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Topic: Parliamentarian requests completed during the 2016 caretaker period 2016
Asked: 17 October 2016

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Senator WONG: Your information requests – does this document show me how many costings you prepared during the election campaign?

Mr Bowen: Yes. If you go to page 4–

Senator WONG: That is right. That deals with my question.

Mr Bowen: We have given you every year since we started operating, actually.

Senator WONG: But they are full years.

Mr Bowen: They are full financial years.

Senator WONG: My question was about during the election campaign. Are you able on notice to give me that?

Mr Bowen: Do you mean during the caretaker period?

Senator WONG: Yes, sorry, I should say that – during the caretaker period.

Mr Bowen: We will take it on notice.

Response

The PBO costed 1215 policy options during the 2016 caretaker period as follows:

- a 1076 between 9 May 2016 and 1 July 2016, in response to confidential requests made prior to the commencement of the 2016 caretaker period
- b 86 between 9 May 2016 and 1 July 2016, in response to requests made after the commencement of the 2016 caretaker period and subsequently publicly released on the PBO's website
- c 53 between 4 July and 10 July 2016 as part of preparations for the release of the PBO's 2016 Post-Election Report on 5 August 2016, which, in total, included 216 policy costings.