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AE17/001	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	Disability Support Pension complaints	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I think we have discussed before the number of people on the disability support pension being reassessed against the eligibility criteria and moved onto Newstart, or off income support. Have you had any specific complaints about that?</p> <p>Mr McEwin: We do receive, in general, complaints about access to services, and that includes government services—but, no, we have not received many complaints of that nature.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Many or any?</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I will have to take that on notice—I do not have the specific information to hand. That is a very specific area and I do not have that information—I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 8
AE17/002	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	NDIS complaints	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Regarding the answer you gave me about the NDIS and the number of complaints that you had had at that time, could you update the figures on any further complaints that you have had on the NDIS.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I cannot comment on individual matters.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I totally appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You had had seven; I am just wondering how it is going. In your answer to me last time, you said that the majority of these complaints do not relate to the administration of the NDIS. Could you also take on notice—without talking about individual cases—the nature of those complaints. Are they about the packages they have received, administration, difficulty in access—what type of complaints are they? Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I cannot comment, but, as you would know, under the Quality and Safeguard Framework, there would be an NDIS complaints commissioner established, so the commission would not have any jurisdiction over that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: In your response to my question last time, you said you had received seven complaints. That framework is not in operation yet. How many complaints have you received, and what is the general nature of the complaints?</p> <p>Mr McEwin: The general nature could possibly be around employment under the NDIS, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I am talking about people who have complained about access to the NDIS, and the categories of complaint.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 8 & 9
AE17/003	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	Accessing hearing services	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ... Also, I appreciate the answer you gave me about hearing impairment. Could you give me the numbers on hearing impairment.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: Is your question about how many people with hearing impairment are making complaints to the commission?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: It is specifically about accessing hearing services. You said there have been two to date. I have received a number of concerns. I am wondering if you are receiving concerns about access to hearing services as well.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: Can I clarify? Do you mean in general? You are not talking specifically about the NDIS—you mean people with hearing impairment accessing hearing services?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: There are two specific issues: generally about hearing services; and specifically under the NDIS, including early intervention.</p> <p>Mr McEwin: I will have to take those on notice.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 9
AE17/004	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Cases lodged with AHRC	<p>CHAIR: This article says: The number of such cases lodged with the Australian Human Rights Commission has leapt from 18 in the 12 months to last March to 71 in the past year, ... Would that not be accurate?</p> <p>Dr Soutphommasane: I will take it on notice and verify for the following reason: I believe that figure may relate to cases that are open, which is different to the category that I cited to you just now, which relates to received complaints.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 11 & 12
AE17/006	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Copy of submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee Inquiry	<p>CHAIR: Actually there is no need for you—these are really questions for another committee. I was just trying to get your feel. This report, which may or may not be correct, says a total of 62 government and semigovernment agencies made submissions against the change. I am assuming that most of the other 400 will have been in favour of change.</p> <p>Dr Soutphommasane: No. As I noted, submissions would have also been made by civil society organisations, professional bodies and multicultural and Indigenous representative community organisations.</p> <p>CHAIR: They are statistics which we can get. I was just after your feel for that newspaper report I thought you might have studied this morning. Can we just go to the Leak case again—if I can call it that—and your account of your procedures, process and own actions in complaints that were made. I am conscious that one of your colleagues has previously indicated that it is not the role of the commission to</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 12

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					encourage or advocate for complaints. That is my understanding of the commission's role, too. In that context, I am interested if you might be able to just walk us through your actions which have been reported, certainly, in a contrary way. As we all know, what you read and hear in the media is not always accurate, as Professor Triggs found out to her dismay. So I will give you the opportunity to walk us through that. Dr Soutphommasane: We made extensive submissions on this, including in our submissions to the parliamentary joint committee's inquiry. I am happy to provide you with a copy of that, as it may take you through the matter and the detail you are after.	
AE17/007	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	McKim	Forecast funding for campaign	Senator McKIM: Thank you. That is abundantly clear. These may be questions to Commissioner Soutphommasane, but I will offer them up to the table. First, with regard to the 'Racism. It Stops with Me' campaign: is that funded out of existing commission funds? Dr Soutphommasane: Yes. Senator McKIM: So there is no extra funding allocated for that? Dr Soutphommasane: No. Senator McKIM: Are you able to inform the committee what the forecast funding allocations are in the commission's budget for that campaign for the future? Dr Soutphommasane: I can take that on notice, but, to give you a general sense of the figure involved: it would be about \$100,000 per year. Senator McKIM: Thank you. I am happy if you wish to take these on notice as well. How many staff would be working on that? I guess you are not going to get many staff involved with that for \$100,000. Could you give an indication of what kind of events and matters you would be looking at pursuing as part of that campaign? Have you collected any baseline data? How do you intend to assess the efficacy of that campaign? What data have you got and what data will you collect as part of that campaign and any evaluation process to determine the success or the impact of that campaign? Dr Soutphommasane: Yes. I am happy to give you a preliminary answer. We currently have a secretariat officer who works on the campaign on a part-time basis. There are also other staff who contribute to the campaign from time to time. In terms of events and activities: we are currently developing a community service announcement courtesy of a \$50,000 grant that has been given to us by the Department of Social Services, which is a member of the National Anti-Racism Partnership, which oversees the work of the strategy and 'Racism. It stops with me.' In terms of baseline data and evaluation: we did conduct an evaluation of the National Anti-Racism Strategy a few years ago, and I would be happy to give you further details of that. Among the things we measure is whether supporters of the campaign feel that they have a better understanding of issues of racism and whether they feel empowered to take action on racism. I can advise you that the campaign evaluation was very positive on measures such as those. Senator McKIM: Thank you.	28 February 2017, L&C: 17 & 18
AE17/008	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	McKim	Complaints concerning entitlements	Senator McKIM: ...I wanted to raise with you a matter that has just been drawn to the attention of the Senate. It has been drawn to the attention of the Senate in recent times by a person of some standing in the community who has recently complained of a group of people having something taken from them because of retrospective changes that were made by this parliament. The person I am referring to likened those changes to the work of Hitler, Stalin and Idi Amin. Of course, I am referring to that noted champion of human rights Senator Ian Macdonald here, and he was complaining about parliamentarians who have lost their gold card entitlements. I wanted to ask whether the commission has received any complaints from Senator Macdonald or any other member of parliament in regard to this egregious abuse of human rights, as Senator Macdonald has described it. Prof. Triggs: To my knowledge we have received no complaints. Senator McKIM: So there have been no complaints at all. Perhaps I could ask you to take that on notice. Prof. Triggs: I will. I am aware of none, but I will certainly take it on notice and check.	28 February 2017, L&C: 18
AE17/009	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Assessment of article	CHAIR: If you read or listened properly, you would not make such stupid comments. Professor Triggs, back to where I was. Thank you for advising of the criteria used by your media team to correct articles. I am wondering if <i>The Saturday Paper</i> Ramona Koval article was actually assessed by the media team. Are you or Ms Raman aware of whether they assessed that Ramona Koval article? Prof. Triggs: I am not aware that they have. CHAIR: Is the executive director aware of that? Ms Raman: We would have to take that on notice. I would have to speak to the media adviser to check whether she made any contact with Ramona Koval. CHAIR: If you would do that, that would be great.	28 February 2017, L&C: 18 & 19

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AE17/010	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Date of decision	<p>CHAIR: Professor Triggs, I thank you for answering these questions. Last time we asked similar questions you claimed that there was a sub judice rule. Is the court case that you claimed last time made this discussion sub judice, or whatever the technical term might be, still going?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: The decision is still going but, after the previous Senate estimates hearing when this matter was raised and I was unable to deal in detail with the QUT case, the Attorney answered my letter of request as to whether a public interest immunity claim should be made. His response to my query as to whether that claim should be made was that that was a matter for me as president. I then sought some legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor and for various legal reasons I made a decision that it was now possible for me to release the details, because I can readily understand that it is in the public interest that that particular case be better understood on the facts. I did so partly also of course because I wanted to be able to ensure that the freedom of speech inquiry was as well informed about the matter as it could be.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you for that. Can you tell me the date that you made your decision?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I would have to take that on notice. It was after I received the advice from the Australian Government Solicitor.</p> <p><i>ANSWER PARTLY PROVIDED:</i></p> <p>Mr Edgerton: I understand that a decision was made in the week prior to the president giving evidence to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights on the last occasion, which was 17 February 2017, so it was during that week.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 19 & 20
AE17/011	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Transcript of 7:30 report	<p>CHAIR: Was this before or after you spoke about this particular incident very openly on the ABC's 7.30 on 7 November 2016?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: It was after, but I did not speak openly. I made it very plain before I went on that program that I would not discuss the QUT case. Then, live on air, of course it was the first question that was put to me. So I was in a very difficult position. My primary objective—and I stated it over and over again—was that I could not reveal details of that case; that I could speak only in the most general terms about how we handle our complaints processes.</p> <p>CHAIR: But the record will show what was actually said on that report. Did you discuss the QUT incident specifically?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I did not discuss any of these facts. I just said that basically the matter had substance and we could properly consider it under our act.</p> <p>CHAIR: Does your media group have a transcript of that 7.30 report?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I believe we could obtain one.</p> <p>CHAIR: Would you mind, on notice, providing that to the committee?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I would be very pleased to do that.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 20
AE17/012	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Copy of complaint to AHRC	<p>CHAIR: It is not your call. Order, Senator McKim! I just wanted to pursue that, Professor Triggs, because Ms Prior was apparently so offended by this post that it took her six months even to complain to the university. Didn't that ring a warning bell in the mind of the commission that this may not have been a serious complaint?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I really cannot answer questions about what her motives were, but I understand—</p> <p>CHAIR: No, I am asking what the commission's view was. Didn't it occur to the commission that she was so offended by this post that it took her six months even to let the university know, let alone the Human Rights Commission—taking one day shy of 12 months. Didn't that ring—</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I think the underlying premise of your question is not correct; that is that I think she approached the university relatively quickly at an informal level.</p> <p>CHAIR: I thought Mr Edgerton said it was six months.</p> <p>Mr Edgerton: I might have misled you. She approached the university—</p> <p>CHAIR: You did say it was December.</p> <p>Mr Edgerton: I said that in December, she invoked the university's formal grievance procedures. But she had approached the university within one or two days after the posts initially went up.</p> <p>CHAIR: So you are saying it was within two days? You know that as a matter of fact?</p> <p>Mr Edgerton: That is right. And then when she was complaining to the university using the grievance procedures, that was largely about her concerns about how the university had dealt with that initial complaint. She was not satisfied with how her complaint had been dealt with by the university—a complaint that she had made contemporaneously with the posts going up, and so she invoked the formal grievance procedures of the university in December 2013.</p> <p>CHAIR: Is her complaint to the commission a public document? Can we get a copy of that?</p> <p>Mr Edgerton: It is; it is also on the court file. We are happy to provide a copy to this committee.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 28

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AE17/013	Attorney-General	Federal Court of Australia	Watt	Matters concerning Federal Court orders	<p>Senator WATT: Could you take on notice to provide the number of orders issued by the Federal Court over, perhaps, the last three years?</p> <p>Mr Soden: We could certainly do the number of orders issued, and that number would be an extremely high number. It would be more sensible, could I suggest, if it were orders in relation to cases by practice area or average number of orders per application before the court.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Maybe administrative law matters?</p> <p>Mr Soden: Yes, we could limit it to administrative law, if that was your preference.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Yes, that would be great. Do you keep any statistics as to the number of occasions that Federal Court orders are not followed and not complied with by parties to litigation?</p> <p>Mr Soden: No, we do not.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Would that be something that you could dig out?</p> <p>Mr Soden: I do not think so. We could probably find applications made in relation to orders not complied with, but we do not keep a record of orders not complied with per se.</p> <p>Senator WATT: What is it exactly that you could dig out?</p> <p>Mr Soden: We might be able to identify specific applications that are made to the court asserting a failure to comply with an order. I am not sure we can do that; we might be able to do that. Often orders are made and, subsequent, the parties agree to do things which may resolve the matter but not necessarily be strict compliance with the orders that are made.</p> <p>Senator WATT: You do not have statistics to hand on the number of applications made to enforce orders that have not been complied with?</p> <p>Mr Soden: No.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Soden: Yes, I can, but I indicate I do not think we would be able to produce that detail.</p> <p>Senator WATT: In addition to a party being able to take action to enforce an order, is that always done via a contempt of court action, or are there other ways to do that?</p> <p>Mr Soden: It all depends on the nature of the order. The answer is no. Contempt would be one of a number of options in relation to failing to comply with an order.</p> <p>Senator WATT: If someone needed to bring an application based on a contempt of court for noncompliance with a Federal Court order, would that application be made to the Federal Court?</p> <p>Mr Soden: It would.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Could you, again, take on notice the number of applications that have been made alleging a contempt of the Federal Court for noncompliance with a Federal Court order?</p> <p>Mr Soden: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 32 & 33
AE17/014	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Hinch	Editing of court transcripts	<p>Senator HINCH: Okay. I am wondering: what is the practice of the Commonwealth courts and tribunals in editing transcripts of proceedings? Do we have any national standards or laws to protect the integrity of court recordings?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I do not know the immediate answer to that question but I can tell you, going back to my days at the bar, what the practice is. The practice is that counsel at the bar, at the end of a day's hearing, will read the transcript, and if they detect an error in the transcript—this is a matter of professional duty to the court—they will bring that error to the attention of the judge at the beginning of the proceedings the next morning. That is quite a routine thing to happen in court.</p> <p><i>ANSWER PROVIDED:</i></p> <p>Senator Brandis: Before the officers leave the table, and before we move off that bracket of evidence, I want to add to the answer where Senator Hinch and Senator Xenophon asked me about court transcripts. I should advise the committee, as I am advised by the Chief Justice of the Family Court, that in fact there is a court protocol in operation in relation to the correction of transcripts, and we will obtain a copy of that protocol and table it.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 39 & 48
AE17/015	Attorney-General	Federal Court of Australia	Fawcett	Progress on courts' sustainability plans	<p>Senator FAWCETT: There is an injection of \$22.5 million in the 2015-16 budget over the forward estimates of that budget to assist with the sustainability of the federal courts. I am just interested to now look back. We are a year down the track. What difference has that made? How have you allocated that?</p> <p>Mr Soden: That change to the budget arrangement was primarily to implement a number of measures—in particular, a corporate services back office merge designed through the forward estimates to make savings, some of which would be reinvested into the courts, to enable the then Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court, who were running at an operating loss, to be turned around, hopefully, into a sustainable future.</p> <p>...</p> <p>So, together, we are working to move to that digital court environment, which again is likely to make a positive contribution to being able to</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 46 & 47

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					<p>achieve a sustainable future. So the short answer is that it is going reasonably well.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am glad to hear that. You have talked about the design for efficiency and the hope and how that it is progressing. Are you able, even if it is on notice, to give the committee some firmer milestones of what was hoped to be achieved by now, what has been achieved and if there are concrete savings. I do not want to create a huge overhead. I am happy if, needs be, to take it at the next estimates, but it would be good to track the progress of that implementation.</p> <p>Mr Soden: It is better that we take that on notice. It is quite a complex set of numbers by jurisdiction and by corporate services. Those figures are all there—where we came from and what is expected to be achieved by way of appropriation savings and the bottom line in the forward estimates. That is on a few pages, but it is a comprehensive collection of numbers. It is best I take that on notice and provide it that way.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: That is as long as it is something you already have. I do not want to create additional work for you but, if you can give us a snapshot of that on notice, that would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Soden: We can do that.</p>	
AE17/017	Attorney-General	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Hinch	Reviews of deportation decisions	<p>Senator HINCH: I know that the AAT does not publish separate reviews of deportation decisions from other reviews, because they sometimes tie up with other cases, but I notice that in 2010 the number of cancellations and forced deportations was 132 and in 2015-16 it is up to 983. Can you give us any indication of what the changes were that have made this such a leap?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: I think you are referring to the primary decision-making there rather than the reviews by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: So these are not your ones.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: That would be a matter for the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Okay. You cannot break away how many you actually review? If the immigration minister says someone is deported, they then go to the AAT and I wonder what happens then. How many go out of that?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: It is only if they are appealed that they come to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I will have to see if we have that detailed data.</p> <p>Mr Matthies: There may be a number of decisions made by the immigration department to cancel a visa that might result ultimately, if that decision was upheld, in the person no longer having an entitlement to remain in Australia. I think we would need to take it on notice to consider, because there are various types of visas that can be cancelled and different powers.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: I am happy for you to do that.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 54
AE17/018	Attorney-General	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Hinch	Number of student visa appeals	<p>Senator HINCH:...At the same time, this might not even have anything to do with you, but I noticed in the last year the number of student visas that have been cancelled from overseas has gone from 5,000 in 2010 to 17,000 in 2015-16. Do they have any manner in which they could make any appeal to you? They could not, because it would have to come through a court in Australia first, wouldn't it?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: We certainly do have jurisdiction to review a number of those visas.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: This is for students who apply overseas and are cancelled by the immigration department. Can they somehow get access to you?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Yes. There is a right of appeal in relation to a number of visas that may be declined or cancelled by the department. Certainly the numbers that you have quoted, though, I think might relate to primary decisions by the department rather than appeals by the tribunal.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Yes, I think so. If you could take those two issues on notice, I would appreciate it.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: So the number of student visa appeals that we receive?</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Yes, and the earlier question. That is all from me. Thank you.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 54
AE17/019	Attorney-General	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Siewert	Number of appeals of Centrelink decisions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Please tell me if someone has already asked these questions. If so, I will just go to the <i>Hansard</i>. I apologise; I have been caught up elsewhere. My questions relate to the disability support pension. How many applicants have you had over the last 12 months?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: If you bear with me, I will find those figures for you. I am afraid that we have global figures in relation to Centrelink matters, but we do not have them broken down further—into disability support pensions, for example—simply because in the amalgamated AAT we have so many categories of work that it would be very difficult to get down to that level of detail. But we can certainly take that on notice and get you that information.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Perhaps I can go to that higher level of Centrelink. What I am interested in looking at are issues relating to the last couple of years, so maybe you can give me numbers for the last four years specifically relating to Centrelink?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: If you are just interested in the numbers of lodgements—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: For the time being, yes.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: relating to Centrelink matters, I can tell you that for the 2014-15 calendar year we had 12,989 applications. That compares with 13,201 for 2015-16, so that was a two per cent change.</p> <p>...</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 58 – 60

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					<p>Senator SIEWERT: So the figure you have just given me, the 22 per cent increase—why is that a bit different? I just ask so that I can understand the numbers.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Because there are many different types of payment that make up the Centrelink jurisdiction, there are variations in how much the case load has increased in those areas. I have some information here that says that in the year to date, for the 2016-17 financial year, we have had 6,525 applications specifically about disability support pensions.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And that is the six per cent increase?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: That was the six per cent increase I referred to before.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That in fact makes up almost half of the Centrelink overall cases for last year already, just for DSP.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Because I have not got them listed in the way that you have expressed them, we would probably want to take that on notice. We could give you a year-to-year comparison about the disability support pension.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could, but I was not just comparing then. If you could, take that on notice over those three years specifically about disability support pension, but could you break it down for each of the payments? Is that possible?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Yes, we can certainly—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, if you could, I would—</p> <p>Ms Leathem: The aspects of Centrelink we can break down.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated. I am particularly interested in the disability support pension, obviously because there has been a change in policy. If I understand what you have just told me in terms of the figures for DSP, they are nearly half of the figures that you gave me for Centrelink for last year.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: That sounds right.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you.</p> <p><i>REPEATED QUESTION:</i></p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So Centrelink for this year to 31 December—Centrelink per se—is 7,877?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Correct.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How much of that is DSP?</p> <p>Mr Matthies: That is what we will need to take on notice.</p>	
AE17/020	Attorney-General	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Siewert	Statistics on self-representation and outcomes in appeals of Centrelink decisions	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I know that we are trying to make up some time, so I will try to be quick. I understand that you do not usually have legal representation in the process.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: It really depends on the type of review that is being undertaken, but certainly many people represent themselves in proceedings.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you keep figures on that?</p> <p>Mr Matthies: We do.</p> <p>Ms Leathem: We do have some representation data. In the 2015-16 year, 59 per cent of applicants were self-represented. And if you look at the year to date—July to December 2016—that is slightly higher, at 60 per cent of applicants.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I may need to put some more questions on notice; I am aware of time. But in the provision of those figures, are you able to give me a breakdown state by state? When you are going back to the figures that I asked for, can you—on notice—give me a breakdown state by state?</p> <p>Mr Matthies: We should be able to do that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you also provide a state-by-state breakdown of where people are self-represented?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: Effectively what we could do in the representation data is tell you the proportion of applicants who were self-represented.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes. That would be really appreciated. I am particularly interested in DSP, again, in terms of self-representation. I have been told that there is some concern about the increasing numbers of people with DSP who are applying and are needing help in order to navigate their way through the system. So, I am particularly interested in any information you can give me on the number of people on DSP who self-represent. Can you tell me how many of the applicants—and maybe take it on notice; I am sure you do not have all the information at your fingertips anyway—are on DSP, the proportion who are on DSP, particularly for the year to date and the last financial year, for which you have made a determination one way or the other for the applicant?</p> <p>Ms Leathem: So, outcome.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Outcomes, yes, under the various determinations that you make, particularly DSP, but I would be interested in any other information you can give me on the other payment types. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Matthies: The figures that we just provided, the 59 and 60 per cent, are across all of the tribunal's jurisdictions, but you are particularly</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 60

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					interested in the Centrelink jurisdiction— Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Mr Matthies: In terms of representation and the outcome data? Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Apologies: I was not clear. Yes, I am particularly interested in the Centrelink jurisdiction, and, if possible, broken down for the payment types that you review. Thank you.	
AE17/021	Minister for Justice	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	Wong	AUSTRAC staffing information	Senator WONG: How many FTEs—the 2.68 which became; I will just finish this and then I will hand to my colleague—how was that broken up? Was there capital funding or simply departmental funding? How many FTEs did it fund? Mr Jevtovic: We do not have the exact numbers. I can confirm: it is absolutely a mixture of both people and capability, including technology, but we can give that on notice. ... Senator WONG: Okay, that is good to hear, but your budgeted figure for 19-20 is \$35.259 million. It is less in nominal terms than the 15-16 budget. Now, unless you had a lot of fat, which I assume you did not, it would be hard to see how you could have that kind of reduction over that period without having to cut staff. Mr Jevtovic: Sometimes we, as you are aware, bring on people to do specific things in the organisation. I do not have the detail that I would like to have to answer your question. Senator WONG: Could you on notice perhaps provide us with the detail as to—I think the question my colleague asked and then to add to that: what is the reduction in numbers of both employees—and would you call them contractors? Is that how you would describe them? Mr Jevtovic: It can be—non-ongoing employers, contractors; we will have a look at that. Senator WONG: We want to know how many fewer people will be engaged by whatever means. Where in the additional estimates statement is there the reference to the unwinding of the ED? Is there any additional AUSTRAC measure in the additional estimates statement? ... Senator WONG: I think they aggregate. Maybe Attorney-General's can tell me. Where are you aggregated into in terms of the budgeted expenses in this document? Mr Mazzitelli: I do not have that in front of me. Senator WONG: You should have this document, because that is what the Senate is inquiring into, with respect. You do not have your additional estimates document? Mr Mazzitelli: I will take it on notice. Senator WONG: Thank you.	28 February 2017, L&C: 62 & 63
AE17/022	Minister for Justice	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of Criminology	Pratt	States in the Australian Firearms Information Network	Senator PRATT: I want to ask some questions about the Australian Firearms Information Network. Is the network now fully operational? Ms Rose: It is ready to be used by jurisdictions. Not all jurisdictions are using it. There are some issues that we have with data quality. We are working with states and territories to upload that data so they will actually start using it. We are working with them through data quality boot camps and further working groups, to get that on board. Senator PRATT: How many states have joined so far? Ms Oberoi: We will have to take that on notice.	28 February 2017, L&C: 64
AE17/023	Minister for Justice	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of Criminology	Pratt	Weapons in the illicit market	Senator PRATT: Are you able to tell us how many weapons entered the illicit market in 2016? Ms Rose: I might have to take that on notice. I have an ongoing figure, but I do not have right here— Senator PRATT: If you can give us the ongoing figure, that would be helpful. Ms Rose: We conservatively estimate that there are more than 260,000 firearms in the illicit firearms market.	28 February 2017, L&C: 64
AE17/024	Minister for Justice	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of	Pratt	ACIC staging for the Firearms Information Network	Senator PRATT: How much funding has ACIC received for the Firearms Information Network? Ms Rose: Just over \$5 million over three years. The build part was just over \$5 million. Senator PRATT: And how many staff are currently working on it? Ms Rose: I would have to take that on notice. I think it is less than a dozen. We are just building the system. It is actually the working group that we liaise with in the states and territories with which the larger group are actually getting it to work in those states and territories. Could we take that on notice and get back to you?	28 February 2017, L&C: 65

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		Criminology			Senator PRATT: All right.	
AE17/025	Minister for Justice	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of Criminology	Pratt	Data in the National Firearms Information Network's website	<p>Senator PRATT: So, when the website—the National Firearms Information Network's, your website, sorry—indicates that the information network has not yet been established, are you saying that it will not be established officially until that work over the next 24 months is actually done?</p> <p>Ms Rose: Well, it is dependent on your definition of 'established'. It has been built. It is fully functional when every state and territory goes onto that system. It will be incremental. Some states and territories are more forward leading and able to do data cleansing more easily, so they are going to come on first, and then it will be finalised obviously once all the data is on there.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Does that mean it is not officially going to exist until that point in time?</p> <p>Ms Rose: No, it absolutely exists, but it will not completely be a national system until every state and territory has that data in it.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Your own website makes it sound like it does not yet exist, because it says that it 'will' do this and it 'will' do that, and clearly it is not fully operationally doing that.</p> <p>Ms Rose: Correct, because it does not have the data in it.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: How much data is in there currently?</p> <p>Ms Rose: That I do not know.</p> <p>Ms Oberoi: We will have to take that on notice. We understand that there is a bit of data from New South Wales, but we will have to take the detail of that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Okay.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 65
AE17/026	Attorney-General	Civil Law Unit	Dodson	Objections by Noongar groups	<p>Senator DODSON: Maybe, Minister, you could tell me what the objections were based on by four out of the six Noongar groups that objected to this particular agreement?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As I understand your question, you are asking me to talk about matters that were before the court in the McGlade case. I do not propose to do that. The fact is that the McGlade case, having overruled the Bygrave case and changed the law as it was understood to be, the government with the support of the two most relevantly affected states, Western Australia and Queensland, the support of the most immediately affected industry stakeholders, in particular, as represented by the Queensland Resources Council, and the National Native Title Council, representing the Indigenous claimant stakeholders, all of whom pressed the government to move swiftly to restore the status quo—and we did so.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: There have been petitions put to me that the objections, in the main, were based on the extinguishment professions required for the agreements. I am just wanting to know what level of objection pertains to the other 150 or so agreements that are sought to be retrospectively validated here.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: You are asking me about issues that were before the court in the McGlade case.</p> <p>CHAIR: Which was when?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The McGlade case was about four or five weeks ago.</p> <p>CHAIR: Sorry, yes.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: It was relatively recently and there was very little consultation about it.</p> <p>CHAIR: I thought you meant the case that McGlade overrode.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The Bygrave was about five or six years ago. Senator, I do not want to, off the cuff, as it were, give you a response in relation to complex legal issues that are before the court, so I will take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Thank you, Minister.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 70
AE17/027	Attorney-General	Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation	Macdonald	Breakdown of religious group data	<p>CHAIR: I will call Senator Xenophon, but can I just clarify something you just said. You specifically mentioned Sunni Islamic extremists. Would you have statistics that would tell me, of those following the Islamic faith in Australia, how many are Sunni and how many are Shiah?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I am sure there are statistics publicly available.</p> <p>CHAIR: Do you have them?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I do not have it off the top of my head, but it would be available publicly.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps on notice you might just let the committee know that.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 75

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AE17/028	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Hinch	Policy on secret registers	<p>Senator HINCH: We found—I think I got the figures from you—that, in 2015, 800 people on the so-called secret registers went overseas. Three hundred and forty or 350 of them went to South-East Asia—to Myanmar, Cambodia and the Philippines. These are on child-rape holidays. They are not there for the sun.</p> <p>Mr Gaughan: Obviously, that is a worst-case scenario. We are working with those countries to deal it with. The Indonesians, for instance, turn people back. We are working with some others to have similar circumstances in place.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: If someone is on the national register—and, as you said, with tax you can put them onto an alert so we know when they present at the airport to travel to another country—the AFP will notify that country that somebody who is on our register is travelling. We are working very closely with our partners in the region to inform them and educate them about the risks that that poses to them. In many cases, Indonesia would be the best example. They are turning those people around and stopping them from travelling to their country.</p> <p>The broader issue that you raised with the Foreign Minister and the Minister for Justice last year around stopping or passport cancellations does require a policy and, probably, a legislative amendment, and I know that the government is currently considering what those policy options are.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: On notice, could you give me a written briefing on what you need or think we need, so I can push from this end?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Certainly.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 85 & 86
AE17/029	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	Diversion of funds	<p>Mr Wood: So there are items in there that are terminating measures, well documented in various PBS, and the government will receive submissions from the AFP on whether or not they should be refreshed during that forward estimate period. But certainly, the transfer of work for, say, criminal history is an example: 20 per cent of the figure you have just mentioned is actually moving from the AFP across to another agency within the portfolio.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Okay. Are you able to take on notice for us whether you can identify—</p> <p>Mr Wood: Each of the terminating measures will be—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: where that \$100 million is being diverted to? Is it being displaced or cut—</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Yes. We can certainly give the committee a sense of how much of it is for measures that are ending and how much of it is just a reduction in our budget.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes. That would be terrific.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 87
AE17/030	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	Termination of measures	<p>Senator WATT: Yes. So just returning quickly to the issue of what your budget papers say are federal policing and national security expenses, there is a budget cut as currently proposed of about \$100 million. And you have mentioned part of that is about the transfer of the—was it called the CrimTrac service?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: The criminal history service.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Criminal history service. But those comments you made about the Solomons: they are more applicable to the budget cuts under the international police assistance line item, if you like. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Wood: You are correct. We took on notice to go through line by line what all the ons and offs are. I will make sure that those are actually under each of the headings. I apologise. You are quite right; I gave an answer to the whole-of-AFP budget.</p> <p>Senator WATT: I understand you were talking about it in a different sense, but I just wanted to clarify that.</p> <p>Commissioner, thank you for taking on notice the request for some detail there. Are you able to advise the committee of any operations that are funded under your federal policing and national security line items that will cease as a result of these budget cuts?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Yes, we do. The National Anti-Gang Taskforce funding will lapse in that period.</p> <p>Senator WATT: How much is that one, do you know?</p> <p>Mr Wood: In 2016-17 it is a reduction of \$6.3 million, but, again, we will get the full forward estimates in the more complete answer we give you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Wood: National anti-gangs, the joint police task force in relation to registered organisations commission, the trade union royal commission. We have funding for protecting the AFP, that was announced in recent budgets. That money was spent on enhancing the hardening up of our buildings et cetera. Therefore it drops off the budget in out years. We will go through and specify which years and which amounts, but those are just four examples.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Would you provide the list of programs and when they expire.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Yes. Those are four examples of the specific measures that do terminate in the forward estimates.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Thank you.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 88 & 89

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AE17/032	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Recommendations from Broderick report	<p>Senator XENOPHON:...Can I ask you very quickly, because time is limited, and I will put many questions on notice: in terms of the Broderick report, you have said that you have implemented seven of the recommendations. On notice, can you tell us what those recommendations are and how you have implemented them. Also, can you comment in respect of the balance of the recommendations? The sorts of matters raised by Ms Broderick referred to a lack of trust in the reporting system; believing that a complaint can have a negative impact on a member's career—and that is a common theme that officers are still concerned about, as we heard directly from Ms Broderick; and the prevalence of bullying and harassment. Can you tell us when the balance of the recommendations will be implemented and how they will be implemented? I know that will take a fair bit of detail, but if you could provide that that would be very useful to those officers who have contacted me.</p> <p><i>ANSWER PROVIDED?</i> Mr Colvin: Absolutely. Very briefly, of course I am aware of the News Limited reports, and I do know that people have contacted you and News Limited. Thank you for your comments. It troubles me, of course, that I have former and/or current members who still hold concerns. What I would say to them is that we have embarked on a journey that will not end quickly. We will be doing this for the long term. A lot of the work that Elizabeth Broderick has done already takes us a long way towards resolving some of those issues. We will absolutely put that on the record because I want to make it very public where we are with the 24 recommendations, particularly the ones we have already completed, but also more broadly with our mental health programs. We have a very robust mental health program. But, like any program, it is only as good as the last time that we updated it and made sure it was still relevant. That is the work we are doing, and which I am sure your constituents who have contacted you are concerned about, to make sure that we are updating and listening to their concerns.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 91
AE17/034	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	AFP's management of complaints	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I will put some questions on notice. I will put some of them to you—I do not want you to answer them now—to give you an idea of the scope of them. What is the annual cost of the AFP's insurance premiums and what percentage of them are psychological claims? How many of them are bullying claims and accepted by Comcare? How many bullying incidents have been reported? What percentage of members with a psychological injury are successfully rehabilitated back into their original work area, and what is the timeframe? What percentage of physical injuries develop into psychological injuries because of the stigma surrounding having a Comcare claim and the issues of support? In terms of the mental health strategy, if you could outline that further—on notice. In terms of mental health education, are there any mental health training programs within the AFP? I will put some more questions on notice on that. Do your psychologists have clinical training that usually involves specialist training and a masters degree? What mental health qualifications do the rehab case managers in the AFP possess, especially when dealing with complex psychological injuries such as PTSD? In relation to that, I have spoken to officers who have described in the course of their duty protecting and serving the community some pretty horrific and terrible, terrible things where they feel that they were not supported and it was almost as though they were punished for putting in a claim. It concerns me. That is something that does really concern me. What sanctions or jurisdiction does the HR rehab team have to override medical certificates; read and decipher complex psychological medical reports; initiate a medical assessment and to ignore medical advice and reports, and/or the advice of Comcare's independent adviser? That seems to be a theme that has emerged. What mechanisms are there if there is an allegation of bullying from senior management? What is the reporting mechanism? It seems that there is a concern that reporting systems are not operating as well as they can. I think it is best that I put those questions on notice, but do you have any general comments about the reforms that are taking place? Mr Colvin: We could probably answer 80 per cent of your questions now, but it would take the next couple of hours. Senator XENOPHON: I would not want to upset the chair. Mr Colvin: Your questions are the right questions and they get to the nub of the issue. It pains me that members may feel unsupported or that we have not put in place the proper mechanisms to support them, because there is no doubt in my mind that the work that AFP officers do is traumatic at times, and I know that the Australian community appreciates it, so we need to make sure that they are properly supported in doing that. I think it is best that we answer on notice in full, but I have said many times that I want a change. Some of the issues come from the Broderick work, which we knew about, and we needed to make reforms. If there is bullying by my senior officers then I have been very clear on the record to them personally and publicly that I have no tolerance for that and there will be action taken. Of course I need to know about it, and I am trying to create an environment where people feel more safe and secure to bring forward these allegations. I accept that I do not have that at the moment.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 92 & 93
AE17/036	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	McKim	Copy of AFP National Guidelines	<p>Senator McKIM: Thank you, I will place another couple of questions on notice about that. My final line of questions is with regard to the Australian Federal Police National Guideline on International Police-to-Police Assistance in Death Penalty Matters. Would there be any problem with providing a copy of that to the committee? Mr Colvin: No problem at all. I think we have provided it to the committee before, and we will do it again.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 95

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AE17/037	Attorney-General	Office of Constitutional Law	Wong	Possible PII matters	<p>Senator WONG: I am asking this question: have you referred those matters to the Attorney, the ones that you consider to be potentially good ground for a PII claim for his consideration?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I believe we have.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you do that?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I would have to take that on notice. I did not do it personally.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You have to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes, Senator.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 100
AE17/038	Attorney-General	Human Resources	Macdonald	Changes in staffing levels in AGD	<p>CHAIR: Mr Moraitis, could you indicate to me if there have been any changes in the number of employees in the department since the estimates committee last met?</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: The numbers go up and down. I would have to take that on notice. There could have been a small decline or a small increase in numbers, depending on various activities. I would have to take that on notice. Are you asking about from the last estimates in December?</p> <p>CHAIR: In October.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: There were estimates in December. I will take it on notice and give you some figures.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 101
AE17/039	Attorney-General	Civil Law Unit	Macdonald	Correction to the Native Title Amendment Act	<p>CHAIR: Mr Anderson has a correction to make about the Native Title Amendment Act. Is it particularly relevant? We are trying to save time.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: We can put it in writing.</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 121
AE17/040	Attorney-General	Office of Constitutional Law	Wong	Preparation of statement	<p>Senator WONG: Senator Brandis, can I take you back to your statement in the Senate of Monday, 28 November. When did you start preparing that statement?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I do not remember. Obviously sometime before it was given. It was a prepared statement. Let me take that on notice.</p> <p><i>REPEATED QUESTION:</i></p> <p>Senator WONG: We can have that discussion. I am trying to ask questions. So you said you will take on notice when you started preparing that statement.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p> <p><i>REPEATED QUESTION:</i></p> <p>Senator WONG: Did you first undertake any searches in your office for diary entries in order to help prepare the statement?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Well, I do recall looking at some documents that were in my office, though which particular documents I would not be in a position to tell you. But the point I was going to make to you before is that, because the statement came on on Monday morning, and it certainly had not been prepared the previous week, for example, I did not have access to departmental files. So the statement could have been a lot fuller and a lot longer, but I was satisfied that the statement that I had prepared—and I remain satisfied that the statement I prepared—was of the appropriate substance and length to meet the occasion.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did you check your diary in the course of preparing the statement to ensure the dates were correct?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Well, look, I am going to take that on notice and reflect on it. I think the answer is yes, because we did establish the date of my meeting with Mr Porter, and that could only have been done by reference to the diary, and we did establish the date of my teleconference with Mr Mischin and Dr Nahan. Now, I independently remembered that that was the day after my meeting with Mr Porter, but in any event we established that by reference to the diary too. So at least in relation to what I have always said, and continue to say, it was the pivotal meeting—the meeting from which I date my</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 123 & 124
AE17/041	Attorney-General	Office of Constitutional Law	Wong	Details of phone conversation	<p>Senator WONG: Is there any reference in any document that you have cited, or been advised about, of a conversation prior to 4 March with Mr Mischin?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice, because I—</p> <p>Senator WONG: You cannot tell us?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have you spoken to your staff about this?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will ask my staff. That is why I am taking it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have you spoken to your staff about these matters?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have spoken to my staff about the Bell matter very often.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am sure. Have any of your staff advised you of their knowledge of a phone call prior to 4 March with Mr Mischin?</p>	28 February 2017, L&C: 125 & 126

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					<p>Senator Brandis: I will make that inquiry— Senator WONG: You have not asked them? Senator Brandis: and I will take the question on notice.</p> <p><i>REPEATED QUESTION:</i> Senator WONG: I am asking: to your knowledge, do any of your staff have any knowledge of a conversation prior to 4 March between yourself and Mr Mischin? Senator Brandis: And I have taken that on notice so I can inquire.</p>	
AE17/043	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Roberts	Bombing of Australian Christian Lobby offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were any threats made against the Australian Christian Lobby in the year prior to the bombing? If yes, please advise details, including when these were reported to the AFP. 2. Was there any previous attack made against the ACL offices? If yes, please advise details, including when this was reported to the AFP. 3. Did any witnesses come forward and tell the AFP that on the night of the bombing they saw suspicious activity? If yes, please advise details of what they reported and what action was taken in regards to it. 4. Is there any evidence that a second person was involved? If so, please advise. 5. Was the individual who exploded the device an activist of any kind opposed to the ACL? If yes, please provide details, if no, please advise how this was established. 6. In the Commissioner’s previous testimony to the committee, he claimed that that the bombing of the Australian Christian Lobby offices was <i>not</i> a terrorist attack by an opponent of traditional marriage, did not involve more than one person, nor was it motivated by any religious, political or other agenda but was instead a “suicide attempt.” Please confirm that this is the story which you wish the committee to believe. 7. Please then advise how you managed to conclude that after a history of threats against ACL and a previous violent attack on the ACL by a gay marriage activist, you concluded that an individual hired a van at the airport, packed it full of gas cylinders, drove it across town late at night to the side street where the ACL offices were located, drove it into the building and blew it up, but this was simply a bizarre suicide attempt. 8. Has any ACT or Federal politician or a member of their staff sought to discourage the AFP from concluding that this was a terrorist attack by an activist opposed to the ACL and its advocacy of traditional marriage? 	Written
AE17/044	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Roberts	Collection of racial statistic on crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the Australian Federal Police collect national statistics on crimes committed by religious, ideological, racial or cultural background? If not, why not? 2. Does the AFP accept that the Australian public has the right to know which groups are principally responsible for violent and property crime in the country? 3. Is the AFP aware that the FBI in the US collects these statistics and considers them an important part of the data available to analyse and respond to crime? 4. Given that simply based on rates of imprisonment, crime rates by Muslims generally are many times that of the non-Muslim community – for example, although Muslims represent less than 3 percent of the population they make up around 10% of the prison population in NSW and Victoria? Would it or would it not assist policing and public policy to collect regular statistics for the crime rates of these and other groups? 5. In the absence of any religious or racial identification how would you describe in general terms the gang crime wave in inner Melbourne – the escalating wave of car jackings, muggings, brazen break and enters, assaults and mass robberies? 6. Speaking for people very concerned about their family’s safety, do we or do we not have an out of control crime wave by savage reckless gangs of East African Muslims? Are these or are these not so-called refugees from the Sudan and/or their criminal children? 7. What is the representation of Muslims in the Australian drug trade? Anecdotaly it appears that Lebanese Muslims appear to have a leading role here, so is this correct? What are their crimes rates in comparison to the general community and in comparison to the percentage of the population that they represent? 8. How can we expect the community to help identifying the perpetrators of crimes if the police refuse to name the ideology, race or cultural group of those responsible? How can the police respond effectively to this menace to public order if police and politicians refuse to call a spade a spade? 9. Does the AFP undertake racial and/or religious profiling of Muslims or other high risk groups as in the USA, as part of its crime prevention program, and if not why not? 10. Is it the case that focussing finite police resources on those groups most likely to commit crimes would help make our community safer? If “no”, isn’t this avoidance of ever identifying or profiling any ideological, racial or activist groups a politically motivated policy that 	Written

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					<p>reduces the effectiveness of crime fighting?</p> <p>11. How does the AFP ever respond effectively to crime when police and politicians refuse to even say who is committing it? If, for example, Lebanese Muslims might be several times as likely to commit crimes as the broader community, or that African Muslims might be many times as likely to commit crimes, do you believe that you are fulfilling your duty to the Australian people in refusing to collect and publish any figures on crime rates for ideological, racial, religious or cultural groups?</p> <p>12. What data do you have on crime rates for any community groups? If you claim that you cannot supply crime rates for ideological, racial, religious or cultural groups, please at least provide me with rates of imprisonment of each group versus percentage of population.</p>	
AE17/045	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Abetz	AHRC cost and staffing numbers	<p>1. What is the total cost of the Commission?</p> <p>a) How many staff does the AHRC employ?</p>	Written
AE17/046	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Abetz	Soliciting complaints	<p>1. Have any staff or Commissioner/s (specifying which) been counselled about soliciting complaints? If so, please provide full details of the counselling, rationale and level of personnel so counselled.</p>	Written
AE17/047	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Burston	AHRC Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017	<p>1. Are you aware of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017 currently being debated in the Parliament?</p> <p>2. The Bill seeks to deal with unmeritorious claims at an early stage of proceedings to protect the integrity of the Commission and to ensure innocent respondents have the opportunity to deal with complaints efficiently and at minimum cost.</p> <p>(a) Do you consider that the Bill achieves its objectives?</p> <p>(b) Is there a better way of dealing with unmeritorious complaints to the Commission?</p> <p>(c) Are there other ways to improve the complaints handling procedures of the Commission?</p> <p>3. The Bill provides that the preliminary assessment of a complaint is made on the basis of information supplied by both the complainant and respondent.</p> <p>a) Do you agree that the existing procedure for dealing with complaints is biased in favour of the applicant?</p> <p>b) Do you agree that some people at the Commission "are enforcing their vision of the world" to quote former Commissioner Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM?</p> <p>c) If the proposed Bill were enacted, would the legislation restore any imbalance in the way the Commission handles complaints?</p>	Written
AE17/048	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Civil Law Unit	Siewert	Capacity of states to share access of DSP details	<p>1. Has Attorney-General Brandis written to state Attorneys-General regarding the states' capacity to share details about people in prisons or psychiatric units accessing DSP who have mental or cognitive impairment?</p> <p>a) If yes, what was the purpose of those letters?</p> <p>b) If yes, can the Attorney-General table those letters?</p>	Written
AE17/049	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Strategy and Delivery	Siewert	Date of next LCCSC Working Group meeting	<p>1. When is the next meeting of the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) Working Group scheduled for?</p>	Written
AE17/050	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Siewert	Article published in <i>Land Rights News</i>	<p>1. Have you seen the article 'Royal Commission: Fair Go, not Fair Game' written by John B Lawrence SC published in <i>Land Rights News</i> in January 2017?</p> <p>a) Are you concerned about negative media directed towards the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>b) Have you made any comment in response to negative media?</p> <p>c) If yes, please provide a copy of the response.</p> <p>d) If no, do you intend to make a response?</p>	Written
AE17/051	Minister for Justice	Emergency Management Australia	Siewert	Relief funding for south coast of WA	<p>1. What is the assessment process for the disaster relief funding package announced by the Federal and Western Australian state governments in relation to flooding on the south coast of WA?</p> <p>2. How long until flood-affected farmers will be able to access the relief funding?</p>	Written

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AE17/052	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery Division	Waters	Standing Order 20C	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the Department's view of the effect of Senate order 20C? Has the Department briefed the Attorney on the effect of order 20C? Has the Attorney asked for advice on the effect of order 20C? Has the Department consulted the AGS about the effect of the order? 	Written
AE17/053	Attorney-General	Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Waters	Reporting in Family assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In response to questions from Senator Lambie (SBE 16/078), on this topic, which followed up questions from the Greens – the Court said that the “financial and logistical impact” of such a requirement as well as the possibility that recording would inhibit “reporting” in family assessments. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would it be feasible to record interviews conducted by family report writers who are employed by the Court (as opposed to independent consultants?). What would be the financial and logistical impost of requiring recordings? Have you actually asked any of those independent consultants about whether this is feasible? Have they provided any estimate of costs? I understand that these consultants charge very hefty fees - many thousands of dollars – what is the Department's basis for the view that they don't have the resources to record and store interviews? Turning to the concern about inhibiting reporting in family assessments – what is the basis for that concern? I.e. is it based on conversations with professionals who work with children? Is it based on any kind of best-practice guidelines? 	Written
AE17/054	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Pratt	AHRC's budget	<p>In estimates hearings last year, you noted concerns about the impacts of a series of funding cuts to the Commission's budget under the Abbott and Turnbull Governments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Could you please update this Committee on the impact of the Government's cuts on the Commission's ability to meet its caseload at present? How have these cuts impacted on the Commission's ability to meet its statutory obligations, and what are the implications of this? Have these cuts impacted on the Commission's ability to take on new projects? What are the benefits of the Commission's scrutiny role, and have the funding cuts impacted on the Commission's ability to engage in scrutiny? In your submission to the Parliamentary <i>Inquiry into Freedom of Speech</i>, dated 9 December 2016, you made the following recommendation for the alleviation of budget constraints currently imposed on the Commission by this Government: Recommendation 4 The Commission recommends that the following particular steps are taken to alleviate the recent budget constraints that have had a disproportionate impact on the Commission in comparison to other similar agencies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> reverse the cuts announced in the 2014-15 MYEFO of \$1.7 million for 2016-17 and \$1.6 million for 2017-18; restore in future budget processes the funding removed in the 2014-15 Budget for the 7th full time Commissioner (who has been appointed since early 2014); and include in future budget processes equivalent funding for the 8th full time Commissioner (who has been appointed since mid-2016). <p>Is there anything you would like to tell this Committee about how, if this recommendation was followed, the Commission would be able to better fulfil its obligations?</p>	Written
AE17/055	Minister for Justice	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Pratt	Breakdown of prosecutions and convictions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of prosecutions undertaken by the DPP in 2015-16 by offence. Please provide a breakdown of the number of convictions secured by the DPP in 2015-16 by offence. Section 12.3 of the <i>Commonwealth Criminal Code</i> provides that a company may be found to have committed an offence under certain provisions of the Code if it is proved that a corporate culture existed within the company that 'directed, encouraged, tolerated or led to non-compliance with the relevant provision' or which did not require compliance with the provision. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many prosecutions has the DPP made using this corporate culture provision? 	Written
AE17/056	Minister for Justice	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Pratt	CDPP staffing levels and training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the current staffing level for the CDPP's foreign bribery team? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does 2015-16 compare with staffing in 2016-17? What is the projected staffing for this team in 2017-18 and 2018-19? What training and expertise is provided to your lawyers working on complex financial economic crimes? 	Written

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AE17/057	Minister for Justice	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Pratt	Witness Assistance Service	1. The CDPP has a Witness Assistance Service that provides vulnerable victims of crime with information and support. In accordance with the Witness Assistance Service Referral Guidelines which were issued as Director's Litigation Instruction No.14, all victims of slavery and sexual servitude offences must be referred to the Witness Assistance Service so that appropriate information and support is available throughout the prosecution process. a) How much funding was provided to the Witness Assistance Service in 2015-16 and how much is budgeted for 2016-17? b) How many victims received support from this Service in 2015-16?	Written
AE17/058	Minister for Justice	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	Pratt	Mandatory minimum sentencing	Has the CDPP provided any position or commentary to Government on the use of mandatory minimum sentencing?	Written
AE17/059	Attorney-General	Federal Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Pratt	Legal Aid funding	How have Government cuts to Legal Aid affected the Courts' timelines, workloads and functions?	Written
AE17/060	Attorney-General	Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Pratt	Self-representation in the FCC	1. What percentage of matters heard in the Federal Circuit Court involve a self-represented litigant? 2. Has the number of self-represented litigants changed in recent years? 3. Do self-represented litigants in the Federal Circuit Court impact on the ability of the Court to deal with matters efficiently? Does an increase in self-represented litigants impact on workflow for Court staff (not just the judiciary but the ancillary staff, like Family Consultants, Registrars, Court Officers and clerks)?	Written
AE17/061	Attorney-General	Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Pratt	FCC duty lawyer services	1. How do duty lawyer services and social support services assist the Federal Circuit Court to operate efficiently and effectively? 2. Are the duty lawyer services that are currently available in the Federal Circuit Court sufficient to meet client demands and to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Courts?	Written
AE17/062	Attorney-General	Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Pratt	FCC support services	1. Are the social support services that are currently available in the Federal Circuit Court sufficient to meet client demands and to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Courts? 2. Is additional funding needed to ensure that victims of family violence that have matters dealt with the Federal Circuit Court have adequate access to legal representation and support services?	Written
AE17/063	Attorney-General	Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Pratt	Waiting times for FCC trials	1. How many family law matters are currently awaiting trial in each registry of the Federal Circuit Court? 2. What is the average wait time for a trial in the Federal Circuit Court? 3. What is the effect of a lengthy wait time for resolution of a family law matter? 4. What is the effect of a lengthy wait time for a trial on a person experiencing, or who has experienced, family violence? 5. In your opinion, what would be the best way of reducing the wait time for a trial in the Federal Circuit Court? 6. Would you say that the Federal Circuit Court is in a 'resourcing crisis'?	Written
AE17/064	Attorney-General	Federal Court of Australia	Pratt	Federal Court of Australia vacancy	1. Now that Justice Edelman has joined the High Court, do you know when his successor will be appointed to the Federal Court? 2. How long has that position been vacant for now? 3. How long are positions of judges usually left vacant for?	Written
AE17/065	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	FCoA and Legal Aid funding cuts	How have Government cuts to Legal Aid affected the Courts' timelines, workloads and functions?	Written
AE17/066	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	Self-representation in the FCoA	1. What percentage of matters heard in the Family Court involve a self-represented litigant? 2. Has the number of self-represented litigants changed in recent years? 3. Do self-represented litigants in the Family Court impact on the ability of the Court to deal with matters efficiently? Does an increase in self-represented litigants impact on workflow for Court staff (not just the judiciary but the ancillary staff, like Family Consultants, Registrars, Court Officers and clerks)?	Written
AE17/067	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	FCoA duty lawyer services	1. How do duty lawyer services and social support services assist the Family Court to operate efficiently and effectively? 2. Are the duty lawyer services that are currently available in the Family Court sufficient to meet client demands and to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Courts?	Written

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AE17/068	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	FCoA support services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are the social support services that are currently available in the Family Court sufficient to meet client demands and to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Courts? Is additional funding needed to ensure that victims of family violence that have matters dealt with the Family Court have adequate access to legal representation and support services? 	Written
AE17/069	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	Funding for frontline services	<p>In October 2016, the Government announced \$30 million in funding for frontline legal assistance and family law services. This funding is part of the \$100 million announced in 2016 for the Third Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children. This funding would include \$18.5 million for integrated duty lawyer and social support services in family courts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much funding has the Family Court received from the Government as part of this \$30 million package? Has the Family Court been advised when it will be receiving this funding? Would \$18 million be sufficient additional funding to ensure that victims of family violence have adequate access to legal representation and support services or is more funding needed? 	Written
AE17/070	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	Waiting times for FCoA trials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many matters are currently awaiting trial in each registry of the Family Court? What is the average wait time for a trial in the Family Court? What is the effect of a lengthy wait time for resolution of a family law matter? What is the effect of a lengthy wait time on a person experiencing, or who has experienced, family violence? In your opinion, what would be the best way of reducing the wait time for a trial in the Family Court? Would you say that the Family Court is in a ‘resourcing crisis’? 	Written
AE17/071	Attorney-General	Family Court of Australia	Pratt	Family violence matters in the FCoA	<p>Please provide the following information in a graph.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many matters has the Family Court heard that involved family violence in the past 12 months? Which of these matters involved children? Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented? Which of these matters involved an application or respondent who was cross-examined by the other party? Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented because legal aid or legal assistance was not available? Which of these matters involved an applicant or respondent who was self-represented because they refused legal aid or legal assistance? 	Written
AE17/072	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Matters concerning the federal courts	<p><u>To the Attorney-General -</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On 30 December 2016, ABC reported that WA Attorney-General Michael Mischin said he had asked the federal government for more money to appoint another permanent judge to the Family Court. What was your response to him? Are you aware of the average wait time for a trial in the Family Court? Are you aware that matters involving serious allegations of physical abuse of a child or serious controlling family violence need to be heard in the Family Court? Are you aware of the distressing effect of family law proceedings on people experiencing, or who have experienced, family violence? Are you aware of the effect of the average wait time for a trial in the Family Court on people experiencing, or who have experienced family violence? Has the Government costed a policy whereby Courts could require a respondent or applicant to family law proceedings to be represented to ensure that that the other party cannot be personally cross-examined? Has the Minister consulted with any stakeholders on this issue? What was the cost? When will you be appointing a new judge of the Federal Court to replace Justice James Edelman? Do you have anyone in mind for the position? Are you leaving it vacant so that you can take that position for yourself? Will you rule out that you would take a position as Federal Court judge? Judge Matthew Myers is leaving Newcastle’s Family Circuit Court to take up the role of Commissioner for an Australian Law Reform Commission inquiry into the high incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This position was announced more than three weeks ago now. Can you tell me what steps the government has taken toward finding a replacement and when the Newcastle Registry can expect to have this new appointment in place? I am aware there is concern in the Newcastle legal fraternity that Judge Myers may be backfilled by a series of visiting judges from out-of- 	Written

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					town. Can you assure me that there will continue to be three full-time judges attached to the Newcastle Registry to ensure the continuity of cases? 15) I am also aware that Newcastle’s Federal Circuit Court is still catching up on the caseload backlog resulting from the months of delay in replacing Judge Coakes, after his retirement in 2015. 16) Can you advise: a) the number of outstanding cases for the Newcastle Registry? b) the average time it is currently taking from a case being lodged to it being heard? c) How many cases Judge Myers personally had on his docket before he left?	
AE17/073	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Cross-examination of domestic violence victims	1) Has the Department been asked to develop any briefings for Government Ministers on the issue of cross-examination of domestic violence victims by their abusers? 2) Has the Department engaged in any consultation with stakeholders this issue?	Written
AE17/074	Attorney-General	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Pratt	FOI matters	1) How many FOI request reviews is your office working on at today’s date? 2) How many of these are overdue? 3) What is your current backlog of FOI reviews? 4) How long, on average, does it take your office to process a review? 5) How many appeals of FOI requests sent to Government Ministers is your office currently working on? 6) How many reviews of FOI requests sent to Government Ministers are because of a ‘deemed refusal’ because the Minister hadn’t bothered to respond at all? 7) In your opinion, do Government Ministers tend to rely on a ‘practical refusal reason’ as an excuse not to process requests? 8) In your opinion, do Government Ministers display contempt of the FOI Act? 9) In your opinion, does the Attorney-General display contempt of the FOI Act? 10) Does your office have sufficient resources to handle FOI requests efficiently? 11) How important are FOI requests to a functioning democracy and to ensure that the Government is held accountable?	Written
AE17/075	Attorney-General	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Pratt	Consultations with the Commissioner	1) Was the Commissioner consulted before the Government announced their consultation on access to telecommunications data in civil proceedings? 2) Was the Commissioner consulted before the Government introduced the Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016?	Written
AE17/076	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	AAT appointments and letter to the Attorney-General	1) Mr Anderson, I see that subsequent to our last hearing, you have made a number of corrections to your evidence to the committee on the subject of AAT appointments. You said for instance that of the 76 appointments and re-appointments to the Tribunal, made by the Attorney-General just before caretaker last year, that none had been through a selection process. Can you explain to the committee what your correction was and why there was a misunderstanding? 2) At the last estimates hearing, Labor senators asked a number of questions about the letter sent from the President of the AAT to the Attorney-General on 11 December 2015, which advised the Attorney of the number of appointments or re-appointments that were required to be made. The response received was that you could not disclose that matter or give us the letter because you would have to consult with the Attorney. In answers to Questions which you took on notice, all that has been provided is a copy of the appointments protocol, which we already had a copy of. Why have you been unable to answer those questions about the content of the letter?	Written
AE17/077	Attorney-General	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Pratt	Foreign fighters	1) Approximately many Australians are participating in armed conflicts with non-state actors in overseas conflicts (for the purposes of these questions, called ‘foreign fighters with Australian citizenship’)? 2) How many foreign fighters with Australian citizenship are in conflicts in the Middle East? 3) How many foreign fighters with Australian citizenship are engaged in conflicts serving with Kurdish forces? 4) How many foreign fighters with Australian citizenship have travelled to the Middle East to participate with terrorist organisations in the last 12 months? Is that figure higher than in the previous 12 months? 5) Are the numbers of Australians going to join terrorist organisation overseas increasing or decreasing or staying approximately the same? 6) Approximately how many Australians have returned from fighting with terrorist organisation in Iraq and Syria since 1 January 2013? 7) Approximately how many Australians have been killed fighting with terrorist organisations in Iraq and Syria? 8) Do you expect an increase in the number of foreign fighters with Australian citizenship seeking to return to Australia in the event that ISIS	Written

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					<p>is defeated in the territories it controls in the Middle East?</p> <p>a) How many foreign fighters with Australian citizenship do you expect to return to Australia in the next year?</p> <p>b) How many foreign fighters with Australian citizenship do you expect to return to Australia in the next two years?</p> <p>9) How many of the currently known foreign fighters with Australian citizenship are known to have dual citizenship? What is the nationality of the non-Australian citizenship of each of these individuals?</p> <p>10) How many of the currently known foreign fighters with Australian citizenship are suspected to have dual citizenship?</p> <p>a) What is the suspected nationality of the non-Australian citizenship of each of these individuals?</p>	
AE17/078	Attorney-General	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Pratt	Immigration detention and asylum seekers	<p>1) How many people are currently being held in immigration detention as a consequence of adverse security assessments by ASIO?</p> <p>2) What is the average time, or an indicative time, of the duration that those individuals have now been held?</p> <p>3) Are you satisfied with the independent review process for those subject to ASAs, currently being overseen by Mr Robert Cornall AO?</p> <p>4) How many individuals seeking asylum in Australia have been issued with adverse security assessments in the last 4 years?</p> <p>5) Can you tell us anything about those individuals in terms of their backgrounds or countries from which they have come?</p>	Written
AE17/079	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP staffing levels	<p>Page 62 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2016-17 provides that the average staffing level for Outcome 1 in 2015-16 was 5,489. For the 2016-17, the average staffing level is 5,327.</p> <p>1) Did the AFP request a reduction in staff?</p> <p>2) When was this reduction first forecast?</p> <p>3) Has the AFP consulted with the Minister regarding this reduction?</p> <p>4) Is there a reason why the average staffing level has been reduced?</p> <p>5) Is this reduction in any way attributable to the reduced budget for the AFP in 2016-17?</p> <p>6) Which sections of the AFP have had a reduction in staff in 2016-17?</p> <p>7) How many personnel has AFP recruited so far in 2016-17?</p> <p>8) How many personnel did the AFP recruit in:</p> <p>a) 2015-16</p> <p>b) 2014-15</p> <p>9) Please provide forecast average staffing level in the AFP for the years:</p> <p>a) 2017-18</p> <p>b) 2018-19</p> <p>c) 2019-20</p> <p>10) Can the AFP guarantee no reduction in staff will occur in 2017-18?</p> <p>11) Are further reductions in staffing planned over the forward estimates?</p> <p>12) Please provide a breakdown of the average staffing level in the AFP by classification level for the following years:</p> <p>a) 2011-12</p> <p>b) 2012-13</p> <p>c) 2013-14</p> <p>d) 2015-16</p> <p>e) 2016-17</p> <p>13) Please provide of the average staffing level in the AFP by State/Territory for the following years:</p> <p>a) 2011-12</p> <p>b) 2012-13</p> <p>c) 2013-14</p> <p>d) 2015-16</p> <p>e) 2016-17</p>	Written
AE17/080	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP funding breakdown	<p>1) Please provide a breakdown of funding for each unit within the AFP that handles complaints, internal investigations, welfare, support and cultural issues.</p> <p>2) Please provide this breakdown unit by unit, with funding for the past 10 years and funding forecast over the forward estimates.</p>	Written

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AE17/081	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP Diversity Report	Questions on notice provided by the AFP indicate that since the release of the AFP Diversity Report on 22 August 2016 to 3 November 2016, AFP Safe Place received ninety-five referrals, 29 of which were about AFP senior members. 1. How does this track with previous years? 2. Please update these figures to cover the period 22 August 2016 to 10 March 2017.	Written
AE17/082	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP Safe Place Team costs	Referring to the AFP's response to a Question on Notice from previous estimates, the costs of the AFP Safe Place Team for the period 22 August 2016 to 31 January 2017 totalled approximately \$418,963. 1. Please update this figure to March 2017. 2. Please confirm whether this is still all being met through existing appropriations and that the AFP has received no additional funding from the Government?	Written
AE17/083	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP Professional Standards	Information provided to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee by the AFP in 2017: 1. states the number of full time equivalent staff in the PRS has gone from 72.3 in 2013-14 to 54.9 in 2016-17. Why has this been reduced? 2. indicates there is almost a million dollars less funding for the PRS in 2016-17 than there was just in in 2013-14. Why has this been reduced? We understand that the PRS deals with complaints, investigations of misconduct and promoting a healthy AFP culture. 3. When the decision was made to reduce staffing and funding to the PRS, did the AFP take into account the issue of employee welfare? 4. Who made the decision to scale back the PRS? Was this from the Minister or from the AFP? 5. Is the funding from the PRS now being used to fund Safe Place? 6. Of the 13 staff lost from the PRS since 2015-16, how many (if any) have been allocated to the Safe Place unit or have worked for this unit?	Written
AE17/084	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	Number of lawsuits and legal costs	1. How many lawsuits have been brought against the AFP in the past five years (including, but not limited to, tort claims and workplace claims)? Of those matters: a) how many were dropped? b) how many settled? c) how many are ongoing? 2. How much did the AFP spend on legal advice and representation in 2015-16?	Written
AE17/085	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	Costs payable to CFMEU	It was recently reported that the Australian Federal Police had lost an appeal against a ruling for it to pay the CFMEU's costs over an illegal raid on the construction union's Canberra offices. 1. The costs are reported to in the vicinity of \$200,000. Is this figure correct? If not, what were the costs payable? 2. How will this be paid for and out of what funding stream? Will this be paid out of general revenue for the AFP or the AFP's allocation for the TURC taskforce? 3. Has the AFP undertaken any review into the incident which resulted in these costs? If so, has there been any change of procedure or protocol to prevent similar issues, including unlawful raids, arising in the future? 4. How much money was spent by the AFP on legal representation for this particular matter? 5. How much money was spent by the AFP's appeal against the initial ruling for the AFP to pay the CFMEU's costs?	Written
AE17/086	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP taskforces and details of illicit firearms matters	1. Please provide a list of every AFP taskforce within the Federal Policing and National Security Program with: a) the date each taskforce was established; b) each taskforce's staffing level (as average staffing level), including: i. current staffing level; ii. staffing level in 2015-16; and iii. projected staffing level for 2017-18, c) the broad area of each taskforce's work (e.g. gangs, illicit guns, fraud,); d) the date each taskforce is currently funded to; and e) the date they each taskforce is set to discontinue. 2. What steps is the AFP taking to address the effects of more than \$100 million reduction in funding to the AFP forecast over the forward estimates? 3. How many taskforces within the AFP are focused on illicit firearms? 4. Can you please provide information about the 'Targeting Illicit Gun Crime measures' mentioned by the Commissioner at the hearing on 28	Written

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					February. 5. Please provide the number of illicit weapons that have been confiscated or seized by the AFP both in 2015-16 and in 2016-17. Please also provide a breakdown of how many of these were: a) Handguns; b) Category D or higher weapons; c) Adler A110 lever-action shotguns. 6. Please provide the number of modified weapons that were confiscated or seized by the AFP both in 2015-16 and in 2016-17.	
AE17/087	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Pratt	AFP staffing breakdown and overseas taskforces	1. Please provide details on the number of staff currently working on measures that target gangs and criminal organisations. 2. How does this compare with 2015-16 3. Can the AFP guarantee no reduction in staff working in this area in 2017-18 and 2018-19? On 28 February, the AFP indicated that the National Anti-Gangs Squad has had its funding reduced by 6.3 million this year alone. 4. Has there been any reduction in staff for this squad? 5. Can the AFP guarantee there will be no reduction in staff for this squad over the forward estimates? 6. What metrics do you use to measure the squads output/success? 7. Please provide metrics about the effectiveness and work of the squad that are publicly available/not confidential. 8. Have any State or Territory police force colleagues expressed concern to the AFP about the forecast reduction in funding to the National Anti-Gangs Squad and the cuts to date? 9. Please provide the number of AFP staff in overseas posts for the following years: a) 2012-13 b) 2013-14 c) 2014-15 d) 2016-17 10. Please provide a list of every country where the AFP has a posting along with the number of AFP staff working in each of those countries for each of the following years: a) 2012-13 b) 2013-14 c) 2014-15 d) 2016-17 11. Please provide the number intelligence reports which the AFP has received through its overseas posts for each of the following years: a) 2012-13 b) 2013-14 c) 2014-15 d) 2016-17 12. Please provide the number of current overseas taskforces and projects, including: a) the number of staff in the taskforce overseas or working on the project overseas (as ‘average staffing level’); b) a general description of the taskforce/project; and c) a projection of the funding and staffing for each project over the forward estimates. 13. Please indicate how many, if any, overseas taskforces and projects are set to be discontinued or will have their funding run out/expire over the forward estimates, and the area of work they focus on (e.g. drug supply, illicit firearms). 14. Please indicate how many, if any, overseas taskforces and projects will have a reduction in funding over the forward estimates, and the area of work they focus on (e.g. drug supply, illicit firearms). 15. Please provide a breakdown of the overall amount of money that is spent in each country on training and capacity development (excluding resourcing allocated to the MH17 tragedy).	Written
AE17/088	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Pratt	Costs associated with the Attorney-General’s travel	<u>To the Attorney-General –</u> 1. You travelled to London and Paris from 6 – 10 December to have “important discussions” on national security. 2. How much did this trip cost, including flights, accommodations, meals and other expenses? 3. Please provide receipts for your meals.	Written

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AE17/089	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes Division	Pratt	Proposed judicial/diplomatic position	<p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u> Debate and speculation has continued to rage about your possible appointment to a judicial or diplomatic position.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have you discussed with the Prime Minister, his office, or any of your ministerial colleagues, or their offices, the possibility of being appointed to a diplomatic position? Have you discussed with the Prime Minister, his office, or any of your ministerial colleagues, or their offices, the possibility of being appointed to a judicial position? Will you rule out accepting appointment to a judicial position if one is offered during the current term of Parliament? Will you rule out accepting appointment to a diplomatic position if one is offered during the current term of Parliament? 	Written
AE17/090	Attorney-General	Office of Constitutional Law	Pratt	Senator Day and Senator Culleton's legal expenses	<p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the Government offered to pay former Senator Day's legal expenses in relation to the matter referred to the Court of Disputed Returns? Did Mr Day approach the Government for financial assistance, or did the Government offer to pay this expenses? Whose decision was it to agree to pay Mr Day's legal costs? Did the Attorney-General discuss the question of paying Mr Day's legal costs with the Prime Minister or his office, or any of his ministerial colleagues or their offices? What amount, if any, has been spent on Mr Day's legal expenses to date, and what is the estimated total cost of his legal representation? Did the Government offer to pay former Senator Culleton's legal expenses in relation to the matter referred to the Court of Disputed Returns? Did Mr Culleton approach the Government for financial assistance, or did the Government offer to pay his expenses? What amount, if any, has been spent on Mr Culleton's legal expenses to date, and what is the estimated total cost of his legal representation? Whose decision was it to agree to pay Mr Culleton's legal costs? Did the Attorney-General discuss the question of paying Mr Culleton's legal costs with the Prime Minister or his office, or any of his ministerial colleagues or their offices? From what budget are these legal expenses being funded? 	Written
AE17/091	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Pratt	Status of unanswered QoNs	<p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are you aware that as at close of business on Friday 17 February 2017, your portfolio had a total of 29 answers to Questions on Notice from previous estimates hearings outstanding? Why did the Attorney-General's portfolio have three times as many answers outstanding than any other portfolio? I note the Treasury portfolio had a total of 503 questions on notice lodged at Supplementary Budget Estimates – nearly four times as many questions as your portfolio (139) – had not one answer outstanding as at the due date. Why are arrangements not put in place to enable the answers to be conveyed within the deadline set by the Senate? 	Written
AE17/092	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The interim report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made several recommendations which could be implemented prior to the final report of the Royal Commission, due at the end of 2017. In a communique on the 11th November, Minister Porter announced that community services ministers agreed to the development of National Statement of Principles for Child Safe Organisations, drawing from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse. Are you able to provide us with an update on the progress of this? What is your plan in ensuring you are able to respond quickly to the final recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse? 	Written
AE17/093	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Working with children check	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has any progress been made on developing a national working with children's check? Has any work been done on cross-border/inter-state child protection notifications? Please outline this work, and any planned work. 	Written
AE17/094	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Domestic violence units	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 12 specialist domestic violence units announced in October 2015 as part of the Women's Safety Package: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many have been launched? How many are currently operational? How were the locations determined? Who was consulted on the locations? How are they being monitored? What evaluation has been undertaken to ascertain whether the establishment of 12 specialist domestic violence units has improved access 	Written

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					to justice and support for domestic violence victims? 3. Of the \$15 million in funding announced in October 2015 for establishing specialised domestic violence units: a) How much funding will be spent on each separate specialist domestic violence unit? b) How much of this funding has been spent so far? 4. Is the Department considering establishing specialist domestic violence units in addition to the 12 that have already been announced?	
AE17/095	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Di Natale	Reporting of racial discrimination	1. There seems to be a discrepancy between the increased reporting of racial discrimination (as indicated in the Scanlon Social Cohesion Surveys) and the reduced reporting of complaints to the Commission. In the view of the Commissioner(s), what explains this discrepancy? 2. Does the Commission keep any information / statistics / data on levels of under-reporting of racial discrimination? 3. Does the Commission have a responsibility to promote its existence, promote the complaints mechanism, etc? 4. Are there particular groups/sections of the community which the Commission knows or suspects may under-report racial discrimination under section 18C? 5. Are there any barriers to the reporting of racial discrimination under section 18C? 6. Is the resourcing of the Commission sufficient for it to overcome these barriers?	Written
AE17/096	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Di Natale	Racism – It Stops With Me	1. How is the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign funded (e.g. out of existing AHRC funds, or with a specific package of funding)? 2. What is the forecast funding allocation for the coming budget year for the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign? 3. How many staff has the funding for the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign allowed for? 4. What events and campaigns has the funding allowed for as part of the Racism Stops with Me Campaign? 5. What kind of data is collected through the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign, if any? 6. Is there any evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the Racism: It Stops With Me campaign? 7. How many meetings of the National Anti-Racism Strategy have taken place? 8. Is there any evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the National Anti-Racism Strategy?	Written
AE17/097	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: 1. List of functions; 2. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff; 3. Function venue; 4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 5. Details of any food served; 6. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and 7. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
AE17/098	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Departmental functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any departmental functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided: 2. List of functions; 3. List of attendees; 4. Function venue; 5. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 6. Details of any food served; 7. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and 8. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
AE17/099	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Plants and gardens	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016? 3. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide separate figures for each Minister’s office in the portfolio, covering ministerial offices both at Parliament House and elsewhere.	Written
AE17/101	Attorney-General	Australian Government Solicitor	Bilyk	Subscriptions	1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Department? Please provide a complete list of each service top which the Department subscribed. 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for Ministers in the portfolio? Please provide a complete list of each service top which ministerial	Written

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					offices subscribed.	
AE17/102	Attorney-General	Human Resources	Bilyk	Gifts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016? 2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided? 3. Who was the recipient of each gift? 4. For what purpose was each gift given? 5. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? 6. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided? 7. Which Minister gave each gift? 8. Who was the recipient of each gift? 9. For what purpose was each gift given? 	Written
AE17/103	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Water coolers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers. 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers. 	Written
AE17/104	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Snacks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere. 	Written
AE17/105	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Coffee machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can an itemised list of coffee machines at departmental premises please be provided including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) make and model; b) purchase or lease cost; c) ongoing maintenance costs; d) ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables? 	Written
AE17/106	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Mobile devices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to departmental to staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to departmental staff? 8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016? 10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 	Written
AE17/107	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Stationary and paper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did the Department spend on stationary and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. What brand of paper does the Department use? 4. Is this paper Australian made? 5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper? 	Written
AE17/108	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 October 2016? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written
AE17/109	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided? 	Written
AE17/110	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written

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AE17/111	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Media and public relations	1. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided? 2. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Department? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed? Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the Department please be provided? What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)?	Written
AE17/112	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	1. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided? 2. How much did the Department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. How much did the Department spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	Written
AE17/113	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Market research	1. How much did the Department spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number? 3. What was the purpose of this market research? 4. Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign?	Written
AE17/114	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Bilyk	Legal costs	1. What was the Department's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? 2. Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? 3. Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided?	Written
AE17/115	Attorney-General	Strategy and Delivery	Bilyk	Consultancies	1. Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories please be provided: a) social media; b) photography; c) graphic design; d) web design e) electronic communications f) acting or public speaking training; g) ergonomics.	Written
AE17/116	Attorney-General	Human Resources	Bilyk	Redundancies	1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016? 2. How many were voluntary redundancies? 3. How many were forced redundancies? 4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)? 5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Department as a contractor? If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers.	Written
AE17/117	Attorney-General	Information Division	Bilyk	iTunes/Android	1. Does the Department have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? 2. Does the Department have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016? 3. Do any ministerial offices in the portfolio have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? 4. Do any ministerial offices have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016?	Written
AE17/118	Attorney-General	Information Division	Bilyk	Websites	1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016?	Written
AE17/119	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Flights	What was the Department's total expenditure on flights for departmental staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?	Written

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AE17/120	Attorney-General	Corporate Services	Bilyk	Ground transport	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive): a) Taxi hire; b) Limousine hire; c) Private hire car; and d) Ridesharing services.	Written
AE17/121	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	McKenzie	National Firearms Agreement Review	1. What were the reasons behind conducting the National Firearms Agreement Review? 2. Please outline what assessment of the recommendations from the Martin Place Siege review contributed to the review of the National Firearms Agreement? 3. What public consultation was conducted? 4. What form did this consultation take? 5. Is the AG department satisfied that there is no conflict between state jurisdictions implementation of the NFA 1996 and the NFA 2017? 6. How many meeting were held to discuss the review of the National Firearm Agreement? a) Who attended each meeting? b) Where were they held? c) Who provided the secretariat support for each meeting? d) Provide copy of Minutes for each meeting 7. Outline the consultation undertaken to complete the review of the National Firearm Agreement 8. How many meetings were held with Gun Control Australia, or their membership? 9. How many meetings with shooters? Their representative bodies? The shooting industry? The sporting shooters representing elite athletes? 10. For each meeting please provide the following details: a) format of the meeting (ie was it a formally constituted group, a working party, an informal meeting between the department, a meeting with the Minister or his advisors, etc) b) Provide meeting minutes c) where were the meetings held d) who else attended the meetings 11. What level of consultation did State governments conduct prior to completing the review of the National Firearm Agreement? a) How do you know? b) if AGs don't know, why not? What steps did the Commonwealth undertake to assure itself that appropriate consultation processes had been undertake by signatories? c) Please provide details of consultation undertaken 12. Are you confident that the Howard gun laws have not been weakened? Why? 13. Are you confident that the Howard Gun laws have not been tightened? Why? 14. Please provide details on the difference in enactment and flow on administrative processes in each jurisdiction of the 1996 NFA 15. How will these differing interpretations of the 1996 NFA be impacted by the addition of the preamble in the new NFA? Particularly clause 2 of the preamble? 16. How will conflicts in each jurisdiction between the new NFA and existing firearm regulation be reconciled? a) How do you know? 17. If a State refuses to change their existing Firearm legislation, administrative arrangements and regulation to reflect the new NFA what is the status of the National Firearms Agreement? 18. Is there a timeframe for States to ensure their firearm regulatory framework aligns with the new NFA?	Written
AE17/122	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes Division	Xenophon	Staffing and location of the Office of Legal Services Commission	1. How many Full Time Equivalent employees work in the OLSC? 2. What are the roles and functions of the OLSC? 3. What was the FY 15/16 operating budget of the OLSC? 4. Where is the OLSC located?	Written
AE17/123	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Xenophon	Breaches of the Model Litigant Rules	1. How many notification of possible breaches on the Model Litigant Rules were received by the OLSC in: a) FY 2013/14 b) FY 2014/15	Written

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		Division			<p>c) FY 2015/16</p> <p>2. How many findings of breaches on the Model Litigant Rules were made by the OLSC in:</p> <p>a) FY 2013/14</p> <p>b) FY 2014/15</p> <p>c) FY 2015/16</p> <p>3. What documents does the OLCS have in respect of:</p> <p>a) Defining model litigant conduct</p> <p>b) Investigating breaches of the model litigant rules</p>	
AE17/124	Attorney-General	Corporate Services Division	Xenophon	Government waste	<p>Given that government and opposition politicians have all raised concerns over time and had policies on government waste:</p> <p>1. Is there a central government authority responsible for the elimination of waste?</p> <p>2. If so</p> <p>a) Is there a government wide definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition?</p> <p>b) How does this central government authority monitor and manage waste within the Department?</p> <p>c) Is there a central government mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste?</p> <p>d) How much Departmental waste was identified by the central government authority in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16?</p> <p>3. If not:</p> <p>a) Is there a departmental definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition?</p> <p>b) What are the Department’s arrangements for monitoring and managing waste?</p> <p>c) Is there a central Departmental mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste?</p> <p>d) How much waste was identified by the Department in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16?</p> <p>4. In either case:</p> <p>a) Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously?</p> <p>b) Are they afforded a protection if they do so?</p>	Written
AE17/125	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Rhiannon	Firearms Reference Group	<p>1. The guardian newspaper published minutes from the Firearms Industry Reference Group which outline a range of concerns expressed by the NIRG members about the inadequacies with the National Firearms Interface System which is meant to facilitate the tracking and tracing of firearms across the various jurisdictions.</p> <p>a) Is it correct that current firearm tracking systems fail to provide information in 'real time' which means a person prohibited from accessing a firearm in Victoria could travel interstate and access a firearm in another jurisdiction before the police are made aware of the prohibition order?</p> <p>b) Is this one of the major failings of the National Firearms Interface System?</p> <p>2. The Updated National Firearms Agreement 2017 prevents the importation of magazines with a capacity of greater than 30 rounds for rifles and shotgun [resolution 5(b)], however it does not prevent a general recreational hunter from purchasing three 5 shot Adler shotguns and converting them into 3 x 12 shot alders with a total capacity of 36 rounds in a matter of minutes through the purchase of DIY magazine extension kits which are available across Australia.</p> <p>a) What is the government’s response to this anomaly?</p> <p>b) What is being done to strengthen the Agreement so that rapid fire semi-automatics are banned irrespective of how they are made?</p> <p>3. Are the minutes of the firearms reference industry group publicly available? If not why not?</p> <p>4. In the minutes of the September 2015 meeting of the firearms reference industry group reference is made to reducing “red tape” for firearm regulation. What is “red tape” that this expression refers to?</p> <p>5. Who are the members of the Commonwealth Firearms Advisory Council and any other firearms reference industry groups? Are there any representatives of groups that work with domestic violence victims, people who work on crime prevention or gun control advocates on these bodies?</p> <p>6. Who decides who should be invited to firearms reference industry groups?</p> <p>7. Is Robert Nioa a member of the firearms reference industry group? If so what is the correct title of the group he is a member of and what is his position on that group?</p> <p>8. Please provide an update on the National Firearms Agreement Review.</p> <p>9. Has an advisory or reference group been set up to assist with this review?</p>	Written

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					a) If so who are the members of this body? 10. The 2017 National Firearms Agreement at point 30 states the “details prescribed by the national information-sharing hub”. Please supply a copy of the “details”. 11. Is the intention of the national information-sharing hub to ensure all databases are compatible in a fully searchable single database of will it be a hub with information on different databases? Please explain what a national information-sharing hub is and how it will work?	
AE17/126	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Rhiannon	Victorian gun ownership	1. Does the government support the public or research access to data on numbers of registered weapons in each Australian state? If not, why not? 2. Is the federal government aware of the number of registered guns in Victoria? a) If so, please provide the number of registered guns in Victoria, with details on those weapons.	Written
AE17/127	Minister for Justice	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	AFP investigations of MPs	1. Over the past five years for each year how many MPs have been investigated by the AFP? 2. Over the past five years for each year how many staff of MPs have been investigated by the AFP? 3. Have these investigations involved interception of phone conversations, email communication, social media posts and/or metadata surveillance? 4. Considering when you have been asked similar questions in the past you have cited operational reasons for the lack of information released, could you detail what type of information you can release that is not “operational”?	Written
AE17/128	Attorney-General	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Rhiannon	ASIO investigations of MPs	1. Over the past five years for each year how many MPs have been investigated by the ASIO? 2. Over the past five years for each year how many staff of MPs have been investigated by the ASIO? 3. Have these investigations involved interception of phone conversations, email communication, social media posts and/or metadata surveillance? 4. Considering when you have been asked similar questions in the past you have cited operational reasons for the lack of information released, could you detail what type of information you can release that is not “operational”?	Written
AE17/129	Attorney-General	Australian Human Rights Commission	Abetz	President’s speeches	1. Are the President’s speeches posted on the AHRC’s speeches? a) Did the President deliver a speech on the 18th November 2016? b) If so, to which organisation was the speech delivered? c) If so, was this speech posted on the AHRC website? d) If not, why not?	Written
AE17/130	Attorney-General	Civil Law Unit	Siewert	Progress on National Statement of Principles	1. Where is the National Statement of Principles Relating to Persons Unfit to Plead or Found Not Guilty by Reason of Cognitive or Mental Health Impairment (National Principles) up to? a) Will the draft National Principles be circulated to stakeholders for comment and input?	Written
AE17/133	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Advice concerning postal plebiscite	Senator PRATT: So the Department of Finance was attached to that request. Was there any minister also associated with that request as far as you are aware? Mr Anderson: I believe it was the Department of Finance that approached us. Senator WATT: Have you considered the legal or constitutional validity of any postal plebiscite? Mr Anderson: We have not independently turned our mind to those issues. Senator WATT: When you say 'independently', do you mean you also have not done so at the request of any minister or agency? Mr Anderson: The question is to what questions we have been asked by the Department of Finance; things that they have consulted us on— matters that should be directed to the Department of Finance, who are responsible for the Electoral Commission. Senator WATT: Are you saying that because it involves legal advice—are we running the whole 'We can't tell you about legal advice we've given to other people' line again? Mr Anderson: Because we do not administer the electoral legislation, the electoral mechanisms, we are not in a position to say whether there are reasons why information should or should not be provided. That is why we think that questions should be directed to the appropriate agency, which is the one that actually owns these issues. Senator WATT: We can have a separate debate about whether you should be advising the committee about legal advice. But leaving that aside, if we are talking about advice other than legal advice, we can ask your agency about advice that it has provided. Mr Anderson: Part of the consultation has been to seek legal advice from us. Senator PRATT: On what date were you asked by the Department of Finance for that advice? Mr Anderson: I would have to take that on notice.	24 March 2017, page 21

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					Senator PRATT: And also if you have been asked to provide legal advice to the Department of Finance. Mr Anderson: Yes.	
AE17/134	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Consultation with the Attorney-General's Office on postal plebiscite	Senator PRATT: Okay. Have you talked to the Attorney about the issue of a postal plebiscite? Mr Anderson: I have not. I do not believe there has been any consultation by the department with the Attorney. Senator PRATT: So all of the department's involvement in this issue has been with the Department of Finance and not with the Attorney-General's Office at all? Mr Anderson: That is correct, in terms of the consultation that we have been talking about. Senator PRATT: Have you sought the Attorney's advice on it at all? Mr Anderson: No, we have not. Senator PRATT: So you have not given him any correspondence on the matter at this point in time? Mr Anderson: I do not believe we have. I can take that on notice, to be absolutely sure. Senator PRATT: If you could take that on notice, I would be grateful. Thank you for confirming that the Department of Finance is indeed looking at this issue.	24 March 2017, page 22
AE17/136	Minister for Justice	Emergency Management Australia	Macdonald	Letter to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority	CHAIR: Senator Dodson, we might hold there and come back to you if you have any other questions. Can I just ask about NDRRA. You may be aware that I attended a meeting between the minister, the head of the Local Government Association of Queensland and an officer of that association in relation to what I might refer to as the 'plant and equipment' issue, following the conclusion of the national partnership agreement in, I think, 2013. I am sure the minister's office would have raised it with you, but I am just wondering if you have the response to the issue. The meeting was told that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority received an advice from Emergency Management Australia—I do not have my notes in front of me, but I think it was in October 2014—indicating that plant and equipment would no longer be eligible. The suggestion is that that advice did not have a date on it. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority immediately wrote back to Emergency Management Australia seeking clarity as to when this new arrangement would start. The information given to me was that, from memory, it was not answered for something like 18 months. First of all, are you aware of those comments, and, if so, can you give me an answer to them? Mr Croswell: We have been briefed on your meeting with your Queensland colleagues. In relation to the letter that you raised, we are still searching the files to clarify that issue, so we will take that specific issue on notice.	24 March 2017, pages 25 & 26
AE17/137	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Watt	Industry Reference Group for the National Firearms Agreement	Senator WATT: I think these questions relate to the Criminal Justice Group. They are a couple of questions about the National Firearms Agreement. I understand that, as part of the National Firearms Agreement update, an industry reference group was established to advise on the update. That is correct? Ms Wells: Yes, that is right. An industry working group was formed to help inform government on some of the key issues around the update to that agreement. Senator WATT: How many members of that industry reference group are there? Ms Wells: I might have to take that on notice. There are approximately 10 different industry groups. I can certainly confirm that. Senator WATT: Who made the decision as to who would be appointed to that industry reference group? Ms Wells: I believe that was the Minister for Justice but I can certainly take that on notice and confirm that. Senator WATT: Did you provide advice to the minister as to recommended membership of the industry reference group? Ms Wells: Sorry; I will also have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: Okay. <i>ANSWER PARTLY PROVIDED:</i> Ms Wells: That is correct, and I can also confirm the actual representatives on that industry reference group. They were Field & Game Australia, Firearm Safety— Senator WATT: Sorry; would you just speak into the microphone a little bit more. Ms Wells: Of course. Sorry, Senator. Field & Game Australia, Firearm Safety Foundation (Victoria), National Firearm Dealers Association, Shooting Australia, Shooting Industry Foundation of Australia and the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia. Senator WATT: Thank you.	24 March 2017, pages 27 & 28
AE17/138	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement	Watt	Donation by the Shooting Industry	Senator WATT: Was the department aware that the Shooting Industry Foundation of Australia, which you have named as one of the members chosen by the minister to go on that reference group, donated about \$46,000 to the Liberal and National parties in 2015-16? Ms Wells: I will take that one on notice.	24 March

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		Cooperation		Foundation of Australia	Senator WATT: But you are not aware of that personally? Ms Wells: No, I am personally not aware of that.	2017, page 28
AE17/140	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Watt	Communique about the updated National Firearms Agreement	Senator WATT: I thought it was interesting that this has been quietly uploaded to the minister's website with no media release, given the amount of public interest in this issue. Were you asked to prepare a media release about the finalisation of this agreement? ... Ms Wells: The National Firearms Agreement was put before the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council and was agreed by ministers at that council. Mr Moraitis: That was in October, last year. Is that correct—October last year? Ms Wells: That was the last one, yes. The agreement was only reached in February this year. Senator WATT: Right. I know that ordinarily, ministerial councils issue communiques when they have reached a decision about this type of issue. Is there any plan to issue a communique? Ms Wells: Not to my knowledge, but I can certainly take that on notice.	24 March 2017, page 29
AE17/141	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Cuts to Community Legal Centres	<u>To the Attorney-General –</u> 1. What are the names of each Community Legal Centre that the Attorney-General has visited, and how many Community Legal Centres has he visited in total? 2. How many times has the Attorney-General met with representatives from each of the peak bodies of the Community Legal Centre sector (NACLC), and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Centre sector (NATSILS)? 3. The Attorney-General's office likes to claim that “Even in a resource constrained environment, the Australian Government is providing over \$1.6 billion for legal aid, community legal centres and Indigenous legal assistance between 2015 and 2020.” But it's true, is it not, that funding to Community Legal Centres is being cut by: a) \$12.1 million in 2017-2018 b) \$11.6 million in 2018-2019 and c) \$11.13 million in 2019-2020? 4. Is it correct that Community Legal Centres only account for 12 per cent of that total \$1.6 billion? 5. Why did the Government decide to cut Community Legal Centres so drastically? That's 30 per cent of their funding, correct? 6. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, in October last year said: "We are delivering the leadership, policies and resourcing that is required to keep women and children in Australia safe." A large proportion of work Community Legal Centres do is frontline domestic violence services. They say they already have to turn away 160,000 people a year now, before the funding cuts. How does Mr Turnbull's statement square with the Attorney-General's decision to cut funding to frontline domestic violence services? 7. Is it correct that Community Legal Centres have received only a fraction of the Government's domestic violence funding announcements in 2015 and 2016? 8. The Productivity Commission report published in December 2014, recommended a funding injection of \$200 million a year be injected into the legal assistance sector. It has been over two years since that report was handed down – why hasn't the Government responded? <u>To the department –</u> 9. Can the Department outline please how the 30 per cent cut to funds will be distributed across CLCs? Who is making that decision and on what rationale? 10. The Department was asked at the last estimates hearing whether the Department has conducted any modelling of the impact on Community Legal Centres of the 30 per cent cut. The answer then was that the Department could not, because the extent of cuts for each centre was not yet known. Now we are four months away from the cuts, has modelling commenced? 11. How many lawyers may have to be let go, how many Legal Centres would close, and how many extra people would have to be turned away? 12. Did the Department make any submissions to the Attorney-General in favour of reversing the cuts? 13. Has the Department thought about the spill-over impact on the court system, for instance with more cases going to court, as they can no longer be resolved before that stage with the help of a CLC lawyer?	Written
AE17/142	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Family Violence Funding	1. Will the Government provide funding certainty for Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) beyond June 2018? 2. Will the Government commit to maintaining funding for FVPLSs at current levels until at least the end of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children?	Written

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					<p>3. If not, will the Government commit to maintaining such funding at current levels at least until the end of the Third Action Plan?</p> <p>4. When will the Central Australian Women’s Legal Service (CAWLS) receive a response to its proposal, submitted 11 August 2016, for funding to extend remote outreach across the Central Australia and Barkly regions?</p>	
AE17/143	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Family Relationships	<p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u></p> <p>1. Has the Government responded to this report?</p> <p>2. If so, how?</p> <p>3. The report observes that current funding for family law services does not adequately meet the projected population increase for individuals aged 25-49. How does the Government intend to respond to this shortfall?</p> <p>4. The report observes that as the shortfall continues to widen over time, it is anticipated to accumulate to \$21.2 million by the end of 2025. How does the Government intend to respond to this shortfall?</p> <p>5. The report observes that large scale changes in demand (based on demographic, social or cultural shifts), resulting in a greater proportion of the Australian population attempting to access universal family law services, would require an increase in funding. Does the Government have any plan for responding to large scale changes in demand for family law services in the future?</p> <p>6. Will the Government provide more funding to ensure that at-risk and vulnerable cohorts have access to family law services that meet their needs?</p> <p><u>To the department –</u></p> <p>7. Has the Department responded to this report?</p> <p>8. If so, how?</p> <p>9. The report observes that there are complexities and challenges with current administrative arrangements, with family law services being funded by the Attorney-General’s Department and administered by the Department of Social Services. Does the Department agree that this results in limited visibility of on-the-ground service provision?</p> <p>10. The report observes that there is a tension between the provision of specialised care to at-risk and vulnerable cohorts and the provision of universal service. How does the Department currently deal with this tension?</p> <p>11. Are at-risk and vulnerable cohorts less likely than the broader Australian population to have their needs met by family law services?</p> <p>12. Is more funding needed to ensure that at-risk and vulnerable cohorts have access to family law services that meet their needs?</p>	Written
AE17/144	Attorney-General	Civil Justice Policy and Programmes	Pratt	Funding cuts to Community Legal Centres	<p>1. The report observes that the \$15 million in cuts to legal aid commissions and an additional \$6 million in cuts to community legal centres in the 2014 Federal Budget are likely to impact the number of clients able to access free and subsidised legal services, which may in turn affect the number of client referrals from CLC’s to family law services and vice versa.</p> <p>a) Is the Attorney-General aware of the impact of cuts to CLCs on referrals to family law services?</p> <p>b) How does the Government plan to ensure that people involved in family law disputes are referred to family law services, given that CLC cuts will mean that they will be unable to engage in referrals?</p> <p>c) Is the Attorney-General aware that when people encounter difficulties in security legal advice, support and representation, this will negatively impact their ability to reach an agreement on family law matters (property settlement or child care arrangements)?</p> <p>d) How does the Government intend to respond to the negative effect that cuts to CLCs will have on people’s ability to reach an out-of-Court agreement on family law matters?</p> <p>e) In September 2015, the Government announced an additional funding commitment of \$100 million for family violence measures. Did the distribution of this funding affect the operation of family law services to assist women and children experiencing violence?</p>	Written
AE17/145	Attorney-General	Civil Law Unit	Pratt	Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017	<p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u></p> <p>1. The former Labor Government commissioned the Australian Law Reform Commission to conduct an extensive inquiry into native title laws, and to make recommendations for any improvements to those laws. In June 2015 the ALRC tabled its Report, which included some 30 recommendations for changes to the Native Title Act, including changes to two of the key provisions that are the subject of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017.</p> <p>a) Why is it that the Government has completely failed to respond to the Law Reform Commission’s report, that has been on your desk for over a year and a half?</p> <p>2. The Government introduced the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017 to the House of Representatives on Wednesday 15 February, and the very next day the Government used its numbers to force that Bill through the House without proper consultation, claiming that responding to the outcome of the McGlade decision in the Federal Court was a matter of great urgency.</p> <p>a) What was the urgency?</p>	Written

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					<p>3. In a letter leaked to The Australian newspaper revealed that the Chief Executive of the National Native Title Council, Mr Glen Kelly, wrote to the Attorney-General last year warning the Attorney-General about the potentially significant impacts of the McGlade decision, and asking that the Attorney-General pass amendments to the Native Title Act to ensure that the impending Federal Court decision did not undermine existing ILUAs and negotiations then underway.</p> <p>Mr Kelly went to the trouble to tell the Attorney-General about the potential problem, and then to make clear what the solution was in case the Attorney-General couldn't work it out himself writing that:</p> <p>“The solution ... is a very simple amendment to the NTA to clarify that for an agreement to registered as an ILUA, not all RNTCs (applicants) are required to sign an agreement once it has been properly authorised ... in a meeting on behalf of the wide traditional owner group. This would in effect codify Bygrave, eliminate the likelihood of repeated litigation on this point and re-establish the certainty and confidence in the ILUA provisions of the NTA that all parties need.”</p> <p>The Attorney-General completely ignored that advice from the Chief Executive of the National Native Title Council.</p> <p>a) Is the Attorney-General personally responsible for the complete fiasco of this Government being blindsided by a legal decision that he was explicitly warned about last year?</p> <p>b) Is it fair to say that if the Attorney-General had bothered to consider the advice provided to you by Mr Kelly, amendments could have been drafted to the Native Title Act in a timely manner, and then consulted on with the Indigenous community to ensure that they achieved the purposes for which they were being introduced without unintended consequences?</p> <p>4. The effect of the Government's approach meant that Members of the House were compelled to vote on significant changes to the Native Title Act without having had a chance to conduct any consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, or with legal experts and project proponents impacted by the McGlade decision.</p> <p>Earlier that same week the Prime Minister quoted the words of Indigenous leader Chris Sarra, imploring the Government to “Do things with us, not to us”.</p> <p>a) How is using Government numbers to smash a bill through the House impacting native title processes, without consultation or proper debate, consistent with the Prime Minister's commitment to do things with, rather than to, Indigenous Australians?</p>	
AE17/146	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Pratt	Guns for cash	<p>1. As part of the National Firearms Agreement update, you set up a 'Industry Reference Group' to advise on the update.</p> <p>a) What was the process for appointment to this Reference Group?</p> <p>b) Who decided who would be appointed?</p> <p>2. A letter signed by the former NSW DPP, founder of the Allanah and Madeline Foundation and the head of the Rape and Domestic Violence Centre criticises the establishment of this Group for giving the gun lobby unwarranted input into our gun laws. One of the seven invited members of the Reference Group is the Shooting Industry Foundation Australia. An extract from the AEC website proves that this company donated \$46,834 to the Liberals and Nationals in 2015-16.</p> <p>One of their directors is Robert Nioa, the importer of the Adler, someone who was set to make thousands of dollars from the decision of COAG.</p> <p>a) Was the Department aware of this link?</p> <p>b) Did the Department recommend Shooting Industry Foundation Australia be invited to advise on the updated Firearms Agreement? Did the Department recommend the Shooting Industry Foundation Australia be on the Reference Group?</p> <p>c) Was the Department aware that the Reference Group was composed of people and organisations who would profit from the importation of dangerous weapons?</p> <p>d) Was the Department aware that this group was a significant donor to the Liberal and National parties?</p> <p>e) What advice did the Industry Reference Group provide to the Department on the Adler?</p>	Written
AE17/147	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Pratt	Adler and other weapons	<p>1. Does the Department hold information about the volume and type of firearms being imported into Australia? You are responsible for firearms regulation, why would you not require this information?</p> <p>2. How many Adler lever-action shotguns are in Australia? And of these, how many have a capacity of five rounds or more?</p> <p>3. How many Adler lever-action shotguns does the Department believe are modified?</p> <p>4. How many Adler lever-action shotguns does the Department believe are now on the illicit market?</p> <p>5. What steps is the Government taking that the Department is aware of to get any Adler lever-action shotguns of five rounds or more which were imported by people who do not have a Category D licence?</p> <p>6. What steps has the Department taken to prepare for a firearms amnesty? How many guns does the Department estimate an amnesty will take off the legal and illicit firearms markets?</p>	Written

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AE17/148	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Pratt	Firearms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the AGD hold information about the volume and type of firearms being imported into Australia? How many Adler lever-action shotguns does the Department estimate are in Australia? And, of these how many have a capacity of five rounds or more? How many Adler lever-action shotguns does the Department believe are modified? How many Adler lever-action shotguns does the Department believe are now on the illicit market? What steps is the Government taking that the Department is aware of to get any Adler lever-action shotguns of five rounds or more which were imported by people who do not have a Category D licence? What steps has the Department taken to prepare for a firearms amnesty? How many guns does the Department estimate an amnesty will take off the legal and illicit firearms markets? How much funding has been allocated to a gun amnesty? 	Written
AE17/149	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Pratt	Minister's media release on Firearms Trafficking Bill loss	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister's media release 'Once again, Labor goes weak on illegal firearms trafficking' dated 14 February 2017, states: "Labor's vote against mandatory minimum sentences for illegal firearms trafficking is a vote in support of criminals." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do any guidelines or rules govern what content can be put on Department websites? Are there rules surrounding political content by the Minister on Department websites? Did the Department review this media release before it was published on the Minister's Departmental website? The Department's own Guide to Framing own Guide to Framing Commonwealth Offences, Infringement Notices and Enforcement Powers states that mandatory minimum sentences interfere with judicial discretion to impose a penalty appropriate in the circumstances of a particular case and may create an incentive for a defendant to fight charges, even where there is little merit in doing so. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why has the Department now published content saying that a vote against mandatory minimum sentences is a vote in support of criminals? 	Written
AE17/150	Attorney-General	Intelligence & Identity Security Division	Pratt	Revenge porn	<p><u>To the department –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In December 2016, COAG agreed to the development of principles for nationally consistent criminal offences relating to non-consensual sharing of intimate images. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How will these principles ensure national consistency? How will these principles ensure consistency between States and Territories that have already introduced criminal offences that are inconsistent with each other? <p><u>To the Attorney-General –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why did the Government decide that the development of principles for nationally consistent criminal offences across the States and Territories was preferable to introducing a nationally consistent criminal offence into the Commonwealth Criminal Code? 	Written
AE17/151	Attorney-General	Intelligence & Identity Security Division	Pratt	Public consultation on proposed civil penalties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In November 2016, the Government announced a public consultation process on a proposed civil penalties regime targeted at both perpetrators and sites which host intimate images and videos shared without consent. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the Attorney-General's Department be responsible for this consultation? Was the Attorney-General's Department consulted prior to the announcement of this consultation or did the Department provide any advice about how a civil penalty regime might operate? What was the Department's view? Did any submissions to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee's inquiry into the phenomenon colloquially referred to as 'revenge porn' express support for a civil penalties regime? When will the public consultation process begin and when will the discussion paper be released? 	Written
AE17/152	Minister for Justice	Countering Violent Extremism Centre	Pratt	Countering Violent Extremism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much funding does the Government commit to CVE programs annually? How does this compare with funding allocated to intelligence and law enforcement agencies? Does the Department allocate resources to reactive measures such as law enforcement and prosecution at the expense of prevention and intervention measures? Does the Government believe that prevention and intervention are an effective approach to counter-terrorism? What CVE measures are currently being pursued by the Department? What stage of implementation are these measures at? How does the Department measure the success rate of CVE programs? Are there any CVE programs internationally that could be adopted in Australia? The Review of Australia's Counter-Terrorism Machinery recommended that the Government seek COAG agreement to a new national CVE strategy for endorsement in 2015. Was a new national CVE strategy adopted? 	Written

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					<p>10. If yes, why has it not been publically released?</p> <p>11. Has the Government established and expanded community and public-private partnerships to better reach at-risk or radicalised individuals?</p> <p>12. Has the Government expanded Commonwealth efforts to address the causes of violent extremism in Australia?</p> <p>13. In December 2015, COAG agreed to take forward a range of initiatives to counter violent extremism. How are these initiatives progressing?</p> <p>14. In January 2015, the Department published a tender for a ‘living safe together directory of countering violent extremism intervention services’.</p> <p>a) Who has applied to be included in the directory? (take list on notice)</p> <p>b) When will the directory be publically available?</p> <p>15. In August 2015, Minister Keenan launched the Australian Intervention Support Hub.</p> <p>a) How much funding was provided for the hub?</p> <p>b) What have been the outcomes of the hub?</p> <p>c) The hub was tasked with identifying international best practice in countering violent extremism and evidence-based research, and facilitating independent evaluation of CVE programs. Has any of this occurred? Will any of this research be published?</p>	
AE17/153	Minister for Justice	Cyber & Infrastructure Security Division	Pratt	Critical Infrastructure Centre	<p>1. What is the Critical Infrastructure Centre that was announced by the Government on 23 January 2017?</p> <p>2. How many people will work in the centre?</p> <p>3. How much funding is being provided for the centre?</p> <p>4. Where is that funding coming from?</p> <p>5. What will the centre be doing that wasn’t already being done by the Department?</p> <p>6. Who was providing ”national security risk assessments and advice to support government decision-making on investment transactions’ before the centre was announced, and why is a new centre needed for Department to provide this advice?</p> <p>7. The Department has released a discussion paper on the critical infrastructure centre. Wouldn’t it have been better to consult on what the critical infrastructure centre would do before it was established?</p> <p>8. How can the centre be established when the Department hasn’t decided what it will do yet?</p> <p>9. What is the difference between the telecommunications security sector reforms and reform to protect Australia’s telecommunications network on the basis that it as ‘critical infrastructure’?</p>	Written
AE17/154	Minister for Justice	Criminal Justice Policy & Programmes Division	Pratt	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	<p>1. Referring to the Minister’s media release ‘Commonwealth funding to fight human trafficking and slavery’ dated 25 March 2014 (available at https://www.ministerjustice.gov.au/Mediareleases/Pages/2014/First%20Quarter/25March2014Commonwealthfundingtofighthumantraffickingandslavery.aspx)</p> <p>a) When does the \$1.44 million in funding for organisations the Minister referred to expire?</p> <p>b) Please detail all organisations that received money through this funding.</p> <p>c) Please specify how much each organisation received each year.</p> <p>d) Is this funding going to continue to be provided next year?</p> <p>e) Will it be provided the following year?</p> <p>f) How much will be provided?</p> <p>g) If funding is continuing, which organisations will be funded?</p> <p>h) How much funding will each organisation receive each year?</p> <p>i) Please provide this detail year by year for each year the funding is being provided.</p> <p>j) If funding is not continuing, why?</p> <p>k) Who decided to discontinue the funding?</p> <p>l) Did the Minister’s office have any involvement in the decision to discontinue funding to these organisations?</p>	Written
AE17/155	Minister for Justice	Emergency Management Australia	Farrell	Cost of maintaining security at the Prime Minister’s private residences	<p>On 23 February Tony Abbott stated in his interview on The Bolt Report that had he lived at his private residence at Forrestville while serving as Prime Minister, “it would have cost an extra million a year in security”.</p> <p>Was an estimate of security costs for the former Prime Minister to remain at his private residence in Forrestville undertaken?</p> <p>1. If yes</p> <p>a) Was a report prepared estimating the cost for the former Prime Minister to live at his home in Forrestville?</p> <p>b) What was the estimated cost for the Former Prime Minister to live at his private residence in Forrestville?</p> <p>c) Can you provide a copy of the report?</p>	Written

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					<p>2. If no</p> <p>a) On what authority did Tony Abbott assert the public cost for him to live at his private residence in Forrestville while Prime Minister would “cost an extra million a year in security?”</p> <p>3. What is the cost of maintaining security at Kirribilli House, despite it being unoccupied?</p> <p>4. Can the department confirm that the AFP and security agencies were required to undertake work at the Prime Minister’s house at Point Piper to ensure it had the appropriate security?</p> <p>5. Can you advise the cost of undertaking work at the Point Piper Residence to ensure it meets appropriate security standards for the Prime Minister?</p> <p>6. Can you confirm whether the security upgrade the Prime Minister’s Point Piper residence was at the taxpayer expense?</p> <p>The President of the Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) has stated that maintaining security at the Prime Minister’s residences are a significant burden on the taxpayer and has urged the Prime Minister to rethink his decision to stay at his personal residence in Point Piper in Sydney.</p> <p>7. Can you please advise whether there is an ongoing security cost for the Prime Minister to maintain his primary residence in Sydney at Point Piper?</p> <p>8. Can you please advise whether this ongoing security cost is burdened by the taxpayer?</p> <p>9. Can you please advise of the ongoing taxpayer cost for the Prime Minister to continue to live at his private residence at Point Piper?</p> <p>During an interview on the 7:30 Report on 1 February 2017, the Prime Minister stated he “pay(s) the expenses” on his private residence at Point Piper in Sydney.</p> <p>10. Can you confirm there is no public expense for the Prime Minister to live at his private residence at Point Piper?</p>	
AE17/156	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Watt	Importer of Adler shotguns into Australia	<p>Senator WATT: Are you aware that one of the directors of the company, Robert—even though he is a well-known figure in Queensland I have never known how to pronounce his surname. It is N-I-O-A. Are you aware that he is an importer of Adler shotguns into Australia?</p> <p>Ms Wells: I am not personally aware of that but I can take that on notice.</p>	24 March 2017, page 28
AE17/157	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Watt	Feedback on updated National Firearms Agreement	<p>Senator WATT: Has the department sought or received any feedback from stakeholders, including sporting shooters associations and gun control advocates about the updated firearms agreement since it was released?</p> <p>Ms Wells: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Do you think that might be because they do not know it exists?</p> <p>Ms Wells: We cannot comment on that.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: We assume that they would follow with interest.</p> <p>Senator WATT: How is it expected that stakeholders, whether they be pro-gun or anti-gun, become aware of a new firearms agreement, if it is just quietly uploaded onto a website and no-one knows about it?</p> <p>Ms Wells: We can certainly take that on notice.</p>	24 March 2017, page 29
AE17/158	Attorney-General	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Pratt	Cases before the AAT regarding DIBP	<p>1. How many cases are before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal at the moment?</p> <p>2. How many cases were considered by the AAT in:</p> <p>a) 2013/2014</p> <p>b) 2014/2015</p> <p>c) 2015/2016</p> <p>d) 2016/2017</p> <p>3. How many requests for a translator at an Administrative Appeals Tribunal were received in:</p> <p>a) 2013/2014</p> <p>b) 2014/2015</p> <p>c) 2015/2016</p> <p>d) 2016/2017</p> <p>4. Of those, how many were requests made by the applicant?</p> <p>a) 2013/2014</p> <p>b) 2014/2015</p> <p>c) 2015/2016</p>	Written

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AE17/159	Minister for Justice	International Law Enforcement Cooperation	Pratt	Silence on the National Firearms Agreement	<p>An updated National Firearms Agreement was recently uploaded to the Department’s website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When was the Agreement finalised? What are the major changes contained in the updated Agreement? Can the Department confirm that there has been no relaxation of gun laws in the Agreement? I have here a screenshot of the Minister’s website with no media release, and a search for stories in the week following the new Agreement shows no media coverage. Why was there was no media release? Did the Department offer to write one? Was the Department instructed not to prepare one? Were you instructed to ‘bury’ this update? Will there be a COAG communique? Has the Department sought or received any feedback from stakeholders, including sporting shooters’ associations and gun control advocates about the updated National Firearms Agreement since it was released? 	Written