sans Frontieres – request for resources	Social Policy Division	Senator MILNE: Medicins Sans Frontieres said that they told the government prior to the government announcing more money that they did not want money; they wanted equipment. You have just said you cannot recall that, so I am asking in relation to Senator Wong specifically mentioning that organisation. Ms Cross: We will take that on notice and check it, but a lot of the direct contact is with the health department and the health minister, rather than with PM&C, so we will have to take that on notice..... Senator MILNE: The question was just simply: did Medecins Sans Frontieres inform the government that that is what they wanted? Dr McCarthy: I do not have that information in front of me.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, pages 140 & 141		
21.	PM&C	Milne	MH370 – bring to Prime Minister	International Division	Senator MILNE: Senator MILNE: Could you take it on notice, then, to tell me on whose advice the Prime Minister made his statement in China: We are confident that we know the position of the black box flight recorder to within some kilometres ... Somebody must take responsibility for providing that information to the Prime Minister Dr McCarthy: I can take that question on notice.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 142		
22.	PM&C	Leyonhjelm	Referral of legislation for review	National Security Division	- Under your Act, you may suggest to the Prime Minister that he refer a matter relating to counter-terrorism or national security to the Monitor for review. Will you suggest that the recently passed national security legislation be immediately reviewed by the Monitor? - Will you suggest that the Foreign Fighters Bill be reviewed by the Monitor?	Written		

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23.	IGIS	Leyonhjelm	Staffing	IGIS	1. How many staff does IGIS have at the moment? 2. How many are ongoing and full time? What levels are they employed at? 3. IGIS reviews the activities of ASIO, ASIS, the Defence Signals Directorate, the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation, the Defence Intelligence organisation and the Office of National Assessments. What are the combined staffing levels of those six agencies? 4. Have any IGIS staff worked previously in any of those six agencies? 5. Have any IGIS staff worked previously in journalism, academia, or 'human rights' advocacy?	Written		
24.	ANAO APSC IGIS INSLM Ombudsman	Bernardi	Attendance at Senate Estimates	ANAO APSC IGIS INSLM Ombudsman	1. How many officers attended the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings for 2014-15 of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee? 2. Please provide a breakdown of the classification of those officers. 3. How long did officers wait before giving evidence or before the decision was made to discharge them?	Written		
25.	PM&C	Moore	Office for Women – Boardlink	Social Policy Division	1. Has the Minister met with any of the champions of Boardlinks? If so, when? 2. Have there been any formal Boardlinks events that the Minister has attended? 3. Does the Government remain committed to the Boardlinks initiative?	Written		

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26.	PM&C	Moore	Office for Women – National Women's Alliances	Social Policy Division	1. Can you provide an update on the work plans for the five National Women's Alliances? 2. Are the work plans public documents? 3. If they are, would you provide a copy.	Written		
27.	PM&C	Bernardi	Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme	Schools, Information and Evaluation	1. How is performance monitored under the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)? 2. Has ITAS been subject to Review since commencement? 3. How is funding provided to universities to deliver ITAS and can you provide the committee with specific allocations for each university? 4. In the 2013-14 financial year how many students were eligible for ITAS across participating universities? 5. Is it known how many students are enrolled at Australian universities and the numbers that take up tutorial support? Can you tell me does this equate to equivalent completion rates of Indigenous students at university? 6. Does the department know how many Indigenous students completed university studies compared to the numbers enrolled at Australian universities? 7. Are there any opportunities and benefits to students and universities under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy? 8. Has the Government ceased funding universities to deliver the tutorial support for Indigenous students?	Written		

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28.	PM&C	McLucas	Voluntary Redundancies – Indigenous Affairs Group	Corporate Services Division	Senator McLUCAS: Of those 62 people who applied but we are not granted a voluntary redundancy, how many of those have left the organisation? Mr Neal: I will have to take that on notice. I am not sure. We could probably get that information for you reasonably quickly though. Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. Ms Carroll: One of the other reasons the voluntary redundancy may not have been taken up is that they were the number of requests that were received. Sometimes people put in a request and then they make a personal decision that they do not want to go through with it. It is not just the department—when the department receives a request they may not go through with it—but also the individual may choose not to go through with it. Senator McLUCAS: How many of those were there, Ms Carroll? Ms Carroll: I think we will have to take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 4		

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29.	PM&C	McLucas	Indigenous Affairs Group – staff departures	Corporate Services Division	Mr Neal: So, 44 people have left the Indigenous Affairs Group through natural attrition. Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. And of those, how many were at retirement age? Mr Neal: I do not have that information with me. That will require some analysis. Senator McLUCAS: You know where I am heading though? Mr Neal: Yes, I do. Senator McLUCAS: You can see how many have left because they have retired and they want to live at the beach. Mr Neal: Can I take that question on notice please?	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 5		

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30.	PM&C	McLucas	Indigenous Affairs Group – voluntary redundancies	Corporate Services Division	Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. In the second part of the table in the answer we were finding how many employees left the department voluntarily, via natural attrition. Have you got that split as well? Mr Neal: Can I take that on notice? I should be able to get that back to you this morning. Senator McLUCAS: Certainly—thank you very much. I also want to know how many staff were lost from each of the various sections of the department. How many went from the PM&C regional network, the constitutional recognition task force et cetera? Have you got that level of detail with you? Mr Neal: Not that level of detail, no. Senator McLUCAS: Could you take that on notice? Mr Neal: Yes. Senator McLUCAS: I want to know how many went from the various sections of the group. Ms Carroll: We could definitely provide it by state or location—Canberra versus New South Wales et cetera—on notice. The problem with doing it by group is that in August we had a restructure, so the staff who are now in particular divisions will not necessarily have been in those divisions previously. Because of that restructure, there will not be a direct translation, but we could certainly give you the information on Canberra versus New South Wales versus other state or territory offices. Senator McLUCAS: Fair enough. If you could take that on notice, that would be good—by state or territory or by location. Ms Carroll: By location? Senator McLUCAS: Actually, yes, do it by location. Rather than Queensland, let's do Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, wherever. Ms Carroll: We will do as much breakdown as we can. Senator McLUCAS: Thank you—without identifying people. Ms Carroll: Yes.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 5 & 6		
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31.	PM&C	McLucas	Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion's visits to PM&C	MO	Senator McLUCAS: Minister, how many times have you visited the Barton office? Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice, but a lot. Senator McLUCAS: A lot? Ten? Fifteen? Senator Scullion: Yes, something like that. Senator McLUCAS: And how many times have you visited the Woden office? Senator Scullion: Probably more. Senator McLUCAS: Okay. If you could take those on notice, that would be good.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 8		
32.	PM&C	McLucas	PM&C Regional Network	PM&C Regional Network	Senator McLUCAS: How many regions are there in a network? Can you explain the network to me? And if you have a map, that would be fabulous. Mr Crowther: We can provide you with that on notice; no problem. At present we are still under a state based network, so we have offices in all capital cities. However, we are working on a new structure of the network which will have a regional basis, but at this point we are still consulting staff about that. Mr Eccles: I might add a little bit more. We have staff in over 100 locations, ranging from small areas, where there might be two staff, through to bigger areas, such as Cairns and Alice Springs—up to 15 or so in a place like Mount Isa. So, those 697 staff are located in over 100 different locations across Australia. We can give you a map with the spread of the network, if you like.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 8 & 9		

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33.	PM&C	McLucas	Seniority in regional centres	PM&C Regional Network	Senator McLUCAS: A map of seniority in the regional centres. Can you do that? Mr Crowther: We have provided our staff with a map of the proposed regions, which is as I say a draft, because we are still talking to people about the whereabouts of the regional boundaries and those things. We could provide that you. That has gone out to staff. Senator McLUCAS: You can provide that? Mr Eccles: On the basis that it is a starting proposition. Senator McLUCAS: Certainly, but it would be very helpful. Mr Eccles: It could well change quite considerably. Mr Crowther: I think the point that Mr Eccles made—which is to say that none of the dots on the map where they currently are in terms of office locations are proposed to change. In fact, we are looking at areas where we may well invest more and retain some flexibility, with the focus of ensuring that we have as many senior people as close to the— Senator McLUCAS: What I am trying to get an understanding of is certainly the geographical location, but also the level of seniority changing in those locations. I do not know whether there is an easy way you can provide that to me, but if you can that would be very helpful. Mr Eccles: We will see what we can do.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 9 & 10		

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34.	PM&C	Siewert	Grants assessment process	Programme Implementa tion Taskforce	Senator SIEWERT: And how they handled? What is the process for handling them? Ms Croft: The process for handling those is similar to the process for the grant round in terms of approval processes. It is consistent. Senator SIEWERT: How much money is being kept aside for that process? Ms Croft: I do not have that figure with me. Ms Carroll: We would have to take that on notice. Effectively, we have looked at what available funds there are, then we will have a look at what grant applications come in and also be cognisant that over time there will be demand driven requirements. As Ms Croft said, primarily they are in the employment part of the program. Senator Scullion: They are principally the IEP, the Indigenous Employment Program. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice what proportion of funding has been set aside for that process. I do have more questions against individual programs, so I will ask those then.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 15		

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35.	PM&C	Peris	Payment to Tiwi Resources	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator PERIS: <i>The Australian</i> reported yesterday that you, the Minister, refused to investigate allegations relating to a million-dollar payment to Tiwi Resources that appears to have gone missing. Is this correct? Senator Scullion: I think I will have to take that on notice. When you are taking newspaper articles, you could take from that that something has actually been submitted to me and I have specifically said, 'No, I am not going to do something.' That may not necessarily be the case. Outside of the comments I am about to make, I will take some of those on notice. Yes, there have been some allegations in the media about particular matters. I am satisfied that those particular matters that are before us in the media are not accurate in so far as I do not believe that there has been any mischief with regard to those matters. But I will ensure that, if there is some correspondence that I am unaware of, I will make sure you receive that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 15		

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36.	PM&C	Peris	Port on Melville Island - lease	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator PERIS: Minister, a lease has been granted for the port on Melville Island. Did you approve this lease? Senator Scullion: If it is a lease approved under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act I would have, but again I would have to take that on notice—the time or any other details around that. Senator PERIS: Is it correct that under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act you have to approve any land council business venture over \$1 million? Senator Scullion: I will have to take that on notice. Is that the case? Mr Owen: That is correct. Senator Scullion: I understand that is the case. Senator PERIS: So you have done that in relation to Port Melville? Senator Scullion: Again, to my recollection, I approve as you can imagine an awful lot of things—I would have to take that on notice but I am pretty sure that I recall that that is the case.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 16	Answered page 17	

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37.	PM&C	Peris	Clontarf programs – women's participation	Schools, Information & Evaluation Division	Senator PERIS: Minister, we both know Clontarf is just for boys. Why haven't you funded some programs for girls, especially given the fact that the Northern Territory government closed three girls' academies in the last 12 months? Senator Scullion: You can only ask questions that are a matter for this government. In response to why we do not have a program for girls now, I will have to take on notice the actual contribution we make for engagement of women in this area. That is a conversation, as you would be well aware, we often have with Clontarf. In the footy area, we have a number of women's AFL teams in the Northern Territory that are very good. This is a matter under constant consideration. Clontarf have indicated that this is the product that they provide. It is an excellent product. When they started this around Australia it was about young men's engagement in an almost theological sense with AFL. That is why they have been so successful. But we continue to look for similar models that are as engaging for women in this particular area. But I will have to take on notice our investment in that area.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 17		
38.	PM&C	Peris	Prime Minister's visit to Arnhem Land – travel costs	Community Safety and Policy Division	Senator PERIS: So that \$86,000—was that the total cost of all those people who you spoke about during that time, or was there an additional cost for flights? Ms Carroll: That was the additional cost. Those staff obviously had costs associated with travel but they were just part of the normal departmental costs, which we do not have a quantum for at this point. Senator PERIS: Can you take that on notice? Ms Carroll: We can take that on notice, yes.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 17 & 18		

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39.	PM&C	Peris	Prime Minister's visit to Arnhem Land – meetings with organisations	Community Safety and Policy Division	Senator PERIS: So how many organisations did the Prime Minister visit? Ms Edwards: I would have to take on notice the actual number. I would have to add up the list of people. Was the question in relation to the ones the Prime Minister met or that were involved— Senator PERIS: What organisations did the Prime Minister visit? Ms Edwards: We can take on notice a list of all the locations he went to and the people he met with.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 18		
40.	PM&C	Peris	Prime Minister's visit to Arnhem Land – meetings declined	Community Safety and Policy Division	Senator PERIS: Were there many organisations that requested a meeting but were declined? Ms Edwards: I would have to take that on notice in relation to organisations from outside the immediate region. There may well have been letters from organisations who wished the Prime Minister had gone a little bit further afar. But, generally speaking, all of the local organisations were invited to an event, and many of them attended.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 18		

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41.	PM&C	Smith	Community Cabinet – visits to Indigenous communities	Ministerial Support Division	Senator SMITH: Are you able to give us a snapshot of, perhaps, Prime Minister Rudd's visits to Indigenous communities, Prime Minister Gillard's visits to Indigenous communities and Prime Minister Abbott's visits to Indigenous communities? Ms Carroll: I would not have the list of the previous prime ministers with me. Senator SMITH: Then perhaps you could take that on notice. Senator Scullion: Just for usefulness, you may not be aware that there were five cabinet ministers, three assistant ministers and two parliamentary secretaries who were also there, visiting outstations and those sorts of processes. We would be more than happy to include those details in the answer. Senator SMITH: It would be interesting to know the length of time, as well, that the current Prime Minister and previous prime ministers had spent in Indigenous communities rather than just visiting them. Can you tell me how much the previous government committed to its community cabinet program? Ms Carroll: I would have to take that on notice. Senator SMITH: I think it was close to \$10.9 million, but could you take that on notice. Could you also detail for me what the cost was of the Yirrkala community cabinet? Ms Carroll: From the previous government? Senator SMITH: Yes. Ms Carroll: Again, I would have to take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 18 & 19		

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42.	PM&C	McLucas	IAS process	Programme Implementa tion Taskforce	Senator McLUCAS: Sorry, I framed my question poorly. Have certain organisations that provide services been told that they will get continued funding and, while they are going through this administrative process, can be assured they will receive funding for that service into the future? Ms Croft: No—apart from where we have already talked at previous estimates about providing contract extensions for current providers for this financial year as part of the transition to the new arrangements and to the extent there are a couple of things identified in the application kit, and taking into account what Ms Carroll said about there being other forms outside of the grant funding round. Senator McLUCAS: I am thinking of organisations such as Reconciliation Australia. Do they have to go into a round of funding to— Senator Scullion: Perhaps we can take the question on notice. I understand the nature of the organisations you are talking about. I certainly wrote to AIATSIS telling them they would not be subjected to competitive grants. That was simply because we did not think there was an existing organisation that could take their role. I will take the question on notice. I understand the nature of the question.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 22		

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43.	PM&C	McLucas	IAS budget	Programme Implementa tion Taskforce	Senator McLUCAS: Thank you very much for that. On notice, and we will put this in, there are three different figures from the ones that I have in my briefing. I just need an explanation. Ms Carroll: We will give you an explanation on notice, but I can give you a quick answer. It is about the special appropriations. For example, in Children and Schooling, the away from base measure is a special appropriation because it is demand driven by how many students et cetera. That is a separate line item versus the grant funding. But we can break that down for you.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 24		

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44.	PM&C	Peris	Port on Melville Island – environmental impact study	Jobs & Economy Division	Senator PERIS: You have just said that it is a port and it has international recognition, which brings me to the next question. I would assume that an environmental impact study has been done? Senator Scullion: That would be something I would have to take on notice. I am with you; I would assume that that is the case. Senator PERIS: Given the fact that it is a 30 million litre tank and it is 15 per cent of the territory's fuel storage on the Tiwi Islands. Senator Scullion: I will have to take the answer on notice, but my instinct is that invariably bunkering facilities are actually subject to standards rather than environmental impact statements. Those standards, for example, require in the Northern Territory 100 per cent of bunding facilities—in other words, if something ruptures, it is kept within a bunding wall that will take 100 per cent of the fuel that is stored within those tanks. It is that sort of arrangement that is now done under a standard rather than under a particular EIS or something like that. So they would have to meet the standards that are set down for the storage of fuel, as they would elsewhere in Australia.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 30		

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45.	PM&C	Peris	Tiwi Land Council – meeting minutes	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator PERIS: Regarding the meetings or consultations that the Tiwi Land Council have with the traditional owners, is it a requirement of the land councils to provide a full transcript of the meetings that take place when they are consulting with traditional owners? Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice. Perhaps that is a matter for the Tiwi Land Council. Regarding full transcripts of all consultation that takes place, no doubt I would have struck that in the past. Certainly anybody else on the panel can help me, but I certainly have not seen that. I suspect I would have been aware if there was a requirement that all transcripts of all consultations were made and kept. I suspect that is not the case, but we will take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 30		
46.	PM&C	Peris	Port on Melville Island – social impact study	Jobs & Economy Division	Senator PERIS: I put on record—and perhaps you are able to follow up—because that has been addressed to me: that the Tiwi people have not seen a social impact study. Senator Scullion: We will check if it is a requirement, but if it is not a requirement the traditional owners of that land, the people who own that land, have the right, under the ALRA legislation, to make decisions about what happens on their land. I understand, as you have indicated, they are duly elected and they have gone through all of the processes of setting out the port and what happens in the port, and they have made those investments accordingly. As to some legislative requirement to have some sort of social impact statement that they have not done, I will certainly take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 30		

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47.	PM&C	McLucas	Delivery of municipal services	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator McLUCAS: I want to go very quickly to municipal and essential services. Minister Scullion announced in the Senate that agreement had been reached with various states and territories about the delivery of municipal services. Are those agreements formal documents? Ms Carroll: The form of the agreements is an exchange of letters. Senator McLUCAS: It would be unusual for us to ask for those letters, but can we have them? Ms Carroll: We will take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 31		
48.	PM&C	McLucas	Municipal services - relationship with the Commonwealth	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator McLUCAS: That essentially severed the relationship around municipal services between the Commonwealth— Mr Owen: It was on the basis of them taking over full responsibility for all of those services from the end of our transitional funding. Senator McLUCAS: Which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities did that cover? Mr Denny: We might have to take that one on notice. I do not have the specific details, but our funding generally went to a selection of the Aboriginal shire councils.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 31		

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49.	PM&C	McLucas	Municipal services – funding locations	Housing, Land and Community Capability Division	Senator McLUCAS: Mr Denny, can you give me a list on notice also of the locations where municipal services were being funded, please? Mr Denny: We can do that..... Senator McLUCAS: Mr Denny, can I have the location in both Victoria and Tasmania where those services were funded in the past? Mr Denny: In Victoria it was Framlingham and Lake Tyers, and in Tasmania it was— Senator McLUCAS: Just put it on one list for me. Mr Denny: Okay.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 31 and 32		

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50.	PM&C	Siewert	Remote Jobs and Communities Programme – continuity of employment	Jobs and Economy Division	Senator SIEWERT: Yes. You would be aware that I was critical of the process, as well. I will come back to that. This is a group of people that, despite some of the issues around the rushed nature of the changes, actually gained employment for 13 weeks, but they have not carried it through to 26 weeks. Given the urgency of helping people into employment, why haven't you gone back to look at what the factors were that led to people falling out of employment between 13 weeks and 26 weeks? Mr Bulman: Our service providers engage very regularly with those job seekers. If they do fall out of employment at a point, they come back into the service and engage with their service provider. They understand the details of their barriers, their unique circumstances, and then they aim to put in measures so that, next time they are placed in employment, they can retain that position for longer. Mr Eccles: We do have information, but it might be something about which we can come back on notice about the range of reasons. But we do work with our providers to try and improve the potential for people to stick, to move from up to 13 and then stick to the 26 weeks. Senator SIEWERT: It is not just about them sticking to it. It is also about: were those jobs temporary jobs? Were they permanent jobs? Mr Eccles: Sure—seasonal or otherwise. Senator SIEWERT: Exactly. Mr Eccles: We can look at all of that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 34		

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51.	PM&C	Siewert	Community Development and Employment Projects - figures	Jobs and Economy Division	Senator SIEWERT: I am aware that Senator McLucas will want to jump in in a sec. I have two questions, then I will hand over. Minister, you made a comment that the CDEP did not engage with RJCP. Do you have figures on the number of people that came out of CDEP that did not go into RJCP or engage? Senator Scullion: I am not sure if we have them to hand. If we do not, we will take them on notice. Mr Bulman: No, I would have to take that one on notice, Senator. When CDEP transitioned into RJCP, I think there was some disruption in the level of activity as they entered into the new service that came as part of the implementation challenges.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 35		
52.	PM&C	McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy – attendance figures	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator McLUCAS: How do we know that the child who is ticked off in the morning stayed there till 3 o'clock? Mr James: Some of the jurisdictions mark separate rolls in the morning and the afternoon. The data that I have handed over just gives the average attendance rates. It compares the average attendance rate for those schools this year with the same time last year, and it is the overall attendance rate. I should take this on notice, but my understanding is that, if somebody is there for only half a day, then that is counted as half a day's attendance, so it is not counted as a full day. I should take that on notice, because each jurisdiction does it slightly differently.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 37		

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53.	PM&C	McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy – expenditure	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator McLUCAS: \$46 million was allocated to the program. How much of that has been expended? Ms Jolly: That funding has been committed. The majority of that funding is for the employment of the school attendance officers and supervisors. Funding is currently committed. I will see if we have the figure for expense to date. Mr Fordham: We don't, Senator. We will have to take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 38		
54.	PM&C	McLucas	School attendance officers - figures	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator McLUCAS: Can you split that across participating jurisdictions? Mr Fordham: I think I can. I would have to add it up; I am sorry, Senator. Senator McLUCAS: Could you provide it to us on notice, please, Mr Fordham. Mr Fordham: I will.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 38		

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55.	PM&C	Siewert	IAS financial planning	Programme Implementa tion Taskforce	Senator SIEWERT: This is about financial planning for things like Money Matters. I am sure it is under IAS. The feedback I have had from some of the people I have spoken to is that some of the funding they used to get to deliver just their program has now been expanded to cover five centres. So they are saying it is not even going to be left to the assessment processes; they simply are not going to get the amount of funding they got to provide the program because it is now being stretched out over a much bigger region. Ms Carroll: I will take that on notice and see what we can find out about that particular element. Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the overall regional allocation of funding and where it sits? Ms Carroll: Yes. Senator SIEWERT: Sorry. As I said, I am still having some problems working out where some of those sit. Would it fit here in wellbeing? Ms Carroll: We will double-check for you and get you an answer on that.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 45		

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56.	PM&C	Siewert	Incarceration of people with cognitive impairments	Community Safety and Policy Division	Senator SIEWERT: I do understand that the issues are complex and that is the very reason why we need to come up with something more than just acting each time an issue arises. I would contest the issues around the numbers going up. We know there is a significant issue around FASD. We know that we could potentially see more interaction of people with the justice system. What processes have you put in place from a Commonwealth perspective in terms of talking to the jurisdictions? Quite frankly, I am sick of writing to each jurisdiction and raising this issue because I get the same response. Are you undertaking any action that puts this on the agenda and starts facilitating a discussion with the state and territories? Senator Scullion: It is a matter of ongoing conversations and discussions with the states and territories, but I have to say that in this particular case people are watching how we go with this. We are still determined to have the outcome that a much better balanced level of amenity is achieved. I would like to congratulate the minister and the Northern Territory government for their cooperation in this matter. No-one has walked away from it and there have been difficult circumstances. Where we end up in the Northern Territory is really going to inform where we end up with things like the level of amenity. In terms of exactly where those conversations are up to, as much as I can, I will take that question on notice and let you know where we are up to with the various jurisdictions. I am being frank about saying that I think everybody is watching this space, because it is emblematic. I was not disputing what might happen in future; my reference to numbers was purely historical. Senator SIEWERT: I take your point. I would appreciate it if you could take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 46		
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57.	PM&C	Peris	Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator PERIS: How long has ITAS been around for? Ms Jolly: I am not sure exactly, but I can take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 50		
58.	PM&C	Peris	Universities – discussions and meetings	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator PERIS: Are you able to advise which universities the minister has met with or the department met with, as you have referred to? Ms Jolly: I can take that on notice. I need to check. Senator PERIS: Okay. Who made the decisions about which universities were included in those discussions you were just talking about? Ms Jolly: I would take that on notice, but I would say it was a discussion between us and the Department of Education. There are a range of established consultative groups, and so many people from those consultative groups who were there at the discussion. But I would need to take it on notice to give you some more details about the exact composition of that group. Senator PERIS: So the Department of Education determined the universities that were selected? Ms Jolly: No, I would need to clarify exactly how that worked, to make sure that I am clear on the way that that worked—because it was designed between departments, so I would need to double-check exactly how that was finalised.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, pages 50 & 51		

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59.	PM&C	Peris	Charles Darwin University – date of Minister's latest visit	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Senator PERIS: Can I ask the minister when was the last time he visited Charles Darwin University? Senator Scullion: I would have to take that on notice. I am in and out of Charles Darwin University on a number of matters that do not necessarily correspond to the sort of answer that you want in terms of my being there as a senator. I will have to take that on notice.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 51		

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60.	ANAO	Nick Xenophon	Government Advertising	N/A	My questions are in response to the letter from the Auditor General, dated 30 September this year, in response to my questions on government advertising campaigns regarding boat arrivals. 1. I note that the Department of Immigration, which was responsible for the domestic component of the 'by boat, no visa' campaign, has informed the ANAO that the campaign ran from 20 July 2013 and ended on 5 September 2013, at a cost of \$6.8 million - over \$2 million per month. Does the ANAO have information on how this cost compares to similar domestic advertising campaigns run by the Department over a similar period of time? 2. I note that by comparison, the No way campaign's domestic cost over a three month period (June 2014 to end of August 2014) was only \$461,836. Did the Department provide the ANAO with a cost break-down for either campaign? a. If so, how did they compare? 3. In his letter, Mr McPhee states that the ANAO's performance audits on the government advertising framework have demonstrated the benefits of third party scrutiny of communications - which is no longer required under the framework. Can the ANAO elaborate on those benefits? 4. Mr McPhee also advises that the ANAO will examine the framework further in the next performance audit. When will this occur? a. In terms of outcomes from that audit, is the government required to respond to any findings or recommendations?	Written		

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61.	PM&C	Nick Xenophon	Annual Reports	Ministerial Support Division	1. From the recent Budget Estimates June 2014, I asked Q.170 which became 'Requirements for Annual Reports document'. Can the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet identify which Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies and with what monetary value have contravened section 48 of the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997? This appears to have occurred concurrently with the Department of Defence in the financial year 2004-05. 2. I understand the Department requires a mandatory reporting of compliance with section 19 of the same Act as directed within the DPM&C's 'Guidelines for Annual Reports' and which were presented to the Parliament by their Minister. Has there been a failure in the quality of the reporting to the Parliament? 3. On the 15th October 2014, the 'Successful Implementation of Policy Initiatives' was jointly released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Australian National Audit Office. One section is titled, 'Strong leadership, an inclusive approach, sound processes and the effective use of resources'. Given my ongoing concerns about 'risk management services, internal audit, fraud and compliance mechanisms', can you advise what effective enforcement protocols will be employed to monitor this implementation of policy initiatives?	Written		
62.	IGIS	Nick	Timor-	N/A	I refer to the International Court of Justice order earlier this	Written		

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		Xenophon	Leste/General Questions		year, that "Australia shall not interfere in any way in communications between Timor-Leste and its legal advisers in connection with the pending Arbitration under the Timor Sea Treaty of 20 May 2002 between Timor-Leste and Australia, with any future bilateral negotiations concerning maritime delimitation, or with any other related procedure between the two States, including the present case before the Court." (page 15, http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/156/18078.pdf) 1. Does IGIS agree that this order means we are not allowed to intercept East Timor's phones, emails letters and other communications with its lawyers in this dispute? 2. Have IGIS monitored Australia's intelligence agencies to ensure compliance with this order? If not, why not? 3. How is Witness K? Has IGIS met him? He must be under considerable stress. Is IGIS offering him any support of any kind? Is IGIS aware of anyone else offering him support of any kind? 4. How is Mr. Bernard Collaery? Has IGIS met him? He must be under considerable stress. Is IGIS offering him any support of any kind? Is IGIS aware of anyone else offering him any support of any kind? 5. Has IGIS found the correspondence between Witness K and her predecessor referred to in the Budget Estimates session of this year? 6. IGIS is hiring new staff. Do the staff have to be vetted or approved by the intelligence agencies that they're supposed to be overseeing? How many staff is IGIS recruiting? Do they include former intelligence officers? Are any of the staff or proposed new staff on secondment from existing law enforcement and intelligence agencies? If so,			

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					how many and which agencies? 7. What happens if the intelligence agencies deny a security clearance to someone who's applying for a job with IGIS? What can IGIS do when faced with what is effectively a veto? 8. How did IGIS get her security clearance? Did the intelligence agencies have to vet her? 9. Interception capability plans: IGIS and PJCIS had never asked to see them, and may not be able to see them without the telecommunications company's approval. Are you satisfied with this state of affairs? 10. Have you since asked to see the interception capability plans? How many? How often? When?			

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63.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Official residences	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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. Include: 1. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended 2. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function 3. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function 4. A list of drinks consumed at the function 5. a list of any entertainment provided at the event 6. the venue of the event, how it was selected, how it was approved and whether any other venue was considered for the event 7. a total cost for the function, broken down by venue, food, drinks, entertainment or other cost items 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. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost of each beverage	Written		

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64.	PM&C	Ludwig	Malcolm Turnbull's 60th Celebration	Ministerial Support Division	I refer you to media reports that suggest the Prime Minister hosted a celebration for the Communication Minister's 60th birthday. One such report is located here: http://www.smh.com.au/comment/malcolm-turnbulls-star-rises-as-tony-abbott-revels-in-ministers-jockeying-20141024-11bd8z.html 1. Can you confirm that the party occurred? If yes: 2. What date and time did the party occur? 3. Where was the party hosted? 4. How was the party paid for? 5. How much did it cost? Please break the cost down by items purchased and cost of catering etc. Please provide copies of any receipts / invoices. 6. Who was invited to attend? 7. How were people selected for invitation? 8. Who instigated the planning for the party? 9. Who was involved in planning the party? 10. Please provide a copy of any communication between the Prime Minister's office, the Communication Minister's office and the department regarding the party.	Written		

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65.	PM&C	Ludwig	Travel Costs	Government Division	I refer you to QoN response 343 – from Budget Estimates in May 2014. 1. I remind you that Ministers are accountable to this Committee and to the senate. You are required to answer questions put to you, and refer them to the relevant agency or office for an answer, not an obstruction. 2. In that vein - could the Minister please update the committee on travel arrangements including: 3. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 4. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), 5. accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 6. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary 7. Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the 8. Classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 9. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason. 10. Brief explanation for the travel.	Written		

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66.	PM&C	Ludwig	FoI Applicants	Government Division	I refer you to QoN response 186 – from Budget Estimates in May 2014. 1. What verification process was done to answer this question? Please detail. 2. What communication was sent between the department and the Prime Minister's Office in attempting to verify this question? Please detail types of communication and quantity. 3. How much time was spent verifying this answer?	Written		
67.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? 1. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written		

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68.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Statutory Review Provisions	Government Division	Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide: 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?	Written		

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69.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Self-Initiated work	Corporate Services Division	1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc. that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)? 2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: 3. When did the project commence? 4. When is it expected to conclude? 5. What will the total cost of the project be? 6. Where did the money for the project come from? 7. Where is the project based?	Written		
70.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Graduate intake	Corporate Services Division	1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013? 2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014? 3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015? 4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?	Written		

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71.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	G20 - expenses	G20 Operations	Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security. For each item, please provide: 1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. 2. The location of the event. 3. The date of the event. 4. The name and ABN of the service provider. 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. 6. The total value of the contract/invoice. 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department. 8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.	Written		

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

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73.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	Ministerial Support Division	1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Who is the manual distributed to? 5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?	Written		
74.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	Ministerial Support Division	1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?	Written		

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75.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Domain Usage	Corporate Service Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: 1. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). 2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. 3. Number of times the site was accessed.	Written		

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76.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Reviews	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: 1. the date they were ordered 2. the date they commenced 3. the minister responsible 4. the department responsible 5. the nature of the review 6. their terms of reference 7. the scope of the review 8. Who is conducting the review 9. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 10. the expected report date 11. the budgeted, projected or expected costs 12. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? 1. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names 2. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or	Written		

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					equivalent 3. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item 4. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement 5. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. 6. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them 7. If yes, for each, who selected them 8. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, 1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was 2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list 3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department 5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 3. Which reviews are on-going? 1. Please list them. 2. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.			

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

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77.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Sunset Provisions	Government Division	1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? 2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? 3. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the sunset provisions becoming active 4. When did/will this work begin? 5. When is/was the review due to commence. 6. What is the expected report date. 7. Who is the minister responsible for the review 8. What department is responsible for the review 9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 10. List the terms of reference. 11. What is the scope of the review. 12. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 13. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?	Written		

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					15. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 16. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 17. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?			
78.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Wine Coolers / Fridges	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written		

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79.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	FoI Requests	Government Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: 1. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? 2. For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written		

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80.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor vehicle	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.	Written		

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81.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non- MoPS)	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written		

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82.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.	Written		

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83.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: 1. Date the lease agreement is active from. 2. Date the lease agreement ends. 3. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? 4. Location of the building (City and state). 5. Cost of the lease. 6. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: 1. Date from which the lease agreement was active. 2. Date the lease agreement ended. 3. Why was the lease not renewed? 4. Location of the building (City and state). 5. Cost of the lease. 6. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12	Written		

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					months. Please detail by: 1. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. 2. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. 3. Expected location of the building (City and state). 4. Expected cost of the lease. 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? 5. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 5. For each building owned or leased by the department: 1. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? 2. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.			

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84.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Government advertising	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. List the approving officer for each item 3. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? 1. List the total expected cost 2. List each item of expenditure and cost 3. List the approving officer for each item 4. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising	Written		
85.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? 1. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written	31/10/2014	

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86.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial Website	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: - How much has been spent on the Minister's website? - List each item of expenditure and cost - Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? - Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written		
87.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	Government Division	- List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary - For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification - For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification - For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification - For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment	Written		

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88.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written		
89.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	Corporate Services Division	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		

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90.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written		

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91.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Non-Conventional Therapies	Corporate Services Division	Since 7 September 2013: - Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: - What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? - Who are they available to? - Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)? - Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: - What therapies have been provided? - What were they used to treat? - What was the cost of the therapy?	Written		

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92.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Office Plants	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written		

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93.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written		

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94.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Vending machines	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written		

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95.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Legal Costs	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written		

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96.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written		

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97.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	Government Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written		
98.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Appointments	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.	Written	31/10/2014	

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99.	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Staff Transfers	Corporate Services Division	1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to? 6. with co 7. How many of these people are employed in Canberra? 8. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election? 9. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013 10. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election? 11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age. 12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their	Written		

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					wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer. 13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender. 14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 15. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer. 16. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer? 17. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer? 18. Please provide all relevant dates. <i>Redundancies</i> 19. How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election? 1. How many of these positions were non-ongoing? 2. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital			

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					Territory? 2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?			

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					5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please: 1. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located. 2. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). 3. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. 4. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. 5. Please provide all relevant dates. 7. For all employees who were redeployed please			

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					provide: 1. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located. 2. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment. 3. Please provide the reason for that redeployment. 4. Please provide all relevant dates. 8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant? 1. How many of these employees were ongoing? 2. How many of these employees were non-			

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					ongoing? 3. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide: 1. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. 2. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). 3. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. 4. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. 5. Please provide all relevant dates. <i>Hiring</i> 20. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts? 21. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts? 22. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?			

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					23. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 24. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 2. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 3. How many non-ongoing contracts have been			

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					extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? 1. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 4. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? 1. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates. 5. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 6. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for			

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					approval since the 2014 federal election? 7. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 8. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 9. How many new employees have been engaged			

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					on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? 1. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates. 10. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election? 11. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election? 12. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for			

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					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. 13. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission? 1. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application. 14. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission? 1. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this			

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					employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.			
100	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written		

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101	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	Corporate Services Division	1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions	Written		

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					available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?			

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102	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Market Research	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 9. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? 10. What input did the Minister have? 11. How was it approved? 12. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.	Written		

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103	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	Corporate Services Division	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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104	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Communications staff	Corporate Services Division	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 5. How many are graphic designers? 6. How many are media managers? 7. How many organise events?	Written		

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105	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Government Division	The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act): Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: 1. The Department or Agency which was consulted; 2. The document; 3. The purpose of the consultation; 4. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; 5. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following	Written		

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					information: 1. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; 2. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; 3. The purpose of the consultation; 4. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; 5. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 6. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office Staffing resources The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013: 1. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests? FOI Disclosure Log For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:			

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

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					this task? 3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? 4. If so, please provide the following information in a table: On how many occasions charges have been imposed; The amount charged for each document 3. The total amount charged; 4. What is the highest charge that has been imposed. With respect to FOI requests: 1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? 2. Of those, how many were: 1. Released in full 2. Released in part 3. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest 4. Other (please specify)			

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106	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Functions	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister, include: 1. The guest list of each function 2. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function 3. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function 4. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.	Written		

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107	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	Office of Deregulation	1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? 1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _ 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. 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?	Written		

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108	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Land costs	Corporate Services Division	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).	Written		

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					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?			
109	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	Government Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? 1. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level 2. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? 3. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? 1. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? 2. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? 1. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government	Written		

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					staffing committee? 1. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level			

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110	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies: 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	Written		

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111	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	Corporate Services Division	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written		

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112	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	Corporate Services Division	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). 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.	Written		

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113	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Credit cards	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.	Written		

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114	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written		
115	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Hire cars	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written		
116	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Unallocated Equipment	Corporate Services Division	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		

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117	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Advertising	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies. 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning. 3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.	Written		
118	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? 1. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. 2. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? 3. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 4. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.	Written		

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

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

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121	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Fee for services	Corporate Services Division	Since September 7, 2013: 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 9. test	Written		

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

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123	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	Corporate Services Division	Since 7 September 2013: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested this material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?	Written		
124	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - Stats	Government Division	1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?	Written	31/10/2014	

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125	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Savings and Efficiency Measures	Economic Division	Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament: 1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued? 2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: 1. What is the timeframe for implementation? 2. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks? 3. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department? 4. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?	Written		
126	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.	Written		

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127	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Consultancies	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? 1. List each, including name, cost and purpose 2. If so, why?	Written		

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128	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: - Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office. - List the items - List the items location or normal location - 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 - List the total cost of the items - List an itemised cost breakdown of these items - List the date they were provided to the office - Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department	Written		

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129	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 4. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? 1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. 2. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 3. What is provided to the Minister or their office?	Written		

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

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130	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Media monitoring	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? 3. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period? 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 2. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? 3. Itemise these expenses	Written		

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131	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Media training	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: 1. Total spending on these services 2. An itemised cost breakdown of these services 3. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 4. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification 5. The names of all service providers engaged 6. The location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for	Written		

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					each employment classification) 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 4. The location used 5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			

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132	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Report Printing	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? 2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal	Written		

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133	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: - For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? - Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification - Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: - What is provided? - The purchase cost. - The ongoing cost. - A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). - A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written		

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134	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Computers	Corporate Services Division	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		

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135	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under. 6. Detail the process. 7. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 9. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 10. What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel? 11. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 12. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written		

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136	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Travel costs - ministerial	Government Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written		

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137	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Senate estimates briefing	Ministerial Support Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: - How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? - How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? - Please break down the hours by officer APS classification - 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? - Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? - If so, when did this occur? - What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. - When were the changes made? - Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.	Written		

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

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139	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Stationery Requirements	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? 1. Detail the items provided to the minister's office. 2. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date. 3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.	Written		

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140	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Meeting costs	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written		

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141	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	Written		

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					office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?			

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142	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location	Written		

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					other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 1. The location used 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 7. 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? 8. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.			

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143	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Staffing profile	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written		

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144	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? 1. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?	Written		

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145	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written		

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146	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Coffee machines	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff useage? 1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? 2. Why were coffee machines purchased? 3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? 4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? 5. Who has access? 6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written		

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147	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Printing	Coordinated by MSD	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? 1. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? 1. If so, what companies were used? 2. How were they selected? 3. What was the total cost of this printing by item?	Written		

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148	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Corporate cars	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? 1. Where are the cars located? 2. What are the cars used for? 3. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? 4. How far did each car travel during the specified period?	Written		
149	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Taxi costs	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written		

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150	PM&C All Agency	Ludwig	Grants	Corporate Services Division	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants? 2. How are grants applied for? 3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. 1. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved. 4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? 5. Who is involved in this selection process? 6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. 1. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail. 7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the	Written		

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151	PM&C	Siewert	Job Search requirements	Jobs & Economy Division	1. What are the differences between job search requirements or obligations for remote Indigenous job seekers and other job seekers? 2. If there are greater requirements what is the rationale for this approach?	Written		
152	PM&C	Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Implementation Taskforce	The new incorporation requirements under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy require an organisation in receipt of \$500,000 funding or more to incorporate under ORIC or ASIC. This provision removes the sovereign right of a board to choose its registering body and discriminates between organisations. 1. Will the Government reconsider its position of compulsory incorporation? 2. How can the department ensure ORIC will provide effective and appropriate support to organisations? 3. Can the department provide detail of the assessment process? 4. Can the Department outline the determinations of merit/criteria being used in the Indigenous Advancement Strategy assessment process? 5. How can the Government ensure Aboriginal organisations are considered equally in this process? 6. How many applications were received? 7. please provide a breakdown of number of applications against each funding stream.	Written		

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153	PM&C	Siewert	Working for Country	Jobs & Economy Division	1. How many Working on Country Programs are terminating in 2016 2. Will there be adequate funding available to renew these projects? 3. If not how many could be refunded and what is the transition plan for those that aren't refunded? 4. How much funding from IAS will be available for these types programs in this current grant round and in the future?	Written		

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154	PM&C	McLucas	Arnhem Land Trip	Community Safety and Policy Division	1. Could the department provide a fully itemised costing for the Prime Minister's trip to Arnhem Land in September 2014? 2. What is the total of existing budget resources that were used to fund the trip? What are these existing budget resources? 3. How many organisations did the Prime Minister meet with? 4. What organisations did the Prime Minister visit? 5. Were any organisations that requested a meeting with the Prime Minister declined that opportunity? If so, who were these organisations and on what basis was the meeting declined? 6. How many community forums or open discussions were held with the Prime Minister? 7. Does the \$86,000 additional departmental cost include the additional funding provided to Defence? 8. Are there any plans underway for another visit to an Indigenous community?	Written		

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155	PM&C	McLucas	Remote Community Advancement Network	Programme Implementation Taskforce	1. The department indicated that the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the Kimberley are being considered as early adopters of the Remote Community Advancement Network. a. How were these regions selected to be considered for early adoption of the new regional PMC structure? b. When does the department expect an early rollout to be implemented? c. What is the current PMC structure that services these areas? d. What changes is the department making to the number, roles and organisation of staff in these regions? 2. The Remote Community Advancement Strategy will be rolled out over 12 months from 1 July 2014. a. Is this correct? b. Has the department developed a timeline for the rollout of the new regional model? If not, when is this plan due to be finalised? c. Is the department developing an implementation plan for the rollout? How advanced is this plan? 3. The department indicated that “more senior officials [will be] closer to communities and more decision making delegated to those senior	Written		

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					officials” (p.9 Finance and Public Administration Estimates transcript, 24 October 2014). a. How will senior officials be closer to communities? b. Given that office locations will not change, what practical changes will be implemented to bring this into effect? c. What is the APS level required for a “senior official?” d. How will these senior officials be sourced? Will senior officials be transferred from Canberra? Is promotion being considered by the department to fill senior positions from existing staff within the Network? e. Which senior officials will have decision making powers in each region? f. What decision making powers will be delegated to senior officials? g. Will decision making authority be delegated to officials who are employed at the same APS level as the decision maker from which authority will be delegated? 4. What powers, authority and discretion do Regional Managers have? Can Regional Managers change procedures, redirect funding, alter existing funding agreements, request audits or program evaluation? 5. How many staff will be allocated to each region and how will this number be determined? 6. Will staff be required to travel to more closely			
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					engage with communities within their region? If so, have these travel costs been accounted for in the total roll out cost? 7. What is the role of the Indigenous Advisory Council in the rollout of the regional network? 8. Why is the implementation period for the Remote Community Advancement Network longer than the rollout of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, which the Network will implement and monitor? 9. How many applications were received for the position of National Director? 10. To whom is the National Director accountable?			
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156	PM&C	McLucas	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Implementation Taskforce	1. What is the total number of applications received for funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy? - What is the total value of the applications? - What is the total value of the applications for each stream? - What is the total value of the demand driven applications? - How many demand driven applications were received? 2.Can the Minister confirm that a small organisation that does not meet the requirements for classification as an Indigenous organisation under the CATSI Act, will be able to apply for funding of \$500,000 or more and will not be required to incorporate under the same regulator as a small Indigenous organisation applying for the same funding? 3.Can the Minister confirm the powers of the Registrar under ORIC include powers to: - appoint a special administrator; - change the constitution; - call a general meeting; - convene a meeting of “interested persons”; - appoint an examiner to look at the business to identify financial or governance issues; - remove directors from office; - act for Members “in certain circumstances”. 4.Can the Minister confirm that these powers are not available to ASIC? 5.The Indigenous Advancement Strategy Guidelines state	Written		

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					that an exemption to the incorporation requirement will be considered where: • An organisation can demonstrate that grant funding received under the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Indigenous Affairs portfolio is a small portion of their total revenue, and as such changing incorporation status may unfairly impose additional requirements on their operations and business model; • An organisation can demonstrate that they are required to operate under specific non-Commonwealth legislation as part of their licencing arrangements or funding received through other sources; • An Indigenous organisation is incorporated under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> at 1 July 2014, and they can demonstrate that they are well-governed and high-performing; and as such would not receive significant benefit from incorporation under the <i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006</i>. (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet website) a. Are these the only three exemptions that can be applied to an Indigenous organisation? b. Is there discretion for a case by case exemption to be granted outside of these three identified grounds? If so, who exercises this discretion, and by what			

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					criteria are individual case assessments made where they fall outside those grounds for exemption? 6.A \$10,000 one-off payment is being offered to assist Indigenous organisations to incorporate. How was this figure reached? 7.Was there any consultation with Indigenous organisations prior to the introduction of the incorporation requirement? If not, why not? 8.How much funding has been kept aside for demand driven applications? Is this funding quarantined from the entire pool, or is funding set aside in each stream for demand driven applications? 9.How will the process for demand driven applications differ from the assessment process of other IAS grant applications? 10.The department may make one off or ad hoc grants that do not involve a planned selection process but are designed to meet a specific need, often due to urgency or other circumstances. What is the process of assessment and criteria for these grants and how does it differ from the process for other applicants? 11.The Portfolio Budget Statement figures for each of the five streams contain funding for portfolio bodies and some additional budget measures that are not part of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. Can the department provide a breakdown of these figures identifying the component funding elements? 12.Are all special appropriations categorised as committed funds under the IAS in the respective streams?			

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					Can the department provide a list of all special appropriations that comprise committed IAS funds by stream? 13.The Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) has its own guidelines and criteria which applicants must meet for IEP funding. Are applications for IEP funding under the IAS, and/ or the demand driven application process, required to meet the IEP criteria in addition to the criteria for the Jobs, Land and Economy stream of the IAS? 14.Many organisations experienced difficulties with the application process. What happens to applications that were not filled in correctly during the compliance checking stage? 15.What is the assessment process for the grant applications? a. How many small teams will assess the applications? b. How many staff comprises these small teams and what is their APS level? c. How were members selected for the grant selection committee? d. How many members make up the grant selection committee? Is this finalised? e. What role will State managers have in the assessment process and at what stage in the process? 16.Will the department recommend grants to be approved by the Minister? 17.Does this process allow for the Minister to make a determination to fund a proposal that was not			

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					recommended by the department? 18. Will the Minister receive departmental advice about every eligible application and make the selection at his own discretion? 19. In relation to decision-making by the Minister, have the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines 2014 recommendations for documentation of advice and reasons been adhered to? If not, why not? 10. The IAS Guidelines state that 'grant funding may be drawn from across one or more programmes to address national priorities and community issues.' Given that the Portfolio Budget Statement establishes the five programs as separate appropriations, how will funding be administered for grants that cross program streams? f. Will eligibility or selection criteria be waived or amended in these instances? If so, how? g. Where an application for activities that crosses multiple program streams is being assessed, is the Minister able to approve part of the application or will it be assessed as a whole? h. If an application for funding covers multiple program streams, are the 'national priorities' and 'community issues' identified on page 3 of the Guidelines considered to be additional, alternative or overriding selection criteria? 11. Is it within the power of the Minister to approve an			

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					application for funding for an amount less than the organisation tendered for? If so, on what basis is funding determined? 12.The IAS Guidelines state that eligible applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria set out for the relevant outcome in the application kit, and then prioritised against competing eligible applications for the available grant funding. Where many applications meet the selection criteria (more than the available funding) what is the process for selection of successful applicants? What criteria are used and how are applications prioritised? 13.How is the Minister and the Department ensuring that Indigenous organisations are given preference in delivering services to Indigenous people? 14.Are reporting requirements negotiated on a case by case basis or are there standard reporting requirements for successful applicants across the board? 15.Can grant money be redirected before a contract has expired? i. Who has the authority to redirect or discontinue funds? j. On what basis and in what circumstances can this authority be exercised? 16.Paragraphs 21 to 28 of the draft Head of Agreement sets out arrangements for ‘consultation, cooperation and evaluation.’ In particular, paragraph 23 provides that the Commonwealth may, at any time, evaluate a project, the provider’s capacity to deliver a project in accordance with			

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					the project agreement and/ or the provider's performance under its project agreement/s. Who has the authority to order a program evaluation and what form can the evaluation take – departmental or external? 17.The Second Action Plan: Moving Forward 2013-2016 of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 was released on 27 June 2013 by the Prime Minister. Among the national priority areas are: National Priority Three: Supporting innovative services and integrated systems National Priority Five: Continuing to build the evidence base Can the Minister explain how making the Family Violence Prevention Legal Service -one of the four pillar legal services that directly addresses family violence, with a proven record - compete in open tender for core funding is consistent with the Government's Plan and national priorities? 18.Is the IAS part of the Closing the Gap Agreement or is it separate? Do the Closing the Gap targets apply to IAS outcomes? 19.Were Indigenous organisations or representatives consulted in the development of the IAS? 20.Did the Department of Finance approve the IAS funding Guidelines? 21.Were ANAO Implementing Better Practice Grants Administration considered? 22.Has the Department been delegated any decision making powers? If so, what is the extent of the delegated authority?			

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157	PM&C	McLucas	Employment	Jobs and Economy Division	1. Could the Department provide the latest data for the number of Indigenous jobs contracted through the Indigenous Employment Program. How does this data compare to the previous year? 2. Where are the 21 vocational training and education centres located across the country? When was each centre established? Are they all complete?	Written		

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158	PM&C	McLucas	Education	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	1. Can the department confirm that the 200 additional Commonwealth funded teachers in the Northern Territory were funded under the CDEP and are now within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy or whether they are funded as part of the Stronger Futures package? 2. In May 2014 COAG agreed that the Commonwealth and states and territories, in partnership with communities, develop specific strategies by no later than 31 October 2014, to improve school attendance where the attendance rate for Indigenous children is below 80 per cent. a. Term 1 2014 attendance figures for QLD and the NT – the only publicly available data by school – showed that <u>none</u> of the 21 schools attained 80 per cent attendance. Could you please detail the specific strategies that were developed for these schools and the consultation process? b. Where are these strategies documented? Do they have performance benchmarks? 3. In May 2014 COAG further agreed to public reporting of school attendance information, recognising privacy issues, later in 2014, and then twice yearly from 2015 onwards. a. When will the school attendance data be published this year? b. As far as we are aware, only NT and QLD have authorised the publication of attendance data. What is the	Written		

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159	PM&C	Carr	Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda	Industry Investment and Competitiveness Agenda Taskforce	a) How many officers were seconded from other Departments to assist with the development of the Competitiveness Agenda? How many officers were seconded from the Department of Industry? b) Is the Taskforce still operating within PM&C? If yes, how long will this arrangement continue? c) What is PM&C's role in implementing and overseeing the policy? Is PM&C responsible for the Competitiveness Agenda or is it the Department of Industry? d) What Department is responsible for Budget reporting? e) Does the package include any Departmental or Administered funding for PM&C? If so, how much Departmental? How much Administered? f) What Department is responsible for maintaining and updating the policy documents, like factsheets and program guidelines for example? g) What Department is responsible for managing the stakeholder consultation process?	Written		

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160	PM&C	Moore	Commission on the Status of Women - delegation	Social Policy Division	Senator MOORE: What was the difference in the actual size of the delegation? Maybe you can take that on notice as well. My understanding is that there was not such a great difference in the size itself—I would like to get that confirmed or denied—but it is the policy difference in who paid and did not pay. Ms McDevitt: There was not a policy difference in who paid. As part of the formal Australian government delegation in addition to the minister we paid for officials from PM&C and from DFAT and for some non-government delegates to be part of the formal Australian government delegation. In addition to that, obviously, a lot of other people paid their own way. Senator MOORE: There has obviously been a significant difference in the number who were paid for and the number who paid their own way. Ms McDevitt: I think what you are saying is that there was a reduction in the size of the overall delegation—that went for both bureaucrats and NGO representatives. Senator MOORE: Can you refine the answer to question 83 to give me the numbers? That would be really useful.	FPA Monday 20 October 2014, page 50		

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161	PM&C	Siewert	RJCP & CDEP Statistics	Jobs and Economy Division	Senator Scullion: Insofar as I can clarify my remarks about the failure, by observation and by statistics—and, if you would like the statistics, we perhaps can take some of those on notice—but certainly by observation— Senator SIEWERT: Yes, we would like the statistics. Senator Scullion: with the implementation of RJCP and the closure of CDEP, a lot of people who were on CDEP did not re-engage with RJCP and, in fact, they went back onto passive welfare. We will see if we can find some statistics to support that. Senator SIEWERT: If you could, that would be good.	FPA Friday 24 October 2014, page 33		