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	Department/ Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Responsible Division/ Agency	Question	Proof Hansard Page & Hearing Date or Written Q	Date answer received	Date answer tabled
1.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Smith	Industrial action	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> If you have other statistics with regard to the industrial action, I would be grateful to see them. Perhaps you could provide them on notice. What time of the day do people participate in the industrial action? I am curious to know what time of the day on 15 September, what time of the day on 24 September, what time of the day Human Services participated in industrial action and what time of the day the department of tax participated et cetera.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> From memory, there were a couple of different stoppages. There was a one-to-five and a five-till-nine stoppage in the Department of Human Services.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> If you could provide me that information as well?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> If you are providing that information to Senator Smith, I think the results for those agencies where ballots have been held on an offer—including the participation rate, which is very high from my reading of the results—should be included in the answer, if that would be okay.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 69		

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2.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	The cost of violence against women and their children	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> We will not waste time. It is a really good document, and I would think that somewhere down the track it would be a very useful thing to review the information from the 2015-16 perspective, because it looks at a lot of the stuff in terms of costs to the community. I will again put on record my concern that we do not know how much is being spent on domestic violence in this country. We have just had a significant announcement of \$100 million, which we welcome. How could you not welcome that? It was a response to one element of the process, and as you have said, we have had state governments making announcements. I would have thought, looking at the role of the Office of Women to coordinate activities, that there could be some value in doing some analysis of what is being spent—with the provisos that I note, because we could go down the rabbit warrens of how much Centrelink has spent. I would like to get a really short answer—because we probably will not agree. It seems to me that if we are identifying the issue and the clear cost to the community, it may be useful for the community to know how much governments are spending.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think that is something we could certainly look at. We would need to raise it with state ministers—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Absolutely, yes.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 72		
3.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's safety package	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> What is the current status of that program? When we talked at the last estimates, we were still working through exactly what the intent was going to be—education v promotion and all those things. You were going to put it to tender. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Ms Laffan:</b> There was a tender process for developmental research, and that developmental research has been conducted.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Who got that tender?</p> <p><b>Ms Laffan:</b> TNS. I am sorry, but I would have to take on notice what that stands for.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And that tender was for how long?</p> <p><b>Ms Laffan:</b> I think it was for that developmental research process, but I would have to take on notice—</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 75		

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4.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's safety package	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> As they go through a range of departments, as we have already identified, will the owning department be responsible for the evaluation methodology of each element?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> That would be my expectation.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can I put that on notice to find out what evaluation process is being considered and how that feeds back.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 76		
5.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Review of National Women's Alliances	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That is one of the elements. Is it possible to get an update on the consultation process that was used? I will not take the time of the committee, but if I put that on notice—</p> <p><b>Ms Nicholson:</b> Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 78		
6.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Staffing	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> just for the kinds of process. You said it is wide ranging. You provided information on notice about the structure of the Office for Women—thank you very much—and the last detail was at 13 May 2015, with the three separate teams and also the executive. Can we get an update of that, particularly in view of the fact that now the Prime Minister is not the Minister for Women, and one of the linkages with the Office for Women being in PM&amp;C was the fact that the Prime Minister was the Minister for Women. Can we get an update on the structure of the Office for Women and the current staffing. There is a history of the staffing figures, but what is the current staffing?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Senator, we are happy to provide you with that information and it will show an increase in funding—</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 78		
7.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's safety – agenda for meeting	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> When it is finalised, it is possible to know what it is—after the ministers have agreed?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We will check. We do not always reveal details, but we will certainly check whether people are comfortable to provide that.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 80		

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<b>8.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's participation	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I understand—as you plan who is going. The fact that they have had thematic processes to see on the website, that they are scheduled and who is at the round table and what the focus us are important. You said tax reform.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We can do that or we can provide the information to you.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I will put things on notice. It seems to me that the more this goes out in a public place on the website, the more that it engages people on the topics.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 81		
<b>9.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Administrative Arrangements Order	Government Division	<p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> Can you tell me which matters have been moved from Environment to Agriculture?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not have the mark-up here that shows the matters moved. But I may be able to get that and come back to it for you, Senator Gallagher.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 82		
<b>10.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Administrative Arrangements Order	Government Division	<p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> Now I am trying to work out whether the rest are not relevant to this. Can you explain the matters that have been moved from Attorney-General's Department to Communications?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can certainly provide a list of the legislation that was moved and the subject matter descriptions above the line in the AO that were moved if I can just get that mark-up document from my staff. But, as to further explanations about how that might work, that would be a matter to be directed to those portfolios.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 82		
<b>11.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Responses to Questions taken on Notice from Budget Senate Estimates May 2015	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Okay. Of those 145—you might have to take this on notice—how many were amended from the original proposed answer?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I would have to take that on notice, and I cannot tell you whether or not our systems allow us to readily identify that, but we will take that on notice and make that inquiry.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 88		

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<b>12.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Collins	Prime Minister's statement in question time – 15 October 2015	Government Division	<p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> It is a question for the government minister, Senator McGrath. Mr Turnbull has made a statement on <i>Hansard</i> with respect to his interests. There are a series of questions that arise from that statement that remain unanswered. I have some further questions, because at the moment we are just talking about the very first brush—so to speak—when he became Minister for Communications. It would make things far easier and more transparent if the Prime Minister simply released what advice Dr Watt provided to the Prime Minister at the time.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> The Prime Minister has—</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> That was a question to Senator McGrath.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I will have to seek advice on that.</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> You will take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> No, I will seek advice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 91		
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13.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Collins	Prime Minister's declaration of interests	Government Division	<p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> Mr Turnbull made changes to his declaration of interests on 11 December and 18 December. Could those two changes have been a component of this process?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I would have to take that on notice, Senator Collins.</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> Again, because we do not have the advice, it is hard to look at his public declaration and to understand which divestments, for instance, might relate to a process to manage perceived conflicts of interest. So I will wait for that information. Was further advice in relation to Mr Turnbull's interests provided between—sorry, what date did you tell me that was?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> 19 December.</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> 19 December and, essentially—well, let's put it back a month ago.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not have any information to suggest that it was. But I will confirm that there was no further advice provided at a subsequent date prior to Mr Turnbull becoming Prime Minister.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> What I said I would come back to you with is whether or not the department had provided advice via the secretary under the code at the request of the Prime Minister.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 91-92		
14.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Leyonhjelm	Post-implementation review on plain-packaging legislation	Office of Best Practice Regulation	<p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> That is right. I was a little concerned that you were being brought into the process rather late. In the material the health department has provided to the OBPR, has there been reference made to a survey-based report by Dr Michelle Scollo of Cancer Council Victoria?</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> We would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 94		

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15.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Leyonhjelm	Post-implementation review on plain-packaging legislation	Office of Best Practice Regulation	<p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> Okay. That is relevant. They have said that it would be the key evidence to look at, so if it has not been drawn to your attention I sense I would—</p> <p><b>Mr McNamara:</b> I have taken on notice whether it is in there. It could be in there. I do not have a memory of what is and is not in the PIR.</p> <p><b>Senator LEYONHJELM:</b> I would like to ensure that is on notice: has it been drawn to your attention? Secondly, do you agree that it is the key evidence to look at in terms of the PIR's conclusions? I will stop there, because I have another follow-up question.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 94		
16.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Former Deputy Secretary - National Security	Counter-Terrorism	<p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> No problem. Thank you. I have a couple of quick questions to finish off the org charts. When did former National Security Advisor Dr McCarthy leave the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not remember the exact date, but we can check that for you.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 96		
17.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	FOI request	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I lodged a request in relation to invoices and receipts for alcohol purchased by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in the period 9 February to 1 April. Can you confirm that you did not respond to the request for almost six months?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> My understanding of it is: that is approximately correct, but I will get the exact dates.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 97		
18.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	FOI request	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. Who instructed them to purchase the wine, including which brand of beverage? Was that the Prime Minister or someone else?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think we would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 101		

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19.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australian military engagement in Afghanistan	National Security Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is that the total Australian military engagement currently?  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> That is.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Without wanting to traverse anything that we cannot traverse in public, were we aware of that prior to the US decision being made?  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Not to my knowledge.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Subsequent to that decision, was the Prime Minister briefed about the content of that decision?  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> He was not briefed by Prime Minister and Cabinet.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> To your knowledge, was he briefed by someone else?  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I would have to take that one on notice. Not to my knowledge.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 124		
20.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Prime Minister's briefing on Immigration matter	National Security Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Have you got the dates on which the Prime Minister was briefed about this case?  <b>Ms Bryant:</b> I would have to check on that detail, but I could get it for you quite quickly.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 128		



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21.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	IAS – grants round	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The secretary's preface to the annual report says that he inherited from his predecessor: a department that had successfully bedded down the incorporation of Indigenous affairs responsibilities ... Can you tell me what the criteria applied to successful bedding down the incorporation of Indigenous affairs responsibilities were?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can certainly make an attempt at that, and I am sure that Mr Tongue and Mr Eccles will add to it on Friday. I imagine that relates to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy grants round, which was well underway when Mr Thawley became secretary and was completed early this year, and the restructuring of the Indigenous Affairs Group, including the establishment of the regional network.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I would be keen—maybe on notice, perhaps for Friday when this committee is in—to understand what criteria that successful bedding down was assessed against.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can certainly take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, pages 128 & 129		
22.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	MOG changes – staff joining PM&C	Corporate Services Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How many actually came over?</p> <p><b>Mr Neal:</b> My recollection is that—and I will get the exact numbers for you—it was about 1,800.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 129		
23.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Response to Senate QoN 1500	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to know what date a draft answer was first submitted to the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 132		

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24.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Prime Minister's visit to Arnhem Land	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That is the unreasonable diversion of resources. That just does not pass the sniff test. I find it extraordinary that you are saying to me that you cannot tell me how much the accommodation of PM&amp;C staff who travelled with the Prime Minister cost.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We could tell you the number of staff. It is not in this brief but I am sure we would be able to obtain information about the number of staff who travelled.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Surely you must track that information? You must track how much staff are spending on travel.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps, on notice, on Friday someone can explain on what basis you cannot track the accommodation cost for public servants for a three-day visit. I just think it is bizarre.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will certainly make that inquiry and see how the information was recorded.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And you can take on notice the number of staff for both of the visits?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> My recollection is that we have already provided that in relation to the previous year's visit, but we will get that again.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am sorry. It might be in a different QoN.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will provide it for this year's visit.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 133		
25.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	White Paper on the Federation	White Paper on Federation Reform Taskforce	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you update that with a breakdown of what all of the bits, but primarily the \$2 million, are spent on.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 134		
26.					A question was not allocated to this number.			
27.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Access to the Cabinet suite	Cabinet Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did anyone in the department issue any instruction that DPS not be given access to the cabinet suite to inspect the damage?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Not that I am aware. I will make that express inquiry—but not that I am aware.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 135		

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<b>28.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Sustenance – stock held in Prime Minister’s office	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I have some information in relation to the food and beverages—there was no bill. There were no beverages purchased specifically for the occasion. It is my understanding that the food and beverages consumed would have been that which was already held in stock.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So the answer is yes, but you do not know what was consumed?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> It was stock that was already on hand in the Prime Minister's office as part of the process of providing that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you have any details of that which you can give me on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We can seek to make the inquiry, but I am not sure that we will be able to take the matter any further.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 137		
<b>29.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Use of Official Residences	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So there is no limit on the size and scope—there is certainly a limit on the scope: you cannot use it for fundraising. That was as a result, I think, of some things which occurred under Prime Minister Howard. Are there other limitations around the size and scope of private functions at official residences?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> Not that I can think of, but I am certainly happy to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 138		

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<b>30.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Access to Cabinet suite	Cabinet Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Was PM&amp;C aware of anyone such as the Department of Finance being denied access, or MOPS being denied access, to the anteroom or cabinet suite?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I certainly was not aware of that until I heard that evidence this morning. I can make the inquiry and confirm that no-one else in the department was aware of any such direction, if it was given.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Just to confirm, it was not Department of Finance or MOPS who were denied access—it was the Department of Parliamentary Services.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> At least we know that PM&amp;C was not denied access. We know that those people could go about their normal work. The next question that would helpfully come from that is were you aware of the direction by the Department of Finance, Mr Frost, that the Department of Parliamentary Services did not have access to the anteroom and, if so, what was your involvement in that. It would have been a work area for Prime Minister and Cabinet employees.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I had no awareness of that. I will make the inquiry to see whether anyone else had any awareness of it in the department, but I had no awareness of it until I heard about it this morning.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 139		
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31.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Matters signed off by the Former Prime Minister on the morning prior to resignation	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Earlier, also, we had evidence that the Prime Minister did not resign until I think it was something just after one o'clock the day after he was rolled by the party room. Were there any decisions, briefs or matters signed off by the Prime Minister in the morning before one o'clock? I will not ask for the content if they were cabinet documents, but were any documents signed off by the Prime Minister in his capacity as Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Thank you. If there were any documents signed by the Prime Minister—for example, a personal letter, or alternatively a cabinet submission, brief or other document that the Prime Minister would usually sign on that day—could you also, if possible, provide a brief description of them, depending, of course, on their nature and whether you can provide them.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 139		
32.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Cabinet Documents printed in former Prime Minister's office	Cabinet Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Were the cabinet documents printed in Mr Abbott's PMO provided to the liaison officers for destruction? In other words, what is your usual process and when did it start?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> Yes. The normal processes were followed. The staff you mentioned earlier, who are still doing work in that area, retrieved all cabinet documents that were held in what became the former Prime Minister's office and destroyed them in accordance with our normal practices.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> When was that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> I would have to take on notice the specific date. I think it was probably the Wednesday, but I will have to confirm that for you.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 139		

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33.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Documents returned from the former Prime Minister's office	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Would they return the documents, or would they scan the documents and then subsequently destroy them?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> They would not have needed to scan them, because they would have been in our parliamentary workplace system. I would have to take on notice whether they physically brought the documents back or returned them to the department for action through the system.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And that would depend on whether they were signed prior to the resignation, or, as the case may be, left unsigned post the resignation? Would they have made a delineation along those lines? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And that policy lies where?</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I am not sure if it is set out. I will check if it is in our ministerial correspondence handling material. It is standard practice. I do not know if it is written down anywhere.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 140		
34.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial reshuffle	Government Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Did all the ministers that were dumped by Mr Turnbull submit letters of resignation?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> They are not really questions that would be referred to the department. They are matters between ministers and the Prime Minister. We do not normally discuss the nature of those arrangements.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Senator Brandis, are you able to enlighten me?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I will take on notice the exact mechanism. It is not my recollection, but I will take on notice the mechanism by which the ministry changes</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 140		
35.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Former Prime Minister's departure from Kirribilli House	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes. On what date, if you are able to say, did Mr Abbott finally depart Kirribilli House?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Spence:</b> I think it was either the Tuesday or the Wednesday.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I am happy for you to take it on notice</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 140		

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36.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Collins	Security at Kirribilli House	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> I am not asking for details. I am simply asking what additional costs may—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> You asked, 'what additional security?' We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> occur by virtue of Mr Turnbull's decision not to reside at Kirribilli.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That is not actually what you asked, but, if that is what you want to know, we will take the question on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 141		
37.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Preparation of Prime Minister's suite	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> This may not be a question to you as PM&amp;C, but who then looks after the departure to ensure that any damage, remediation work or repairs are carried out prior to the new Prime Minister taking the suite? Is there a normal practice that someone inspects the suite, or is it just by chance?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can certainly tell you that we cleaned the Prime Minister's office. We arranged for it to be cleaned on the Saturday so that it was appropriate for Prime Minister Turnbull and his staff to move in on the Sunday. That was the sequence of events. I can take on notice the process for whether there was any other audit of the condition of the PMO.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 142		
38.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Senator Wong	Resignation of former Prime Minister	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, I understand that. Regrettably we have some recollection of this, and I think the country was aware, for example, when Prime Minister Rudd returned to the prime ministership, former Prime Minister Gillard resigned that night and announced that to the nation—is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I do not recall the specifics, but I could happily look at the exact timings—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You do not remember?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I know Prime Minister Gillard called on Quentin Bryce on that occasion and resigned in person, and I am not sure exactly when that took place.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It was not the next day, was it?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I do not recall.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Really?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I can certainly check and have my colleagues look back through the Governor-General's program and see if we can obtain that.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 113		

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<b>39.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Senator Wong	Letter provided by incoming Prime Minister	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> Yes. When Mr Turnbull called on the Governor-General at about 1.20 pm, he presented a letter from Mr Truss that demonstrated that the confidence of the National Party was also with the coalition.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has that letter been provided?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> It has not been published.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I have a copy of the letter, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I will certainly take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, pages 113-114		
<b>40.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Senator Wong	Cost of hospitality and functions hosted by the Governor-General	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You might need to take this on notice—can I have the cost of hospitality and functions hosted by the Governor-General for the current financial year to date, and a final total for the previous year. I think in May you gave me costs to that point. Can you update that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 115		
<b>41.</b>	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Gallagher	Secrecy clauses	Australian National Audit Office	<p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> Okay. I think your audit finds that 80 per cent of the secrecy clauses were inappropriately applied or had been misreported. Is that 80 per cent of the four agencies or 80 per cent of the \$30 billion?</p> <p><b>Ms Kairouz:</b> That was 80 per cent of 101 contracts that we sampled from the four agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> Do you have a dollar figure on those?</p> <p><b>Ms Kairouz:</b> We probably do. It might take me a minute to find.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 117		



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<b>42.</b>	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Moore	DSS grants process	Australian National Audit Office	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> What is the process when you do decide? Do you contact the department at that stage? There is a preparatory phase, isn't there, before the audit goes in?</p> <p><b>Dr Pope:</b> That is correct. We would normally get in contact with the department and make some preliminary inquiries in addition to looking at other material publically available, which would then help us determine the scope of the work and perhaps the duration and the particular questions and lines of inquiry we would pursue. Once we have done that work, we contact the department and ask for preliminary information to help us firm up the scope. Once we have done that and have decided that it is worth going ahead, we would put up an internal business case for approval.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And there has been no contact with the department as yet?</p> <p><b>Dr Pope:</b> Not to my knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we just follow up on that and put it on notice. We will ask the same question of DSS. Thank you.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 121		
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<b>43.</b>	Australian National Audit Office	Senator Xenophon	CEP audit	Australian National Audit Office	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I want to ask some questions in relation to the competitive evaluation process in respect of the Future Submarine Project.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Given the CEPs that are to be carried on by the Future Frigate project and the off-shore patrol vessel project, it will become a very important acquisition process for the government, guiding the spending of, literally, tens of billions of dollars. My first question is: has the ANAO ever audited a CEP before? If so, what was it and what did it find?</p> <p><b>Dr Ioannou:</b> I think we would have to check our records on whether we have ever audited a process of this type. But, certainly, in the period that I have had executive oversight for the Defence performance audit program I do not think we have done an audit of a process of that type. No.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Finally, if you could take on notice and get back to the committee in respect of that issue of CEPs—whether you looked at something similar or something equivalent to a CEP in process.</p> <p><b>Dr Ioannou:</b> We will have a look at that.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, pages 121-123		
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<b>44.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Lambie	Closing the Gap	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p>Can the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provide details of:</p> <p>a) How the inclusion of a “<i>Closing the Gap</i>” target for mental health will be implemented?</p> <p>b) The timeframes for implementation of this measure within Closing the Gap?</p> <p>c) The specific evaluative frameworks that Prime Minister and Cabinet has identified to inform the ongoing monitoring and progress of this measure?</p> <p>d) How this measure will be used to inform investment that specifically targets best practice, culturally secure service expansion, and is tied to a common needs based planning approach across all Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Social and Emotional Wellbeing programs targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?</p>	Written		
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<b>45.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Lambie	Safety and Wellbeing Programme	Community Safety and Policy Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Can the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet advise what evidence was used in deciding that these health targeted interventions should not be administered and managed by the Department of Health?</li> <li>b) What mechanisms has PM&amp;C established that ensure targeted investments that affect positive health outcomes in relation to social and emotional wellbeing are in line with a whole of health approach which the Department of Health manages for its exiting mainstream and targeted investments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?</li> <li>c) How does the Department of PM&amp;C engage with community representatives to ascertain areas of unmet or emerging additional need that focus on the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?</li> <li>d) How frequently are senior interdepartmental officials meeting to identify and coordinate a holistic administration and programmatic approach to Mental Health?</li> <li>e) How are these priority areas established?</li> <li>f) What needs based system has been identified and agreed between agencies (PM&amp;C and DoH) as the authoritative system?</li> <li>g) Name the other service level reporting systems with which the IAS service reporting data is shared?</li> <li>h) Is the service level data collected by Prime Minister and Cabinet in its administration of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy shared with Department of Health?</li> <li>i) Are these administrative data sets available to all key stakeholders to assist inform service planning, reporting and development of submissions?</li> <li>j) Outline what costs are associated with key stakeholders accessing these administrative data collections and the compliance of these arrangements with Commonwealths open data principles?</li> </ul>	Written		
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46.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Lambie	Indigenous Primary Health Care Organisations	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p>a) What practical and funded implementation measures have been taken to establish these mental health and social and emotional wellbeing teams in Indigenous Primary Health Care Organisations?</p> <p>b) What is the composition of these mental health and social and emotional wellbeing teams in Indigenous Primary Health Care Organisations</p> <p>c) What consultations have been initiated with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and/or jurisdictional state and territory peak bodies (often referred to as “Affiliates”) about the establishment of mental health and social and emotional wellbeing teams in Indigenous Primary Health Care Organisations?</p> <p>d) If consultations have not commenced, when will they commence and what form will the consultations take?</p>	Written		
47.					A question was not allocated to this number.			
48.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Senator McLucas	Ayers Rock Resort purchase	Indigenous Land Corporation	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> How many times has the ILC written to Minister Scullion about the land account and the Ayers Rock resort purchase this year?</p> <p><b>Mr Dillon:</b> I do have a briefing on this, but I would have to check and I do not have the totals in my head. I could take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 4		
49.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Senator Siewert	Refinancing of Ayers Rock Resort	Indigenous Land Corporation	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Mr Dillon, regarding the 3 September letter, did you not approach them directly earlier asking them for the government to assist with the refinancing to come up with a process?</p> <p><b>Mr Dillon:</b> I would need to check that because there has been so much correspondence. Whilst it has been clear to the ILC that we needed to find a solution to the refinancing and that there were potentially lateral solutions, if you like, it is not clear to me when actually the ILC put a proposal to the government. I can check that for you.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 6		

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50.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Refinancing Ayers Rock Resort	Financial Services Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> So this potential of using money from the land account has been in the ministerial wing since somewhere around June?</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> I would like to double-check. I believe that earlier correspondence—and there is a large amount of correspondence—went to more fundamental structural issues around how the land account is invested rather than for the specific purpose of refinancing Ayers Rock Resort. I would need to dig it out and find it but my recollection is that that correspondence was about a different frame of issues like who is best to decide how to invest the land account.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Was that rather than a request to loan moneys from the land account to refinance it?</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> I do need to stress I need to find the document and look at it. I am going off my recollection, which is sometimes unsafe.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 8 & 9		
51.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Land account administration	Financial Services Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Where to from here? We had that discussion at the beginning of last year, I think it was. It was some time last year. What progress has there been in looking at how we get better returns from the land account without fiddling with its purpose?</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> The land account administration is run through the finance area of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. I am not sure if the right person is here, but it something that we can—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you take that on notice?</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 11		

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<b>52.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS – Outside the grant round	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> Outside that, they have been sorted and we can give you an update about 94 per cent of contracts having been executed et cetera. Outside that, funding continues to flow to community groups, communities and others. Our computer systems are not ideal, I need to confess, but there is no reason why we cannot provide you with, for example, contracts entered into with this provider for this amount of money to achieve this outcome.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I might add that we are aware of the frailties of our commuter systems. We have an internal project in PM&amp;C to redesign completely and make more transparent all the funding that is going out. We recognise that we have a problem there.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, thank you. First off, that would help the inquiry. As I said, I am trying not to traverse what we are doing there too much. But that sort of list for the grants would help tremendously—</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Yes, okay.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Location, grant, how much and to which organisation—</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> For what purpose.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> And for what purpose.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We can deal with that.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 24 & 25		
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53.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS grants	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> It is different for each outcome. For example, for the Jobs Land and the Economy ones—for the jobs ones we look at, obviously, the overriding consideration is value for money. But we will also look, when assessing an employment application—there are some pretty established guidelines. We are encouraging the employers, as much as possible, to work with people who have got multiple barriers to employment, and to identify what they need to help people through—whether it is numeracy, literacy, substance abuse assistance et cetera; to work out what the costs are that they are going to incur doing that; work out how we can incentivise an outcome payment, rather than a payment upfront—and, basically, do the deal. The criteria differs, as you would expect, on an employment program, as compared to something that might be around community safety. So there are different sub-elements within.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, I think we need a clear idea of the process, if you could take that on notice. I am presuming you have got a written process for each of these?</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 25 & 26		
54.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS grants	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I realise we have a lot to get through. I am going to ask on notice for a list of the 5,562 grants that have been made as part of this process and what program they are in—the same things that we have asked for across the IAS grants, such as when the decisions were made. Also, how many applications have been made? That is the number that have been granted. How many applications have been made in that process? Are you able to tell me that now?</p> <p><b>Ms Andrew:</b> No, I would need to take that one on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> The answer is 'not very many' because of the demand driven nature of this. But we will take that on notice. If we can break it down by the subprograms—because that is how we run it, with 2.1, 2.2 and so on—we will give you the list of the 5,562, the amount of money for the organisation and what was being achieved. Is that what you want?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes, please. When you say 'not very many', do you mean that if I put in for a demand driven project, I am likely to get funded? I find that hard to believe.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 26		



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<b>55.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> You cannot tell us—outside the grant process—against each of the IAS grants. You have given us the global budget, as I understand it, for the non-grants process. Ms Andrew is nodding at me.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> What numbers we do have—we can tell you what is legally committed under each program, at the moment, and that amount would include everything that has been legally committed—that is, everything contracted under the grants round plus outside the grants round, in the current financial year. These numbers do not distinguish between one or the other.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> What is going through my head is that the number you have given me, in fact, is not against the financial year; it is given against 30 September. So it is 15 months.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That is where I am now struggling. If you give me the financial year, I am missing a chunk of expenditure. Do you see where I am—</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes. I do not have the 2014-15 numbers with me.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> We are comparing apples with oranges. Perhaps you could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Certainly.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 27 &28		
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56.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> <i>The Australian</i> reported that more than half of all grants published in two funding rounds are for amounts less than \$15,000 and for periods of fewer than six months. Minister, you responded by saying more than 80 per cent of funding under the IAS is for two years or more. Can we find out how many grants under the IAS were for \$15,000 or less and for periods of six months or fewer?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> We can provide that answer.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> We can add for your information what is called entity type. We have the Australian business number—we have done a little task to look them up—so we can code it by the entity type that has is getting the grant.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can I get on notice how much funding has been awarded to organisations in all of our states and territories? There were some assertions that maybe some areas got a disproportionate—</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> You mean a state-by-state breakdown? We might have that.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> Mr Tongue, are we able to get the breakdown of each state and territory government and how much went to the government?</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes, the spreadsheet, as we have indicated, will show if it is a government entity. You will be able to read it from that—noting, of course, as we have just discussed, that it is a broad range and can include councils and so on. The information we have already taken on notice will disclose that.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can you aggregate it?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 30 and 31		
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57.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Senate inquiry—attachment 'E'	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> and that is why we are asking these sorts of questions. Being able to do that in a knowledgeable way will be assisted by the tables that you provide us. You provided an attachment to your submission to the Senate inquiry—attachment E. Can you update that for us, given your comments, Ms Edwards.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> We will do that.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 32		
58.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	QoN response 276	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> My question no. 276 was, 'How many organisations had their contract extended as part of the gap-filling process?' You indicated 996 organisations were funded. I do not think that answers the question. I think there might be a misunderstanding of what you think my question is. I want to know how many organisations were funded, which did not apply but were identified as providing a service that needed to be continued with.</p> <p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> I think we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Can we take that on notice? We have clearly misunderstood what you were chasing.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 32 & 33		
59.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS grants	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> Yes. So previous providers who were not successful in the round but went on to be funded for similar activities?</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Yes, that is right.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> They were not counted—or were they?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> They are not counted in the 996—that is the round—but they will be counted in the funding totals.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes, of course.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can I get an understanding of who they are and what they do?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Certainly.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 33		

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60.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS grants	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can you tell me what they were as well. Consistency in reporting—this might assist the journalists in understanding what is actually happening: there are some small grants that are capital grants. I have one in front of me: 'Purchase and delivery of a glass door, fridge and ice machine', or, 'Supply and installation of two split system air conditioners'. I am not questioning that they funded them; there are good reasons why you might have done it. They are reported as 12-month grants. Why do you report them as a 12-month grant? You are not going to take the air conditioner back after 12 months. Why are they not reported as a capital grant?</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> I might take a stab at that, and they can correct me on notice. Sometimes the funding agreement for a one-off capital thing might be longer, because you might have conditions or things that have to go with it, like you have to continue using the building—I do not know about this one. We are giving you money for an air conditioner, but you actually have to keep using that building for a period, to do your children's playgroup or something, and so you have a funding agreement that is longer than the actual one-off. I have seen ones like that in the past, so that is what I would presume. The period of it has to do with the conditions of the grant as much as the actual payment.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 33		
61.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	IAS grants	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> I understand there were two reviews underway into IAS—an internal review and then an external review. Can I get an update on where those reviews are up to.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Certainly. An internal review has been completed and we are currently discussing with our staff first the findings of that internal review.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLAGHER:</b> Could that be released?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We can certainly make it available to the committee.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 34 and 35		

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<b>62.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Northern Australia White Paper – two initiatives	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> As I said, there are a number of specific initiatives funded through the Northern Australia white paper. There was a \$20.4 million measure to support PBCs. We are working with the PBCs to identify how best to roll out that initiative—funding does not flow until MYEFO. There is also an additional \$17 million to support township leasing and a \$10.6 million measure to support innovative land tenure pilots.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take it on notice to outline the other two initiatives—your involvement there and how they have started thinking?</p> <p><b>Ms Marie Taylor:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 36 & 37		
<b>63.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Peris	Remote Schools distraction-letter	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> This is probably a question for the minister. Minister, I refer to a letter dated 16 June 2015, signed by you and the then Minister for Education Christopher Pyne, which was sent to sporting, arts and cultural organisations directing them not to hold sporting carnivals or festivals in remote communities to avoid distracting children from turning up to school. How many organisations was this letter sent to?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I am not sure. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 37		

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<b>64.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Management of Alcohol	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> It might help the committee, Ms Edwards, if you could then provide us with a list of those activities that have happened by community so that we can get an understanding of what is happening around the management of alcohol.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> We can certainly take on notice to provide as much of that as possible. Some of the things that community comes up with are things that they themselves have decided to do and so on and there might be some privacy issues and so on, but we will come back to you with an explanation of what has been going on and what we can tell you about.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> I would like to see what has been going on and what has been funded.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We fund the Northern Territory government for this. As you would appreciate, Senator, sometimes that is a vicarious relationship with an outcome, but we will do our best to find out from them what has been happening at those things. It is not actually delivered by us particularly. So we will ask them—</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> But it is Australian taxpayers' money that is funding this and I would like to see what is happening.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> We will give you a breakdown of the funding and what it has been used for. That will help you with them.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 43		
<b>65.</b>					A question was not allocated to this number.			

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66.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	RFQ – Minter Ellison	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> That is good. The independent review of the effectiveness of the Northern Territory and Commonwealth laws in reducing alcohol related harm—the Minter Ellison document—when was a report of that review provided to government?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> I would have to take the exact date that we provided the report on notice. We can provide that to you in due course, but it was tabled in the parliament—</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> I think you misunderstood my question. When was the report provided to the government?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> It was provided in the winter break and then it was tabled shortly after parliament resumed—you might have the date that it was tabled there. It would have been two or three weeks before it was tabled. We can come back to you with the exact date, but it was shortly before.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 43 & 44		
67.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Project Listing	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> That funding comes out of IAS 2.2, so that funding is part of our overall IAS appropriation.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Mr Tongue, where will that show in our chart?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I think we have undertaken to give you our project listing. We have also, I believe, taken on notice the breakdown. It will show up in that breakdown between each of the elements.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 41		

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68.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	RFQ – Minter Ellison	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> That is all I need. The review was conducted as a desktop review—and that is quite in order—and it says that it drew largely on the recent report of the parliamentary inquiry. The report goes on to say that this approach was adopted as a result of the short time frame available to complete the review and because of the absence of any specific data or evidence prepared for the purposes of the review. What was the time frame that was given to Minter Ellison to complete it?</p> <p><b>Ms Field:</b> I would have to take on notice the exact time frame. I would like to take a step back and say that government actually saw it as an administrative review—while it is part of the legislation, we see it as an administrative review. We had sought to repeal the review, which unfortunately did not happen within the legislative time frames; therefore, to meet our requirements we enacted it. I will come back to you on notice exactly when Minter Ellison put in the request for quote and was selected through a procurement process for that review.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 44		
69.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Activities with other mainstream services	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. Thank you very much for adding that bit, because that is really important, but maybe you could take on notice some of the other things that you are doing with other mainstream services beyond that to influence those services.</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> We can take it on notice, but the general position is that we are involved in all those departments' activities and we comment on their proposals and so on in a traditional PM&amp;C way. Our constant refrain is, 'What is this doing for Aboriginal people?' So we involve that in every policy. We work closely with the Office for Women and with DSS and the Department of Health directly, as well as state and territory governments. So it is an influencing and cajoling role, which we take very seriously.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, pages 45 & 46		



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70.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment based accommodation - Location	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Is there a figure that the Commonwealth is looking at to build employment based accommodation?</p> <p><b>Ms Belinda Campbell:</b> That generally forms part of the discussions in setting the capital works, going forward. But I can tell you that to date the employment related accommodation element has delivered 168 houses and units—over 500 bedrooms—and eight hostels, which represents 212 bedrooms, and one police training facility with 30 beds.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can you on notice give us the location of that investment.</p> <p><b>Ms Belinda Campbell:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 47		
71.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Kununurra trial	PM&C Regional Network	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> How is the Kununurra trial being monitored?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I am not sure there is anyone at the table. There is an organisation there that is headed by Ian Truss, who will have that data. I am not sure if we have it to hand. But I will certainly be able to take that on notice. My understanding is that they are monitoring that and the benefits from that.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We are not directly involved in it, but we can certainly take it on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 48		
72.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Waiting list for housing	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> I would be interested to know if anyone has been evicted because their children were not at school.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I do not think that is the indication. I think the indication with housing is that nobody is getting evicted. Instead of putting people in houses as, perhaps, they conventionally do, they are saying, 'If your kids are going to school, you are on a waiting list. If you want to really get into a house early, put yourself higher up on the list by getting your kids to school.' So I do not think the notion of eviction is part of it, but we will try to get that information to you.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 48		
73.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Peris	Houses affected by Cyclone	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> At Galiwinku, 80 houses require replacement following the cyclone, of which 47 will be paid for under the national partnership, NPARIH.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> None of those have been built as yet?</p> <p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> I would have to get back to you to confirm. I do not know. I would expect that it has not been enough time.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 48		

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74.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Peris	Houses affected by Cyclone	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> There are 80 houses that will be replaced following the cyclone.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> What about refurbished amount—the ones that are repairable?</p> <p><b>Ms Campbell:</b> I do not have details on that. I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 49		
75.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	QoN 288 response	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Chair, can I just very quickly circle back to something that Senator McLucas referred to earlier. It is question 288. I refer to our answer where we referred to the Senate inquiry into the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. I found our response to the question that we took on notice in the Senate inquiry into the Indigenous Advancements Strategy. I apologise that we referred you to our website. I beg the committee's indulgence to accept that we will provide you with a hard copy set of spreadsheets that deal with that request. Is that sufficient?</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Sorry, I do not know what 288 is. It is in my brief—</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> This is the one about how many organisations have been funded through the demand-driven process. We replied that we were going to the Senate inquiry. Then, at the Senate inquiry, we took a question on notice. I have discovered that, at the Senate inquiry, we then came back to you on notice and said, 'Look at the website.' What I propose to do now, with your agreement, is to provide you with the printouts of all the things that we have funded under the various categories—if you are happy with that?</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Great, thank you very much.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 49		

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76.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Peris	Tiwis' use of port facilities	Community and Economic Development Division	<p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> I just wanted to see if you had been advised by Minister Hunt. There was an article, recently, in The Guardian. Dr Bill Freeland, from Northern Territory EPA, as you know, said: The NT EPA considers that Port Melville can be managed in a manner that avoids significant environmental impacts ... I do not know if you have been there, recently, but the Tiwi people have all their Tiwi chips ready to go. Have you been advised whether that approval has been ticked off by Minister Hunt, whether the Tiwis are right to go, in terms of using the port facilities?</p> <p><b>Ms Edwards:</b> None of the officials who are responsible for any of those issues are still here, I am afraid.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I will find out and get back to you as soon as I can.</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 57		
77.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Unanswered questions on notice	Ministerial Support Division	<p>When did the department submit a draft statement to (a) the Prime Minister's Office and/or (b) Senator Brandis' office responding to the Senate order on unanswered Estimates questions on notice.</p> <p>Why did Senator Brandis fail to provide a statement about unanswered questions on notice at least 10 days before the commencement of Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings, as required by an order of the Senate.</p>	Written		
78.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Organisational structure	Corporate Services Division	<p>What changes have occurred at SES-level in the department since the committee's Budget Estimates hearing.</p> <p>How many staff are engaged in each group in the department: (a) domestic policy (b) national security and international policy (c) governance and (d) Indigenous Affairs.</p>	Written		

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79.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Administrative Arrangements Order	Government Division	<p>With reference to changes to the Administrative Arrangements made on 21 and 30 September 2015:</p> <p>Why was it necessary to make two changes in the space of days.</p> <p>Why were all water policy matters not moved from the Environment Department to the Agriculture Department.</p> <p>What responsibility for water has been allocated to Senator Ruston. When was it allocated.</p> <p>What matters were moved from the Attorney-General's Department to the Communications Department. Why were these matters moved.</p> <p>Why were "Gov 2.0 and related matters" added to PM&amp;C's matters on 21 September 2015, and removed from PM&amp;C's matters on 30 September 2015.</p>	Written		
80.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Deputy Secretary (Projects)	Data Policy Division	<p>Did the public data project report mid-year, per evidence from Ms Kelly at the Budget Estimates hearing. If so, can a copy of the report be provided to the committee. If not, why not.</p> <p>When and where did Dr Smith travel overseas in relation to the public data project. Can itemised costs and a detailed itinerary be provided.</p> <p>What was the total cost of the public data project.</p>	Written		

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<b>81.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Statement of ministerial standards	Government Division	<p>With reference to evidence by Ms Kelly on 19 October 2015 that advice provided by the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister about Mr Turnbull’s statement of interests was “prepared for the purpose of cabinet deliberations and was submitted to the government’s committee of cabinet”.</p> <p>When was Mr Turnbull’s statement of interests submitted to the governance committee of cabinet.</p> <p>Why is the Statement of Ministerial Standards silent on the process outlined by Ms Kelly.</p> <p>Were all statements of interests made by ministers to Mr Abbott subject to consideration by the governance committee of cabinet. If not, why were Mr Turnbull’s interests subject to special consideration.</p> <p>Was the reference of statements of interests to a cabinet committee designed to shield the contents of those statements, and related advice, from disclosure in response to questions from parliamentary committees and FOI requests.</p> <p>How is part 7.5 of the statement of ministerial interests consistent with the maintenance of cabinet confidentiality.</p> <p>Does the practice of referring all or some statements of interests to a cabinet committee continue under Mr Turnbull.</p>	Written		
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82.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Mr Turnbull's statements of interests submitted to Mr Abbott	Government Division	<p>On what dates did the former Minister for Communications, Mr Turnbull, submit statements of interests, or updates to his interests, to former Prime Minister Abbott.</p> <p>On what dates did Mr Abbott or his office ask the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide advice on Mr Turnbull's interests.</p> <p>On what dates did the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provide advice to Mr Abbott on Mr Turnbull's interests.</p>	Written		
83.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Review of Mr Turnbull's interests as Prime Minister	Government Division	<p>On what date did Mr Turnbull ask Mr Thawley to review his interests as Prime Minister.</p> <p>Did the department, or Mr Turnbull's office, advise Fairfax Media that a family interest in Prima Biomed was subject to review. Can the review process be outlined. If the review has been completed, what is the outcome.</p>	Written		
84.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Cabinet committees	Cabinet Division	Can changes to the structure, role and membership of cabinet committees since 15 September 2015 be provided.	Written		
85.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Cabinet seating plans	Cabinet Division	Can current seating plans for cabinet, and cabinet committees, be provided.	Written		
86.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Order of precedence	Government Division	Can the current ministerial order of precedence be provided.	Written		
87.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Entitlements for former Prime Minister, Mr Abbott	Government Division	Has the Prime Minister approved any additional entitlements for former Prime Minister Abbott, including, but not limited to, staff entitlements. If so, on what date were they approved, and can details be provided.	Written		

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88.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Entitlements for former Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Abetz	Government Division	Has the Prime Minister approved any additional entitlements for former Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Abetz, including, but not limited to, staff entitlements. If so, on what date were they approved, and can details be provided.	Written		
89.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	National security functions	Executive	<p>Can the roles and responsibilities of (a) Mr McKinnon and (b) Mr Moriarty be outlined.</p> <p>Which roles and responsibilities of former Associate Secretary Dr McCarthy were assigned to (a) Mr McKinnon and (b) Mr Moriarty following her departure from the department on or around 7 August 2015.</p> <p>Have any roles and responsibilities of Dr McCarthy been discontinued.</p>	Written		

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90.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	FOI/2015/074	Ministerial Support Division	<p>Which departmental officers were assigned responsibility as the decision-maker on the FOI request designated by the department as FOI/2015/074 related to taxpayer-funded purchases of alcohol for former Prime Minister Mr Abbott.</p> <p>In relation to each decision-maker, for what time-periods did they undertake that role.</p> <p>On what dates did the department communicate with former Prime Minister Mr Abbott or his office in relation to the FOI request.</p> <p>Did the secretary of the department seek, or receive, advice about the handling of the request by the department. If so, on what date/s.</p> <p>With reference to evidence by Ms Spence on 19 October 2015 that the Prime Minister’s Office was a “third party” to the request: On what basis were staff in the Prime Minister’s Office a third party to a request seeking invoices for payment made by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p>	Written		
91.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	FOI/2015/074	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to Ms Kelly’s evidence to the committee on 19 October 2015 that in relation to the FOI request designated by the department as FOI/2015/074 “It is up to me to decide what is in the public interest in the FOI matter”:</p> <p>For what periods was Ms Kelly a decision-maker in relation to the request.</p> <p>What role did Ms Kelly play in relation to the request.</p>	Written		
92.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Taxpayer-funded purchases of alcohol for Mr Abbott	Ministerial Support Division	<p>What amount was expended by the department on alcohol purchases for former Prime Minister Mr Abbott under the “sustenance” component of his entitlement.</p>	Written		



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<b>93.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Mr Abbott's resignation	Government Division	<p>How was the department informed that Mr Turnbull had defeated Mr Abbott in a party room ballot on 14 September 2015.</p> <p>It is usual for Prime Ministers subject to party room defeat to promptly notify the Governor-General in writing and recommend that his or her successor be appointed.</p> <p>When did the department first make contact with Mr Turnbull after the result of the party room ballot was announced.</p>	Written		
<b>94.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Cabinet papers	Cabinet Division	<p>Upon his loss of office were all Cabinet documents printed in Mr Abbott's office returned to the Cabinet liaison officer for destruction.</p> <p>Were any Cabinet documents printed in Mr Abbott's office following Mr Abbott's loss of the leadership of the Liberal Party but before his resignation as Prime Minister. If so, how many documents.</p>	Written		
<b>95.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Resignation of Ministers	Government Division	Did all Ministers not invited to re-join the Ministry by Mr Turnbull submit letters of resignation. If not, which Ministers did not resign in writing.	Written		
<b>96.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Decisions made by the former Prime Minister on 14 and 15 September 2015	Ministerial Support Division	What decisions were made by Mr Abbott as Prime Minister between his loss of the leadership of the Liberal Party on the evening of 14 September 2015 and the submission of his resignation as Prime Minister by fax at 1.00pm on 15 September 2015.	Written		

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97.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Timing of the former Prime Minister's resignation	Government Division	<p>Did the department provide any advice to Mr Abbott or his office, or Mr Turnbull or his office, on the timing of Mr Abbott's resignation as Prime Minister. If so, on what date, on what time, in what form, and to whom, was the advice provided.</p> <p>Did the department provide any advice to Mr Abbott or his office, or Mr Turnbull or his office, on whether it was appropriate for Mr Abbott to maintain the office of Prime Minister during a part-sitting of the House of Representatives even though he was no longer the leader of the Liberal Party and did not command the confidence of the House.</p>	Written		
98.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Mr Turnbull's statement of resignation	Government Division	<p>With reference to the statement made by Mr Turnbull on 14 September 2015 that he had resigned as Minister for Communications:</p> <p>Was this resignation conveyed to the department by Mr Abbott or his office. If so, (a) when (b) how (c) by whom and (d) how did the department respond.</p> <p>Did PM&amp;C take any action when Mr Turnbull announced his resignation as a Minister live on national television including (a) restricting access to CabNet or (b) removing Cabinet papers from his suite.</p> <p>Was then Parliamentary Secretary for Communications Mr Fletcher appointed Acting Minister for Communications on 14 September 2015.</p>	Written		

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<b>99.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Mr Abbott's farewell parties	Ministerial Support Division	<p>Were any departmental officers, including DLOs and CLOs, present at Mr Abbott's party in the Cabinet suite on the evening of 14 September 2015.</p> <p>If so, were they present as guests or hospitality staff.</p> <p>Can all costs associated with the party that were met by the department be provided, including those costs met under Mr Abbott's "sustenance" entitlement.</p> <p>Did the department meet any costs associated with Mr Abbott's staff party at Kirribilli House on 20 September 2015.</p> <p>Were any departmental staff, including DLOs and CLOs, present at that party.</p> <p>If so, were they present as guests or hospitality staff.</p>	Written		
<b>100.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Kirribilli House	Ministerial Support Division	<p>On what date did Mr Abbott depart Kirribilli House.</p> <p>Were any repairs or maintenance undertaken required his departure.</p> <p>Does Mr Turnbull intend to relocate his Sydney residence to Kirribilli House.</p> <p>If not, (a) what, if any, services is PM&amp;C providing to Mr Turnbull at his private residence and (b) what, if any, costs is PM&amp;C meeting in association with Mr Turnbull's occupation of his private residence.</p>	Written		

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101.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Prime Minister's acting chief of staff	Government Division	<p>Is Mr Turnbull's acting chief of staff, Mr Clarke, (a) seconded to the office from the Communications Department, or (b) appointed under the MOP(S) Act.</p> <p>If (a), on what date did the secondment start and, if applicable, end.</p> <p>If (b), on what date did the appointment commence</p>	Written		
102.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Visit by the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall	Ministerial Support Division	<p>With reference to the proposed visit to Australia by the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall in November 2015:</p> <p>When did the Australian Government invite the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall to visit.</p>	Written		
103.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Prime Minister's statement on 17 October 2015 regarding asylum-seeker	National Security Division	<p>With reference to the statement by Mr Turnbull concerning an asylum-seeker known as Abyan made during his visit to Auckland, New Zealand, on 17 October 2015 – The information I have is that [the] woman in question changed her mind about seeking a termination and that's all I know":</p> <p>Who provided this information to the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Did Mr Turnbull or his office or his department seek to verify the information he received.</p> <p>Is Mr Turnbull satisfied the statement he made is accurate.</p> <p>Which PM&amp;C officials accompanied Mr Turnbull to New Zealand.</p> <p>What information did these officials have about Abyan's case.</p> <p>Where did they get that information.</p>	Written		

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<b>104.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Diplomatic appointments	Prime Minister's Office	Has the Prime Minister discussed a diplomatic appointment with the former Treasurer, Mr Hockey.  Has the Prime Minister discussed a diplomatic appointment with the former Leader of the Opposition, Dr Nelson.	Written		
<b>105.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	With reference to the AAO change made on 21 September 2015 in which responsibility for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation was moved from the Treasury to the Environment Department:  Why.  Is the abolition of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation a policy objective of the Turnbull Government.	Written		
<b>106.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Machinery of Government changes	Corporate Services Division	What is the status of the machinery of government changes that occurred on 21 and 30 September. What costs have been incurred to date.	Written		
<b>107.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Charter letters	Project Office	Have new ministers – and ministers with revised responsibilities – received charter letters from the Prime Minister.  On what date/s was each letter received.  Can the charter letters be provided.	Written		
<b>108.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Coalition Agreement	Government Division	Did Mr Turnbull consult the department before he agreed to changes to the Coalition Agreement – including the move of some parts of the water portfolio from Environment to Agriculture.  Has PM&C seen the Coalition Agreement. If so, on what date.	Written		

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109.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet changes	Cabinet Division	<p>Is Senator Sinodinos solely concerned with Cabinet matters, or is he responsible for any other matters in the PM&amp;C portfolio.</p> <p>Can (a) Senator Sinodinos' ministerial role and (b) Senator Ryan's ministerial role be outlined.</p> <p>Has the Cabinet Handbook been updated since 15 September.</p> <p>Have any other changes been made to the way Cabinet functions since 15 September 2015.</p>	Written		
110.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism	National Security Division	<p>When was Mr Keenan appointed Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism.</p> <p>Was he sworn to administer PM&amp;C.</p> <p>Did he receive a charter letter outlining Mr Abbott's expectations of him in this portfolio.</p> <p>If yes, when, and can a copy be provided to the committee.</p> <p>If not, why not.</p> <p>Can Mr Keenan's role be outlined, please.</p> <p>Has Mr Turnbull made any changes to Mr Keenan's role.</p> <p>How many decision briefs has PM&amp;C sent to Mr Keenan since his appointment.</p>	Written		
111.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Letter from the Premier of NSW relating to counter-terrorism	Counter-Terrorism	<p>Did the Prime Minister or his department receive Premier Baird's letter advocating changes to counter-terrorism laws – including a lowering of the age threshold for control orders – before, or after, its content was published in the media on 17 October 2015.</p>	Written		

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<b>112.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Man Monis inquiry	National Security Division	Has the department reviewed any of its protocols or practices in light of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into the handling of the Man Monis letter.	Written		
<b>113.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	UNFCCC Taskforce – Bureau of Meteorology	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>When was the UNFCCC Taskforce in the department formed.</p> <p>When was it disbanded.</p> <p>What was its function.</p> <p>How many staff were part of the taskforce.</p> <p>Did the department ask Mr Abbott to omit reference to the bureau from the terms of reference for the department’s UNFCCC taskforce.</p> <p>Can the committee be provided with all versions of the terms of reference for the department’s UNFCCC Taskforce terms of reference.</p> <p>Did the so-called “review of the temperature data set” ordered by Mr Abbott happen.</p>	Written		
<b>114.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Parliamentary Entitlements Review	Parliamentary Entitlements Secretariat	<p>Why is the Parliamentary Entitlements Review being managed by PM&amp;C and not Finance.</p> <p>When was the review secretariat established.</p> <p>How many staff are supporting the review.</p> <p>Have any staff been seconded from Finance.</p> <p>When will the review report.</p>	Written		

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<b>115.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Private sector secondments	Corporate Services Division	<p>With reference to the department's annual report in which Mr Thawley says "Our senior executives are also encouraged to take up private-sector secondments to improve their exposure to different ways of doing things":</p> <p>How are these secondments organised, and how do they work.</p> <p>Can a full list of secondments taken up since Mr Thawley's appointment be provided, including the name of the firm, and the terms and duration of the seconded.</p>	Written		
<b>116.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Delegations	Financial Services Division	<p>With reference to the department's annual report in which Mr Thawley says "In our corporate activities, I have focused on delegating financial and other decisions to the most appropriate level":</p> <p>Can the committee be provided with details of those delegations.</p>	Written		
<b>117.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Annual deregulation target	Regulatory Reform Division	<p>With reference to claim in the department's annual that a "highlight" of 2014-15 was the department "supporting the Government to exceed its \$1 billion annual deregulation target".</p> <p>Can a breakdown of the claimed \$1 billion outcome be provided.</p>	Written		



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<b>118.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>With reference to the statement in the department's annual report that "We supported the Prime Minister in his role as co-Chair of the joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council in line with efforts to boost Tasmanian economic and jobs growth":</p> <p>How did the department support the Prime Minister's role.</p> <p>What costs were associated with support for the Prime Minister and the council.</p> <p>On what dates did the council meet in 2014-15.</p> <p>Who attended each meeting.</p> <p>Can the agenda papers for each meeting be provided.</p> <p>What outcomes are attributed to the council's work for 2014-15.</p> <p>Has Mr Turnbull chaired a meeting of the council.</p> <p>When and where is the next meeting.</p> <p>Is it Mr Turnbull's intention to chair each meeting.</p>	Written		
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119.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Relocation of government agencies and functions to Tasmania	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>With reference to the Government's pre-election Tasmanian policy document released in August 2013 that says "The Coalition believes there is scope for appropriate Commonwealth agencies or functions to be relocated in whole or part from Canberra to Tasmania"; and "It makes intuitive sense to relocate, for example, Commonwealth agencies like the forestry functions of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to Tasmania"</p> <p>How many Commonwealth agencies have relocated to Tasmania since that promise was made in August 2013.</p> <p>How many other promises in the policy document have been broken.</p>	Written		
120.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Business Advisory Council	Economic Division	<p>What changes have been made to the membership of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council since Mr Turnbull's appointment.</p> <p>Has Mr Turnbull met with the council since his appointment. If so, on what date.</p> <p>What costs are associated with the Business Council since it was established.</p>	Written		
121.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Flags	Ministerial Support Division	<p>Why did the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet spend \$109,000 on 936 flags in 2014-15, including 171 Australian flags, 110 Ukraine flags and 74 UK flags, but just 3 Aboriginal and 3 Torres Strait Islander flags.</p> <p>Where are the 936 flags bought by the department last year.</p> <p>Can an update be provided to the answer to Senate question number 2095 for 2015-16 to date.</p>	Written		

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<b>122.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Ebola	Social Policy Division	<p>With reference to the statement in the department's annual report that "We advised the Prime Minister on Australia's domestic and international response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa":</p> <p>How much did the Commonwealth spent on its (a) domestic and (b) international response.</p> <p>How many Ebola cases did Australia treat (a) domestically and (b) internationally.</p>	Written		
<b>123.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Appointments to boards	Cabinet Division	As Prime Minister has Mr Turnbull abandoned the policy of not-renewing the terms of board members appointed by the previous Labor Government.	Written		
<b>124.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Cost of refurbishment	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	<p>With reference to Question on Notice 100 from the previous 2015 Budget Estimates Round.</p> <p>Can the Office provide updated costs in relation to the implementation of the Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan.</p> <p>Is a new Plan being developed. If so, what is the status of this plan and will it be released to the public.</p>	Written		
<b>125.</b>	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Rolls Royce	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	<p>With reference to Question on Notice 103 from the previous 2015 Budget Estimates Round.</p> <p>Can the Office provide a further update on cost and locations where the Rolls Royce has been used.</p>	Written		

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126.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Winter solstice dinner	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	<p>With reference to an online media report on ABC News on 27 June 2015 titled “Governor General promises not to confront diplomats with emu, crocodile meat at Government House”.</p> <p>Who initiated the inaugural Winter Solstice Dinner.</p> <p>Have other organisations been able to host similar dinners previously. If so, can details be provided.</p> <p>How are these dinners declared if they are hosted by organisations.</p> <p>Who paid for the Winter Solstice Dinner.</p> <p>With reference to reports that crocodile and emu were off the menu at the dinner - is this correct. Are they usually on the menu for the Governor General.</p> <p>What was on the menu at this dinner and who provided the food.</p> <p>Did the Governor General say “We don’t want to confront our guests without some warning.” What did he mean by that.</p> <p>Please provide the guest list and menu for the Winter Solstice Dinner.</p>	Written		
127.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Staffing	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	<p>What is the total number of FTE staff employed by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General.</p> <p>Please provide details regarding position and length of service.</p> <p>Have there been any departures from the Office since the 2015 Budget Estimates. If so, please provide reasons for departure.</p>	Written		

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128.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Contract – mobile phones	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	With reference to Austender Contract CN3279463 relating to mobile phones at a cost of \$44,990.  Can the Office provide further details of this contract.	Written		
129.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	Senator Wong	Approach to market – consultancy services panel	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General	With reference to Austender Approach to Market: ATM 02_2015 relating to a Consultancy Services Panel for the OOSGG.  Can the Office provide further details of this ATM.  Does it relate to the Vice Regal Property Master Plan.	Written		
130.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Senator Siewert	Purchase of Ayres Rock Resort	Indigenous Land Corporation	What has been the total costs to the ILC of the purchase of the Ayers Rock Resort including the original purchase price, subsequent capital expenditure payments and interest on the original borrowings?	Written		
131.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Minister for Indigenous Affairs meetings with ILC Board	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Since becoming the Minister, how many times has the Minister met with the ILC Board?	Written		
132.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Senator Siewert	ILC and Government correspondence – Ayers Rock Resort	Indigenous Land Corporation	How many times has the ILC written to the Government regarding issues relating to the purchase of the Ayers Rock Resort? Has the Government responded to all correspondence from the ILC?	Written		
133.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Senator Siewert	Former Directors of the ILC	Indigenous Land Corporation	Has the ILC undertaken any legal action against former Directors of the ILC regarding the purchase of Ayers Rock Resort? If not, has any work been undertaken on that issue? What is its status?	Written		

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134.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	ILC Board	Indigenous Employment and Recognition Division	What was the process for identifying potential board members? Were the positions advertised publicly, or were individuals approached directly? What factors were considered in that process?	Written		
135.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Senator Siewert	ORIC –Liaison with ASIO and resourcing	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Does ORIC liaise with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission? What resources does ORIC have in fulfilling its regulatory role?	Written		
136.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Women's Safety package	Community Safety and Policy Division	Given the higher incidence of domestic violence towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, why did the Government's recently announced \$100m Women's Safety package not include funding for Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services? Will the Government make more funding available for these services?	Written		
137.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services	Community Safety and Policy Division	The Productivity Commission's inquiry into Access to Justice Arrangements found that Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services are essential services that require further investment to address service gaps. Is the Government making available any additional funding at all for Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services to support the victims of family violence?	Written		
138.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services	Community Safety and Policy Division	Is it correct that the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services have been removed from a direct funding allocation in the Attorney-General's Department, and instead now relies on applications under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?	Written		
139.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Ranger groups	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Is there still a commitment to \$12.4m in additional funding for Indigenous Ranger groups for biosecurity work? What is the funding framework for that commitment? How many years out does it extend?	Written		

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<b>140.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Northern Australia White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture Division	What consultation has occurred with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities since the launch of the Northern Australia White Paper, in relation to specific initiatives in the White Paper?	Written		
<b>141.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	School Attendance	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	How much has been spent on School Attendance officers? How many School attendance officers are employment? Please provide a breakdown for each centre where officers are employed. What is the turnover rate for attendance officers? Are attendance figures taken at the end of the day?	Written		

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<b>142.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>In regard to the Community Development Program, please provide the following information in respect of referrals and commencements since 1 July 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many people were eligible for referral to this program?</li> <li>b) How many were referred to it?</li> <li>c) Please provide a breakdown of reasons for non-referral.</li> <li>d) Of these, what proportion have commenced?</li> <li>e) What proportion of those referred did not commence within the required period: please provide a breakdown of reasons for non-commencement</li> <li>f) What proportion of those referred who did not commence within the required period were sanctioned for non-attendance?</li> <li>g) Among those who have commenced in the program, please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, whether they were engaged with a host organisation, and whether the host organisations were not for profit or for profit organizations.</li> <li>h) Please provide a breakdown of the types of activities commenced</li> <li>i) What is the hourly rate of payment for 25 hours a week of participation in the program, for participants on different income support payments levels?</li> <li>j) How do these compare with the minimum hourly wage?</li> </ul>	Written		
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<b>143.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program (RJCP)	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Provide a breakdown of CDP participants (by no. and percentages) with reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) payment type,</li> <li>b) age,</li> <li>c) gender,</li> <li>d) marital status,</li> <li>e) location (ie. remote, very remote),</li> <li>f) Indigenous status/CALD status,</li> <li>g) number with vulnerability flags (by type of vulnerability),</li> <li>h) by number of vulnerability flags per person,</li> <li>i) number of years on current payment,</li> <li>j) number of years on any payment,</li> <li>k) with/without earnings,</li> <li>l) with Rent Assistance,</li> <li>m) home-ownership status,</li> <li>n) number of Centrelink overpayments,</li> <li>o) number on Income Management,</li> <li>p) number with participation/activity exemptions,</li> <li>q) number undertaking FT-WFTD,</li> <li>r) number of penalties by type of penalties on job seeker with vulnerability flag/by type of vulnerability,</li> <li>s) number of job seekers who appeal decision, by all stages of appeal, and outcomes of appeal, for 2014-15, and each subsequent month.</li> <li>t) number of ex-prisoners,</li> <li>u) number who claimed the DSP in the previous 12 months, and the number successful/rejected.</li> </ul>	Written		
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144.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program (CDP/RJCP) - Exemptions	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>What percent of Community Development Program (CDP) participants were exempted from activity requirements because of medical or 'special circumstances' over the last quarter (12 months?) and how does that compare with the percentage of exemptions provided to participants in Jobactive over the same period? And to Disability Employment Service participants over the same period?</p> <p>Please break down by category of exemption.</p> <p>What percentage of Indigenous CDP participants were granted a 'special circumstances' or medical exemption over the last 12 months?</p> <p>What percentage of non-Indigenous CDP participants were granted a 'special circumstances' or medical exemption over the last 12 months?</p> <p>How many CDP participants are currently identified as having a Work for the Dole requirement?</p> <p>Of these, how many are identified as 'vulnerable'?</p>	Written		
145.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program (CDP/RJCP) - Penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>In published financial penalty data covering the period from March 2014 to March 2015, it appears that participants in the RJCP program were more likely to have a financial penalty applied than other employment services program participants, including those in Streams 3 and 4 JSA. Can the Department provide some analysis as to why this is the case?</p>	Written		

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146.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program (CDP/RJCP) - Employment Services Assessments	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Can the Department offer feedback about provider complaints about ESATs – in terms of quality and availability? Has there been any concerns expressed by providers about the quality of phone assessments, or from job seekers, or peak or community bodies?</p> <p>How many CDP participants have been waiting for an Employment Services Assessment for 4 weeks or more? What are the expected performance standards in relation to the completion of ESATs. Are they being achieved?</p> <p>In the last year, how many Employment Services Assessments were conducted? How many of these were face to face? How many were conducted in each month of since 1 July 2015? What proportion of these have been conducted face-to-face? What proportion of ESATs are face to face and what proportion are done via telephone.</p>	Written		
147.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Development Program (CDP/RJCP) - Interpreters	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Of those assessments of people who speak an Indigenous language at home, in how many cases was an Indigenous language interpreter used? Please provide overall number of assessments and number in which interpreter provided. Will changes to the costs of interpreters have any impact on job seekers and providers? If so, what are they, and how are these concerns being managed.</p>	Written		
148.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>In the six months to 1 July 2015, and the period since: (or the most appropriate period that relevant data is available) What proportion and number of CDP participants were subject to a financial penalty?</p> <p>a) Of these, what proportion were Indigenous?  b) What proportion spoke an Indigenous language at home?  c) What proportion had one or more vulnerability indicators?  d) Please provide a breakdown by age and gender.</p>	Written		

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<b>149.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	In the six months to 1 July 2015, and the period since: (or the most appropriate period that relevant data is available) What proportion and number of CDP participants were subject to an 8 week non-payment period?  a) Of these, what proportion were Indigenous? b) What proportion spoke an Indigenous language at home? c) What proportion had one or more Vulnerability indicators? d) Please provide a breakdown by age and gender.	Written		
<b>150.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	In the six months to 1 July 2015, and the period since: (or the most appropriate period that relevant data is available) In dollars, how much income support was withheld from RJCP/CDP participants over this period?	Written		
<b>151.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	In the six months to 1 July 2015, and the period since: (or the most appropriate period that relevant data is available) What proportion of CDP and number participants achieved a 13 week employment outcome? Of these, what proportion were Indigenous?  What proportion spoke an Indigenous language at home? What proportion had one or more vulnerability indicators?	Written		

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152.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	CDP/RJCP and job seeker penalties	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>In the 2014-15 financial year, how many participation reports were submitted to DHS by CDP/RJCP providers? How many were upheld?</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for rejecting reports by providers.</p> <p>Has the Government received any reports of participants in areas covered by CDP deciding to stop claiming Newstart or Youth Allowance because of increased participation requirements? What is the Government doing to monitor the numbers of people involved and their impact on community health and safety?</p>	Written		
153.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Is the portfolio aware of the situation caused by the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) forcing co-operatives to demutualise to be able to apply for funding?	Written		
154.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	What is the number of Aboriginal Torres Strait Co-ops affected by the IAS funnelled restructures?	Written		
155.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	What are the costs for the business case for demutualising and restructuring in order to maintain funding under the IAS?	Written		
156.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	The Charles Sturt University research shows the Co-op model to be a viable sustainable Community advancement medium. Has or will the portfolio undertake a broader examination of whether or not restructuring from a Co-op has any long term positive advantage?	Written		
157.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Why does the current reading of the Commonwealth IAS Guideline 2.8.2 apply to Aboriginal organisations in the first part of that Guideline Clause but not to non-Aboriginal organizations in the second part of that Guideline?	Written		

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<b>158.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How many Co-ops would be potentially lost from the 'Cooperative Community of organizations if Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Coops were to abandon the Coop structure to comply with Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy Guideline ('CIASG') 2.8.2?	Written		
<b>159.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How have Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Coops sought to remain as Coops and still receive funding under the CIASG?	Written		
<b>160.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	If an Aboriginal Coop wants to keep its Coop structure how does the exemption process work?	Written		
<b>161.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	What are some of the reasons why Aboriginal Coops are considering abandoning their Coop organizational structure in favour of incorporating under the type of organization suggested by CIASG 2.8.2. ?	Written		
<b>162.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Xenophon	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	What will the portfolio do to investigate and report on the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander CoOps peculiar situation?	Written		
<b>163.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McKenzie	In relation to Recommendation No. 1 Paragraph 2.15 of the ANAO Report No. 1 2015-16	Community Safety and Policy Division	Has PM&C reviewed the regional approach of the IOP and, as appropriate, provided advice to the Australian Government on potential alternative models by which the proposed minimum indigenous participation requirements may be most effectively applied? If so, please outline those alternative models in order of effectiveness.	Written		

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<b>164.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McKenzie	In relation to Recommendation No. 2 Paragraph 3.18 of the ANAO Report No 1 2015-16	Community and Economic Development Division	What are PM&C and Finance doing to better promote the Indigenous Business Exemption (IBE) and the exemption's potential contribution to broader Indigenous policy outcomes? What are they also doing to promote the Indigenous Procurement Policy itself? Please provide a copy of the strengthened promotion strategy if completed, if not, please advise of the completion or implementation date.	Written		
<b>165.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McKenzie	In relation to Recommendation No. 3 Paragraph 4.25 of the ANAO Report No 1 2015-16	Community and Economic Development Division	When and how often does PM&C in consultation with Finance report on - and give advice on - the extent of Indigenous business participation in government procurement?	Written		
<b>166.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Domestic Violence	Office for Women	Can you provide the total amount spent by the Australian Government on education about and prevention on domestic violence for the period June 2014 to July 2019?	Written		
<b>167.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Domestic Violence	Office for Women	Can you provide the amounts spent by portfolio, by initiative or programme and by each financial year for the period July 2014 to June 2019?	Written		
<b>168.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Domestic Violence	Office for Women	Can you provide a list of Australian Government initiatives or programmes where state and territory governments have also provided funding with the amounts provided by each government?	Written		
<b>169.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you confirm that the \$12 million allocated under the package for the use of innovative technology is to be matched on a fifty-fifty basis within each state or territory based on proposals in each one?	Written		

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170.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you advise what will happen if the total of state and territory proposals exceeds the \$12 million that was allocated?	Written		
171.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you provide details, including funding, of what indigenous initiatives were included in the package announced on 24 September 2015?	Written		
172.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you give details of what funding for those indigenous initiatives is part of programmes or initiatives that were announced or in place prior to 24 September 2015?	Written		
173.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you give details of how the funds for each of the items in the package will be apportioned between states and territories?	Written		
174.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you advise what has happened in the development of the national education campaign?	Written		
175.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Have any tenders been made in relation to the development of the scheme? Please provide details of the tenderer, value of the tender and nature of the tender?	Written		
176.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Safety Package to stop the violence	Office for Women	Can you provide details of issues considered by women's safety ministers as part of the current COAG processes?	Written		
177.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National domestic violence order scheme	Office for Women	Can you advise what progress has been made on developing the model legislation for the scheme?	Written		
178.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National domestic violence order scheme	Office for Women	Can you provide an indicative timetable for the introduction of the scheme?	Written		



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179.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National domestic violence order scheme	Office for Women	What was the role of the Office of Women in developing the scheme?	Written		
180.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National domestic violence order scheme	Office for Women	What consultations have the Office of Women been undertaking in relation to the scheme?	Written		
181.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National domestic violence order scheme	Office for Women	What items of the scheme will be considered by COAG at its next meeting?	Written		
182.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	Can you advise the current status of the review of the alliances?	Written		
183.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	For what purpose were the services of KPMG engaged as part of the review? At what cost?	Written		
184.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	Can you confirm that KGMP have provided a report as part of the review? Can you provide a copy?	Written		
185.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	When is the review expected to be finalised?	Written		
186.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	The alliances are currently funded to 30 June 2016 as part of multi-year funding provided in 2013. Without the current review, when would a decision on renewed funding be made?	Written		
187.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National women's alliances	Office for Women	If the finalisation of the review delays a decision on renewed funding will interim funding to the finalisation of the review be made?	Written		

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<b>188.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	The organisational chart provided in May included an extra SES position (First Assistant Secretary SES2) separate to the head of the OfW and the head of the Social Policy Division which is now not shown in the August PM&C structure.  Who is currently the head of the Office and who do they report to?	Written		
<b>189.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	In the Turnbull Government Minister Cash is no longer the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Boarder Protection.  Has the Office lost any of the staff resources that previously supported that role?	Written		
<b>190.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	What is the current structure of the Office and are the staffing resources allocated to each of its functions?	Written		
<b>191.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	In the May structure there was a total of 5 positions totalling 4.4 FTE that were listed as non-ongoing positions.  a) Were those positions attached to special funding above that normally allocated to the Office? b) If so, what funding? c) For what period were positions filled? d) Also I not that a position for a graduate trainee was listed as no-ongoing; does that mean the Office will not be taking on a graduate trainee in the future?	Written		
<b>192.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	Can you provide a current (October 2015) organisational chart, including functions, for the Office?	Written		

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193.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	Can you provide the current FTE staffing allocated for each organisational section in the Office?	Written		
194.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Structure & staffing of office for women	Office for Women	The PM&C organisation chart now shows a temporary division, the Women's Safety Taskforce.  a) What is the function of the taskforce? b) What staffing does it have? c) How long will it be in existence? d) What is its relationship to the OFW?	Written		
195.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women on Australian Government Boards	Office for Women	Can the Office provide any comments on the reasons for the decline in the proportion of women on government boards in the 2 year period to 30 June 2015?	Written		
196.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women on Australian Government Boards	Office for Women	The last advice given to agencies on the appointment of women to boards was in 2012. Is the Office considering issuing any renewed advice to agencies? If so, when can this be expected to happen?	Written		
197.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women on Australian Government Boards	Office for Women	Can the Office provide details of measures taken recently or to be taken in strengthening the BoardLinks program?	Written		
198.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women on Australian Government Boards	Office for Women	Can the Office provide details of what meetings Minister Cash has had with business leaders in relation to women on boards?	Written		
199.					A question was not allocated to this number.			
200.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women on Australian Government Boards	Office for Women	Can the Office provide details of BoardLinks ambassadors including the names of current ambassadors, when they were appointed and what activities they have undertaken?	Written		
201.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	International Engagement	Office for Women	Can you provide details of what work is been done by the Office in relation to Australia's G20 commitments?	Written		

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202.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	International Engagement	Office for Women	What funding has been provided in relation to the G20 commitments?	Written		
203.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	International Engagement	Office for Women	What meetings or other activities has Minister Cash attended in relation to the G20 commitments?	Written		
204.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	International Engagement	Office for Women	What advice has the Office provided to Minister Cash on the G20 commitments?	Written		
205.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Budget Measure	Digital Transformation Office	With reference to the Budget Measure “Digital Transformation Agenda — Stage One and establishment of the Digital Transformation Office” in the 2015-16 Federal Budget.  Please provide a breakdown of the establishment costs of the Digital Transformation Office [DTO].	Written		
206.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Budget Measure	Digital Transformation Office	Was the total cost of the measure offset by the Department of Communications or elsewhere in the Budget.	Written		
207.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Location	Digital Transformation Office	Where did the proposal to co-locate the DTO originate – from the DTO or from the Minister.	Written		
208.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Location	Digital Transformation Office	Please provide details of the co-location of the DTO including: a) Location b) Rent c) Expiry of lease	Written		
209.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Location	Digital Transformation Office	Does co-location increase costs for the agency.	Written		

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<b>210.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Responsibility for Policy	Government Division	With reference to the Administrative Arrangement Orders on 30 September 2015 (consolidated).  What was the rationale behind the DTO being transferred from the Department of Communications to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.	Written		
<b>211.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Responsibility for Policy	Government Division	Was the shift of the DTO recommended by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Communications or at the request of the Prime Minister.	Written		
<b>212.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Responsibility for Policy	Government Division	Is there any reason the DTO was not originally placed in a central agency like DPMC or the Department of Finance when first formed.	Written		
<b>213.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Responsibility for Policy	Government Division	How many Departments now have responsibility for digital and IT policy under the new Administrative Arrangement Order.	Written		
<b>214.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Responsibility for Policy	Government Division	Please provide details of the delineation of policy responsibilities relating to digital and IT policy between the DTO, the Department of Finance, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Communications and the Arts and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.	Written		
<b>215.</b>	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Machinery of Government	Digital Transformation Office	What were the total costs of the machinery of government changes following the shift from the Department of Communications to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet of the DTO.	Written		
<b>216.</b>	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Machinery of Government	Digital Transformation Office	Will the machinery of government changes be absorbed within the existing budget measure. If not, why not.	Written		

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217.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Staffing	Digital Transformation Office	Can details of the ASL allocation of the DTO be provided.	Written		
218.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Gallagher	Staffing	Corporate Service Division	Have staff moved from the Department of Communications to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. If so, how many.	Written		
219.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Staffing	Digital Transformation Office	Have any additional staff been redesignated within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to the DTO.	Written		
220.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Staffing	Digital Transformation Office	Have any additional staff been transferred from the Department of Finance to the DTO.	Written		
221.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Collaboration with act health	Digital Transformation Office	With reference to the recent announcement that the Digital Transformation Office would work with ACT Health to reduce waiting times for patients in ACT Hospitals.  a) What discussions have been had with the ACT Health department to-date (both written and verbal) about these plans? b) Could you provide a detailed outline about what exactly this plan seeks to achieve?	Written		
222.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Collaboration with act health	Digital Transformation Office	Could you provide the targets that the DTO has outlined as part of its plan to reduce waiting times in ACT hospitals?	Written		
223.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Collaboration with act health	Digital Transformation Office	Could you provide a list of soft and hard technology that will be developed or used to reduce wait times for patients in ACT hospitals including applications and hardware.	Written		

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224.	Digital Transformation Office	Senator Gallagher	Collaboration with act health	Digital Transformation Office	Has the DTO got plans to undertake similar work with other government departments on either a federal or state/territory level?	Written		
225.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Collins	Open Government Partnership	Data Policy Division	<p>When the former Labor Government announced that Australia would join the OGP, it nominated the Attorney-General's Department as the lead agency. The Abbott Government changed that to the Department of Finance by April 2014. It has now been reported that the lead agency has been changed once again to Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Is this true? Why was this decision taken? What costs have been incurred because of each of the two reallocations which have now taken place?</p> <p>If the PM&amp;C is the lead agency for this initiative, then:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Government recommitted to advancing its application to join the OGP?</li> <li>2. Please advise what actions the Government has taken since the election to develop an action plan.</li> <li>3. As Australia's participation in the OGP appeared to grind to a halt under Prime Minister Abbott, was it the Abbott Government's policy to abandon the OGP project?</li> <li>4. Will the Turnbull Government now work towards full membership of the OGP?</li> <li>5. Please describe the commitments Australia would be required to make if we were to commit to the OGP.</li> <li>6. Will commitment to the OGP have ramifications for the Governments plans to abolition the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner?</li> </ol>	Written		

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226.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	<p>I refer to a recent article in the Australian and information contained in the IGIS 2014-15 Annual Report which found Australian spies have shared intelligence with foreign officials at least seven times without complying with privacy laws and in breach of government policies.</p> <p>In a case October 2014 intelligence information was provided to a foreign liaison in breach of the Intelligence Services Act, without internal agency approval and without ministerial authorisation.</p> <p>While I note the high risk and sensitive activities of ASIS, can IGIS disclose any general information about why the intelligence is shared?</p>	Written		
227.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	<p>I understand the day following the incident ASIS took steps to obtain the appropriate authorisation and the ministerial submission noted that ASIS had already undertaken activities in breach of the ISA and had not applied the privacy rules. The ministerial authorisation was granted the same day. ASIS also subsequently applied the privacy rules to the communication, and the Director-General retrospectively approved the release of the information to the foreign liaison.</p> <p>ASIS provided a full report of the incident to IGIS in February 2015.</p> <p>Was IGIS satisfied with ASIS' response to the incident? If not, why not?</p>	Written		
228.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	Was IGIS satisfied the case was 'time-critical'?	Written		



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229.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	I note since the disclosure laws have been passed which allow 'emergency' authorisations without ministerial approval.  Is IGIS informed on what constitutes an 'emergency'? In these cases is ASIS required to make reasonable attempts to obtain ministerial approval?	Written		
230.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	I understand in response to IGIS compliance activities, ASIS provided a summary of seven instances where intelligence was passed to foreign officials without approval and advised that "lack of awareness" by staff about what was classified as "intelligence information" for the purpose of privacy laws was a contributing factor to the breaches.  Can IGIS advise if any of these incidences (excluding the case previously mentioned) were 'time-critical' or 'emergency' situations?  If not, what were reasons for breaches?	Written		
231.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	Is IGIS aware of any additional incidences where intelligence has been passed to foreign officials in breach of privacy law?	Written		
232.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	Has IGIS investigated the "lack of awareness" by staff about what was classified as intelligence information?	Written		
233.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	Has IGIS provided any recommendations to ASIS on this issue? If not, why not?	Written		

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234.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Privacy Breaches	IGIS	Are there any penalties for these breaches?	Written		
235.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	I refer again to comments in the IGIS 2014-15 annual report which states: It is difficult for the office to continue to demonstrate rigorous and credible oversight given the strict limitations on public reporting.  How many staff does IGIS currently have?	Written		
236.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Does IGIS have available total staff numbers of the Australian Intelligence Community? - Can I receive a breakdown of staff numbers by agency? (ASIO, ASIS, Australian Signals Directorate, Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation, Defence Intelligence Organisation, Office of National Assessments)	Written		
237.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	With the growth in government agencies and the Government's new metadata surveillance laws, does IGIS need greater oversight of these agencies through enlarging its office?	Written		
238.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Does IGIS need a dramatic staff increase?	Written		
239.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Has IGIS received or requested additional funding following the new surveillance laws?	Written		

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240.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Margaret Stone was quoted in a recent Australian article as saying the past year required an overhaul of the agencies oversight programs to focus on the expanded powers and higher risk activities of the security agencies.  What do you propose such an overhaul would include?	Written		
241.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	What are the key areas that need additional oversight?	Written		
242.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	How are the Government's strict security laws inhibiting IGIS' role as Chief Watchdog?	Written		

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243.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	<p>I refer to the IGIS inquiry into an incident in which a Special Forces soldier allegedly pulled a gun on a female ASIS agent during a drinking session.</p> <p>I understand the report was completed in December 2014 and ASIS agreed to all thirteen of the report's recommendations. In the IGIS annual report it is stated that: During 2014–15 the Inspector-General completed one inquiry that had commenced in June 2014 into the management of weapons by ASIS in a particular location. It is not possible to publish further details of this inquiry as to do so could prejudice security or Australia's relations with other countries. ASIS agreed to all thirteen of the report's recommendations. ASIS reported its progress in implementation of the recommendations and the Inspector-General was satisfied that senior management had taken actions that demonstrated a strong commitment to reform.</p> <p>I understand at the end of the reporting period the IGIS was satisfied these recommendations have either already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.</p> <p>Have all recommendations now been implemented? If not, can IGIS provide an update on the status of implementation of recommendations?</p>	Written		
244.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	How many of the 13 recommendations have been fully implemented?	Written		
245.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	<p>What continual oversight will IGIS have in ensuring these recommendations are fully implemented?</p> <p>Is there a time limit for the compliance with these recommendations?</p>	Written		

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246.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Are agencies obliged to accept recommendations?	Written		
247.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	<p>The 2013-14 Annual Report noted that ASIS didn't have adequate controls to ensure an agent wouldn't be carrying a weapon under the influence of alcohol. I note ASIS is in the process of undertaking change to address areas of concern. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The introduction of a compliance branch</li> <li>• An extensive compliance outreach training program</li> <li>• Widespread consultation with staff</li> <li>• A review of all ASIS policy procedures, to be made centrally available on a new platform</li> </ul> <p>Does the IGIS consider at this point of time that ASIS has controls in place to ensure that agents are not carrying weapons under the influence of alcohol? Are you confident that during the establishment of these programs there are adequate immediate controls in place to prevent such an incident?</p>	Written		
248.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Is IGIS privy to details of the proceedings of the nine soldiers facing disciplinary action over the incident?	Written		

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249.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	<p>I note comments in the IGIS 2014-15 annual report which states: It is difficult for the office to continue to demonstrate rigorous and credible oversight given the strict limitations on public reporting.</p> <p>I understand the Inspector-General provides a report to the responsible minister at the end of each inquiry and a summary of the report will be included in the next annual report. In addition, the responsible minister may also agree to the public release of information about a particular report at an earlier time.</p> <p>In the case referred to did IGIS seek permission for the public release of information? If not, why not?</p>	Written		
250.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Has IGIS made representations to Government on the difficulties of demonstrating rigorous and credible oversight given the limitations?	Written		
251.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	What agencies determine the details (or lack of) that IGIS can publish and what criteria is used?	Written		
252.	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security	Senator Xenophon	Staffing, Oversight and Overhaul	IGIS	Do these limitations at times prevent IGIS from demonstrating rigorous and credible oversight?	Written		
253.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	When was the timing of the Review of Indigenous Advancement Strategy Guidelines forums decided?	Written		
254.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	When were organisations and individuals notified of the timetable for the forums?	Written		

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255.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Who was notified about the forum process?	Written		
256.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How were organisations and individuals notified?	Written		
257.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Was the process advertised nationally, at a state/territory level or locally? If so where and when were they advertised? If not, why not?	Written		
258.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How many people and organisations attended the meetings? Please provide a breakdown for each location.	Written		
259.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Why was the media release announcing the process only released 6 days before the first forum?	Written		
260.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How much has the whole review process cost?	Written		
261.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Indigenous Advancement Strategy	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	How much did the forum process cost?	Written		
262.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	PM Trip to Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Area	Community Safety and Policy Division	I refer to the figure of \$179,077 provided during Estimates (transcript p20) for the Prime Minister's visit to the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area. What items does this figure include? Please provide the amount for each item/category.  Does the figure of \$179,077 include:  a) all transport for the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's staff	Written		

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					<p>and PM&amp;C staff to and from the Torres Strait and NPA and within the region?</p> <p>b) all costs associated with planning the visit, including travel, accommodation and transport costs for departmental staff in the lead up to the trip?</p> <p>c) the settlement paid to the Jardine Hotel proprietor?</p> <p>If no, please provide these amounts and any other costs that PM&amp;C incurred associated with the trip?</p> <p>Which Ministers/Assistant Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries/ Members of Parliament joined the trip? Are their travel and accommodation costs included in the \$179,077 figure identified at Estimates? If not, which Departments covered these costs?</p> <p>Which other departments incurred costs for the trip? Please outline those departments and their associated costs.</p> <p>How many Blackhawk helicopters were deployed to the Torres Strait and used during the Prime Minister's trip? Are the costs of the use of the helicopters included in the figure identified at estimates? If not, what were the costs of using the Black Hawks?</p> <p>What other military assets were used for the Prime Minister's trip?</p> <p>What costs were associated with their use?</p>			
263.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Ministry List	Government Division	<p>The latest Ministry List indicates that Mr Turnbull has appointed 21 Cabinet Ministers, 9 Junior Ministers and 12 "Assistant Ministers" for a total of 42 Ministers.</p> <p>Is the Prime Minister in breach of section 4 of the <i>Ministers of State Act 1952</i> which provides that a maximum of 30 Ministers can be appointed to the Cabinet?</p>	Written		
264.	Prime Minister and	Senator Bilyk	Ministry List	Government Division	<p>Where the 12 so-called "Assistant Ministers" sworn-in as Parliamentary Secretaries or "Assistant Ministers" by the</p>	Written		



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	Cabinet				<p>Governor-General?</p> <p>What does the Governor-General's Commission say?</p> <p>How can the Prime Minister unilaterally decide to deem them to be "Assistant Ministers", when this is contrary to the Governor-General's commission?</p> <p>Will the Prime Minister be amending the MOS Act to reflect his preferred approach?</p> <p>Do the so-called "Assistant Ministers" receive a Minister's pay packet or a Parliamentary Secretary's pay packet?</p> <p>Do they have a suite in the Ministerial Wing of the Parliament?</p> <p>Do they have a Minister's staffing allocation of a Parliamentary Secretary's allocation?</p> <p>Will they make themselves available to answer questions during Question Time?</p> <p>Will they have primary responsibility for administering any legislation?</p> <p>If they are clearly Parliamentary Secretaries in all substantive respects, why does the Prime Minister refer to them as "Assistant Ministers"?</p> <p>Was this a tactic by the Prime Minister to spread the rewards of office far and wide amongst those who backed him when he toppled Tony Abbott as leader of the Liberal Party in a backroom political coup?</p>			
265.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Visit to Torres Strait	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p>What was the duration of the visit to Torres Strait by former Prime Minister Mr Abbott and his travelling party?</p> <p>Which locations did Mr Abbott and his party travel to?</p>	Written		

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					<p>Which communities did he engage with?</p> <p>What type of activities did he undertake?</p> <p>What were the outcomes of the trip? Was an official report or communique or similar published in relation to the trip?</p> <p>Are you able to please provide an itinerary for the former Prime Minister's trip? Which hotel or hotels did he stay in?</p> <p>Could you please provide an itemised cost breakdown in relation to the former Prime Minister's involvement in this trip? This should be broken down into categories such as accommodation, ground transport, meals, incidentals etc.</p> <p>How many members of the former Prime Minister's staff participated in the trip? Could you please advise the number of staff, their title and staffing classification under the MOPS Enterprise Agreement?</p> <p>In terms of departmental officials from PM&amp;C, could you please advise the names and roles of each departmental official in attendance?</p> <p>Could you also please provide an itemised list of costs for PM&amp;C officials in terms of flights, accommodation, ground transport, meals and other incidentals? This should specify the officials which travelled in business class and those that travelled in economy, the hotels they stayed in and which businesses supplied ground transport.</p>			
266.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Jardine Motel	Community Safety and Policy Division	It has been reported that the travelling party stayed at the Jardine Motel on Thursday Island. This was reported in an article published in The Guardian on 25 August 2015 entitled "Thursday Island firms 'stuffed' by late cancellations for Tony Abbott trip".	Written		

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					<p>This report states that “PM&amp;C had asked in July for a large number of rooms to be held for mid-August, but cancelled most of those rooms within 72 hours of check-in when full payment was required”. That article goes on to say that Steven Mills, general manager of the Jardine, said the hotel “had to turn away prospective guests, including people from the outer islands who needed to come for medical treatment”.</p> <p>The cost of the bookings that PM&amp;C failed to honour was apparently \$53,500. On what date did PM&amp;C make the original booking for the Jardine Motel? How many rooms were originally booked?</p> <p>What was the total anticipated cost of this booking, based on the number of rooms originally booked? How many nights were the rooms booked for?</p> <p>Were these rooms for members of the former Prime Minister’s travelling party or for the Department or both? If both, can you please advise the split between the number of rooms for PM&amp;C and the number of rooms for the PMO?</p> <p>Was everybody booked into the same class of room, or were there different classes of room for different guests? If different classes, can you please advise the different classes of room? On what basis was the allocation of different classes of room to particular guests determined? Can you advise the cost per room? How did the Department calculate the number of rooms that would be required, when you made the original booking? Who made this decision?</p> <p>Was the former Prime Minister or his office briefed on these arrangements? If so, did the former Prime Minister sign off on these briefs? Can you please advise the date(s) on which brief(s) were provided to the former PMO and the date(s) they were signed by the former Prime Minister or his delegate?</p> <p>How many rooms did the Department end up utilising? How many rooms did the Department end up cancelling? When did the Department realise these surplus rooms would not be required?</p>			
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					<p>How did the Department come to this realisation? Who made this decision?</p> <p>When did the Department advise the Jardine Motel that these rooms would not be required?</p> <p>Why did it take PM&amp;C so long to advise the Motel the rooms were not needed?</p> <p>The General Manager of the Motel, Mr Steven Mills, is reported to have said that the Department's cancellation cost this small business \$53,500 in lost revenue – why didn't the Department fully compensate the Motel for this loss?</p> <p>How was the ultimate settlement figure arrived at? What remedial action has the Department taken to ensure this situation does not occur in the future?</p>			
267.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Reform of the Federation White Paper	White Paper on Federation Reform	<p>Did any members of the Prime Minister's Expert Advisory Panel for the Reform of the Federation White Paper claim their \$1250 daily sitting fee for any work performed on 23 January 2015? If so, how many members claimed their daily sitting fee and what was the total cost to the Commonwealth?</p> <p>Did any members of the Prime Minister's Expert Advisory Panel for the Reform of the Federation White Paper travel to or from Melbourne at Commonwealth to attend meetings or perform other business on 23 January 2015?</p> <p>Did any members of the Prime Minister's Expert Advisory Panel for the Reform of the Federation White Paper stay overnight in Melbourne at Commonwealth expense in relation to business in Melbourne on 23 January 2015?</p> <p>Did the Commonwealth pay for any meals or other incidentals for members of the Prime Minister's Expert Advisory Panel for the Reform of the Federation White Paper in relation to travel to Melbourne around 23 January 2015? If so, what was the total cost to the Commonwealth? Can a copy of any receipts in relation to this expenditure please be provided?</p> <p>What was the total cost of flights to transport the six</p>	Written		

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				<p>Commonwealth officials to and from Melbourne to attend official meetings including a meeting of the Export Advisory Panel for the Reform of the Federation White Paper on 23 January 2015?</p> <p>What was the total cost of ground transport for the six Commonwealth officials who travelled to Melbourne to attend these official meetings on 23 January 2015?</p> <p>What was the total cost of accommodation for the five Commonwealth officials who stayed overnight in Melbourne in connection with these official meetings on 23 January 2015? What hotel(s) did they stay at?</p> <p>Did the Commonwealth pay for any meals or other incidentals for these 5 Commonwealth officials in relation to travel to Melbourne around 23 January 2015? If so, what was the total cost to the Commonwealth? Can a copy of any receipts in relation to this expenditure please be provided?</p>			
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268.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Prime Minister's functions	Ministerial Support Division	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by the current or former Prime Minister in 2015, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Prime Minister's family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written		
269.					A question was not allocated to this number.			

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270.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Ministerial official functions	Ministerial Support Division	<p>In relation to any official functions hosted in 2015 by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Minister for Women and Minister Assisting the Minister for the Public Service, the Cabinet Secretary, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Government, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism, the Assistant Minister for Productivity, the Assistant Cabinet Secretary or the Assistant Ministers to the Prime Minister, can the following please be provided to the Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written		
271.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Secretary's speeches to staff	Executive	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at any staff meetings in 2015 please be provided?	Written		

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272.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Freedom of Information complaints	Government Division	<p>How many complaints about the Department or the PMO's handling of FOI requests have been made to the OAIC in 2015?</p> <p>What was the basis of each of those complaints?</p> <p>What was the outcome of each of those complaints?</p> <p>What steps has the Department taken to improve its performance in relation to FOI matters?</p>	Written		
273.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Freedom of Information complaints	Government Division	<p>Has the Department undertaken any formal training in relation to FOI or contracted any service providers to provide advice in relation to FOI matters?</p> <p>If so, can an itemised list of associated costs please be provided? Can a list of the Contract Notice numbers for any relevant contracts published on Austender please be provided?</p> <p>How much has the Department spent on external lawyers in relation to FOI matters in 2015? Can a list of relevant matters and itemised costs please be provided? Can a list of the Contract Notice numbers for any relevant contracts published on Austender please be provided?</p> <p>Has the Department issued any written apologies to FOI applicants since 1 January 2014? If so can a copy of any apology letters please be provided, with personal identifiers of the applicant redacted in the interests of personal privacy?</p>	Written		
274.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Special arrangements for public transport	Ministerial Support Division	<p>Are there any special arrangements in place for Prime Minister Turnbull's travel on public transport? Are there arrangements or understandings that vehicles or train or tram carriages will be cleaned prior to his travel? Is he provided with a dedicated carriage? Are members of the general public allowed to travel in the same carriage or vehicle as the Prime Minister? What other special arrangements or understandings are in place?</p>	Written		



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275.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	<p>How many organisations have rejected a funding offer under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to date?</p> <p>a. What was the reason for each of the rejections?</p> <p>b. In each case of rejection of a funding offer, has the funding been offered to another organisation to fill the service gap? If not, why not?</p> <p>c. What process was used to offer funding to an alternate organisation?</p>	Written		
276.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	<p>The Department indicated, on page 23 of the Hansard, that “a significant proportion of the demand-driven grants...relates to the employment programs.” What other types of projects have been funded through this process?</p>	Written		
277.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Demand-driven grants	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	<p>On page 10 of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet’s submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, it states that “some funding has been set aside for demand driven opportunities.”</p> <p>a. How much funding is available – or has been set aside - for demand-driven applications?</p> <p>b. How many demand driven projects have been applied for to date and for what value? How many were successful?</p> <p>c. How much funding has been committed through the demand-driven process?</p> <p>d. How much has been committed through ad hoc or direct funding?</p>	Written		

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278.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Demand-driven grants	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	Is the Minister required to write to the Minister for Finance if he is not in agreement with a recommendation of his Department in relation to an application under the demand-driven process, as was required for the 2014 competitive round? Has the Minister agreed with all departmental recommendations in respect of demand-driven projects?	Written		
279.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	On page 24 of the Hansard, a department official referenced programs that sit underneath the Employment Parity Initiative. What are they?	Written		
280.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Are Employment Parity Initiative payments funded from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) competitive round, IAS funding outside of the competitive round, or non-IAS funding?	Written		
281.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Which jobseeker streams does the VTECs and the Employment Parity Initiative target?	Written		
282.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Has an amount been set aside for the Employment Parity Initiative?	Written		
283.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	How many employers have applied for assistance under the Employment Parity Initiative?	Written		
284.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	When does the funding expire for VTECs? Has any additional or ongoing funding been secured for the program?	Written		

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285.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Provide the latest VTEC jobs figures.	Written		
286.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Employment Parity Initiative	Community and Economic Development Division	In a press release from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs dated 29 October 2015, it states “Almost 50 jobs a day have been provided for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.”  a. From where is this statistic derived? b. How many positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy? c. Does this figure include jobs created under the former Remote Jobs and Communities Program? d. How many of these jobs translated into 26 week outcomes to date?	Written		
287.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Funding data	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	What was the reason that funding data from the department’s website not provided in an aggregate or exportable form? Who made this decision? Was the Minister required to approve this?	Written		
288.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Funding data	Programme Integrity and Engagement	Why was an export capability for funding data only built in to the department’s website a day before the Estimates hearing, and more than 10 months after the funding was announced?	Written		
289.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Funding data	Programme Integrity and Engagement	What is the scope of the internal project in the department to “redesign completely and make more transparent the funding that is going out” (page 24 of Hansard)?  a. Does it include the website interface as well as an examination of how funding is reported and categorised? b. What is the timeline for this project?	Written		

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290.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p>There are a number of grants listed under “Indigenous Affairs Grant Reporting (excluding all IAS grants)”, including:</p> <p>Purchase and delivery of glass door fridge and ice machine.</p> <p><b>Grant Recipient:</b> Aputula Aboriginal Corporation  <b>Commencement Date:</b> 12/06/2014  <b>Term (Months):</b> 12</p> <p><b>Location:</b> APUTULA  <b>State:</b> NT  <b>Postcode:</b> 0872  <b>ABN:</b> 17487552774  <b>Programme:</b> 2.3 Safety and Wellbeing  <b>Programme Component:</b> SFNT - Alcohol Abuse and Food Security</p> <p><b>Value:</b> 7,013.60</p> <p>Supply and installation of two split system air conditioners.</p> <p><b>Grant Recipient:</b> Tyantyenge Aboriginal Corporation  <b>Commencement Date:</b> 11/06/2014  <b>Term (Months):</b> 12</p> <p><b>Location:</b> ORRTIPA-THURRA  <b>State:</b> NT  <b>Postcode:</b> 0872  <b>ABN:</b> 18080311627  <b>Programme:</b> 2.3 Safety and Wellbeing  <b>Programme Component:</b> SFNT - Alcohol Abuse and Food Security</p> <p><b>Value:</b> 9,452.00</p> <p>These one-off style grants are reported as 12 month grants. Why?</p>	Written		
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291.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme Integrity and Engagement Division	The source of funding for grants listed under “Indigenous Affairs Grant Reporting (excluding all IAS grants)” is not included in the reporting of the grant – for example, ABA grants are not made clear. Why is this?	Written		
292.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p>MacDonnell Regional Council was funded under the IAS competitive round for a School Nutrition Program run in five communities in the NT - Aeryonga, Aputula (Finke), Haast Bluff (Ikuntji), Imanpa and Titjikala.</p> <p>a. Why was funding provided for 6 months? b. Has this funding been renewed since it was first awarded? If so, by what process was it renewed and for what period?</p> <p>School Nutrition Program. Strategic activities that are about ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities, and that Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians.</p> <p><b>Grant Recipient:</b> MacDonnell Regional Council <b>Commencement Date:</b> 01/07/2015 <b>Term (Months):</b> 6</p> <p><b>Location:</b> ALICE SPRINGS <b>State:</b> NT <b>Postcode:</b> 0870 <b>ABN:</b> 21340804903 <b>Programme:</b> 2.3 Safety and Wellbeing <b>Programme Component:</b> SW - Health Wellbeing and Resilience Projects</p> <p><b>Value:</b> \$241,825.50</p>	Written		

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293.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	In reference to Answer to Question on Notice No.144, of the 224 organisations that were funded at the time the Indigenous Advancement Strategy was introduced, applied for further funding, and are now not funded:  a. How many were one-off grants? b. How many were funded as part of the gap fill round? c. What happened to the rest?	Written		
294.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	At the previous Estimates hearing, the Minister indicated that he would be very soon writing to the Minister for Finance regarding eight funding decisions, in compliance with Commonwealth Grant Guidelines. Has this been done? If so, is the letter available for the Committee?	Written		
295.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	How many of the funding agreements were signed by the required date? How many of the contracts not executed by the start of the financial year are still not signed?	Written		
296.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	The total cost of administering the IAS process was more than \$1.7 million as at 9 April, according to the Department. What is the total cost to date?	Written		
297.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	COAG Land Review	Housing, Land and Culture	In relation to the COAG Land Review, which stakeholders has the Expert Working Group consulted with? Provide a list.  a. How were these consultations undertaken? Was there a formal submission process? b. If so, how many submissions were received?	Written		

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<b>298.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	COAG Land Review	Housing, Land and Culture	In relation to the COAG Land Review, the Northern Territory Government has formed its own Working Group. How does that feed in to the COAG Land Review process?	Written		
<b>299.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australia White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture	The Northern Australia White Paper says the COAG investigation will “consider any agreed reform directions to Indigenous land administration and use” (page 31). What does this mean?  a. Does this mean that only agreed policy directions will be recommended by the Review? b. Agreed with whom? Land Councils and traditional owners?	Written		
<b>300.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Devolve powers from NT Land Councils	Housing, Land and Culture	In his keynote speech at Garma this year, Northern Land Council CEO, Joe Morrison, said that the Minister has agreed not to reintroduce the regulation to devolve powers from NT Land Councils into the Senate. a. Is this correct? b. When did the Minister give this undertaking?	Written		
<b>301.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture	Did the Minister have input into the Northern Australian White Paper? a. What was the Minister’s level of responsibility or involvement in the White Paper insofar as it involved a section on Indigenous land administration? b. Did the Minister approve the content of that section?	Written		

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<b>302.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p>On page 31 of the Northern Australia White Paper it advocates for Commonwealth Government action which could include delegation of Land Council functions to Aboriginal corporations.</p> <p>a) Did the Minister approve this content? b) Is the Government still considering this despite the Minister's undertaking?</p>	Written		
<b>303.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper	Housing Land and Culture Division	<p>The Northern Australia White Paper discusses potential amendments to the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA).</p> <p>a) Did the Land Councils request a review of the ALRA? b) Did the Minister seek the consent of Land Councils and traditional owners before including this proposal in the White Paper?</p>	Written		
<b>304.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper and COAG Land Review	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p>The COAG Land Review was originally touted as a part of the development of the Northern Australia White Paper; however, the White Paper has now been released and the COAG Land Review is yet to report. How do the COAG Land Review and the Northern White Paper now fit together?</p>	Written		



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305.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p>The Northern Australia White Paper states that the Government will invest \$10.6 million to support pilot land projects, developed in partnership with business and Indigenous Australians, to provide simpler and more efficient ways of investing in a wide range of activities.</p> <p>a) Where is this being funded from? Is it new money?  b) Is the money available now? What is committed per annum and over how many years?  c) What is the process for distribution of the money? Is there an application process?  d) Have Guidelines for the funding been drafted?  e) Who makes the decision about what projects to fund?</p>	Written		
306.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Northern Australian White Paper	Housing, Land and Culture Division	<p>The Northern Australia White Paper states that the Government will invest \$17 million to improve land administration and support new township leases in the NT, including pursuing 99 year township leases.</p> <p>a) Where is this being funded from? Is it new money?  b) Is the money available now? What is committed per annum and over how many years?  c) What specific activities is this money to be used for?  d) Will it be paid to the Office of Township Leasing or can Land Councils and traditional owners access the funding? Can the NT Government access the funding?  e) What is the process?</p>	Written		

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<b>307.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p>The Minister recently announced an \$80 million 3-year extension for the Remote School Attendance Strategy, funded from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).</p> <p>a) Is this \$80 million being drawn from remaining non-committed funds in the IAS, or does it include money provided to organisations through the IAS competitive round for school attendance programs?</p> <p>b) How much funding was provided through the IAS competitive round for school attendance projects?</p> <p>c) How is that \$80 million being rolled out? Through CDP (previously RJCP) providers?</p>	Written		
<b>308.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p>Is the evaluation of the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) complete?</p> <p>a) If so, when was it provided to the Government?</p> <p>b) Was the \$80 million extension announced before the evaluation was completed?</p> <p>c) Were student-to-teacher ratios included in that evaluation?</p> <p>d) Did the evaluation process assess the effectiveness of implementation or value for money of the program?</p>	Written		
<b>309.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p>Has any work been done to look at whether the absenteeism of school attendance officers has any bearing on student attendance?</p>	Written		
<b>310.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	<p>Regarding the Remote School Attendance Strategy, do all jurisdictions mark the roll twice a day, or report on full-day or part-day attendance?</p> <p>a) What measures are in place to ensure that data accurately reflects the student's attendance for the full school day?</p>	Written		

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<b>311.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	In October 2014 Estimates, Remote School Attendance Strategy attendance data was provided from NT, QLD and NSW. The most recent data is only for the NT and QLD. What happened? a) What is the Government doing to facilitate the public release of all jurisdictions' school attendance data?	Written		
<b>312.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	The department previously indicated that there will be data published on the percentage of Indigenous and non-Indigenous children who attend school 90 per cent or more of the time. Has this been done? Provide the data to the Committee.	Written		
<b>313.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	During Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2014, the department advised that, in relation to the 200 additional teachers in the Northern Territory funded under Stronger Futures, that those positions had moved into the IAS – is this correct? a) The department advised it was an activity that would be part of the Children and Schooling funding stream and was something the department would “be very interested in” (p.52 Hansard). How many of those 200 teachers have been funded under the IAS?	Written		
<b>314.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Remote School Attendance Strategy	Schools, Information and Evaluation Division	Is there a prototype app for school attendance currently in development for Indigenous communities? a) What is the cost of the development? b) Is the department developing the app or has this work been contracted to a third party?	Written		
<b>315.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Empowered Communities Report	Community Safety and Policy Division	What is the timeframe for Government's response to the Empowered Communities Report?	Written		

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316.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	Women's Safety package	Community Safety and Policy Division	<p>In relation to the Women's Safety package, what steps has the Minister or department taken to ensure that mainstream elements of the women's safety package will benefit Aboriginal women?</p> <p>a) How will Aboriginal community controlled organisations be resourced to partner with mainstream organisations? Will funding be auspiced through mainstream organisations for Indigenous-specific services?</p> <p>b) What processes has the department put in place to ensure coordination with other departments to ensure they cater better for Aboriginal women? Describe how those processes include engagement with Aboriginal community controlled organisations.</p> <p>c) Will any funding be made available to Indigenous-specific organisations from this package?</p>	Written		
317.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Restructuring of the IA Group – Machinery of Government costs	Corporate Services Division	<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I can certainly make an attempt at that, and I am sure that Mr Tongue and Mr Eccles will add to it on Friday. I imagine that relates to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy grants round, which was well underway when Mr Thawley became secretary and was completed early this year, and the restructuring of the Indigenous Affairs Group, including the establishment of the regional network.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And the total cost of the machinery of government change?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We will take that on notice. I know we provided some information about that in the past, but we will seek to update that.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, page 129		

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318.	All Agency	Senator Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	Corporate Services Division	<p>1) Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the leadership change in September, 2015? If so:</p> <p>a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>i. Signage.</p> <p>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>iii. Logos</p> <p>iv. Consultancy</p> <p>v. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>vi. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2) Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>3) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>4) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written		
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319.	All Agency	Senator Ludwig	Staffing - employment of non-Australian citizens	Corporate Services Division	<p>I refer you to section 22 (8) of the Public Service Act 1999 which says:</p> <p>"An Agency Head must not engage, as an APS employee, a person who is not an Australian citizen, unless the Agency Head considers it appropriate to do so."</p> <p>1. Does the department have guidelines or similar to assist Agency Heads to assess when it is appropriate to hire non-Australian citizens? If no, do individual agencies have their own guidelines? If yes to either:</p> <p>a) Please provide a copy. b) When did they come into effect? c) Can Agency Heads decide to go against the advice? If yes, under what circumstances?</p> <p>2. Are Agency Heads required to provide a reason to anyone for hiring non-Australian citizens? If yes:</p> <p>a) Who are they required to report the reason to? b) Does this reporting happen before or after the hire has been made? c) Is this reason provided in writing? If no, how is it provided? d) Can you please provide a list of reasons that have been used since the Federal election in September, 2013.</p> <p>3. Are there any provisions to over-rule a Head of Agency's decision to hire a non-Australian citizen? If yes:</p> <p>a) Who can over-rule this decision? b) Under what circumstances can it be over-ruled? c) How many times has this occurred since the Federal election in September, 2013.</p>	Written		
320.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial Personalised Stationery	Ministerial Support Division	<p>Since the leadership change in September, 2015, how much has been spent by the Ministerial office on personalised stationery for the Minister and the Minister's staff? Please provide a cost breakdown by type of stationery purchased and the quantity of each and whether it was for the Minister or for staff.</p>	Written		

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321.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Australian Public Service Commission	<p>1. Since Mr Lloyd assumed office, how many applications for information or documents have been granted in response to an FOI application?</p> <p>2. How many applications have been received and been declined due to exemptions under the act during the same period?</p> <p>3. When was the last application for information or documents granted by the ASPC?</p> <p>4. What does Mr Lloyd believe is the intent of FOI legislation?</p> <p>5. Does the ASPC have a set of guidelines that are used in determining whether a FOI request will be granted? If yes, please provide a copy.</p>	Written		
322.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Tax Whitepaper	Economic Division	<p>It was reported on 23 September, 2015 in the Sydney Morning Herald that one of Prime Minister Turnbull's first acts in the job was to secretly suspend all work on the Tax White Paper that was being developed by Treasury under the previous Prime Minister, Tony Abbott and Treasurer, Joe Hockey.</p> <p><a href="http://www.smh.com.au/action/printArticle?id=1000716502">http://www.smh.com.au/action/printArticle?id=1000716502</a></p> <p>1. When did the Prime Minister tell Treasury that work on the White Paper should be suspended?</p> <p>2. How did the Prime Minister relay this information to the department?</p> <p>a) If it was relayed in a written form, could you please provide a copy of this document?</p> <p>b) If it was in a non-written form, can you please detail? Please include who the Prime Minister passed this request on to?</p> <p>3. Did the Prime Minister consult with anyone before deciding to suspend work on the White Paper? If yes, please provide a list of these people or their position within the department and the dates they were consulted.</p>	Written		

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				<p>a) Did the Prime Minister discuss the suspension of the Tax White Paper with Joe Hockey before he directed the department to suspend work? If yes, when?</p> <p>b) Did the Prime Minister discuss the suspension of the Tax White Paper with Scott Morrison before he directed the department to suspend work? If yes, when?</p> <p>4. How much money had Treasury spent producing the document up to the point it was suspended?</p> <p>a) How many Treasury staff were working on this project?</p> <p>b) Could you provide the amount that they would have been paid in wages over this period?</p> <p>c) Did the department pay for external consultancy with regard to the white paper? If yes, please provide a list of consultants, the date they were engaged and the amount spent on the consultation.</p> <p>d) Were any contracts in place with any external firms for any type of work on this project that had to be cancelled after it was suspended? If yes, please provide a list of the firms and the amount that was paid to end the contract.</p> <p>e) Were any contracts in place with any external firms for any type of work on this project that remain in place? If yes, please provide a list of the firms and the amount that has been paid to them. Please also include the reason the contract has not been cancelled and what work they have performed since the project was suspended.</p> <p>f) Please provide a list of any other costs not relating to staffing or consultancies.</p> <p>5. How many submissions had been received relating to this white paper?</p> <p>a) How many total pages would be contained in these documents?</p> <p>b) Are their estimates of how much money had been invested by the private sector into these submissions? If yes, please provide the figures.</p>			
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					<p>6. The article quotes a senior department executive who says they were told that a “reset on tax reform was taking place”.</p> <p>a) Is a reset on tax reform taking place?</p> <p>b) Are there new terms of reference for a new white paper? If yes, please provide a copy. If no, when can we expect them?</p> <p>c) What changes are taking place on tax reform?</p> <p>d) When can we expect a new White Paper on tax reform?</p> <p>e) Has work on the Turnbull vision for a tax reform white paper begun?</p> <p>f) What work has been done towards the new white paper?</p> <p>g) Will existing submissions be considered?</p> <p>h) Has former Treasurer, Peter Costello been consulted about the new tax white paper? If yes, by who and on what dates?</p>			
323.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Ludwig	Change in Prime Minister	Ministerial Support Division	<p>After the change in Prime Minister in September 2015, it was widely reported that it took the former Prime Minister (Mr Abbott) and his staff quite some time to vacate the Prime Ministerial office. It was also reported that during this time, the New Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull) operated out of his old office (Communication Minister’s office). One such article is available here: <a href="http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/office-politics-tony-abbotts-staff-slow-to-leave-their-old-digs-20150917-gjpada.html">http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/office-politics-tony-abbotts-staff-slow-to-leave-their-old-digs-20150917-gjpada.html</a>.</p> <p>The following questions relate to these reports:</p> <p>1. When was the PM’s office made available to Mr Turnbull?</p> <p>2. When was the Department informed that the PM’s office had been vacated?</p> <p>a) Was the department informed prior to the office becoming available</p> <p>b) How was the department informed?</p> <p>c) Who informed the department?</p> <p>d) Could you please provide a copy of any emails, memos or other documents in the chain with the department regarding the vacation of the office?</p>	Written		

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				<p>3. When was Mr Turnbull informed that the office was available to him?</p> <p>a) How was the Prime Minister (or his office) informed?</p> <p>b) Who informed the Prime Minister (or his office)?</p> <p>c) Could you please provide a copy of any emails, memos or other documents in the chain with the department regarding the vacation of the office?</p> <p>4) Did the department provide any additional furniture, equipment, IT, etc to Prime Minister Turnbull or his office to use in the Communication Minister's office between his election to the leadership and his move into the Prime Minister's office? If yes, please provide a list of items and include:</p> <p>a) Was the item in stock or purchased for this purpose?</p> <p>b) Value of item.</p> <p>c) What was the need for the item?</p> <p>d) Was it requested by the Prime Minister's office? If no, then who requested it?</p> <p>5. What support was provided by PMC to Mr Turnbull and his office to make the Communication Minister's office viable for Prime Ministerial duties during this period?</p> <p>6. What IT arrangements were in place during this time to allow Mr Turnbull's office access to the Prime Ministerial IT system?</p> <p>a) Please provide a detailed cost break down of these arrangements.</p> <p>b) Were there any limitations that prohibited Mr Turnbull accessing certain IT systems during this time? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>7. What support was provided to Mr Abbott and his office during this period to assist with the transition?</p>			
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<b>324.</b>	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McLucas	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	What is the process for organisations that received funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy competitive round when their funding expires?	Written		
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325.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	FOI/2015/074	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> To whom did you speak?                  Ms Spence: I am sorry, Senator, but there is nothing—I made sure that I was confident with the information that I had to enable me to make that decision.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Chair, this is just blatant and patent refusal, frankly, to answer reasonable questions. Leaving aside FOI, senators are entitled to pursue questions about public expenditure. You are not making a claim for public interest immunity.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator Wong, you may ask the questions. You may not like the responses that the officers provide to you but they are responses.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If the standard is that the officers will not even answer who they spoke to, that is an extraordinary proposition.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is not for me to say what the responses will be.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is that really what PM&amp;C's standard now is—you will not even answer questions from the Senate about who you spoke to? Is that right?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think Ms Spence has answered the question—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, she has not.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> but if it helps we are happy to—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> In 10 years this is one of the worst standards I have seen.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think she is—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Just one moment, Ms Cross.</p> <p><b>Senator JACINTA COLLINS:</b> Even the chair is giving you an opportunity to—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> We will just take our time, because honestly the interjections are not helpful. I think the officers are trying to be as helpful as they possibly can be. Ms Cross, you had something to add.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think the officer has answered the question but we are happy to see if there is any further information we can provide.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, pp 102-103		
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326.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Former Prime Minister's farewell party	Ministerial Support Division	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Were any departmental officers present at the party?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I was not in Canberra and I am not aware that any departmental officers were present, but I will make an inquiry to confirm that is the case.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Ms Cross, you cannot throw any light on that?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> No, I was just going to say we were not aware of who was attending.</p>	FPA Monday 19 October 2015, pp 135-136		
327.	Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS	Programme, Integrity and Engagement Division	<p><b>Mr Eccles:</b> Essentially, the projects that we approve are in line with the five program areas. For example, the ones I am talking about now are the ones under jobs, land and the economy. What we can give you is a snapshot of funding by program, how much has been spent through the IAS and how much is available for ongoing future projects for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That would be useful</p>	FPA Friday 23 October 2015, page 23		