

Q No.	AG/ MJ	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Proof Hansard Page and Hearing Date or Written Question
1	AG	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	National Cultural Policy - breakdown of \$8.6 million additional funds	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> .... Regarding the \$8.6 million in additional funds that you have as part of the National Cultural Policy, can you provide the committee with a breakdown of how that funding is being allocated?</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> Yes. Seventy-one organisations have been funded through our matched funding program in almost every state and territory—not the ACT, I am afraid. The other programs include the mentoring program. There is a crowd funding program that has not been released yet. The mentoring program was released last week. The micro-investment program was released last week.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Sorry, do you have funding amounts for each of these programs—a breakdown of the \$8.6 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> No, not today. I can provide that for you, though.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice, Senator</p>	L&C 9 .
2	AG	Ministry for the Arts	Macdonald	Australian Business Arts Foundation Creative Partnership financial statements - \$1.2 million budget deficit	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> ... I note from your annual report—I acknowledge you were only commenced in February 2013—that for the year ending 30 June 2013 there was a deficit of \$1.2 million. How do we deal with that? Obviously there is a contingency not to have that sort of deficit after three or four months of operation.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Could I get you to point me—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is on page 2 of the Australian Business Arts Foundation Creative Partnerships financial statements to 30 June—last paragraph.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> This is a question to Creative Partnerships Australia, which I think is separate from the department. I do not know that Ms Menzies has those figures. Do you?</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> I do not have those figures, but I can answer in</p>	L&C 11 .

				<p>general terms, which are that we inherited the budget of both predecessor organisations, so we came in with a deficit. I do not think it was \$1.2 million, but I cannot talk to that specifically without that in front of me. But we inherited a certain budget situation that we then had to deal with as best we could for the remainder of that financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Heaven forfend that we would have found yet another deficit inherited from the previous government, Senator Macdonald! In any event, we will take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is there in the annual report. Ms Menzies, you are from Creative Partnerships Australia?</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> And it is your report?</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I understand now how you got that deficit, but I am interested in what you are going to do about it. Obviously the agency cannot run at a loss as it has done initially. But you will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Menzies:</b> Yes.</p>		
3	AG	<b>Ministry for the Arts</b>	Singh	Merrepen Arts Centre future funding	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Okay. I have a question about the Merrepen Arts centre funding. You may be aware that the Merrepen Arts centre is renowned for its fabrics. There have been both opposition and coalition MPs and senators that have worn such fabrics. But their funding was in a cloud of doubt at the end of last year. Are you able to update the committee on the future funding for the Merrepen Arts Centre?</p> <p><b>Mr Grybowski:</b> I'll have to take that question on notice. They are not a key organisation.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That is a good answer. Thank you. We will go to Senator Singh for Screen Australia.</p>	L&C 13 .

4	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Xenophon	Section 36 certificates	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Welcome. I acknowledge the National Archives as a critical repository of the nation's memory. Could you, given the very limited time, indicate how you interact with researchers, government departments and the broader community? In particular, how do you respond to access groups? Are there other groups from whom you receive access requests apart from those three?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> It is a fairly broad question.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Because I only have a few minutes, you may want to take that on notice. But you understand I just want to set the context of the questions I am asking you.</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> Yes.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I will put some of these questions on notice. In terms of a section 36 certificate, could you indicate how often they have been issued in the last five years and give examples?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> For the statistics that you are after I might need to take that on notice to accumulate those statistics over the last several years. The process of a section 36 certificate—I do not know if the Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department may wish to—</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I cannot illuminate you on that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think it might be better taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Could you take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> I will take it on notice because it is a technical legal procedure. I will be delighted to take that on notice and provide a fulsome response.</p>	L&C 15&16
5	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Xenophon	Waiting period for documents requested	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I want to go to the issue of a waiting period for people wanting documents. Can you give a sense of how long that waiting period is?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> At the moment, it is a major issue for the National Archives that we have accumulated a backlog of some 20,000 applications for access.</p>	L&C 16

**Senator XENOPHON:** Did you say 20,000?

**Mr Fricker:** I did. There are 20,000 records awaiting examination so that they can be opened under the Archives Act. Within the broader context of several million applications or requests for access that we receive each year—and five million of those dealt with our material which is already online and digitised, delivered very efficiently through online channels as it should be—over and above that we receive annually about 43,000 applications for files which have not yet been examined for access under the Archives Act. I think that last year, out of those 43,000, we were able to open about 40,000. So the maths is quite simple here: there were 3,000 which were over and above our capacity to respond.

**Senator XENOPHON:** Okay. I may want to ask you to take that on notice again. I have terrible time constraints on this and want to get through to some other pertinent issues. Under the act you have a 90-day period to process applications for access to government files. Can you indicate on how many occasions that 90-day benchmark was met or not met? You may want to take that on notice.

**Mr Fricker:** I will take it on notice to give you a percentage, but perhaps I will return to the heart of the question. The overall statistic looks quite good; 90-plus per cent of our applications are responded to within that 90-day period. But, given the immense volumes of requests that we get, the quantum of applications that do go beyond the 90-day period is quite significant. We have devoted an area of our website now to provide public scrutiny of how we are doing eroding that backlog. We are making progress. I have diverted for the Archives significant resources in the last several months to set up a task force to focus on that backlog. We are entering into refreshed agreements with all the government agencies we work with to clear that backlog. It is an area of intense activity within the Archive.

6	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Xenophon	Policies for accessing diplomatic cables	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> .... Would you say that Australia's access policies for diplomatic cables are more liberal than, say, the British archives or the US archives?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> What standard have you got in mind?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That is a pretty broad question.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes it is. I will give an example to the Attorney. For instance, the US Department of State has a prime motive on their own initiative program of declassifying diplomatic cables. Do we have that standard or benchmark?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> As I explained earlier, of the several million access requests that we get, the overwhelming majority of which are resolved well within the 90-day period, 43,000 applications are received, 40,000 of which are opened within the 90-day period.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> The question was: does the National Archives have a similar practice to the US Department of State's <i>proprio motu</i>—I am afraid my Latin is a bit rusty—on their own initiative program?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> It is <i>proprio motu</i>.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I am very grateful to you, Senator. I last did Latin about 40 years ago and I conveniently forgot it. That is the question. You may wish to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	L&C 17
7	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Seselja	Accommodation requirements and current leases	<p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> I am interested in getting an update on the accommodation requirements of National Archives. I understand the current lease on the Tuggeranong facility you have is due to expire in 2017. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> What arrangements are being put in place in terms of either an expansion or extension of that lease or a new facility in that area?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> Our intention is to look for a new facility in the ACT region, and we are currently in a tender process at the expression of interest stage to look at that. We are</p>	L&C 17

				<p>coordinating the timing of that so that we can consolidate our holdings into that new repository.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> You have the Mitchell facility as well. When does that expire?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> Can I take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> Sure. Is it around the same time or is it a longer lease?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> It should be longer, but I will take it on notice rather than guess the answer.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> Remind me: roughly how many square metres does the Tuggeranong facility cover?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> I can give it to you in shelf kilometres but not in square metres. I do not have that.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> Perhaps you can take that on notice. Is the intent to bring what is currently housed in the Mitchell facility and the Tuggeranong facility all into one or are we also talking about the other one, in Queen Victoria Terrace? What are you looking to consolidate into one?</p> <p><b>Mr Marsden:</b> It is the repository holding. We were basically looking to consolidate digital archive for repository holdings from Greenway, and we are being quite open with the Greenway landlord on that issue. The existing Mitchell site is currently out for tender at the moment, and we are looking at 75 shelf kilometres equivalent to basically refurbish. That could be at any other site. It could be at the existing Mitchell site or at any other site in the ACT. The new site will accommodate the bulk of the holdings, but not all holdings going forward.</p>		
8	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Ludwig	Cabinet documents and minutes deposited to Archives	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Thank you. Mr Fricker, can you remind me whether you hold cabinet documents and cabinet minutes?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And you hold them in a secure location in the National Archives?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> Once they are deposited in the Archives from</p>	L&C 18&19

					<p>the controlling agency, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, then we hold them in secure—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> What date have they been deposited up to, if that makes sense?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> I will have to take on notice the years of cabinet documents that have already been deposited with the Archives. That was the question you asked?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> I will have to take that on notice. The requirement of the Archives Act is that, within 15 years of the end of their administrative use, they are deposited with the Archives. So, after administrative use of records, there is a lag of some years before they are in fact, deposited with us. So I will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is it usual for it to be around 10 or 15 years? I am asking you to search your mind.</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> It is across the board with Commonwealth records, but with cabinet records I would have to take that on notice and just make sure that I answer that question</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And you are perfectly right about that. So, to your recollection, there have not been any cabinet documents of recent origin—the last 12 months or two years or three years—that have been deposited. The previous government's records would not be with you at the moment; they would remain with PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Mr Fricker:</b> I believe so. That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Thank you.</p>	
9	AG	<b>Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program / Civil Law Division</b>	Carr and Ludwig	Cost of the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> We will come back to that. What is the cost of this royal commission?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> The government has allocated \$20 million.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> On what basis is that calculation made?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> With any particular calculation, departments—and AGD is the coordinating department—prepare estimates</p>	L&C 21&22

of the costs of the commission. They would be provided to the government for consideration.

**Senator KIM CARR:** But the budget at this stage is \$20 million?

**Ms Glanville:** That is right.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How much of that will go to lawyers?

**Mr Wilkins:** It depends what you mean by lawyers. The royal commissioner is a lawyer, obviously.

**Senator Brandis:** Do you mean legal representatives or do you mean everybody involved in the royal commission who may happen to be a lawyer, Senator Carr?

**Senator KIM CARR:** I mean the actual legal costs associated with the royal commission.

**Senator Brandis:** With respect, that is a vague question. Arguably the entire royal commission is—

**Senator KIM CARR:** It is made up of lawyers.

**Senator Brandis:** an exercise of a legal power under the Royal Commissions Act.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How much will go to King & Wood Mallesons?

**Senator LUDWIG:** Perhaps it would be easier if we asked the department to break it down—to break it down into that which is—

**Senator Brandis:** It might be helpful if we took this on notice and we gave you a breakdown.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Break it down into how you will pay Mr Hanger QC, how you will then apportion costs for the solicitors Mallesons et al, how you will determine the rate for people assisting the commissioner's work and how much you have spent already. I think you understand what I am asking for.

**Mr Wilkins:** I think we need to be very careful not to preempt the commission itself—the way it deals with its budget. We can give you some rough estimates about what money

				<p>may be spent on legal representation, but we do not want to pre-empt the commission in how it uses its budget.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I am not asking you to do that. I am simply saying that, to date, they would have expended money.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think it has been indicated that it will be taken on notice, which seems to be the best—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> I am going to Senator Ludlam</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Before you do, Chair, to paraphrase Senator Ludwig: what we will do, to the extent we can, is give you a breakdown of allocated costs as of today—historical costs as of today.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes, thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> If we could have the disbursements and the office's administrative services staff built into that—is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> We will see if we can do that. As I said, I am a bit wary of pre-empting the commission itself.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> You might want to look at precedents here too. If my memory is correct, for the Cole commission this information was provided.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> The witnesses will take that on notice. I am afraid we have to move on.</p>		
10	AG	<b>National Security Law Policy Division</b>	Ludlam	AGD work on data retention	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I think the chair has been pretty clear. Some of the questions I want to put to you collectively are probably better dealt with under 'national security', so I will come back a little bit later in the morning. But I have one for you, Mr Wilkins. Can you update us on what work the department has done on data retention and matters attendant on that since the election?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> No, I cannot do that off the top of my head. I think I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Are you aware of any work at all having been done?</p>	L&C 22

				<p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> No, I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Is there anybody at the table or in the room who can deal with this?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> No, I do not think so. We will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> You do not need to check? Mr Wilkins, how long will it take for you to identify if there is anything you would like to tell us?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I will do it as soon as I can, actually.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> If we could come back to it later today, that would be good.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> It will take more than today. I do not—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Just to establish whether any work is being done.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I am conscious of the fact that I do not want to give you a half-baked answer—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Because there is a bit of a history of that regarding this matter, in particular.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> You have said that, not me.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> There is a history of questions being—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That is a very unfair reflection on the department.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> In this particular matter of data retention I have put questions that have then had to be repeated for corrections, clarifications and contradictions provided on notice, so I do not think it should take more than a day to establish whether the department has done any work in this area. To me that seems a little unreasonable.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I will do it as soon as I can.</p>		
11	AG	<b>Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse</b>	Macdonald	Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse: Associated costs	<b>Ms Glanville:</b> In terms of the department's staffing, the numbers have slightly reduced. We have had a voluntary redundancy round, and there has also been some natural attrition. I am happy to get the exact figure for you in relation to the department's staffing. The figures that would appear in the additional estimates indicate some increase in overall	L&C 23&24

				<p>staffing. That relates to the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce and the royal commission's staff, as well.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> The royal commission's staff are additional. Is that what you are saying?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> It is included as part of our departmental staff, even though it is obviously separate. In those papers it is included as part of the department's staff.</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> That is for two royal commissions: the sexual abuse royal commission and the home insulation program royal commission. And, of course, another royal commission has been announced—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> The achievements of this royal commission (<i>into child sexual abuse</i>) cannot of course be judged in money terms. It is a very important commission and if something comes out of it that addresses the issue and the problem it will be well worthwhile. Without going to too much trouble, I am wondering about the sort of questions that Senator Ludwig, I think, asked you about another royal commission in relation to costs. If you have it now we will take it. Otherwise I will put it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Dines:</b> I do have a breakdown of costs, but, as was mentioned before, it is a little difficult to separate. There is almost a legal element involved in all staffing, so I think it would be better if—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> There is almost a legal what?</p> <p><b>Ms Dines:</b> There is a legal cost element involved in almost every aspect of what we do, so I think it would be better to take that question on notice.</p>		
12	AG	<b>Ministry for the Arts</b>	Macdonald	Stakeholders farewell events post-election – costs borne by the taxpayer	<b>CHAIR:</b> I have heard that, when the previous minister left, there were a series of parties thrown by various stakeholders. Do we have any details of them? Are there any costs that came back to the taxpayer as a result of those, or would I have to ask the individual agencies?	L&C 25

					<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Mr Wilkins might know. I do not know about such parties. Were they parties celebrating the departure of the former government? Or were they nice farewell functions for the outgoing minister?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I suspect the latter, from what I have heard.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> There were certainly, as you will well remember, parties the length and breadth of the land to celebrate the departure of the former government.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> But they were not paid for by the taxpayer.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> No.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Or not by the corporate taxpayer. Mr Wilkins, is it possible to get that sort of information? I hear that there were a number of parties across Australia where quite considerable money was spent by members of some of the arts communities in wining and dining the former minister. That is fine—if he has done a good job and they were appreciative, that is great. I am just interested in whether there were such parties that were a cost to the budget. If there were parties and there was no cost to the budget, it is of no interest to me whatsoever. But I would be interested if you have that information or, if not, if you could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> As you would appreciate, I was not in charge of the arts at that point in time, so I have no knowledge of that directly at all and at this stage I do not have any indirect knowledge. So I think it is probably better if I take your question on notice.</p>	
13	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Macdonald	Stakeholders farewell events post-election – costs borne by the Department	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Mr Wilkins, thank you for taking it on notice, but did you subsume the budgets of the agencies or the Office of the Arts that happened before the administrative arrangements changed? Are you the one to ask?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Yes, I think that is legitimate. I am now responsible for what would have been the budgets at that point in time.</p>	L&C 25

					<b>CHAIR:</b> I would be interested to know whether the department did anything—I suspect not. I have heard that some of the arts agencies had parties—that I was not invited to. I would be interested to know whether any noticeable taxpayer money was spent on that. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.	
14	AG	<b>Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program</b>	Carr	Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program – funding	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Mr Wilkins, you indicated earlier that the budget allocation for the royal commission into the home insulation scheme was \$20 million. In MYEFO, it was a figure of \$12.2 million. Has the budget blown out by \$8 million already?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> The \$20 million includes the allocations for Commonwealth representation and support for witnesses before the commission.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> But in MYEFO it was \$12.2 million—is that true?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> That is the monetary amount that has been allocated to the commission itself. But in addition to that amount, to reach the \$20 million, there are costs for Commonwealth representation and for witnesses as well.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Did you say a monthly amount?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> No. The overall cost of the commission that has been allocated to date is \$20 million. The figure you are referring to, from the additional estimates book, is the amount the royal commission itself has; the costs related to representation by the Commonwealth; and also the costs that go to witnesses or others, including the attendance at the commission of the families of the deceased. That brings the total figure up to \$20 million.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Why wasn't that extra \$8 million allocated in the MYEFO statement?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> I might have to take that on notice or ask our financial—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> It may be that that is a question for the</p>	L&C 26

					Department of Finance. The accounting practices that are adopted by the central agencies in expressing various amounts in the MYEFO and in the additional estimates statements are no doubt the reason why a distinction was made, as Ms Glanville has tried to explain to you, between the \$12.5 million, which is the correct figure that was specified to be the cost of the royal commission—that is, the operation of the royal commission, as it were—and the additional figure, which is the cost of legal representation and so on, which was evidently accounted for elsewhere.	
15	AG	<b>Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program / Civil Law Division</b>	Carr	<p>Hourly rate for Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program</p> <p>Salary of the Commissioner</p> <p>Cost of AGD staff providing administrative support to the Royal Commission</p>	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Can you tell me what the hourly rate will be for the counsel assisting the royal commission?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> No. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I am not sure that the counsel assisting is being remunerated on an hourly rate basis or a <i>per diem</i> basis.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What payments are being made to the counsel assisting?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> As I said, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> And what is the commissioner being paid?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> I would also have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How many staff of the Attorney-General's Department are now working on this particular commission?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> No staff of the Attorney-General's Department, as I understand it, are working on the commission, but staff from the Attorney-General's Department are providing administrative support to the commission.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How many?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> Around 11.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> What is the total cost for the 11?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> I would have to take that on notice as well.</p>	L&C 26

16	AG	<b>Corporate</b> (Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program and Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse)	Carr	Offsets between Royal Commissions	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Are you able to tell me whether there are any other costs associated with the royal commission that the government will have to pay? [...]</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> Has there been any offset in any other royal commission, for instance?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> So there has been no that money that was previously allocated for the royal commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> It has been absorbed by the department itself, I am told. I will ask Ms Glanville to answer that question. As I understand it, no money has been taken away from anywhere else, but there was an underspend that was reallocated.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Would it be better to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Glanville:</b> I think we will if that is okay.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When was the underspend?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> All these questions, because we want to be sure that we give you a full and accurate answer, will be taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> When was the underspend identified and for what period?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> How much was the underspend?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	L&C 26&27
17	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Cost and installation of the AG's bookshelf	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I want to go to question 36 which was asked at estimates last time. What was the amount of co-funding from this department for the installation of the bookshelf?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I am sure you can get it today and come back to us.</p>	L&C 28&29

**Mr Wilkins:** I will get it today.

[...]

**Senator LUDWIG:** Did you receive any other requests for the co-funding of the bookshelf—in other words, outside of the request from the Department of Parliamentary Services?

**Mr Wilkins:** I am not quite sure what you are talking about.

**Senator LUDWIG:** I will say it again more clearly. The Department of the Senate, you say, phoned you out of the blue and said, 'Can you'—

**Mr Wilkins:** They did not phone me out of the blue.

**Senator LUDWIG:** What did they say?

**Mr Wilkins:** I do not know whether it was out of the blue. What do you mean by 'out of the blue'?

**Senator LUDWIG:** You did not ask for the phone call.

**Mr Wilkins:** No.

**Senator LUDWIG:** So they phoned you. What was the nature of the conversation took place?

**Mr Wilkins:** Basically, whether we could contribute to the cost of a bookcase.

**Senator LUDWIG:** How much did they ask for, at that point?

**Mr Wilkins:** I do not recall. That is what I just said I would take it on notice.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Was it a percentage—half the bookshelf installation cost?

**Mr Wilkins:** I cannot recall. I think was about 50 per cent.

**Senator LUDWIG:** You will take that on notice and provide that to the committee?

**Mr Wilkins:** Yes, I will.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Did they then indicate how that would be installed—any other process? Or, simply, you are going to provide costs?

**Mr Wilkins:** I got my assistant to take care of this. I do not normally worry about that type of stuff about bookshelves.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Someone obviously thought you would.

They phoned you about it.

**Mr Wilkins:** I will take that on notice.

**CHAIR:** This is not good enough, Mr Wilkins! I think you as the secretary of the department should be intimately aware of such important expenditure in your department!

**Mr Wilkins:** Chair, I apologise!

**Senator LUDWIG:** If someone is going to take the time to phone you, Mr Wilkins, about the installation of a bookshelf, then someone takes it very seriously.

**Mr Wilkins:** Indeed, and I had a discussion. It was clearly a matter that was of enough importance for the secretary to ring me up, and I discussed it. We reached a decision on the matter and I will let you know exactly what that was—I will take it on notice—and then it was left up to other people to deal with the details of that matter, which is normally the way in which decision-making works.

[...]

**Senator Brandis:** out of the blue or not. Can I add, with a little trepidation about putting my toe in the water here—

**Senator LUDWIG:** Feel free, Senator Brandis.

**Senator Brandis:** I suspect the reason that Mr Wilkins has never been asked about a bookcase before is that until now the Attorney-General's office has always been fully equipped with extensive shelving. But I am the first Attorney-General since this Parliament was built to be in a Senate office. What I asked for were the same facilities as had always been uncontroversially provided to every other Attorney-General—Labor and Liberal—who happened to be in an office on the House of Representatives side of the building.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Do we know, Mr Wilkins, whether the fitting or fixture of the bookshelf is removable—for when Senator Brandis leaves that office?

**Mr Wilkins:** My understanding is that it is.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Perhaps you could take it on notice.

				<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can answer that question, because I asked that it be removable and I asked that it be constructed at the cheapest price consistent with the standards of the building.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> When did you make that request and in what form did you make that request?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Late last year.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And to whom?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think the request was made on my behalf by my staff, but I made it clear that I wanted to ensure, in view of some remarks that Senator Conroy had made, that whatever was installed was demountable, as it were, and that the construction be as inexpensive as possible consistent with the standards of the building.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps you could take on notice the form of that request. If a copy of that email or letter is made available to the Department of Parliamentary Services—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I do not know whether those of my staff who dealt with the matter dealt with it orally or by email or letter, but we will have a look.</p>	
18	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Macdonald	<p>Cost of the Review into the Efficiency of and Cost-effectiveness of all four Australian government funded legal assistance programs (Allen Review)</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Is the government aware of this report yet, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes, this is the Allen review?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It has not been publically released, but it has been released to the government?</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> It is well known to the government and it is under consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Mr Fredericks, Mr Wilkins and I spend an enormous amount of our time discussing access to justice issues, I think it is fair to say.</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So we mere mortals would expect to read that shortly?</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> Ultimately that is a matter for government, but it ought be in the near future.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> On notice and in very round figures, could you tell</p>	L&C 33-35

				<p>me the cost of this review?</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> Yes, I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It has been going for, what, 12 months?</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> Actually, Senator, my colleague is assisting me here. I can give you the total of the contract because it is published: the cost of that was \$815,366. It is worth noting that the states and territories contributed to that cost, given that it is under the NPA. They contributed \$167,341.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> The four legal assistance programs are actually those that I just noted in the context of the NPA review. They are, firstly, the legal aid program; secondly, the Indigenous legal assistance program; thirdly, the community legal services program; and fourthly, the family violence prevention legal services program. I should just note, in relation to that fourth program, that that program now resides with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I am now going to ask you something that would probably take quite a significant amount of time, I imagine, to answer. But I would like a broad overview and then I would like the detail for every organisation whose funding will be affected by this measure. There are various organisations that receive funding under these four areas. Can you, off the top of your heads, tell me what they are? I do not know if you can answer those in full detail today or whether you need to take those on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think will take those on notice.</p>		
19	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Wright	Reduction of legal assistance program funding	<p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Generally, then, what sorts of organisations are going to be affected?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> This is what I was trying to get to before.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Okay, now we can come to it.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Well, now I can. You read the note to the MYEFO and I want to explain to you the approach the</p>	L&C 35

government has taken.

**Senator WRIGHT:** I would appreciate brevity though.

**Senator Brandis:** The kind of services where these savings will be found are in what is sometimes called policy and advocacy. You see—as you are aware but others may not be—that most of what the legal assistance sector or the access to justice sector does this case work: helping specific people who are too poor to afford a lawyer. But increasingly over recent years an increasing percentage of the legal assistance dollar has been spent on what is called advocacy work or policy work, which is not directed to helping specific clients with specific needs but in participating in—as it were—society's discussion about various areas of potential law reform or identifying gaps in the legal system.

Now, that is a good thing to do but in my view—and I hold this view very strongly—where resources are limited, I would rather see that money spent helping individual people in need who cannot afford a lawyer rather than spent on policy development. That is where the savings will be found.

**Senator WRIGHT:** Please advise of every organisation whose funding will be affected by this measure and please advise at what point, in relation to each of those organisations, will the loss of funding be effective? That is specific information that many, many organisations are keen to understand and know.

**Senator Brandis:** Sure, we will take that on notice. Can you clarify, when you say the loss of funding will be effective, you are after a date, are you?

**Senator WRIGHT:** Yes, essentially, because we have got the forward estimates. We have got the figures over the forward estimates, but we want to understand what the implications of this are.

**Senator Brandis:** We can take that on notice.

20	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh and Wright	Indigenous Community Legal Centres	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> So you have visited an Indigenous community legal centre?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could you spell it, Senator Brandis. I think it is Y-E-S.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> Move on, please, Senator Singh. I have given you my answer.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> You have visited an Indigenous community legal centre?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have given you my answer, and the answer is yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Which one have you visited?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I told you a moment ago that as recently as Friday I visited Caxton, who extensively—</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> You told me that you went to a Caxton function.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> At a function they hosted. Their practice in Indigenous justice is one of the most extensive practices in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Chair, could I clarify the answer, please. I am just interested in whether Senator Brandis has visited any of the community legal services that are within the ATSILS umbrella—the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services—as opposed to the more generic community legal centres.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I would need to know which those are and I do not have the list in front of me. I will have a look at it.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Perhaps you could look at that. They are specific, and my understanding is that there is generally one in each state—the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia, for instance, and so on. So I think that might be the question that Senator Singh is asking.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have not been to visit the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I think perhaps you need to take it on</p>	L&C 38
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					notice to understand—or perhaps you could even find out while you are here. There are not that many, I think. It is the groups that are under the NATSILS umbrella, and you would be familiar with NATSILS, of course. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes, I am. <b>CHAIR:</b> I think there is one in the Torres Strait. <b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I think it would be useful. I think that is what Senator Singh might be asking about. <b>Senator SINGH:</b> That would be good. Yes, those under the ATSILS umbrella. You will take that on notice, Senator Brandis? <b>Senator Brandis:</b> Which question? <b>Senator SINGH:</b> The question that Senator Wright just put to you. <b>Senator Brandis:</b> I just told Senator Wright that.	
21	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Wright	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) submissions	<b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Thank you for that. To what extent has the government made reference to NATSILS's submissions to government? NATSILS has made submissions at different times in relation to Indigenous law, policy and law reform. <b>Mr Fredericks:</b> This department will always take into account submissions that are received. <b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> So are you confirming that NATSILS has in fact made submissions at different times in relation to Indigenous law, policy and reform? <b>Mr Manning:</b> That is my understanding. I have only been in this position since the end of November, but I have met with NATSILS recently. They explained to me that they have made numerous submissions on different topics. <b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> All right. I ask you to take on notice the submissions they have made over the last five years in terms of the area we have just been discussing. <b>Mr Wilkins:</b> You mean just in relation to legal assistance? <b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> In relation to Aboriginal law, policy and reform issues.	L&C 40&41

**Mr Wilkins:** That is what I thought. I am not sure I can do that. The department of the environment, for example, would have received submissions. I do not think I am going to go and ask them.

**Senator WRIGHT:** I would imagine it would generally be about law given that it is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, but perhaps we will confine it to the areas of law reform and policy affecting Indigenous people.

**Mr Wilkins:** But I think it is law reform and policy across government. I am not going to be able to answer that any time soon.

**Senator WRIGHT:** What do you think you could answer, then?

**CHAIR:** With respect, five years seems to be an unreasonable call upon the department.

**Senator WRIGHT:** I would ask the department to put that to me if that is the case. I am interested in knowing and understanding—and I think you can understand where my question is coming from—what services, value and things have been obtained from this organisation and the nature of that. It is not just some general, 'Yes, they've made numerous submissions' but what submissions and how often. The question then will be: if they are not able to continue to make those submissions, where will the government receive that unique view about the implications of changes to law on Aboriginal people in the legal sector.

**CHAIR:** I am not going to even allow that question. We are short of time. If they are rejected from making submissions—

**Senator WRIGHT:** They are not. This is a reasonable question to ask.

**CHAIR:** It is hypothetical.

**Senator WRIGHT:** No, it is not. I am asking specifically what submissions NATSILS has made in the area of, let's say in relation to—

					<p><b>CHAIR:</b> You have asked that, and it has been taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I am not sure that it has, because you have suggested that they have said no.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> It has not been taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Do you understand the question?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I do, and I do not think it is a tractable question, with all due respect. I am happy to look at my own department to see what submissions they have made to my department—</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Thank you. That would certainly be of assistance</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> but not the whole of government.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> All right. Thank you for clarifying that. I am happy to have that discussion about what is reasonable and what is not.</p>	
22	AG	<b>International Law and Human Right Division</b>	Siewert	Addressing recommendations of the UN Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (September 2013)	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want to follow up on Indigenous incarceration as well, particularly with persons with disabilities. I am wondering if the department has had a look at the concluding observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in September last year, when they made comment about the rate of incarceration and, in particular, the imprisonment of people with disabilities who have not been convicted of a crime.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> We are a little bit constrained. A lot of these recommendations are directed at the states and territories, and we do not know what they are necessarily going to do on those. A lot of them are in other departments. This would be quite a wide-ranging discussion.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Right. I want to narrow it down a little bit, but I wanted to know first off if you are familiar with those recommendations.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> No, I am not personally—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I beg your pardon. Is the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Reid:</b> Yes, we are aware of those recommendations.</p>	L&C 41&42

**Senator SIEWERT:** Okay. Given that Australia is a signatory to the convention, is it something you are going to be taking a lead role in responding to?

**Mr Reid:** A range of different Commonwealth agencies and state and territory agencies will be responsible for different aspects of the recommendations. I do not know that I would call our role a lead coordinating role.

**Senator SIEWERT:** Okay. What role will you be taking?

**Mr Wilkins:** I think it is probably too early to say exactly who is going to be coordinating this and how it is going to be coordinated through which ministerial councils. I am not quite sure yet, actually, so I do not think we can answer that question.

**Senator SIEWERT:** Could you answer the question in terms of a time line in which it looks like there will be a decision on that process?

**Mr Wilkins:** I think we will have to take that on notice. As I said, I am not familiar with it. We were not aware this was coming on, so I have not read the actual obligations, thought about exactly how they might be taken forward or discussed it with colleagues. I think we will probably need to take it on notice.

**Senator SIEWERT:** It would be appreciated if you could take that on notice in terms of the process for addressing those recommendations, in particular ending the unwarranted use of prisons for management of unconvicted persons with disabilities. It covers a wide range of issues under that. Could you take on notice what your agency's response is going to be?

**Mr Wilkins:** Do you mean what the process might be for establishing responses to this?

**Senator SIEWERT:** Given that it does not seem to be addressed yet, what the process is for responding to those recommendations from your agency's perspective if you are

				<p>not going to be the lead agency.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> They also talk about establishing mandatory guidelines and practices to ensure that persons with disabilities in the criminal justice system are provided with appropriate supports and accommodation. Could you look at all those recommendations that are pertinent to your department?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Yes, if it is relevant. We obviously do not run any prisons.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> No. But, as I said, Australia is a signatory to the convention.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Yes, but you understand that does not necessarily mean that the obligations reside at the Commonwealth level.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I appreciate—and we have traversed this area before—that states are responsible for incarceration. However, Australia is signatory to the convention and therefore I presume that the Commonwealth will be undertaking the lead in responding to those recommendations.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> In a sense. It may be conveying what the federation of Australia is going to do about those obligations, but it will not necessarily be a Commonwealth agency that is doing so.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I appreciate that. So there will be a process established around that conveying, and I for one would certainly hope that there was more active engagement of the Commonwealth with the states and territories.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Well, that is what we are going to find out: what timeline and how that might work. We will come back to you on all of that.</p>		
23	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Wright	Funding of Environmental Defender's Office	<b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> Thank you, Minister. I am going to ask you now a question that I think would not translate easily to being on notice. I will have to ask some of these other ones on	L&C 44&45

notice. Previously, the Minerals Council has openly lobbied against EDOs. They have accused EDO lawyers of a campaign of economic sabotage, and that was reported on the ABC. The *Australian* reported that the New South Wales—

**CHAIR:** Do you have a question, Senator?

**Senator WRIGHT:** It does come to a question—I think an important question that the public would be interested in knowing about.

**CHAIR:** Well, forget the political sideshow—

**Senator WRIGHT:** No, this is actually the background I have to ask about. As the peak mining industry body in New South Wales, the New South Wales Minerals Council was lobbying the federal Attorney-General to cease the EDO's funding. That was reported in the *Australian* in October last year. These are not unverified assertions.

**CHAIR:** Is the question: did they lobby the—

**Senator WRIGHT:** What I am asking is: what submissions, formal or informal, did the Minerals Council of Australia, the Minerals Council of New South Wales or anybody who represents the interests of the mining sector, make to the federal government to support the withdrawal of funding from EDOs after the election? It is a very important question from the public interest point of view, I would have thought.

**Senator Brandis:** I can answer your question directly. I do not know what approaches may have been made by those organisations to other ministers or other departments. It may be that they may have written to me but, if they did, I cannot immediately recall any correspondence from them. As you know, when there is a change of government, many, many organisations in the community, from all points of view, make approaches to the new government to, as it were, put a point of view. I do not recall seeing any such communications from any of the organisations that you have mentioned and I had no meetings with anyone from any of the organisations which

you have mentioned in which I was lobbied for the purpose for which you have described. So the answer to your question, subject to the qualifications I have made, is: none.

**Senator WRIGHT:** All right, I understand you cannot recall. Can I—

**Senator Brandis:** I have no recollection. I just want to allow for the possibility that there may have been a letter, among the hundreds of letters that come into my office every day, that I did not see.

**CHAIR:** I understood you the first time, Minister.

**Senator WRIGHT:** Can I ask you, Minister, to take that question on notice?

**Senator Brandis:** No, I will not take on notice a question that I have just given you a direct answer to.

**Senator WRIGHT:** But you said you have no recollection. That does not really answer the question. It may be that you did receive such a letter and you do not have a recollection of it. So I am asking you—

**CHAIR:** Thank you, Senator Wright. We are not here as a debating society. We will now be moving to—

**Senator WRIGHT:** Chair, I would just like to know whether the minister is willing to take it on notice or not.

**CHAIR:** group 3, national security and criminal justice programs.

**Senator Brandis:** I—

**Senator WRIGHT:** Will you—

**CHAIR:** I am sorry, Minister, and I am sorry, Senator Wright, but we have finished that. We have had more than fair—

**Senator WRIGHT:** I do not have an answer to the—

**CHAIR:** You will get it on notice if you put it on notice.

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**Senator Brandis:** Chair, before we go on, I have just been handed a note. I do try to be helpful. The note from my

					adviser says, 'I think the NSW Minerals Council wrote us a letter, but I am not certain.' I will take on notice whether a letter was received from the NSW Minerals Council.	
24	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Cameron	Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment Blue Mountains and Newcastle areas, Victoria and Tasmania	<p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> At the time of the declaration of AGDRP for the Blue Mountains, we were within the period of 24 hours after the event. The declaration was in relation to those severely affected. The department, on an ongoing basis, then reviewed the situation in the Blue Mountains and is obviously aware of the various criteria that have been used for AGDRP over time and can obviously take that information into account. But, at the time of the declaration, we were within 24 hours of the event, so information in relation to electricity and people's residences was very limited.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> In relation to the Victorian and Tasmanian bushfires, these declarations are made fairly quickly. The declarations in Victoria and Tasmania went to this 'moderately affected' situation. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> Which fires? Are we referring to historical fires? Tasmania one year ago and Victoria—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I do not know the exact date, but they were the recent Victorian—the last Victorian—bushfires.</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> With respect to Tasmania, I would have to take on notice the time lines for declarations. I do not have the details of the time line for declaration. In respect of the Victorian fires, there has been activation of the cost-sharing arrangements between the Commonwealth and Victoria under what is known as NDRRA—Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. In the time available I should be able to give you details of when that occurred.</p>	L&C 45
25	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Cameron	Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Senator Brandis said on 18 November—you can pick it up in <i>Hansard</i> on page 163—that there was an assessment made on the gravity of the impact on what was described as 'particular potential classes of claimants'. This is when we were talking about those who	L&C 46

					<p>were 'moderately' affected. Did the department conduct a situational judgement on an assessment of the gravity of the potential claims?</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> On an ongoing basis, yes. Initial judgements were made on the information available in the lead-up to the declaration and then, as further information comes to hand, we take that into account for our briefings.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide me with all the departmental correspondence on this assessment process?</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> I will need to take that on notice. We will go through the material.</p>	
26	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Cameron	Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment Blue Mountains and Newcastle areas	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you also take on notice whether you conducted an evidence based disaster assessment process and provide all details of discussions and documentation between the department and the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre, the Emergency Management Australia liaison officers and the senior Commonwealth and state officials in relation to 'moderately affected' in the Blue Mountains and Newcastle area?</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> That is similar to the question I took on notice before. We will look at the documentation to see what we can provide.</p>	L&C 46
27	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Cameron	Impact of NSW road closures during bushfires	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you take a few questions on notice? Given that the department sought and received information from Traffic New South Wales on road closures, was that for the purpose of assessing how many residents would be adversely affected—under the 'moderately affected' definition? Take that on notice. I do not have time to get the answer.</p>	L&C 46
28	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Cameron	National Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements – small business	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> On the small business loans issue: in reply to question on notice No. 48, you said that the minister had commenced discussions with the department in mid-September last year and then steps were taken on 2 October to</p>	L&C 47

			loans	<p>implement this. There was then a declaration on 23 December. Can you advise me what processes took place between 2 October and 2 December? Can you advise why it took so long to make the declaration and why small businesses in the Blue Mountains still do not have access to this small business loan that was a promise of the Abbott government?</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> I can take that on notice. It may be helpful to note that the payment can be made retrospectively and, if New South Wales chooses to use the payment under NDRRA, it can be applied to events retrospectively.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That is fine but is not much help to a business who has closed down. It is not much help to employees who have lost their jobs. This was, as per the rhetoric the government used prior to the election, designed to immediately help businesses consequentially affected by the fires. Maybe you can explain to me how this delay meets the commitments that were made—not only the promise that was made but also how it meets the determination that the minister made.</p> <p><b>Mr Sheehan:</b> We will take the question on notice, Senator.</p>		
29	AG	<b>National Security Law and Policy Division</b>	Xenophon	Interception Capability Plans	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I want to ask about the department's interception capability plans which outline how nominated carriers and carriage service providers can help law enforcement agencies with lawful interception of telecommunication services. Do these plans vary significantly from company to company?</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> There are approximately 170 carriers of carrier licences at the moment in Australia. As such, the plans do vary greatly, depending on the level of infrastructure they hold. Obviously, some have a massive amount of the network and some have a very small part of the network.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Because I am really constrained for time, I want to get to other issues. Are these plans available for viewing by the public?</p>	L&C 50

					<p><b>Ms Smith:</b> No, they are not. The Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act protects—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Does the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security have access to these plans?</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> I have certainly never provided them, no, because they are protected for the purposes of what they have given.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> So not even the parliamentary joint committee, which meets in camera, has access to these plans?</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> If that question is asked, then we will have to deal with that. But it has never been asked of the department.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> From your point of view, that is that protected material that even—</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> I would have to have a look at that.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Please take that on notice. Does IGIS, the Inspector-General—</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I do not think we need to take it on notice. If they ask for it then we could probably give it to them.</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> Yes, but we have never been asked.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> So you can give it. You are not precluded from giving it?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	
30	AG	<b>National Security Law and Policy Division</b>	Xenophon	Requests for information to overseas telecommunications and carriage service providers for	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> How do Australian authorities go about requesting overseas telecommunications carriers and carriage service providers for information that they may have about Australians?</p> <p><b>Ms Smith:</b> Generally that is done through mutual assistance arrangements. However, some US providers have offices in Australia, so they provide cooperation to law enforcement.</p>	L&C 50&51

					Generally it is a matter for mutual assistance. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Please provide, on notice, details of which treaties govern this process. Could you also, on notice, provide how many times this has occurred in the past five years and to which foreign countries. <b>Mr Wilkins:</b> The latter we may not be able to do, but we can certainly do the former. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Why not? Because it is classified? <b>Mr Wilkins:</b> It may be. Who knows? Before we look at that, there may be some restrictions on what we can tell you. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> I am not asking about the content. I am just asking about what the protocols are. <b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I am saying there may be some restrictions on even that. But we will have a look at it.	
31	AG	<b>National Security Law and Policy Division</b>	Xenophon	Surveillance device warrants issued under the <i>Surveillance Devices Act 2004</i> ?	<b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ... Could you—perhaps on notice—provide the number of surveillance device warrants issued under the Surveillance Devices Act 2004. <b>Ms Smith:</b> That is in the public Surveillance Devices Act annual report, which was tabled towards the end of last year. We can certainly provide that link to that. <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> If you could. Would that provide details of how many times an eligible judge or nominated AAT member has declined to issue a warrant? <b>Ms Smith:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I think it does, but I will take it on notice.	L&C 51
32	AG	<b>National Security Law and Policy Division</b>	Madigan	GPS location data	<b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> I would just like to touch on the <i>Surveillance Devices Act 2004</i> . The Ford Motor Company in the US stated in a 3 February 2014 letter to US Senator Al Franken that it stores all GPS location data created by the cars that it makes, rental and private, for two to three weeks and then sends it off to Acquity Group, a management company, and then to other agencies. What is the situation in Australia? How is Australian GPS data collected or stored?	L&C 52

					<p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I think we should probably take that on notice. It is a rather complicated question.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take it on notice without conceding the premise of the question, I might say.</p> <p><b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> What legal authorisation is required for police to get access to GPS data of vehicles, rental and private? You can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> How does the process work? How do your investigators go about getting the data?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Once again, I think the best thing to do is, without conceding the premise of the question, to take that bracket of questions on notice.</p>	
33	AG	<b>International Crime Cooperation Division</b>	Madigan	Extradition requests made with Indonesia	<p><b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> Okay. Further questions go to extradition requests that the Australian government has received from the Indonesian government in the past 10 years. How many have there been?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Unless they become public we do not discuss matters of extradition requests that have been made. It is a bit like the question that Senator Xenophon asked about mutual assistance. We can take that on notice but only give you information in respect of matters that have been made public because they have come before the courts. We can do that. Over the last 10 years?</p> <p><b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> Yes. How many extradition requests have been made for the extraditions of Australians to Indonesia?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Sorry, extradition of Australians to Indonesia?</p> <p><b>Senator MADIGAN:</b> Yes, and vice versa. In the past 10 years.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	L&C 52
34	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Wright	Cuts to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait	<b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I will go back to my questions regarding the Indigenous legal services and in particular the cuts to the NATSILS budget. I understand the cuts are in the vicinity of	L&C 54

			<p>Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) budget</p> <p>4.5 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I am told 4.45 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> It is 4.45 per cent?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> So I am told.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> My understanding is that the law reform and policy aspect of the work of NATSILS is two to three per cent. So it has been put to me that—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> But two to three per cent of what, Senator Wright? I think we might be using metrics here that are not perfectly commensurable.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> The information that I have is two to three per cent of their budget, and I understand that the budget is being cut by 4.45 per cent.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is why I asked for clarification.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> That is the information that I have. The concern that has been raised with me is: even if you can identify—and I am still not clear on how the department would identify—what are front-line services and what are not front-line services, it would inevitably involve a cut into front-line services of about 1.45 per cent, if my maths is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That might be right if those assumptions were correct. I have not seen that figure of two to three per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator WRIGHT:</b> I might ask the department to take that on notice. I presume that if there has been a meeting recently with the director of NATSILS and the department you may have already been alerted to that issue. I think obviously that is an important one to raise. I might have time for one more quick question. If I can go back to the issue of the funding for the environmental—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> As I said, Mr Cubillo, the chairman of NATSILS, met with two of my staff only a fortnight ago in Brisbane.</p>	
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35	AG	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b>	Singh	Appointment of Mr Tim Wilson	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> On what date did you announce the appointment of Mr Wilson?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> On the afternoon of 17 February, after his appointment had been made.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Professor Triggs, when were you made aware of Mr Wilson's appointment to the position? On what date?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs : I do not think I recall that date. I would have to take it on notice, to be perfectly honest. It was certainly before Christmas.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I did advise Professor Triggs of the cabinet's decision to make a recommendation to Her Excellency the Governor-General when the cabinet at its December meeting decided to make that recommendation. So Professor Triggs was not waiting until 17 February, if that is what you are getting at.</p>	L&C 57
36	AG	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b>	Siewert and Boyce	Letters to Attorneys-General regarding AHRC report into disability justice strategy	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. Mr Innes, this takes me to the issues I raised with the department this morning: the work that was done on the rights of people with disabilities and concluding comments around the unwarranted use of prisons for management of unconvicted people with disability, with a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons. I also note that the report that you did and released last year raised these issues. Have you had a chance to review or have any input to government on the concluding observations and the work that needs to be undertaken in light of those observations?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes:</b> I would endorse all the comments that Commissioner Gooda has made with regard to this issue. It applies equally to people with disabilities, who are significantly disadvantaged in the justice system and many of whom are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The work I have done with regard to the concluding observations in this area is the access to justice report, which was released a</p>	L&C 63

				<p>few weeks ago. It raises these issues of people being held, in some cases, eight and 10 years without trial, being found unfit to plead and not held in appropriate accommodation after that time, but they are also disadvantaged in the justice system in numerous other ways set out in the report. I have written to the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth and to the state and territory attorneys-general to advocate these issues and to talk to them about my report. I only did that a couple of weeks ago and I have not had any of those meetings yet.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> Would you be able to give us copies of those letters at some stage if that is possible? On notice would be adequate.</p> <p><b>Mr Innes:</b> I am happy if I am able to. They will not tell you much more than what is in the report itself. They really attach a copy of the report and request an opportunity to discuss the issues in the report with the various attorneys, but I am happy to make them available.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> Thank you.</p>	
37	AG	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b>	Hanson-Young	<p>Department of Immigration release of personal information</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> To cast your mind back, the security breach from the immigration department last week mistakenly released online the personal details of over 10,000 asylum seekers. What in your view is the implication of a massive security breach such as that?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilson:</b> I have to say that I am yet to receive my full briefing from the commission on legal and policy dimensions around asylum seekers, so all I can say is that it is obviously a deeply concerning event, but I do not have the specific details. That may be a question better answered by the president herself.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> You may also need to refer this question to Professor Triggs, but I will ask you directly. Would it be appropriate for the department to inform those people who were the subject of the breach of their personal</p>	L&C 65

				<p>information that it has indeed happened to them?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilson:</b> My personal opinion, which may be different from what they are legally obliged to do, is yes, but I am happy for the president to answer the question.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Professor Triggs, in relation to the data breach last week in the immigration department, would it be appropriate for the department to inform all of those whose personal information was released that the breach had occurred and they were part of that security breach?</p> <p><b>Prof. Triggs:</b> I was in China until yesterday. Again, this is something I have only been reading in the press. I have not myself had a briefing on it. My immediate answer would be that in the interests of transparency and the safety of those people they need to know that authorities in other countries may be now aware of personal details of which they were not previously aware. That is obviously the concern that one would have from the human rights law point of view. Before giving you any kind of categorical answer, frankly I would like to have a briefing with my own legal experts and get back to you on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> Could you, between you and Mr Wilson, take those questions on notice?</p> <p><b>Prof. Triggs:</b> We will be pleased to.</p>	
38	AG	<b>Australian Financial Security Authority</b>	Boyce	<p>Analysis of bankruptcy by postcode report</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> Ms Ingram, going back to your figures for 2012-13 regarding that wonderful postcode bankruptcy debt agreement thing you did, is there any way you are able to update us on the information in that?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> I want to ask you a couple of questions about that. For example, the highest number of bankrupts in my home state of Queensland are in three postcodes on the Gold Coast. I think the highest number is one bankrupt per 189 adults. I think there is only one place in New South Wales that outdoes them. Could you characterise why this area is one</p>	L&C 66&67

				<p>of the highest in Australia?</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> We do not do analysis of the statistics in that way, so I would be purely speculating. We offer our statistics to the Bureau of Statistics, obviously, and academics, who do more analysis in respect of that.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> And you are aware of work being done there?</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> I am not aware of work being done.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> Would you expect to be aware of it if there was academic research?</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> I would expect that AFSA would be. I can take that on notice, because I may not be aware of particular inquiries.</p>	
39	AG	<b>Australian Financial Security Authority</b>	Macdonald	<p>Government regulated debt agreements - television advertising</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> The government regulated debt agreements have enormous coverage in advertising on television. What they promise they can do is absolutely great—if it happens. Is there any regulation of how those people who organise the debt agreements are paid—</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> And where do they get their money from for this massive advertising?</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> They administer the payments to creditors and they are allowed to impose a fee related to the realisations they get from the debtor. We also oversee the advertising of debt agreement administrators, although ASIC has the power to operate in that area. We will refer to ASIC any conduct we think is misleading—also to the ACCC.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You have power over their advertising?</p> <p><b>Ms Ingram:</b> We do not have power directly over their advertising, but we use powers of persuasion. If we do not get a result, we will refer them formally to ASIC and/or the ACCC.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Some of the early advertising was quite outrageously suggesting it was—</p>	L&C 67&68

**Ms Ingram:** government guaranteed, yes.

**CHAIR:** A lot of them are on the movies at three o'clock in the morning, which I tape—and I can then fast forward through them when I actually watch the movies. Is there a percentage of what they pay out? Are the fees regulated by your agency?

**Ms Ingram:** There is some regulation of the fees, although we cannot tell them what fees they can charge.

**CHAIR:** What is the regulation then?

**Ms Ingram:** I will have to take that on notice to give you the exact details.

**CHAIR:** Do they charge a percentage?

**Ms Ingram:** I will refer you to our general counsel. They are not allowed to take the fees up front. There used to be a practice where they would basically collect the fee up front and then take their time about how they administered.

**CHAIR:** The creditor actually pays?

**Ms Ingram:** It is the creditor who pays in any administration—because they end up getting less money. But the creditors vote on any debt agreement, so they have to be happy with the fees that are charged. It is not the debtors who decide what the fee is; it is the creditors. The creditors can vote against the debt agreement if they are not happy with the level of fees charged.

**CHAIR:** If they vote against, the company—the entrepreneur—who is organising the debt agreement does not get paid at all?

**Ms Ingram:** No, the debt is still outstanding. They risk bankruptcy.

**CHAIR:** I assume there is a whole new class of entrepreneur who runs these debt agreements. Is that correct?

**Ms Ingram:** There are debt agreement administrators who have to be registered with us. It is, if you like, a profession.

**CHAIR:** Mr McCosker, can you quickly enlighten us?

					<b>Mr McCosker:</b> We do not have the details with us on the specific requirements. It is enshrined in legislation. We can take that on notice for you	
40	AG	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Boyce	Prevalence of financial misbehaviour by location	<p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> These nine Russian tourists had put \$30 million into numerous Gold Coast bank accounts. I was asking earlier about the number of bankruptcies in Queensland—and the Gold Coast tops Australia for bankruptcies. Is the Gold Coast something of a hot spot for financial misbehaviour?</p> <p><b>Mr Schmidt:</b> The major centres in Australia all have elements of criminal behaviour. Obviously Sydney and Melbourne, just as they are the centres of legitimate commercial activity, have a lot of the illicit behaviour as well. The Gold Coast is a significant area. As to whether it is a hot spot, I would say there is a certain amount of activity there which warrants attention.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> You would expect that there would be a certain amount of criminal behaviour where there is legitimate financial activity. From some of the reporting that I have seen, it seems that the Gold Coast has a higher percentage than one might expect, given that it would not even be in the top five financial centres in Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Schmidt:</b> I do not have a clear answer on that question.</p> <p><b>Senator BOYCE:</b> Would you be able to take it on notice and see if there is anything you can provide in this area.</p> <p><b>Mr Schmidt:</b> Yes.</p>	L&C 71
41	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Rhiannon	Open Government Partnership	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Mr Wilkins or Senator Brandis, could you give us an update on where the Open Government Partnership is up to, and Australia's approach to enter this?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> That was actually for this morning, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So you cannot—</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> All I can tell you is that it is progressing and there has been some discussion amongst departments. There is some issue about which department should ultimately be</p>	L&C 75

				<p>charged with taking it forward, but that is about all I know of the top of my head.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> But wasn't it that we were about to become part of the Open Government Partnership?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I can give you some information about this. Australia announced its intention to join the Open Government Partnership on 22 May last year. There have since been three interagency meetings to discuss progress, including the requirements of an action plan. One of those meetings was held before the elections, on 17 July, and the other two have been held since the election, on 29 October and on 5 November. So the action plan is in development. I hope that helps.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So can we meet the deadline? I understand the meeting of the Open Government Partnership is in April 2014. Will we meet the deadline with regard to submitting our national action plan?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins :</b> My understanding is that it is not a deadline, actually.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Much of the material you read—with due respect—certainly presents an expectation that we were going to enter at that April meeting and that the national action plan is not ready. If that is not the case, it would be very good to get that on the public record. That is what I am trying to explore.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> As I said, we had people up here this morning to answer these questions. I did not realise it was going to be raised this afternoon, so I suggest we take it on notice.</p>		
42	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Macdonald	Statistics to quantify decisions	<b>CHAIR:</b> Do you have statistics to quantify how many of the review requests are in relation to denials and how many are in relation to agreement given, but with a third party objecting? <b>Prof. McMillan:</b> Yes, there are detailed statistics on all of those matters in the annual report. I do not have them at hand, but I am happy to independently draw attention to some of	L&C 77

					those statistics.	
43	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Singh	Organisational chart	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Ms O'Brien, could you provide an updated organisational chart? I would like that for the board. Mr Wilkins, could I also have an organisational chart for the classification section of the department?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I think you can probably find these things in the annual reports, you know. Nevertheless, we will get something for you.</p>	L&C 82
44	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh and Marshall	Classification Review Board budget	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> What is the review board's overall budget?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Brien:</b> I would need to refer to that question to the department as I do not have any oversight of the budget.</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> I do not have that information; I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> No-one here knows what the budget is of the Classification Review Board?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think they are saying no. Perhaps they can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Fredericks:</b> I think we will have to take that on notice.</p>	L&C 83
45	AG	<b>High Court of Australia</b>	Seselja	Electricity costs	<p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> I have one quick follow-up question. You were talking about the impact on electricity prices. I do not know what your structure is like in terms of what has been negotiated, but I know that when the carbon tax came in in the ACT prices went up by 17 per cent, and I think 14 per cent was attributable. On notice, are you able to let us know how much your electricity rates and bill went up in the last financial year? Commercial premises are not always at the retail rate that has been quoted by the ICRC.</p> <p><b>Mr A Phelan:</b> We know to the cent how much we spent on electricity. I am not sure I have it here though. I am sorry; we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> If you could take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr A Phelan:</b> I obviously do not have any idea about what the component of the pricing is. We do know how much is</p>	L&C 85&86

					<p>statutory charges and how much is variable depending on usage, and over half the percentage is statutory charges, which go to fund the network. I would have no idea what the components of the cost of that are.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> A breakdown of the last two financial years with as many components as you have, including usage and the cost, would be very helpful.</p> <p><b>Mr A Phelan:</b> Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	
46	AG	<b>Australian Government Solicitor</b>	Ludwig	Release of Cabinet documents (summons) for the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I understand that evidence, and I understand that Mr Govey has indicated that he has made AGD aware of the documents that have been handed over. Is that correct, Mr Govey?</p> <p><b>Mr Govey:</b> I could not tell you whether we made them aware or whether they were aware separately from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. But I think it is clear that they were aware.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And how are the documents described? Is there a file? I am not asking for the number—but if you have the number that would be helpful. But are they in lever-arch folders?</p> <p><b>Mr Govey:</b> I think they might be in boxes, but I do not have the detail of that. I do not know whether the Attorney-General's Department does. We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes, please, if you would not mind. And were the cabinet documents separated out into a separate bundle?</p> <p><b>Mr Govey:</b> That is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And of course you indicated from 31 January, but I am happy for you to take that on notice—whether that was the cabinet documents that were handed over at that time or whether it was other documents and they were handed over subsequently to that. If you are not sure, then please take it on notice.</p>	L&C 89&90

					<b>Mr Govey:</b> I think it would be better to take that on notice.	
47	AG	<b>Australian Government Solicitor</b>	Ludwig	Letter from the AGS to the Royal Commission conveying documents and terms and conditions of supply	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> It is. As far as Mr Govey, who represents the Australian Government Solicitor's office here, knows, there has not been a reply. Like Mr Wilkins, I would not necessarily have expected a reply to a letter of that kind. Perhaps, Mr Govey, you would be good enough to make an inquiry of the relevant officer to establish whether or not a reply arrived.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Thank you. One would have expected at least a confirmation, even if it was just a thank you for the documents enclosed. I would have expected it may have said more. It may even have included an agreement to that. To date you are not aware, but you will search the records.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We will see.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> That would be helpful. Thank you.</p>	L&C 92
48	AG	<b>Australian Government Solicitor</b>	Ludwig	Provision of legal advice to PM&C	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I have provided no advice to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the issue of public interest immunity in relation to this matter. I have had discussions with the Prime Minister but I provided no advice to the department. As to others at the table, they can answer for themselves.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I only wanted to pause you there, Senator Brandis, because the advice from PM&amp;C this afternoon suggests there is such advice. So if it was not from you—although they did identify the Attorney-General—I wanted to make sure everyone had an opportunity to correct that record. Was it from you, Mr Govey?</p> <p><b>Mr Govey:</b> It was advice provided from the Australian Government Solicitor.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Senator Brandis, were you aware of that advice?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And that advice has gone straight to the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p>	L&C 92

				<p><b>Mr Govey:</b> I cannot recall whether it went straight to the Prime Minister and Cabinet or whether it went to the Attorney-General's Department first.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I am not sure why you are looking at us.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Mr Wilkins, I hazard to ask you this question: were you aware of any advice? I thought I had already asked that but, as Senator Brandis clearly said, he was not and I think Mr Govey has confirmed that.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> Yes, I was aware that the AGS had given advice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> On what date?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> I do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Would you like to take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilkins:</b> We can take it on notice, yes.</p>	
49	AG	<b>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Singh	<p>Prosecutions obtained between 18 September 2013 and 24 February 2014</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> How many prosecutions have been obtained since the Abbott government came into office? I think I might have asked this question at the last November estimates as well. How many prosecutions have you pursued since the Abbott government has been in office?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> At any one time we have a body of existing cases and we have a body of new matters that come in. I do not keep in my head a tally of those sorts of figures. I can indicate that there is no difference that I am aware of in the pattern before or after the election. It is not the sort of thing that changes.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> So you do not have the numbers?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> Not to that degree of detail off the top of my head—remembering of course also that even if there was some change of legislation or government policy, even if there was a dramatic change in the law yesterday or the Monday after the election or the month after the election, it takes quite a long time for things to come through an investigative pipeline. So, other than things like drug busts and those sorts of things, which occur more on the spot, we would not be</p>	L&C 94

					<p>receiving anything of complexity that had been new since the election, for example.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Maybe you could take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> Certainly. Just for clarity, you wish to know the number of matters that have commenced since the election?</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> We can give that statistic.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> And also what areas of criminal law they relate to—or whether you can go into that now.</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> Do you mean which offences?</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> We will get to the statistics and provide the figures by some sort of logical breakdown.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> I take it you want it by some sort of grouping rather than individual section numbers—drug cases or something of that type.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> That is right, yes.</p>	
50	AG	<b>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Singh	Staffing number	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> You may have to take this on notice as well, but what is the full-time staffing of the DPP?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> Our full-time equivalent is 442.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Has that decreased or increased since the November estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> I would have to check what the number was. I think that would be down somewhat. I would have to get the figure that was there as at the date of November estimates. The 442 number I am giving you now is as at 31 January, so it is not to today.</p>	L&C 95
51	AG	<b>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Seselja	People smuggling prosecutions discontinued	<p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> How many prosecutions did not occur? Obviously, for this direction to apply, you would have to have a potential prosecution and then apply the test that you are not going to prosecute because there are a series of matters that you need to consider around whether the person fits a</p>	L&C 99

particular category. How many did not occur as a result of this direction being implemented?

**Mr Bromwich:** I know it was over 100 cases that were discontinued. I just want to get the precise figure, if I could.

**Senator Brandis:** I assume, Senator Seselja, that the number would be greater than 100, because the relevant question would be: how many cases were never commenced that would, in the ordinary course of events but for Attorney-General Roxon's directive, have otherwise been commenced?

**Senator SESELJA:** Correct. There must be some ability to gauge that number because, as I say, a test would have to be applied where a prosecution is not launched as a result of this direction. You would have to consider this direction and consider the circumstances of the individual.

**Mr Bromwich:** What happened was, when the direction was given, an assessment was carried out of existing prosecutions, and those matters that could not be continued in the application of that direction were discontinued. A number were continued in relation to lesser offences. Then, when it came to new matters coming through the door afterwards, they were measured against the direction, and from time to time a question came up for determination as to whether an exception to the direction applied—for example, whether someone was a repeat offender and so on—and, if the exception to the direction applied, then the prosecution would still be brought.

**Senator SESELJA:** So how many were discontinued?

**Mr Bromwich:** I will have to take that on notice. I do have the number here somewhere; I just cannot lay my hands on it. But it was something in excess of 100.

**Senator SESELJA:** Okay—in excess of 100, and you will get us that number. Do you have the ability to tell us how many were not launched as a result of this direction being applied?

				<p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I do not know how readily that can be ascertained, because it becomes like any other criterion in deciding to prosecute. And we do not necessarily see all the matters at the higher levels where there is a decision not to prosecute any more than we see all the matters where there is not sufficient evidence. You have certain parameters—</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> So this direction could then be applied at a low level, where a decision is just taken: 'Well, this person fits the exception—</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> given by the Attorney-General, and therefore no prosecution.' So that would not necessarily be recorded anywhere?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> It is a question of whether it fits within the direction. If it fits within the direction, then it would not be prosecuted under the terms of the section, 233C, to which the direction applied. It would only come to me, for example, if approval was being sought to prosecute despite the direction by reason of exception to the direction, within its own terms, applying.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> It would come to you. But who is making that decision, then, if it is not coming to you?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> At a case officer level. I am not saying we did not measure it; I am saying I am not sure if we did or not.</p> <p><b>Senator SESELJA:</b> Sure. Is it possible to check whether that is ascertainable, whether that information exists?</p> <p><b>Mr Bromwich:</b> I will take that as a question on notice as to cases that were not prosecuted but could have been but for the direction, and I will ascertain whether we have that answer or not.</p>		
52	AG	<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>	Singh	UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	<b>Senator SINGH:</b> I understand there is a UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in May this year. Are we sending anyone to that event? Is a minister attending that	L&C 101

				May 2014 meeting	<p>UN commission?</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> I am not able to answer that question.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Why is that?</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> Because I do not necessarily know that it actually relates to the Australian Crime Commission.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> That is all right. It is just that it was a UN commission on crime prevention.</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> I thought the Australian Crime Commission might have some input into it or connection to it in some way.</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> From time to time we do make some submissions and work collaboratively with the UN, particularly the UNODC, but on this occasion I am not certain that is the case.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Are you able to take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	
53	AG	<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>	Singh	Commencement of Operation Attero	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> When did this operation Attero start?</p> <p><b>Mr Jevtovic:</b> Attero started in early 2013 if I recall correctly, but I will get you a precise date.</p>	L&C 102
54	AG	<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b>	Singh	ASIO denying asylum seekers representation during interviews due to security clearances	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> I will start by asking you about the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security report from January this year into the inquiry into the attendance of legal representatives at ASIO interviews and related matters. That inquiry found that ASIO was denying asylum seekers legal representation during their interviews for security clearances. Is that correct? If so, have the recommendations listed in that report been taken up by ASIO?</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> Strictly speaking, there is no legal requirement for lawyers to be present during ASIO security assessment interviews. But it has been our policy over a number of years to permit, unless there are significant operational reasons, lawyers to be present at security assessment interviews for visa applicants. We conduct hundreds of those interviews, and the inquiry was concerned with the nonattendance of lawyers</p>	L&C 107

					<p>at just four of those interviews. As to whether we accept those recommendations, we have generally accepted those recommendations.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> What would be the criteria for not permitting a lawyer to be present at an asylum seeker interview?</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> There would be no specific criteria. It would really depend on the view of the assessment officer as to whether it would assist or, alternatively, impede the interview. It is at the interviewee's discretion to request a lawyer, and the person would know that they have that right. But I do not think there are specific criteria that I could give you that are written down where we would deny it.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> So it is up to them to ask for a lawyer?</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> Yes. But the recommendation is, of course, that we specifically ask them when they want a legal representative to attend—and we have accepted that recommendation.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Is it the case that some refugees have been given confidentiality agreements at the time of their interview without the opportunity to understand their obligations and what they are signing?</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> I am not sure to what you are referring. I will have to take the question on notice.</p>	
55	AG	<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b>	Rhiannon	ASIO Business Liaison Unit Workshops	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you explain the language that is used to promote the ASIO Business Liaison Unit workshop about making doing business in Africa more productive. It talks about 'possible partnering opportunities' and 'providing information briefings to executives and staff'. The explanation you have just given around threats does not come through here; the emphasis is on making business more productive.</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> I am not aware of the document you are quoting from.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> It is from the ASIO BLU website.</p>	L&C 110

					<p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> Let me say to you that our Business Liaison Unit is just that, and it is there to provide security advice to Australian companies whether they are operating overseas or here in Australia. And if the safety of Australians operating overseas working for those companies is enhanced, then maybe their productivity will be enhanced too.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do you run any workshops with any other Australian business sectors such as the finance sector overseas?</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> Yes, we do. I would have to check back to find out exactly which sectors, but our business website has a number of subscribers from the private sector. I would need to check which sectors.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice to tell me what the other sectors are—because it was only coming through that it is with the resource industry.</p> <p><b>Mr Irvine:</b> I will take that on notice, yes.</p>	
56	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Singh	Operational budget for Operations Polaris, Trident and Jericho	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Are you involved with Operation Polaris?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> We are, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Is there an operating budget for the Polaris task force?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> Yes there is. The Polaris task force of course is a joint operation between the AFP and New South Wales police, with some representation from the Australian Crime Commission, the New South Wales Crime Commission as well, and of course Customs.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Have container check ratios increased under Operation Polaris?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> The standard checking of containers is really a matter for Customs, but I can say that they have managed to gather significant intelligence across a whole range of issues on the waterfront. They have been very successful in arresting a range of people and seizing a range of illicit goods, including tobacco coming in in containers. I think 11 tonnes</p>	L&C 114 & 115

was one of the seizures that they had last year. They have been very successful but the container checks themselves are really a standard issue for Customs, but they would act on the intelligence that is provided by the Polaris task force.

**Senator SINGH:** So who are the main partners to the AFP in Operation Polaris. There is New South Wales—

**Mr Negus:** Mainly the New South Wales police and Customs, and there is smaller representation from both the New South Wales Crime Commission, who has one person, and the Australian Crime Commission, who I think has one person as well.

**Senator SINGH:** You were providing me with an operating budget.

**Mr Negus:** I think we will have to take that on notice. We do not have the operating budget here for that particular task force but we would certainly have that available. In fact we will try to get that this evening if we can before we finish.

**Senator SINGH:** I also have a similar question for the Trident task force.

**Mr Negus:** I will get Deputy Commissioner Phelan to talk about it because, again, Trident and Jericho, which is in Brisbane, are the spin-offs from Polaris—because it has been so successful we introduced it in Melbourne and Brisbane respectively. I will get the Deputy Commissioner to give you a few points on that and we will see if we can get the budgets.

**Mr Phelan:** Similar to Polaris, the relationship down there is a joint task force with obviously the Victoria Police, the Australian Crime Commission and also the Australian Customs Service down there, working out of the Customs building. There have been multiple successes across a number of crime types, and it is really due to the sharing of intelligence across each of those agencies as well. That follows the full gamut of working down the port, whether it be narcotics trafficking, also working in closely with the Victoria

					<p>Police's other task forces, particularly Taskforce Echo in relation to outlaw motorcycle gangs and also targeting the tobacco industry as well—so the full gamut of that which runs the port. In terms of the budget for that, we can get that for you; we will have to take it on notice. But the budgets for Trident, Polaris and Jericho, whilst discrete in those particular geographical locations, all fit within the serious and organised crime budget, so we should be able to get that breakdown for you relatively easily.</p> <p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> That would be great. If you could take that on notice, that would be very good.</p>	
57	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Milne	Possible foreign bribery investigation	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I want to go back to the issue of the OECD international anti-bribery convention and, in particular, the <i>Phase 3</i> report and Australia's response to it—but, firstly, to the criticism that was made in it that, of 28 foreign bribery referrals received by the Australian Federal Police, only one case has led to a foreign bribery prosecution. That was up to 2012, so I would like to ask you first of all, in relation to those: can you give me a breakdown of the sectors that those companies represent and can you explain why only one of those was pursued?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> I will pass over to the deputy commissioner, who I think has at least some of those details.</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> In relation to those particular companies and the sectors, we will have to take that on notice to break that down. But, as to one matter coming before the court in relation to foreign bribery matters, it should be noted that these are extremely complex matters. They are matters that require a lot of investigation domestically and also a lot of investigations with offshore entities, including the utilisation of mutual assistance matters, which makes it quite difficult sometimes to follow the trail and move from one phase of an investigation to another. So, by definition, these investigations take a long time. Currently, we have 13 active investigations that the AFP</p>	L&C 120

					<p>is doing.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> The OECD referred to a case in Chinese Macau where a Chinese official is currently serving a 289-year sentence for accepting bribes of up to \$100 million. The properties were part owned by James Packer's company, Crown, and the AFP did not launch a domestic investigation. Is that one of the investigations that you have reopened? If not, why, given that this person has been put in jail for taking bribes for \$100 million, was the Australian end of the operation not investigated?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> That information is not before me. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	
58	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Milne	Foreign bribery – facilitation payment defence	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Can you tell me how many Australian companies operating overseas have relied upon the facilitation payment defence when accused of bribery in the last three financial years? If so, can you tell me how many in each of the last three years?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> I will have to take that on notice, but only one case of foreign bribery has come to court. I am not sure whether they have raised that as a defence.</p>	L&C 121
59	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Milne	Foreign bribery investigations	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I return to the Crown case in Macau: is that one of the 13 you have reopened?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan :</b> I said I would take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> You said some of the 13 active investigations relate to the previous 28. How many of them are additional?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> I will take that on notice. I will have to do an extrapolation of what we had before.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Please give me a breakdown of that.</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> I can do that.</p>	L&C 121
60	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Kroger	Cost of Channel 7 investigation	<p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> I have a final question, which relates to costings. Given that you have to work on a budget like everybody else, do you cost these exercises individually?</p>	L&C 130

					<p><b>Mr Negus:</b> Yes, we would. We would have time attribution, where all the officers involved would record the amount of time they have spent on the case. We would be able to obtain that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Would you please provide on notice what this raid and extraneous activities have already cost the AFP?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> Certainly, Senator.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Don't include your cost of being here at estimates all day!</p>	
61	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Whish-Wilson	Proceeds of crime	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> My question also relates to a proceeds-of-crime action. I would just like to ask a few questions about the ASIC referral of John Gay, ex-CEO of Gunns Limited—an insider-trading charge. When did ASIC refer John Gay's case to the AFP for the proceeds-of-crime investigation?</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> I do not have that in front of me. I will just see whether we have information about that here.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You have come prepared.</p> <p><b>Mr Negus:</b> I am sorry, but we would have to take that on notice. I do remember the media reporting around this, and I know there were a range of different inquiries that we had in place with ASIC to establish those time frames, but we just do not have it here with us.</p>	L&C 130&131

62	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Whish-Wilson	Proceeds of crime	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Proceeds of crime—just because I am not a lawyer like my colleagues—only relates to the recovery of funds; it does not relate to potential jail time or other—</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> No, it is a confiscation of profits, effectively.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Was there any discussion with creditors on this case?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure. I seriously doubt it, though.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> But you would obviously have had discussions with ASIC, or is it handed to you in a file?</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> I assume so, but I would have to take on notice the exact circumstances around the referral.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> If you could, particularly so I can get an idea of when the case was referred to you and when you made the decision. That would be quite useful—how long that process took.</p> <p><b>Mr Phelan:</b> Yes.</p>	L&C 132
63	AG	<b>Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Siewert	Identification of past wrongful convictions and communicating to persons affected	What is the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions doing to identify past prosecutions that may have led to wrongful convictions in light of the decision in Director of Public Prosecutions v Keating [2013] HCA 20 and communicating it to persons affected?	Written
64	AG	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Wright	Criminal Cases Review Commission	<p>Is the government considering establishing a national body like the Criminal Case Review Commission, which exists in the United Kingdom, to examine miscarriages of justice in major cases in Australia?</p> <p>Alternatively, has the government considered a series of like bodies based in the states and territories?</p>	Written

65	AG	<b>Criminal Justice Divison</b>	Wright	Right to appeal	Does the government support the replication, across the Commonwealth, states and territories of Australia, of the South Australian law which was passed in 2013 and allows a right to appeal in major criminal cases, where new material can convince a Supreme Court judge that a miscarriage of justice may have occurred, and that a conviction may be unsafe?	Written
66	AG	<b>Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Singh	Media Monitoring	1) Does the Office purchase media monitoring products?  2) If so, how much is the contract for? Who provides them?	Written
67	AG	<b>Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Singh	Office locations	1) Does the Office have more than one office location within Australia?  2) If so, where are all of the offices located?  3) Are there any plans for merging of offices?  4) How much does each lease cost?	Written
68	AG	<b>Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>	Singh	Staffing	1) How many women are employed the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many are women?  2) How many people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are employed by the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?  3) Have any new appointments of senior staff been made within the Office since the new government was formed?  a) If so, who were they? How were they appointed? When do they start?	Written

					4) Have any voluntary redundancies been offered or made?	
69	AG	<b>High Court of Australia</b>	Wright	Electricity costs and carbon price	What proportion of the Court's electricity costs, since 1 July 2012, relates to network services costs - that is, costs associated with electricity infrastructure - and other items which are distinct from the impact of the carbon price?	Written
70	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Rhiannon	Freedom of Information applications	<p>1) Considering the backlog of FOI applications:</p> <p>a) What measures are you considering could be effective to reduce this backlog?</p> <p>b) Has the OAIC had any discussions or representations made to it regarding introducing application fees?</p> <p>c) Has the OAIC considered discontinuing some cases so the parties could continue in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal?</p> <p>2) Does the OAIC inform parties in cases before it that are proceeding slowly, that if they desire the OAIC could discontinue the case and they could then take their case to the AAT?</p> <p>3) Does the OAIC have vexatious applicants?</p> <p>a) How does the OAIC handle such applicants?</p> <p>b) Is the OAIC considering any rule changes to manage such applicants?</p> <p>c) If such rule changes are being considered, what consideration has been given to ensuring that in managing</p>	Written

					<p>vexatious applicants legitimate applicants are not disadvantaged?</p> <p>4) Does the FOI Act cover intelligence agencies? If not, why not? Is there any discussion or consideration that the FOI Act should cover intelligence agencies? May I have details?</p>	
71	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	Scrutiny and access to information in intelligence agencies	<p>1) Can you please expand how your comments in relation to the scrutiny and access to information in intelligence agencies, as you commented to The Guardian website on 4 February 2014 can be implemented?</p> <p>a) Have you shared these views with government?</p>	Written
72	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	Changes in FOI policies and practices	In your discussions with agencies, there have been any notable changes in FOI policies or practices under this government?	Written
73	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	‘Gaming’ the system	<p>You’ve previously spoken about agencies ‘gaming’ the system. Can you please detail those instances that led to that view for the committee?</p> <p>a) Have you expressed this view to the minister or the government more broadly to drive greater resources for your agency?</p>	Written

74	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	'Mixed messages' about government transparency and openness	<p>You said that middle ranks of the public service get 'mixed messages' about government transparency and openness.</p> <p>a) What message do you send to middle management?</p> <p>b) What training programs does the OAIC provide on open government?</p> <p>c) What conversations or directives have you given to departments and agencies to counteract those concerns?</p> <p>d) Do you believe there is too much flexibility or discretion in the middle ranks of departments, should governments drive more openness from the top down – say at ministerial level?</p>	Written
75	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	Provision of advice to decision makers in dual roles	<p>Have you provided advice assisting Decisions Makers where they hold dual roles, for example as a department deputy secretary?</p> <p>a) If so, please table that advice.</p>	Written
76	AG	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>	Ludwig	Data breach by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection	<p>1) I refer to the statement issued by the privacy Commissioner on 19 February 2014 concerning the data breach by the Immigration department. How did the Privacy Commissioner become aware of the data breach?</p> <p>a) When did the Immigration Department contact the privacy Commissioner, or when did the Privacy Commissioner contact the Immigration department?</p> <p>b) In what form did that communication take place?</p> <p>c) Provide that assurance</p> <p>d) Provide any correspondence on that matter</p>	Written

			<p>2) What assurances if any were given about the security of the data after the breach had occurred, namely, what gave the Privacy Commissioner confidence to say that they had been “assured that the information is no longer publically available”?</p> <p>a) Did the Privacy Commissioner install any interim or temporary protections or recommendations for remedy for the security of the data?</p> <p>3) What is the Privacy Commissioner’s understand of how the data came to be stored in such a way that allowed it to be accessed via the department’s website?</p> <p>4) When as the decision taken to launch an investigation into the data breach?</p> <p>5) What is the expected time of the inquiry?</p> <p>6) Will the inquiry be made public when completed?</p> <p>7) Will there be an interim report?</p> <p>a) When will this be completed?</p> <p>b) Who will it be provided to?</p> <p>c) Will this be publically released?</p> <p>8) What briefings has the Commissioner provided to Government, the Immigration Minister, the Attorney or the Immigration department concerning this inquiry or this breach?</p>	
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77	AG	<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>	Seselja	<p>Australian Crime Commission - budget</p> <p>1) Is the Commission facing a potential loss in the 2013-14 financial year?</p> <p>2) If yes, when did the Commission begin to exceed its estimates or realise it was facing difficulties for forward periods?</p> <p>3) What are the reasons for the erosion of the financial position of the Commission from the start of year figures?</p> <p>4) Have any of the Commission's programmes or areas of work been defunded, ceased or reduced over the last three years?</p> <p>5) Has the Commission made a submission to the Department of Finance for funds to manage staff reductions, drawing on the provision in MYEFO?</p> <p>6) What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies?</p>	Written

					<p>7) How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends?</p> <p>8) How many relate to decisions made in the 2013 budget or earlier to cease or terminate programs?</p> <p>9) If redundancies have been offered to staff, when were the decisions to offer redundancies made?</p>	
78	AG	<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>	Singh	Bitcoin monitoring	<p>1) What strategies does the ACC use to monitor the bitcoin market?</p> <p>2) Does the ACC track peer-to-peer bitcoin exchanges? Are any warrants acquired to monitor these transactions?</p> <p>3) Does the ACC employ any staff/contractors who are experts in the bitcoin trade?</p> <p>4) What is the budget for such an employee/contractor?</p>	Written
79	AG	<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b>	Singh	Implementation of recommendations	<p>1) Will ASIO be implementing any of the Inspector General of the Intelligence and Security recommendations?</p>	Written

80	AG	<b>Australian Law Reform Commission</b>	Singh	ALRC Review on Encroachment of Rights in Legislation	<p>1) Do you expect to meet the timeframe of reporting by the end of 2014?</p> <p>2) What is the cost of this review?</p> <p>3) Where is the funding for the review coming from? Has the ALRC received any additional resources to undertake this inquiry, in addition to the others being undertaken?</p> <p>4) How will personal rights be balanced against the rights of the community?</p> <p>5) Who will be consulted regarding the review of legislation?</p>	Written
81	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Regulation and Legislative Instruments and Acts	<p>1) How many regulations, legislative instruments and acts have been created by the Abbott Government so far? Could you please break down which were regulations, which were legislative instruments and which were Acts? How many were disallowable?</p> <p>2) How many regulations, legislative instruments and acts have been abolished by the Abbott Government so far? Could you please break down which were regulations, which were legislative instruments and which were Acts? How many were disallowable?</p>	Written
82	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Cutting of red tape	Has the Attorney-General and/or Prime Minister given the Office any writing instructions with regards to the cutting of “red tape”? If so, when was this provided? Via letter?	Written
83	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Statement of Expectations	Has a new Statement of Expectations been issued to OPC from the Attorney-General? If no, so there’s been no new statement of intent has been issued to the Office about cutting red tape then?	Written

84	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Statement of Intent	<p>1) Will a new OPC Statement of Intent be issued? When?</p> <p>2) Have any new drafting instructions been issued by the First Parliamentary Counsel since the new government was formed?</p>	Written
85	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Budget	<p>1) How much funding does the Office receive from the Commonwealth?</p> <p>2) Have you been asked to find any savings or efficiencies? If so, how much and by when?</p>	Written
86	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Staffing	<p>1) What is the FTE staffing currently? Has this increased or decreased since November 2013 estimates?</p> <p>2) What is the current part time staffing? Has this increased or decreased since November 2013 estimates?</p> <p>3) How many drafters are there?</p> <p>4) How many corporate services staff are there?</p> <p>5) How many staff work on OPC publications?</p> <p>6) How many women are employed the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many are women?</p> <p>7) How many people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are employed by the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>8) Have any restructures occurred within the Office since the new government?</p>	Written

87	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Accommodation	<p>1) Does the Office have more than one office location within Australia? If so, where are all of the offices located? Are there any plans for merging of offices?</p> <p>2) Have any new leases or consultancies been entered into? If so, for what purpose? What is the commencement and completion dates of any leases and/or contracts?</p>	Written
88	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Media monitoring	Does the Office purchase media monitoring products? If so, how much is the contract for? Who provides them?	Written
89	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Impact of Machinery of Government	Has the machinery of government changes cost the Office anything? Any changes to stationary or letterhead?	Written
90	AG	<b>Office of Parliamentary Council</b>	Singh	Meetings with the Attorney-General	<p>1) Have you met with the Attorney-General or Minister? If so, when? What was on the agenda? What were the outcomes of the meeting? If not, why not? Is a meeting occurring in the future?</p> <p>2) Did you discuss with the Attorney General receiving additional funding to assist with drafting?</p>	Written

91	AG	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Singh	Review of the <i>Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) Act</i>	<p>1) I understand that AGD is currently conducting a statutory Review of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) Act, Rules and regulations, as required by section 251 of the AML/CTF Act. I understand that submissions will close on 28th February 2014. Will this review be made public?</p> <p>2) Has Austrac had input into this review? If so, what changes to the regime do they think should occur?</p> <p>3) Have these recommendations been adopted by AGD? Are they supportive?</p> <p>4) Do you think that the AML/CTF regime needs to be broadened in scope to cover more businesses in Australia? To cover trusts?</p>	Written
92	AG	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Singh	Financial Action Task Force (FATF)	<p>1) The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has made a number of recommendations regarding Australia hasn't it? Have all of these been complied with?</p> <p>2) Are there any recommendations you won't be implementing? Why not?</p> <p>3) Is the Secretary of the Department now involved in FATF? If so, how? What is his role? When did this position commence?</p>	Written

93	AG	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Singh	Staffing	<p>1) How many women are employed by Austrac? As a percentage of all staff, how many are women?</p> <p>2) How many people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are employed by Austrac? As a percentage of all staff, how many identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>3) Have any voluntary redundancies been offered or made?</p>	Written
94	MJ	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Singh	Budget	<p>1) What is Austrac's overall budget? Has Austrac been asked to find any savings or efficiencies by the new government? If so, how much and by when? Was this via letter?</p> <p>2) How much money is currently spent on Austrac's database for intelligence?</p>	Written
95	AG	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>	Singh	Accommodation	<p>1) Does Austrac have more than one office location within Australia? If so, where are all of the offices located? Are there any plans for merging of offices?</p> <p>2) Have any new leases or consultancies been entered into? If so, for what purpose? What is the commencement and completion dates of any leases and/or contracts?</p>	Written
96	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	National Cultural Policy and National Arts and Culture Accord	<p>1) What progress has been made in implementing Creative Australia, the National Cultural Policy?</p> <p>2) Following on from that, what progress has been made in the implementation of the National Arts and Culture Accord?</p>	Written

97	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Training initiatives	Creative Australia proposed a range of initiatives relating to training. What has been the progress on those initiatives?	Written
98	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Review of the Screen Sector	Creative Australia proposed a comprehensive review of the screen sector. What is the progress on that review?	Written
99	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander culture initiatives	What is the progress of Creative Australia's initiatives relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures?	Written
100	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Audit of programs managed by the Australia Council	Creative Australia proposed an audit of programs run by the Australia Council and the then Office for the Arts, and an Arts and Health Framework with state and territory governments. Have these actions commenced? Can you report on progress please?	Written
101	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Cultural exchange and diplomacy	Creative Australia proposed a range of initiatives relating to cultural exchange and diplomacy. What has been the progress of those initiatives?	Written
102	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Monitoring of arts and cultural statistics	Creative Australia proposed the active monitoring of arts and cultural statistics. What discussions have taken place with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to ensure this happens? What other actions have taken place?	Written
103	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Closure of states offices	<p>1) What were the reasons for the closure of the Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra offices of CPA?</p> <p>2) What measures are being put in place to provide services to SA, Tasmania and ACT?</p>	Written

104	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Philanthropic Mentoring Program	Why does the Philanthropic Mentoring Program preclude artists, groups and organisations with a turnover of less than \$2m?	Written
105	AG	<b>Creative Partnerships Australia</b>	Singh	Organisations who receive monetary assistance from CPA	Please provide a list of the individuals and organisations who have received monetary assistance from CPA, and the quantum of that assistance?	Written
106	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Implementation of reforms in Creative Australia	What progress has been made on implementing the range of reforms to the Council set out in Creative Australia?	Written
107	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Various Reviews	This been a year of great change for the Council - Australia Council Review of 2012, the Mitchell Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts and the National Cultural Policy, Creative Australia – how have these changes been implemented?	Written
108	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Machinery of Government changes	Have any further changes occurred since the change of government?	Written
109	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Projected expenditure for artists and arts organisations	The Australia Council invested over \$174.8 million in artists and arts organisations across Australia in 2012–13, compared to \$164.5 million in the previous financial year. What is your projected expenditure for this financial year?	Written
110	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Survey of Government initiatives – progress of programs	Survey of Government Initiatives in your last Annual Report (pp31-33) – eg Major Festivals, Regional Touring etc – how are these programs tracking this year? Have there been any changes, additions, deletions to these programs? How do you see them proceeding in the coming year?	Written

111	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Provision of grants	The basic “arm’s length” principle is noted that the Minister may not direct the Council with regard to the provision of grants. Has the Council, or any members of it, the Chair, or the CEO, met with the Minister since the change of government? If so, what was discussed at those meetings? Did the Minister direct the council about any matters? What were those directions?	Written
112	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Governing Council progress	The new Board (governing Council) that came into effect under the new Act on 1 July 2013. Have there been any changes to the Board since then? If so, what were they, and what were the reasons for any new appointments?	Written
113	AG	<b>Australia Council for the Arts</b>	Singh	Merrepen Arts Centre funding	What is the situation regarding funding of the Merrepen Arts Centre in the NT? Funding was withdrawn, and has now been restored, but only to the end of this financial year. Who made those decisions, and why? Is it correct that two of the Northern Territory's federal representatives, Senator Nova Peris and the Member for Solomon Natasha Griggs, wore outfits made from Merrepen fabrics to the opening of parliament?	Written
114	AG	<b>Screen Australia</b>	Singh	Update on Interactive Multi-Platform (Games) initiative	Please provide an update on progress with the Interactive Multi-Platform (Games) initiative?	Written

115	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Singh	Consultative Forums	The 2012-13 Annual Report states that “The Archives holds consultative forums in each state and territory. These meetings are chaired by the relevant state or territory director, with representatives from various community groups, historians and genealogists. Where possible, members of the Archives Advisory Council and Aboriginal advisory groups attend these meetings. The meetings allow stakeholder input into decisions that affect the Archives’ records and services, and to articulate their views and expectations.” (p 129) How many of these meetings have been held since the 2013 election? Are future meetings scheduled?	Written
116	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Singh	Sale of archival ASIO film	The answer to the question at the hearings about the report in The Age 4 Jan 2014 is noted, that ASIO has sold off archival ASIO film, apparently for its silver content. The answer was that the Director-general could find no basis for the report. Following on from that answer, does the film referred to still exist in the Archives? What safeguards are in place to protect similar artefacts of high historical and cultural value?	Written
117	AG	<b>National Archives of Australia</b>	Singh	Perceived National Security Agencies views of public researchers	The answer to the question at the hearings about the backlog in access decisions is noted. Is it the case, as alleged in the Age article 8 February 2014, that the national security agencies (who must process requests relating to their agencies) view public researchers with “disinterest bordering on contempt”, and will not allocate staff to process the requests? The measures being taken within Archives to reduce the backlog are noted. What measures have been taken to assist the security agencies to expedite their decision making?	Written
118	AG	<b>Australia Human Rights Commission</b>	Singh	Appointment of Mr Tim Wilson	1) How did the Attorney-General satisfy himself that Mr Wilson had ‘appropriate qualifications, knowledge or experience’ to be appointed Human Rights Commissioner?	Written

					<p>2) Does Mr Wilson have any legal qualification or experience?</p> <p>3) What are Mr Wilson's formal qualifications in the field of human rights?</p> <p>4) The Attorney-General indicated during Estimates that Mr Wilson's appointment was conducted under 2.6.6 of the APS Commission's Merit and Transparency Guidelines.</p> <p>5) What were the 'special circumstances' which made 2.6.6 applicable to Mr Wilson's appointment?</p> <p>6) Was, as 2.6.6 requires, the Prime Minister's approval given for Mr Wilson's appointment without a full, competitive selection process?</p>	
119	AG	<b>Australian Law Reform Commission</b>	Singh	ALRC review on 'traditional rights and freedoms'	<p>1) Has the ALRC provided comment to the Attorney-General or his office on the terms of the reference to it?</p> <p>2) Have the terms of reference now been finalised? If not, when will they be?</p>	Written
120	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Ludwig	Judicial appointments	<p>1) Has the Attorney-General made any appointments of any court the November Senate Estimates hearings?</p> <p>a) If so, please list these appointments, by name, court, date approved, date announced</p> <p>2) For each appointment identified in question 1 –</p> <p>a) Was the attorney provided a brief before making the appointment?</p>	Written

				<p>b) Was a panel constructed to assess each applicant and provide a list of recommendations to the Attorney-General?</p> <p>c) Did the Attorney-General or his office speak to any of the panel members engaged before or during the process of the panel sitting?</p> <p>d) Was the opposition shadow attorney general consulted on the appointment to the court before it was made?</p> <p>e) Was a short list or any other department prepared lists of potential court appointments provided to the Attorney-General or his office before the appointment was made?</p> <p>f) Were any names added to any of the documents identified in 2e?</p> <p>g) Was the final selection chosen from the documents identified in 2e?</p>	
121	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	<p>Abolition of the Inter-country Adoption Advisory Group</p> <p>1) Why was the decision made to abolish the Inter-Country Adoption Advisory Group and replace with a committee of department heads who are not impartial?</p> <p>2) How much money was saved by disbanding the inter-country adoption advisory group?</p> <p>3) Where have the funds that have been saved been redirected to?</p> <p>4) Will the committee be implementing any of the recommendations from the 2005 Inquiry Report into Overseas Adoption?</p>	Written

122	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Wright	Environmental Defenders Offices	What submissions did the Minerals Council of Australia, the Minerals Council of New South Wales or any organisation or person who represents the interests of the mining sector make to the federal government to support the withdrawal of funding from Environmental Defenders Offices, as was announced in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook in December 2013?	Written
123	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Cancellation of Service Level Agreements and Grants Agreements to Environmental Defenders Offices	<p>1) The Government's reason for (a) not extending existing Service Agreements to Environmental Defenders Offices (EDOs), and (b) cancelling the Grant Agreements that had been committed by the previous Commonwealth government, effectively terminating Commonwealth funding to EDOs, was stated in letters to those EDOs to be because "the Australian Government sees the provision of enhanced frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community as the first priority in facilitating access to justice." This was described as a "change in government policy". What new policies have been put in place in accordance with this change in policy to enhance frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community?</p> <p>2) Did the Attorney-General consult with any of the Environment Defenders Offices or their representatives before determining that existing Service Agreements to EDOs would not be extended and that the Grant Agreements to EDOs that had been committed by the previous Commonwealth government would be cancelled?</p> <p>i. If so: (a) when did this consultation (or consultations) occur? (b) With whom did this consultation (or consultations) occur?</p> <p>3) Did the Attorney-General's Department provide advice to the Government regarding the decisions not to extend existing Service Agreements to EDOs and to cancel the Grant</p>	Written

					<p>Agreements that had been committed by the previous Commonwealth government to EDOs?</p> <p>a) If so, on what date was the advice provided?</p> <p>4) Given that the Productivity Commission is now inquiring into access to justice arrangements, and in particular into ways to constrain costs and promote access to justice and equality before the law, why didn't the Government wait until it received the Productivity Commission's report before determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled?</p>	
124	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Environmental Defenders Offices – General Grants Conditions	Clause 19.1 of the General Grant Conditions under which Grant Agreements are made permits the Commonwealth to cancel a Grant Agreement due to a change in government policy. What was the specific change in government policy that forms the basis for the cancellation of Grant Agreements with EDOs? Identify, and produce, any document that supports or records the asserted change of policy as at 17 December 2013.	Written
125	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Environmental Defenders Offices - Economic and social benefits assessments	<p>1) Was an economic assessment of the financial benefits of the work being conducted by the EDOs carried out prior to determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled? If not, why not?</p> <p>2) Was an assessment of the social benefits of the work being conducted by the EDOs carried out prior to determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled? If not, why not?</p>	Written

126	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Environmental Defenders Offices - Legal services	<p>1) Was an assessment conducted by the Attorney-General's department of the frontline legal services provided to by EDOs to disadvantaged members of the community prior to determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled?</p> <p>2) Detail the "provision of enhanced frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community" that has been achieved since 17 December 2013.</p>	Written
127	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Meetings with the Environmental Defenders Offices	<p>1) Has the Attorney-General's Department met with representatives of any EDO in Australia since deciding that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled in order to discuss the impacts of the cuts on the provision of services by that EDO, including to frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community? If not, why not?</p> <p>2) Did representatives of any Environment Defenders Office write to the Attorney-General seeking a meeting in the period between 9 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014?</p> <p>3) Has the Attorney-General met with representatives of any Environmental Defenders Office in the period between 9 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014? If not, why not?</p> <p>4) Did Senator Brandis meet with representatives of any Environmental Defenders Office during 2013 prior to the Federal Election on 7 September 2013?</p>	Written

128	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Meetings with the Minerals Council	<p>1) Has the Attorney-General met with representatives of the Minerals Council in the period between 9 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014?</p> <p>2) If a meeting between the Attorney-General and the Minerals Council did occur, was funding of EDOs discussed at that meeting in the period between 9 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014?</p> <p>3) Did Senator Brandis meet with representatives of the Minerals Council during 2013 prior to the Federal Election on 7 September 2013?</p> <p>4) If a meeting between Senator Brandis and the Minerals Council did occur during 2013 prior to the Federal Election on 7 September 2013, was funding of EDOs discussed at that meeting?</p> <p>5) Has the Attorney-General received any written representations from the Minerals Council since the Abbott Government took office on 18 September 2013 regarding funding to EDOs?</p> <p>a) If so, on what dates were those representations received?</p>	Written
129	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) – consultation on funding cuts	<p>1) Did the Attorney-General's Department consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) before determining that funding to Aboriginal legal assistance would be cut?</p> <p>i. If so: (a) when did this consultation occur? (b) With whom did this consultation occur?</p> <p>ii. If no consultation with ATSILS occurred, why not?</p>	Written

130	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Meetings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS)	<p>1) Did representatives of the ATSILS seek a meeting with the Attorney-General in the period between 9 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014?</p> <p>2) Has the Attorney-General met with representatives of any ATSILS in the period between the Abbott Government taking office on 18 September 2013 and the Senate Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2014?</p> <p>3) Is it correct the Attorney-General has refused to personally meet with the national leaders of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services during the approximate six month period that he has been in office?</p> <p>4) If Senator Brandis met with representatives of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services since he became Attorney-General on 18 September 2013, on what dates did these meetings occur?</p>	Written
131	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Economic assessment of financial benefits of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS)	Was an economic assessment of the financial benefits of the work being conducted by ATSTILs carried out by the Attorney-General's Department prior to determining that funding for Aboriginal legal assistance would be cut? If not, why not?	Written
132	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	CJLSG: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) – Incarceration and sentencing	1) The 2013 Report of the Australian Human Rights Commission titled Social Justice and Native Title clearly shows that Indigenous Australians are still much more likely than other Australians to have contact with the justice system. In particular, that Report highlights that rates of incarceration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are increasing, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children now 25 times more likely to be in detention than their non-Indigenous counterparts. Does the Attorney-General's Department regard increasing Indigenous incarceration rates as a systemic issue	Written

				<p>requiring policy solutions?</p> <p>2) What is the projected impact of new mandatory sentencing laws in Queensland and the Northern Territory on Indigenous incarceration rates?</p> <p>3) Did the Attorney-General's Department provide advice to the Attorney-General in the period from 18 September 2013 to 24 February 2104 in relation to cutting funding for ATSILs. If so, on what date(s) was this advice provided?</p> <p>4) Did the Attorney-General's Department consider the increasing incarceration rates in Indigenous communities, and the increasing demand for legal services in Indigenous communities caused by the new law and order policies of the Queensland, Northern Territory and New South Wales governments before advising on the decision to cut Aboriginal legal assistance?</p>	
133	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) – Legal Assistance and Policy Reform</p> <p>1) Can you describe how the Indigenous Legal Assistance and Policy Reform Program works?</p> <p>2) How much of this funding is spent on policy reform? How much on legal assistance?</p> <p>3) How is funding provided? Is there a distinction between casework and advocacy?</p> <p>4) Would a clause requiring that groups do not participate in policy or advocacy work be consistent with the Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Act 2013?</p>	Written

134	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) – Provision of advice	<p>1) Have you provided any advice to the Attorney-General on cuts to funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services?</p> <p>2) Have you received any advice from, or provided any advice to, the Government's new Indigenous Advisory Council on the impact of these cuts?</p>	Written
135	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Defunding National Congress of Australia's First Peoples	<p>1) Why has the Government decided to cut funding to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples?</p> <p>2) Did the Attorney-General's Department consult with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples prior to announcing the termination of Commonwealth funding?</p> <p>i. If not, why not?</p> <p>3) Did the Attorney-General's Department provide any advice to the Attorney-General in relation to the cutting of funding to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples? If so, on what date(s) was that advice provided.</p> <p>4) What impact does the Attorney-General's Department expect the defunding of the National Congress of First Peoples to have on progress toward constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians?</p>	Written
136	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Justice Reinvestment	What is the policy of the Government on justice reinvestment scheme in Indigenous communities, as recommended by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee Inquiry of 2013?	Written

137	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Inquiry into the 'Civil Dispute Resolution Act'	<p>1) Has work continued on the Attorney-General's inquiry into the Civil Dispute Resolution Act continued since the change of government?</p> <p>2) When will the inquiry conclude?</p>	Written
138	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Waters	Diversity in the judiciary	<p>Referring to the public comments of Justice Ruth McColl of the NSW Court of Appeal reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on 28 February 2014 that there are 'worrying signs' that the government is winding back measures to promote gender diversity on the bench and in the legal sector,</p> <p>1) Are positions in the federal judiciary publicly advertised as they were under the previous government?</p> <p>2) If they are not advertised, why not?</p> <p>3) Who in the Department is in charge of appointing members of the federal judiciary?</p> <p>4) What is the current process for appointing members of the federal judiciary?</p> <p>5) Are expressions of interest still sought, either formally or informally, for positions in the federal judiciary?</p> <p>6) If expressions of interest are sought, are they in writing?</p> <p>7) Are interviews conducted to fill positions in the federal judiciary? Who is present at those interviews?</p> <p>8) Has the process for selecting members of the judiciary has changed since the election in 2013?</p> <p>9) If it has changed, were members of the State, Territory, and</p>	Written

				Federal judiciary consulted?  10) If it has changed, were members of the legal profession consulted?  11) Does the Department monitor the proportion of women in the federal judiciary?  12) If it does not, why not?  13) Does the Department or the government have a target for the number of women in the federal judiciary or a plan to increase their numbers?  14) If it does not, why not?	
139	AG	<b>Access to Justice Division</b>	Singh	Native Title Respondent funding  1) Will Native Title respondent funding be reinstated to existing native title claims or will it only apply to new claims?  2) How many Native Title claims are currently outstanding?  3) How many respondents are mining companies?  4) How many respondents are other large corporations?  5) How many respondents are individual land owners?  6) What is the criteria for allocating funding to Native Title respondents?  7) How much does each Native Title respondent get allocated? What percentage of the cost of the case for the respondent?  8) How many Native Title claims were settled without the	Written

					<p>funding to respondents?</p> <p>9) How will funding respondents encourage parties to settle Native Title claims?</p>	
140	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Open Government Partnership	<p>1) The previous government announced in May 2013 that Australia would join the Open Government Partnership (OGP). Will the current government honour that commitment?</p> <p>2) Is the Attorney-General's Department still the lead agency responsible for the OGP?</p> <p>a) If yes, is the government considering or has the government considered any other agency for the lead agency role?</p> <p>b) If no, What is the current lead agency? When was a decision made to change the lead agency?</p> <p>3) Was the Attorney-General or his office responsible for this decision? If not, who was?</p> <p>4) How many public service staff are working on the OGP?</p> <p>5) Has the Attorney-General or his department, or if there is a new lead agency, the relevant Minister and his/her Department, consulted with any stakeholders regarding the development of the AP or any other aspect of the OGP? If so, who and when?</p> <p>6) Why was the new agency considered an appropriate lead</p>	Written

					agency?	
141	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Open Government Partnership	What progress has been made towards the development of Australia's Action Plan (AP) since the change of government?	Written
142	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Rhiannon	Open Government Partnership	<p>1) Has the National Action Plan, required for countries to become members of the Open Government Partnership, been completed?</p> <p>a) If not will it be completed in time to be submitted to the April 2014 meeting of the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership?</p> <p>2) Was or is the National Action Plan being developed through a government civil society partnership?</p> <p>a) If yes what civil society groups have the government engaged with?</p> <p>b) If no what plans does the government have to meet these criteria to join the Open Government Partnership?</p> <p>3) If Australia fails to complete the National Action Plan in time for the April meeting of the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership will the government recommence work to join the Partnership?</p>	Written
143	AG	<b>Classification and Classification Review Board</b>	Singh	Complaints on classification decisions	How many complaints about classification decisions have been reviewed since the new government was formed?	Written

144	AG	<b>Classification and Classification Review Board</b>	Singh	Staffing	<p>1) What is the FTE staffing currently?</p> <p>2) Has FTE staffing increased or decreased since November 2013 estimates?</p> <p>3) Has the classification section of AGD been restructured in any way?</p> <p>4) How many women are employed? As a percentage of all staff, how many are women?</p> <p>5) How many people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are employed? As a percentage of all staff, how many identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>6) Have any voluntary redundancies been offered or made?</p>	Written
145	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Accommodation	<p>1) Does the AGD classification division have more than one office location within Australia? If so, where are the offices located?</p> <p>2) Are there any plans for merging of offices?</p> <p>3) Have any new leases or consultancies been entered into?</p>	Written
146	AG	<b>Classification and Classification Review Board</b>	Singh	Meeting with the Attorney-General	<p>1) Has the Board met with the Attorney-General? If so, when?</p>	Written

147	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Abolition of the International Legal Services Advisory Council	<p>1) Prior to being abolished, what was the role of the International Legal Services Advisory Council?</p> <p>2) Do you view/does the government view exporting legal services as an important priority when negotiating free trade agreements with other countries?</p> <p>3) On what basis was the International Legal Services Advisory Council disbanded</p> <p>4) Was advice sought about the axing of the advisory council? If so, who gave it?</p> <p>5) What advice was given about axing the advisory council?</p> <p>6) Was a review of the work of the advisory council done?</p> <p>7) What was the outcome of that review?</p> <p>8) Why were members of the ILSAC not notified that their Council was being axed prior to a public announcement being made?</p> <p>9) It has been publicised as an efficiency measure with the task being given to the Law Council of Australia, Council of Law Deans and International Arbitration Groups, how will these groups be compensated for the extra workload?</p> <p>10) As the members of ILSAC were volunteers how much has the axing of this service saved?</p>	Written
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148	AGD	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>1) List all legal costs incurred by the department since 7 September 2013</p> <p>a) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</p> <p>b) List cost spent briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</p> <p>c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</p> <p>d) List the sources of advice, noting how many pieces of advice have been obtained by each source</p> <p>2) Has the Attorney-General's office ever provided legal advice to the Attorney-General?</p> <p>a) If so, in these instances did the Attorney-General make any decisions based on this advice without the provision of legal advice from the department?</p> <p>b) If so, table that advice</p> <p>c) If so, provide the list of subject matters where legal advice has been provided by the Attorney-General's office without additional advice from the department.</p>	Written
149	AG	<b>International Law and Human Rights</b>	Xenophon	1984 UN Convention Against Torture	1) How do breaches of the 1984 UN Convention Against Torture become crimes under federal law over which Australian courts have jurisdiction?	Written

		<b>Division</b>			<p>2) Does every Australian State and Territory have a specific offence of torture?</p> <p>a) Are there any differences between states and territories in how torture is criminalised?</p> <p>b) Alternatively is the legal regime identical across the Commonwealth?</p> <p>3) In jurisdictions with no specific offence of torture, how are acts constituting torture criminalized?</p> <p>4) In regards to the 2008-2009 Guy Campos investigation, Operation Steadfast, were any reforms or amendments put in place as a result of this investigation? Attached by way of Background is a news article.</p> <p>5) The International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Act 2002 repealed Part II of the Geneva Conventions Act 1957. Has there been any change in Australia's ability to prosecute grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions as a result of the ICC (Consequential Amendments) Act 2002?</p> <p>6) Has there been any subsequent legislation in this area?</p>	
150	AG	<b>International Law and Human Rights Division</b>	Singh	Investor State Dispute Settlement	<p>1) Please provide an update on the tobacco plain packaging suit being fought by the Australian Government?</p> <p>2) Is there a projected cost to fighting this ISDS law suit?</p>	Written

151	AG	<b>International Law and Human Rights Division</b>	Whish-Wilson	Defending the Investor State Dispute Settlement claim by Phillip Morris under the Hong Kong Investment Treaty	<p>1) How much has been spent by the AG's Department on this case? Can this be broken down into staff, travel and external consultants/advice?</p> <p>a) How many FTE staff are working on it and what classification levels are they?</p> <p>b) How much has been spent on travel to deal with this case?</p> <p>c) Have any contractors or consultants been engaged by AGD as a direct result of this case?</p> <p>d) If so how many and what expertise or experience do they have that led to their engagement?</p> <p>e) How much external legal advice has been sought and what is the cost of this?</p> <p>2) What other Departments has AGD consulted with about this case?</p>	Written
152	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Establishment of the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p>1) Who decided that the AGD would have this role? When was this decision taken? Was the Attorney-General's Office notified or consulted about this decision? If so, when, how and whom in the Office?</p> <p>2) Does the Royal Commission act as the agent of the executive government in conducting an enquiry and reporting back to the government pursuant to Letters-Patent issued by the Governor-General?</p> <p>3) In what sense is the Royal Commission 'independent' of government?</p> <p>4) Does Mr Hanger have tenure as Royal Commissioner?</p>	Written

153	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Appointment of Royal Commissioner Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	Who decided on the appointment of Mr Hanger QC? Were other candidates considered? Is there any independent process for appointing Royal Commissioners?	Written
154	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Summonses and subpoenas for the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p>1) In what sense is the AGD an 'agent' as regards the compliance of government departments with summonses or subpoenas other orders for production of evidence (subsequently 'summonses') issued by the Royal Commission?</p> <p>2) How does the AGD 'co-ordinate' compliance of government departments with summonses issued by the Royal Commission? Who in the Department is responsible for this?</p> <p>3) Is the AGD merely a 'post-box' which receives documents provided under summonses and passes them on to the Australian Government Solicitor and/or the Royal Commission? What is the value of this process?</p> <p>4) Does the AGD have any role in inspecting or assessing the documents, or their compliance with the relevant summonses?</p> <p>5) Does the AGD provide advice to other departments in relation to compliance with summonses?</p> <p>6) When was the AGD first aware that any government department had been issued with summonses by the Royal Commission? Who was made aware? How?</p> <p>7) When was the Attorney-General's Office first aware that any government department had been issued with summonses</p>	Written

					by the Royal Commission?	
155	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	AGS letter to the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program on Cabinet documents	The AGS letter to the Royal Commission dated 31 January 2014, tabled by Senator Brandis during Senate Estimates, assumes at [12] that the Commission may show Cabinet documents to those who have already seen those documents without the need for the Commonwealth to assert public interest immunity. How is the Commission to know which persons have seen which Cabinet documents without disclosing the nature or contents of those documents?	Written
156	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Cabinet documents for the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p>1) What processes are in place to ensure the physical security of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program?</p> <p>2) Where are the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission currently stored?</p> <p>3) What processes are in place to ensure that copies are not made of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?</p> <p>4) Which officers of the Royal Commission currently have</p>	Written

					<p>access to the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?</p> <p>5) In the event of a breach of security, what processes are in place to protect the confidentiality of the Cabinet documents provided to the Royal Commission?</p>	
157	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Singh	Costs of legal representation for witnesses for the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	Has it been the practice of governments in the last three decades to cover the reasonable costs of legal representation for witnesses called before Royal Commissions?	Written
158	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Ludwig	Media interviews (February 2014) on the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p>Before conducting media interviews on the morning of the Senate Estimates hearings in February 2014, did the Attorney or his office request prepared talking points or media assistance material from the Attorney-General's department?</p> <p>a) in what format were those talking points or other assistance delivered to the Attorney-General or his office?</p> <p>b) When were they requested and when were they received?</p> <p>c) Table those documents</p>	Written

159	AG	<b>Civil Law Division</b>	Ludwig	<p>Issuing of a summons to PM&amp;C relating to on the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program</p> <p>1) Has the Attorney-General or his department provided advice to other departments, including PMC, concerning their handling of cabinet docs and any summons?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, in what form did that advice take?</p> <p>2) When did the Attorney-General become aware that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>a) In what format was that information delivered to him?</p> <p>b) Who informed the Attorney-General?</p> <p>c) Where was the Attorney-General at that time?</p> <p>3) When did the Secretary become aware that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>a) In what format was that information delivered to him?</p> <p>b) Who informed the Attorney-General?</p> <p>c) Where was the Attorney-General at that time?</p> <p>4) Did the Attorney-General's Department or Secretary inform the Attorney-General that summons had been issued to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, in what form did that notification take?</p>	Written
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					5) When did the Attorney-General become aware that the Australian Government Solicitor had provided cabinet documents from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Royal Commission?  a) How was the Attorney-General made aware?	
160	AG	<b>Ministry of Arts</b>	Singh	Lending Rights programs	1) Following a review of the Lending Right programs, the minimum claim has been raised from \$50 to \$100. A criticism of the schemes is that they give greater support to highly successful authors, who by and large do not need it, while authors whose work has more limited appeal do not receive significant support. What is the Department's view of that criticism?  2) Does it agree that raising the minimum claim, presumably for administrative convenience, only increases the schemes' perceived inequity?	Written
161	AG	<b>Ministry of Arts</b>	Singh	Cultural Gifts Program	1) The Cultural Gifts Program received 590 applications (down from 660) and approved donations worth \$49m, down \$9m (15.5%) from previous year. What was the reason for this decline?  2) What steps are being taken to arrest the decline in donations?	Written

162	AG	<b>Ministry of Arts</b>	Singh	Advisory Committees	<p>1) The 2012-13 Annual Report lists the following non-statutory advisory committees relating to arts and heritage. Do these committees still exist?</p> <p>2) Have they met since the change of government?</p> <p>3) How many times?</p>	Written
163	AG	<b>Ministry of Arts</b>	Singh	The Artists' Resale Royalty Scheme	<p>1) How is the Review of the Scheme progressing? Who is conducting the review? I see there have been some 75 submissions made – what has been the general tenor of those submissions?</p> <p>2) Have public hearings been held?</p> <p>3) When is it expected that the review will be completed?</p> <p>4) Will a report be published? When?</p>	Written
164	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Seselja	AGD staffing and budget impact	<p>1) What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies?</p> <p>2) How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends applied over the last three years?</p> <p>3) How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to decisions made in the 2013 Budget, or earlier, to cease or terminate programs?</p> <p>4) If redundancies have been offered, when was the decision made to offer these redundancies?</p>	Written

165	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Grants	<p>1) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>2) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>	Written
166	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>1) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a) If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written

167	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Travel costs - departmental	<p>1) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel</p> <p>3) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written
168	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Government payment of accounts	<p>1) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>2) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>3) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>4) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>5) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p>	Written

				<p>6) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>7) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>8) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	
169	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	<p>Hospitality and Entertainment</p> <p>1) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's</p>	Written

				<p>planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>		
170	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>1) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the</p>	Written

			<p>office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p>	
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				<p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	
171	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	<p>Corporate cars</p> <p>a) How any cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>f) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>g) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>h) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>i) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>j) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>	Written

172	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>1) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written
173	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>1) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written
174	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>1) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2) Please update details of the following?</p> <p>a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written

175	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Diners Club cards	<p>1) What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?</p> <p>2) What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?</p> <p>3) What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses?</p> <p>4) Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;</p> <p>5) Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?</p>	Written
176	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Shared resources following Machinery of Government changes	<p>1) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>2) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written

177	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Land costs	<p>1) How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2) Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>4) How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>5) Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on</p>	Written
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					<p>Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p> <p>6) In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	
178	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<p>1) What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>ii. Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>iv. Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>v. Cost of the lease.</li> <li>vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ul> <p>b) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>ii. Date the lease agreement ended.</li> </ul>	Written

			<p>iii. Why was the lease not renewed?</p> <p>iv. Location of the building (City and state)</p> <p>v. Cost of the lease.</p> <p>vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>c) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <p>i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</p> <p>ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</p> <p>iii. Expected location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>iv. Expected cost of the lease.</p> <p>v. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</p> <p>vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>d) For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <p>i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</p> <p>ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>	
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179	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013</p> <p>a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written
180	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Market research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>i. List the total cost of this research</p> <p>ii. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>iii. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>iv. How were they identified?</p> <p>v. Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>vi. In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>vii. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>viii. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written

181	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>vi. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written
182	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Wine coolers/fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written

					vii. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	
183	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Office plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written
184	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p>	Written

					<p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>vii. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	
185	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>vii. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written

186	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Total spending on these services</li> <li>2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4)) please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
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				<p>5) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The location used</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul> <p>6) In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7) For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>		
187	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>1) What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2) Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written

188	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>4) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>5) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>7) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written
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189	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>1) How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written
190	AG	<b>Corporate Division</b>	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>1) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>a) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written
191	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>1) Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>i. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>ii. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>iii. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p>	Written

					<p>2) Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>i. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>ii. How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3) Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>i. If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>4) Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>i. If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>5) By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>6) Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>7) Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>	
192	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Senate Estimates Briefings	1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?	Written

			<p>2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>i. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>i. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>ii. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>i. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>iii. When were the changes made?</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>	
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193	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Question Time	<p>1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>i. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>i. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>ii. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>i. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.</p>	Written
194	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <p>i. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental</p>	Written

			<p>funds?</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>ii. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Signage</li><li>b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of)</li><li>c. Logos</li><li>d. Consultancy</li><li>e. Any relevant IT changes</li><li>f. Office reconfiguration.</li></ul> <p>iii. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</li><li>b. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</li></ul>	
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195	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>1) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>ii. List the approving officer for each item\</p> <p>iii. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</p> <p>2) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <p>i. List the total expected cost</p> <p>ii. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>iii. List the approving officer for each item</p> <p>iv. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</p>	Written
196	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Printing	<p>1) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2) Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If so, what companies were sued?</p> <p>b) How were they selected?</p> <p>c) What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written

197	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>1) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written
198	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>1) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>i. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>ii. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>iii. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p>	Written

					2) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	
199	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial leave	<p>Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:</p> <p>i. Please table a schedule of the minister's leave. Please include:</p> <p>a. The dates the minister was on leave.</p> <p>b. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable).</p> <p>ii. Who was acting in the minister's place?</p> <p>a. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place?</p> <p>b. What was the process for selecting this person?</p> <p>c. Who was involved in making this decision?</p> <p>iii. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.</p> <p>c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it</p>	Written

				would be unable to communicate with the minister?  d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable?  iv. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:  a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred  b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.  c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?  d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister e. but were unable?  v. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:  a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred  b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.		
200	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:  i. What is the make and model?	Written

			<p>ii. How much did it cost?</p> <p>iii. When was it provided?</p> <p>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>	
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201	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the make and model?</li> <li>ii. How much did it cost?</li> <li>iii. When was it provided?</li> <li>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> <li>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
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202	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlement? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the make and model?</li> <li>ii. How much did it cost?</li> <li>iii. When was it provided?</li> <li>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> <li>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
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203	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial pay outs	<p>How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost</p>	Written
204	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>2) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>3) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>4) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>5) For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>	Written

205	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the date they were ordered</li> <li>b) the date they commenced</li> <li>c) the minister responsible</li> <li>d) the department responsible</li> <li>e) the nature of the review</li> <li>f) their terms of reference</li> <li>g) the scope of the review</li> <li>h) Whom is conducting the review</li> <li>i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>j) the expected report date</li> <li>k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs</li> <li>l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</li> </ul> <p>2) For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p>	Written
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			<p>a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p> <p>c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p>	
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			<p>3) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a) Please list them.</p> <p>b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If not, why not?</p>	
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206	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Commissioned Reports	<p>1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written
207	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Christmas party costs	<p>List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013</p> <p>i. What was the cost of each of these functions?</p> <p>ii. How was the money identified?</p> <p>iii. What was the location of these functions?</p> <p>iv. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function</p>	Written

208	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>iii. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>iv. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</li> <li>v. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</li> <li>vi. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?</li> </ol>	Written
209	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>1) Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p> <p>2) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p>	Written

210	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Stationary requirements	<p>1) How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p> <p>2) How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p>	Written
211	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>1) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written

				<p>3) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4) What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>		
212	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>1) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. Itemise these expenses.</p>	Written

					<p>2) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. Itemise these expenses</p>	
213	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Media training	<p>1) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>i. Total spending on these services</p> <p>ii. an itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>iii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>iv. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>v. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>vi. the location that this training was provided</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>i. The name and nature of the service purchased</p>	Written

		<p>ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>v. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
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214	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>iv. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>v. How many are media managers?</li> <li>vi. How many organise events?</li> </ol>	Written
215	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Australian Public Affairs	<p>1) List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p> <p>2) List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written

216	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>1) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>i. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written
217	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Functions	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>i. The guest list of each function</p> <p>ii. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>iii. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>iv. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written

218	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</li> <li>ii. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>iii. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>iv. A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	Written
219	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since September 7th 2013;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>ii. what travel expenses are provided;</li> <li>iii. what is the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>iv. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; what conflicts of interest have been registered;</li> <li>v. what remuneration is provided to board members;</li> <li>vi. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</li> <li>vii. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss</li> </ol>	Written

					board members since September 7, 2013?  viii. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings  ix. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served	
220	AG	<b>Strategy and Delivery Division</b>	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>i. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3) How have they been recruited?</p> <p>4) What process was used for their appointment? What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>5) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>6) Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>7) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	Written

221	AG	<b>Office of Corporate Counsel</b>	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it follows to access Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>i. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>ii. If so, when?</p> <p>iii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>i. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>ii. If so, when?</p>	Written
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			<p>iii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>i. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>i. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>i. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p>	
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		<p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</li> <li>ii. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</li> <li>iii. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</li> <li>iv. What did the training involve?</li> <li>v. How long was the training?</li> <li>vi. By whom was the training conducted?</li> </ul> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</li> <li>ii. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</li> <li>iii. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</li> </ul>	
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			<p>iv. What did the training involve?</p> <p>v. How long was the training?</p> <p>vi. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>15) Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>i. List those notified request</p> <p>ii. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention?</p> <p>iii. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>iv. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>v. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>vi. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>16) Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p>	
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			<p>18) How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19) Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20) What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21) What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22) Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23) How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>24) How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25) How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turnaround from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?</p> <p>26) What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p>	
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			<p>27) Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28) Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29) What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30) Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31) Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32) Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“</p> <p>33) How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34) Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p>	
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				<p>35) Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <p>i. If so, list each email account</p> <p>ii. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</p> <p>36) Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <p>i. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task?</p> <p>ii. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?</p>		
222	AG	<b>Information Division</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>1) How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>i. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</p>	Written

223	AG	<b>Information Division</b>	Ludwig	Computers	<p>1) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</p> <p>2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>3) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</p>	Written
224	AG	<b>Information Division</b>	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.</p> <p>i. List the items</p> <p>ii. List the purchase cost</p> <p>iii. List the ongoing cost</p> <p>iv. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</p>	Written

225	AG	<b>AGD Service Centre</b>	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>1) Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>i. List the items</p> <p>ii. List the items location or normal location</p> <p>iii. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level</p> <p>iv. List the total cost of the items</p> <p>v. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>vi. List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>vii. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department.</p>	Written
226	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Ludwig	NDRRA requests and activations	<p>1) Provide the requests for activations under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) from state or territory governments since the November 2013 estimates, including:</p> <p>i. The date each request was made;</p> <p>ii. The means each request was made;</p> <p>iii. The date each request was responded to by the federal government;</p> <p>iv. What each response by the Federal Government was;</p>	Written

			<p>v. Any contact by the state government following the response by the federal government.</p> <p>vi. For multiple requests for the same or similar activations, please treat each request separately</p> <p>2) Provide a schedule of all NDRRA assistance or payments made, broken down by category of assistance, event, individuals payments or local council area payments for a period from the November 2013 senate estimates to date.</p> <p>3) Provide a schedule of annual, personal or other leave taken by the Minister for Justice, including the acting arrangements in place for the Minister's responsibilities for a period between 12 December 2013 and 11 February 2014.</p> <p>4) Provide the activations for the AGDRP for each event since the November 2013 senate estimates, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The date of activation;</li><li>ii. The date of the event;</li><li>iii. The number of payments made (broken down by adult and child payments);</li><li>iv. The total cost of payments made.</li></ul> <p>5) Were there any ministerial tours of areas affected by natural disaster since September 7, 2013? If yes, please provide a detailed list of all tours, with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Ministers on the tour.</li></ul>	
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227	MJ	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Singh	National Crime Prevention Fund	<p>1) Can you please explain the National Crime Prevention Fund?</p> <p>2) What was the policy intent of the National Crime Prevention Fund which was included in the 2013-2014 budget?</p> <p>3) Based on what criteria did the department establish eligibility for these grants?</p>	Written
228	MJ	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Singh	National Crime Prevention Fund	<p>1) When was the decision made to axe the National Crime Prevention Fund? Who made the decision to cut the NCPF?</p> <p>2) On what basis was the NCPF axed?</p> <p>3) Has the department notified recipients of the NCPF that they will no longer receive funding?</p> <p>4) What reasons did the department put forward to recipients when informing them of cuts to the program?</p> <p>5) Many organisations have moved to set up projects which are now under review, including employing staff. How will the Government compensate for the delay and potential scrapping of grants to organisations?</p> <p>6) Has the department provided assistance to cover any debts</p>	Written

					incurred?	
229	MJ	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Singh	National Crime Prevention Fund	<p>1) Can you identify any organisations which received an exemption from the cuts to the NCPF?</p> <p>2) If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions?</p> <p>3) How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted? What are the details?</p> <p>4) Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause? In relation to exemptions what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?</p> <p>5) Where did the initiative for an exemption for the pause come from in each case?</p> <p>6) Where has the money been redirected to? What is the policy initiative of this program?</p> <p>7) What are the differentiating factors between this program and NCPF?</p> <p>8) Has the eligibility criteria for this new program been established?</p>	Written

230	MJ	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Singh	National Crime Prevention Fund	<p>1) Why has all the money been directed towards CCTV? What does the evidence and experts say about CCTV?</p> <p>2) What are the costs involved in installing CCTV, including surveillance, monitoring, and installation of hardware and maintenance of the cameras?</p> <p>3) Is there evidence that proves CCTV is the most cost effective crime prevention method?</p> <p>4) Have community groups, councils and non-governmental organisations (beneficiaries of the fund) been consulted in the government's decision to redirect all the money to CCTV? If so what was their response?</p> <p>5) How will CCTV deter anti-social behaviour for example those affected by drugs and alcohol?</p> <p>6) Is there evidence that suggests that CCTV rates highly in any risk assessment undertaken prior to the commission of the offence?</p> <p>7) Has the government taken into consideration that CCTV cameras will cause crime displacement.</p> <p>8) If so what precautions will the government take to combat crime displacement?</p> <p>9) Has the government established proper systems of democratic accountability, control and oversight over the implementation and use of these technologies?</p> <p>10) Are there privacy legislations which offer adequate and proper protection from CCTV for ordinary citizens?</p>	Written
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			<p>11) How will CCTV cameras assist project workers and outreach workers to deal with anti-social behaviours and substance abusers.</p> <p>12) What social and material support will CCTV provide for youth at risk of committing crime?</p> <p>13) Did Brimbank City Council apply for a grant under the National Crime Prevention Fund?</p> <p>14) Was Brimbank City Council awarded a grant?</p> <p>15) Given that the Clarke St Sunshine area is well known as a high-crime area, and the application met the eligibility requirements for the National Crime Prevention Fund, why was the Brimbank City Council application the first to have funding axed?</p> <p>16) Has the money been redirected into any alternative programs in the Sunshine area?</p> <p>17) Given that Brimbank City Council has demonstrated need, will the Brimbank City Council be awarded a grant for CCTV cameras under the new program?</p>	
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231	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Whish-Wilson	Proceeds of crime action against John Gay	<p>1) When did ASIC refer John Gay's case to the AFP for a proceeds of crime investigation?</p> <p>2) What date was the case dropped?</p> <p>3) What date was the decision to drop the case made public?</p> <p>4) Was there a media release or statement widely issued? If not – why wasn't a statement released?</p> <p>5) Was any statement posted on the website?</p> <p>6) Was ASIC alerted to your decision before the media were?</p> <p>7) Have ASIC corresponded with the AFP about the case following your decision? If so what was the nature of their response?</p> <p>8) What were the reasons the case was dropped?</p> <p>9) Was ASIC too late in passing John Gay's case on to you? How much time is ideal?</p> <p>10) What other Government agencies did you contact in the process of your investigation?</p>	Written
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232	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Xenophon	Balibo	<p>1) What is the status of the investigation into the deaths of five Australian-based journalists in Balibo, East Timor, in 1975?</p> <p>2) How much money has been spent to date on this investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP)?</p> <p>3) How often and in what months has the AFP interacted with Indonesian National Police on this investigation?</p> <p>4) How often and in what months has the AFP interacted with Indonesian authorities and agencies other than the Indonesian National Police on this investigation?</p> <p>5) How are the Indonesian National Police or any other Indonesian authorities and agencies cooperating with the AFP investigation?</p> <p>6) Is Indonesia blocking or delaying the AFP investigation in any way?</p> <p>7) Have the AFP interviewed any witnesses in Indonesia, East Timor, Portugal, Macau or Australia? Have the Australian Federal Police interviewed any witnesses anywhere else? If so, in what month, and in which countries?</p> <p>8) When was the most recent activity in this investigation, and what was that activity?</p> <p>9) How many extradition requests has the Australian Government received from the Indonesian Government in the past ten years?</p> <p>i. How many people have we extradited to Indonesia in the</p>	Written
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					<p>past ten years?</p> <p>ii. How many people have we refused to extradite to Indonesia in the past ten years?</p> <p>10) How many extradition requests has the Australian Government made to the Indonesian Government in the past ten years?</p> <p>i. How many people has Indonesia extradited to Australia in the past ten years?</p> <p>ii. How many people has Indonesia refused to extradite to Australia in the past ten years?</p>	
233	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Xenophon	Surveillance Devices Act 2004 and the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979.	<p>1) Please provide the number of authorisations made under sections 178, 179 and 180 of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 over the past three calendar years.</p> <p>2) How many of these authorisations were made in the context of investigations into S. 70 and S. 79 of the Crimes Act? (suspected unauthorised disclosure of government information – so called ‘leak inquiries’)</p> <p>3) Ford Motor Company USA has stated (3rd Feb 2014 letter to US Senator Al Franken) that it stores all GPS location data created by the cars it makes (rental and private) for 2-3 weeks, then sends it off to Acquity Group brand management company and then to other agencies. What is the situation in Australia? How is Australian GPS data collected or stored?</p> <p>4) What legal authorisation is required for police to get access to GPS data of vehicles (rental and private)?</p>	Written

			<p>5) How does the process work? (How do your investigators actually go about getting the data?)</p> <p>6) Do you have to obtain the GPS location data for individual cars as required for an investigation or do you acquire this information en masse from somewhere? And if so where?</p> <p>7) How does this process work? Do you obtain GPS data from car companies in the case of private cars or rental companies for rental cars or some other way?</p> <p>8) How long is GPS data stored?</p> <p>9) What about GPS data in GPS devices that aren't built into cars? Eg Tom-Tom or Navman or other GPS devices you can buy off the shelf?</p> <p>10) Who stores it? How is it stored? En masse in real time or specific devices as required for an investigation?</p> <p>11) What legal authorisation is required for police to get access to it?</p> <p>12) In relation to Interception Capability Plans, which outline how carriers and nominated carriage service providers can help law enforcement agencies with lawful interception of telecommunications services: do these plans vary significantly from company to company?</p> <p>i. Are these Interception Capability Plans available for viewing by the public?</p> <p>ii. Does the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security have access to these plans?</p>	
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			<p>iii. Does IGIS have access to these plans?</p> <p>13) How do Australian authorities go about requesting overseas carriers and carriage service providers for information about Australians?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Which Treaties govern this process?</li><li>ii. How many times has this occurred in the past five years, and to which foreign countries?</li><li>iii. Please provide the number of surveillance device warrants issued under the Surveillance Devices Act 2004.</li><li>iv. How many warrants were issued in the context of investigations into S. 70 and S. 79 of the Crimes Act? (suspected unauthorised disclosure of government information – so called ‘leak inquiries’)</li><li>v. How many times has an eligible Judge or nominated AAT member declined to issue a warrant?</li><li>vi. What is the difference between a carrier and a carriage service provider?</li></ul> <p>14) In the last three calendar years, how many members of the Federal Parliament have been the subject of surveillance pursuant to the Surveillance Devices Act 2004 and/or the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 in the context of investigations into sections 70 &amp; 79 of the Crimes Act (suspected unauthorised disclosure of government information - so called ‘leak inquiries’)?</p>	
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				<p>i. In the last three calendar years, how many authorisations have been issued against members of the Federal Parliament pursuant to the Surveillance Devices Act 2004?</p> <p>ii. In the last three calendar years, how many authorisations and/or warrants have been issued against members of the Federal Parliament pursuant to the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 in the context of investigations into sections 70 &amp; 79 of the Crimes Act (suspected unauthorised disclosure of government information - so called 'leak inquiries')?</p>	
234	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Xenophon	<p>Universal jurisdiction in Australia</p> <p>a) In regards to the 2008-2009 Guy Campos investigation, what were the obstacles to a successful prosecution in the case? Attached by way of background is a news article.</p> <p>b) How do we prosecute war crimes in Australia? In particular, how do 'grave breaches' of the 1949 Geneva Conventions become crimes under Australian federal law over which Australian courts have jurisdiction?</p>	Written
235	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	<p>Freedom of Information</p> <p>1) Which FOI applications was the Joint Agency Taskforce for Operation Sovereign Borders informed of?</p> <p>2) Who was the correspondence between in the departments/agency between?</p> <p>3) Have any FOI files referred to the minister been delayed because of this consultation or still not been released or changed since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>4) Please provide a list of litigation that has commenced and is before the courts</p>	Written

236	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Current investigations	<p>1) How many investigations are currently in progress by the Australian Federal Police?</p> <p>2) How many investigations are currently in progress, open, on-going or pending further information concerning the security of official documents, including cabinet documents?</p> <p>i. How long have each of these investigations been open?</p> <p>ii. When was the last action on each of these investigations</p>	Written
237	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Singh	Solomon Islands	<p>1) What has been the total expenditure to date on the Solomon Islands deployment?</p> <p>2) Does the AFP deployment in the Solomon Islands have a timeline? What methodology was used to develop this timeline?</p> <p>3) How receptive have the local population been to Australian presence in the Solomon Islands?</p>	Written
238	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Grants	<p>1) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>2) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>	Written

239	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>1) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>i. If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written
240	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Government payment of accounts	<p>1) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>2) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>3) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>4) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>5) How many payments owed (as a number and as a</p>	Written

				<p>percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p> <p>6) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>7) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>8) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	
241	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	<p>Hospitality and Entertainment</p> <p>1) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's</p>	Written

				<p>planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>		
242	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>1) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2) Please update details of the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>ii. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>iii. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>iv. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in</li> </ul>	Written

					November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.  v. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	
243	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Diners Club cards	<p>1) What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?</p> <p>2) What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?</p> <p>3) What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses?</p> <p>4) Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;</p> <p>5) Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?</p>	Written
244	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Travel costs - departmental	<p>1) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel</p>	Written

					3) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	
245	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>1) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>i. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>ii. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>iii. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>2) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written
246	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>i. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>ii. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>iii. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>v. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>vi. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p>	Written

					<p>vii. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>viii. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>ix. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>x. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>	
247	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>1) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written
248	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>1) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written

249	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Shared resources following Machinery of Government changes	<p>1) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>2) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written
250	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Land costs	<p>1) How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2) Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>i. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>ii. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>iii. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the</p>	Written

				items identified in (3)?  4) How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?  5) Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).  6) In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?		
251	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<p>1) What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>i. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <p>a. Date the lease agreement is active from.</p> <p>b. Date the lease agreement ends.</p> <p>c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</p> <p>d. Location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>e. Cost of the lease.</p>	Written

f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.

ii. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:

a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.

b. Date the lease agreement ended.

c. Why was the lease not renewed?

d. Location of the building (City and state).

e. Cost of the lease.

f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.

iii. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:

a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.

b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.

c. Expected location of the building (City and state).

d. Expected cost of the lease.

e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?

					<p>f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>iv. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</p> <p>b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>	
252	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013</p> <p>i. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>ii. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>iii. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written
253	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Market research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>i. List the total cost of this research</p> <p>ii. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>iii. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>iv. How were they identified?</p> <p>v. Where was the research conducted?</p>	Written

					<p>vi. In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>vii. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>viii. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	
254	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>vi. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written

255	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Total spending on these services</li> <li>2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4)) please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>v. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
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				<p>5) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol> <p>6) In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7) For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>		
256	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>1) What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2) Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written

257	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>4) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>5) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>7) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written
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258	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>1) How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written
259	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>1) Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p> <p>2) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p>	Written
260	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>1) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>i. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written

261	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>1) Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>i. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>ii. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>iii. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>2) Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>i. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>ii. How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3) Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>i. If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>ii. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>iii. If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>5) By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p>	Written
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					<p>6) Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>7) Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>	
262	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Senate Estimates Briefings	<p>1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>i. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>i. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>ii. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>i. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p>	Written

					When were the changes made?  5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.	
263	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Question Time	<p>1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>i. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>i. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>ii. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>i. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>ii. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the</p>	Written

					department for the week of 11 February 2014.	
264	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<p>1) Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <p>i. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>ii. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>a. Signage.</p> <p>b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of)</p> <p>c. Logos</p> <p>d. Consultancy</p> <p>e. Any relevant IT changes</p> <p>f. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>iii. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>a. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p>	Written

					b. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.	
265	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>1) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</li> </ol> <p>2) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the total expected cost</li> <li>List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</li> </ol>	Written
266	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Printing	<p>1) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2) Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If so, what companies were sued?</p>	Written

					b) How were they selected?  c) What was the total cost of this printing?	
267	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>1) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written

268	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial leave	<p>Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please table a schedule of the minister's leave. Please include:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The dates the minister was on leave.</li> <li>b. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable).</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Who was acting in the minister's place?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place?</li> <li>b. What was the process for selecting this person?</li> <li>c. Who was involved in making this decision?</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</li> <li>b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.</li> <li>c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister?</li> <li>d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written
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			<p>the minister but were unable?</p> <p>iv. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</li><li>b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.</li><li>c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?</li><li>d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable?</li></ul> <p>v. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</li><li>b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.</li></ul>	
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269	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicles	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the make and model?</li> <li>ii. How much did it cost?</li> <li>iii. When was it provided?</li> <li>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> <li>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
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270	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the make and model?</li> <li>ii. How much did it cost?</li> <li>iii. When was it provided?</li> <li>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> <li>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
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271	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlement? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the make and model?</li> <li>ii. How much did it cost?</li> <li>iii. When was it provided?</li> <li>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>viii. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> <li>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>x. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written
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272	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial pay outs	<p>How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost</p>	Written
273	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>2) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>3) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>4) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>5) For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>	Written
274	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <p>a) the date they were ordered</p> <p>b) the date they commenced</p>	Written

- c) the minister responsible
- d) the department responsible
- e) the nature of the review
- f) their terms of reference
- g) the scope of the review
- h) Whom is conducting the review
- i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
- j) the expected report date
- k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs
- l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 2) For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
  - a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
  - b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
  - c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their

			<p>involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a) Please list them</p> <p>b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November</p>	
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			<p>2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If not, why not?</p>	
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275	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Commissioned Reports	<p>1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written
276	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>1) Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <p>i. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>ii. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>iii. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>iv. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>v. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written

					vi. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?	
277	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Stationary requirements	<p>1) How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p> <p>2) How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p>	Written
278	AG	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>1) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written

			<p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>3) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4) What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	
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279	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>1) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>2) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>i. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>ii. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>iii. Itemise these expenses</p>	Written
280	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Media training	<p>1) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>i. Total spending on these services</p> <p>ii. an itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>iii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p>	Written

		<p>iv. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>v. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>vi. the location that this training was provided</p> <p>2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>ii. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>iii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>v. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>vi. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ul> <p>3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who</li> </ul>	
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					<p>took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	
281	MJ	<b>Other agency</b>	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>iv. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>v. How many are media managers?</p> <p>vi. How many organise events?</p>	Written
282	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Australian Public Affairs	<p>1) List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p> <p>2) List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written

283	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>1) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>i. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written
284	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:</p> <p>i. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</p> <p>ii. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>iii. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>iv. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	Written

285	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since September 7th 2013;</p> <p>i. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</p> <p>ii. what travel expenses are provided;</p> <p>iii. what is the average attendance at board meetings;</p> <p>iv. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; what conflicts of interest have been registered;</p> <p>v. what remuneration is provided to board members;</p> <p>vi. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</p> <p>vii. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>viii. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</p> <p>ix. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;</p>	Written
286	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>i. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3) How have they been recruited?</p>	Written

					<p>4) What process was used for their appointment? What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>5) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>6) Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>7) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	
287	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>1) How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>i. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>i. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</p>	Written

288	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Computers	<p>1) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</p> <p>2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>3) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</p>	Written
289	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.</p> <p>i. List the items</p> <p>ii. List the purchase cost</p> <p>iii. List the ongoing cost</p> <p>iv. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</p>	Written

290	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>1) Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>i. List the items</p> <p>ii. List the items location or normal location</p> <p>iii. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level</p> <p>iv. List the total cost of the items</p> <p>v. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>vi. List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>vii. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department.</p>	Written
291	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Functions	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>i. The guest list of each function</p> <p>ii. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>iii. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>iv. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister’s office</p>	Written

292	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Christmas party costs	<p>List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013</p> <p>i. What was the cost of each of these functions?</p> <p>ii. How was the money identified?</p> <p>iii. What was the location of these functions?</p> <p>iv. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function</p>	Written
293	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Wine coolers/fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>vii. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written

294	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Office plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written
295	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>vii. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written

296	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>i. If so, list these</p> <p>ii. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>iii. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>iv. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>v. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>vi. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>vii. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written
297	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Legal Costs	<p>1) List all legal costs incurred by the agency since 7 September 2013</p> <p>a) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</p> <p>b) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</p> <p>c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</p>	Written

298	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>1) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>i. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>ii. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>iii. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>iv. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>v. Who has access?</p> <p>vi. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>vii. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>i. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was</p>	Written
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				<p>purchased.</p> <p>ii. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>iii. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>iv. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>v. Who has access?</p> <p>vi. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>vii. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>		
299	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p>	Written

			<p>i. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>ii. If so, when?</p> <p>iii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>i. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>ii. If so, when?</p> <p>iii. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second addition resources to</p>	
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			<p>processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>i. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>i. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>i. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>i. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>ii. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>iii. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p>	
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			<p>the office or the Minister's attention?</p> <p>iii. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>iv. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>v. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>vi. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>16) Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18) How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19) Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20) What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21) What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access</p>	
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			<p>for FOI documents?</p> <p>22) Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23) How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>24) How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25) How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?</p> <p>26) What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27) Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28) Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29) What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30) Has advice from the information commissioner been</p>	
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			<p>sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31) Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32) Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“</p> <p>33) How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34) Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p> <p>35) Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. If so, list each email account</li><li>ii. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</li></ul> <p>36) Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ?</li></ul>	
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					ii. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?	
300	AG	<b>International Law and Human Rights Division</b>	Siewert	UN Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities	<p>1) Given the Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities what is Australia doing to respond to the concern around the existence of indefinite detention of in its jurisdictions?</p> <p>2) Given the Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities, what strategies are in place to reduce the over-representation of Indigenous Australians with a cognitive impairment detained under mental impairment legislation in goals and psychiatric institutions?</p> <p>3) Given the Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities will Australia be establishing mandatory guidelines and practice to ensure that persons with disabilities in the criminal justice system are provided with appropriate supports and accommodation?</p> <p>4) Given the Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities will Australia be reviewing its laws that allow for the deprivation of liberty on the basis of disability, including psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, and repeal provisions that authorize involuntary internment linked to an apparent or diagnosed disability?</p>	Written
301	AG	<b>Criminal Justice Division</b>	Wright	Secure Schools Program – school security	<p>(1) What is the total allocation per school, of funding so far under the Secure Schools program?</p> <p>(2) What proportion of the money has been allocated to public</p>	Written

schools?

- (3) Which schools that received money under this program have subsequently closed down or closed campuses where funded security measures had been put in place?
- (4) What research has the department done to evaluate the risk factors around school security in relation to public and private schools, and what process was undertaken to select the public and private schools that received funding?
- (5) Please provide a copy of any research mentioned in the response to the previous question.
- (6) Has the federal government made a decision to allow school security funding to be used for (a) security guards and (b) to pay for security measures at other facilities beyond schools? If so, what type of facilities will funding be able to be used on and what is the justification for that decision?
- (7) How will money be allocated in future rounds of the Secure Schools program or its successor?
- (8) Is the department aware of a commitment made by members of the government to any community group or organisation guaranteeing it will receive funding under its Safer Streets, Safer Suburbs plan? Has any such commitment been made by the department or minister since the Abbott Government was elected and if so what is the financial commitment?
- (9) What process and eligibility criteria will be used in the distribution of funding from the Safer Streets grants program, and over what period is it envisaged that the money will be spent?

302	MJ	<b>Emergency Management Australia</b>	Bushby	Productivity Commission inquiry into national disaster funding arrangements	<p>1. On 20th December the Minister for Justice and the Treasurer announced the intention to establish a Productivity Commission inquiry into national disaster funding arrangements.</p> <p>a. Can Treasury expand on the media release and explain why this review needs to happen?</p> <p>b. Can Treasury outline if the current arrangements are unsustainable in relation to the budget?</p> <p>c. Can Treasury provide an update of how the inquiry is progressing, and specifically advise if the States and Territories have been written to?</p> <p>d. Can Treasury advise how much funding the Commonwealth provides for disaster relief and recovery compared to disaster mitigation?</p> <p>e. Can the Treasury outline what the benefits would be to communities if there was a refocus on mitigation?</p> <p>f. Can the Treasury outline what the potential benefits of a refocus on mitigation would be for the long term sustainability of the budget?</p>	Written
303	MJ	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>	Carr	2013 MYEFO document – items and capital costs	<p>1. Can you provide a breakdown of the additional expenditure for the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Federal Police</li> <li>• Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</li> <li>• Australian Crime Commission</li> </ul> <p>2. Can you provide a breakdown of the additional related capital cost for the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Federal Police</li> <li>• Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</li> <li>• Australian Crime Commission</li> </ul>	Written