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SBE14/001	Ministry of the Arts	Collins	Arts Funding	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: As a courtesy, I thought it was useful to put it on notice for the department as well, in case they have some issue that has not occurred to us so far, because we had made an in-general type decision that we would revert to the department first on the next occasion. So if there are any particular problems with that, they should be brought to our attention.</p> <p>Moving to arts funding, Senator Brandis, I would like to take you back to your answer to a question that I asked in the chamber on 25 September. You offered to illuminate me on how arts funding in Australia works. I think that was not long after you welcomed me to the representational role, in terms of the arts, in the opposition. Since that time, I have gone to the PBS and the annual report. I have to admit that it has made me want for the old days pre accrual accounting, in terms of the amount of information that is actually available. Looking at the PBS, for example, I think it would help me to understand this portfolio area a bit more thoroughly if I could have a breakdown of the subprograms represented in the PBS.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Can you give us a page reference.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Page 40.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Are you talking about program 2.1?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I should say that the current state, presentation and accounting conventions of the PBS are, I believe, the product of some decisions by Mr Lindsay Tanner when he was the Minister for Finance and Deregulation. I take your point that the figures are not particularly granular, and I think that you are entitled to that, so we will take that on notice.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 6
SBE14/002	Ministry of the Arts	Collins	Tax offsets for film production	<p>CHAIR: Who administers that? The tax department or you?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Both, really. Ultimately, the tax department, but I have to certify that a particular expenditure on a film, for example, satisfies the statutory tests. My certification is the administrative act on which the tax department then acts in allowing the offset. So the decision maker is me.</p> <p>CHAIR: Is the statutory tax you talk about that you have to certify under a tax statute or a special art statute?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, it is not a special art statute. It is a program. What I have to be satisfied with in the main program is that something called QAPE—qualifying Australian production expenditure—is satisfied. There has to be a sufficient Australian interest in the making of the film, basically, for it to be—</p> <p>CHAIR: Sure, but which act would that authority—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The Income Tax Assessment Act.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay, so it is tax.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Can I give you an example of how this works. We have recently been able to attract to Queensland the fifth film in the <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i> franchise. That will be the largest budget film that has ever been shot in Australia. The Australian government contributed \$21.6 million towards attracting that film. It is called <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: dead men tell no tales</i>. The Queensland state government also provided substantial funding in support of the Commonwealth funding. It will have a budget of over \$160 million. It will be shot at the Village Roadshow Studios on the Gold Coast, primarily, and at other locations in Queensland. Both the Queensland arts minister, Mr Ian Walker, and I negotiated directly with Walt Disney Studios in California to attract this film to Australia. It will create over 1,000 jobs in the state of Queensland. It will be eligible for the location offset, which is one of the tax concessions. That is an example of how we leverage investment in this industry through both direct funding and tax concessions.</p> <p>CHAIR: Just to clarify that, you said there is \$25 million of Commonwealth funding. Is that a direct cash grant—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes, of \$21.6 million.</p> <p>CHAIR: or is it a tax offset?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, it is the former. It is \$21.6 million.</p> <p>CHAIR: In addition to that, they will get some sort of tax offset?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Do you know the value of that tax offset?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No. It has not been calculated at this stage because they have to lodge more detailed program budgets.</p> <p>CHAIR: Where would we get the detail of what would qualify—from your department or from the tax office?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 7

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				<p>Senator Brandis: From the ministry of the arts.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can we perhaps get that on notice so that we have some idea. Thanks for alerting us Queensland senators—Senator O'Sullivan and me—to that. I am delighted at the prospect</p>	
SBE14/003	Ministry for the Arts	Collins	Speech on the principles of the coalition government's arts policy	<p>Senator Brandis: To add to that: one of the problems that I think exist in this area of policy is that, as I said before, the lion's share of funding goes to the Australia Council but there are some arts institutions, arts companies or contributors to the sector that do not fall within the somewhat rigidly defined windows of the Australia Council, so they tend to fall between the cracks. Ms Basser, I see you nodding your head. It is people who fall between the cracks who are told by the Australia Council, 'We don't say you're unworthy, but we just don't have a window for someone like you to apply to us.' They sometimes—and Melba is an example of this—come to the Ministry for the Arts, and the ministry assesses the bid on a case-by-case basis guided by the policy criteria that governments from time to time set. I gave a speech just before the election in which I set out seven principles that would guide a coalition government's arts policy, and the ministry, I believe, has regard to those values in the administration and in approaching individual bids of that kind.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: When was that speech?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think—</p> <p>CHAIR: You do not remember, Senator Collins?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No. I do not think I had any connection to arts portfolio responsibilities at that point.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think it was in August 2013. I will send you a copy.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am sure it is on your website; but, if I have a date—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Why don't you ask for a copy of it? I will take it on notice and send it to you; in fact, I'll even sign it for you!</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Just the date would be good.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 8&9
SBE14/004	Ministry for the Arts	Collins	Historical breakdown of funding of Arts programmes	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No, the policy, not your values.</p> <p>Perhaps what would be useful for me along with the subprogram breakdown and what guidelines and procedures are available in respect of those would be if I could have a historical breakdown of the funding that has been provided over let's say the last five years to such proposals that fall through the cracks.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: To the extent to which the information is publicly available, that is fine, but you are really asking this government to provide information about the arts funding of the previous government. If it is publicly available, as I say, that is obviously fine, but it may be that the conventions about access to the information of previous governments apply here to limit the extent to which we can respond to you.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, I understand that issue, but I think you will find the level of information I am after would have been reported historically. I am also interested in a historical understanding of the uncommitted funds that have been available for such measures over time. For example, are you able to indicate to the committee what uncommitted funds currently exist for such purposes?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 9
SBE14/005	Ministry for the Arts	Macdonald	Collection of Anzac material	<p>CHAIR: Senator Brandis, in relation to that last one you spoke about, there was a very good film made called <i>Beneath Hill 60</i> and a lot of it was shot in Townsville. It celebrated the work that underground miners did in tunnelling under the trenches in the First World War, which is an element that was not well known until then. Perhaps you could take this on notice. That film was released publicly a few years ago, and I am not sure that it did terribly well at the box office. I am wondering if there is any way that that could be incorporated into the collection of Anzac material.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is a good thought, Senator Macdonald. That is really, I think, more of a matter for Senator Ronaldson.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We run this arts program, but that is about the creation of new work specifically to commemorate the Anzac Centenary. As to the exhibition of existing or older works, I think that is a judgement made by those who have the overall administration of the Anzac Centenary programs.</p> <p>CHAIR: I wonder if I could ask the department to pass on my query to Senator Ronaldson's department.</p> <p>Ms Basser: We would be very happy to.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 11
SBE14/006	Ministry for the Arts	Collins	Tax concessions for the return of Shiva	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am not sure whether we actually got quite to the bottom of one part of the question, which is: in understanding the cost, what aspect of that cost was for any tax concessions in relation to the original</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 12

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				<p>investment. Did we capture getting an answer on notice to that element of the overall costs in that situation?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Well, you did not, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I think that was essentially what Senator Macdonald was asking.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Gifts to the National Gallery of Australia are tax deductible in certain circumstances for some purposes.</p> <p>Ms Basser: Yes, for some of them, that is right. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I think that was the element that Senator Macdonald was after.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Whether particular philanthropic gifts assisted in the acquisition of this object [Shiva Nataraja] were tax deductible, or how it worked, or whether, indeed we are at liberty to disclose the donors, is something that we would need to think about.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, thank you. I have some questions around the consolidation of back office functions for the national cultural institutions. After six months consideration, I would like to explore what back office functions are to be consolidated and how that is progressing.</p>	
SBE14/007	Ministry for the Arts	Collins	Indigenous Arts Code Limited	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Minister, can I take it then from what you just expressed that your view is that the aspirations of some to embolden this code will not be considered by this government?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: They have been considered. I just told you that my office has met with Mr Merkel. I had one face-to-face meeting and several other conversations over the telephone with Mr Merkel. So of course that involves consideration of his views. That does not mean we will end up agreeing with them.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No. What I was trying to distinguish from your comments was whether you were in a consideration phase or whether you had made a decision, which is that—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think it is fair to say that the government's position is as I have indicated.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Which is?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That we favour a voluntary code.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That the status quo of a voluntary code will remain.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Just so I understand the status quo, was that meant to be a transitional arrangement or was this always envisaged as an ongoing voluntary code? Was it a stage towards more mandatory arrangements?</p> <p>Ms Allan: It was a recommendation of the 2007 Senate inquiry that a voluntary code be tried and that after a couple of years Indigenous Art Code report back to government with what they found. That has happened. After a few years the code wrote to the minister, as he has just indicated, on their findings. They outlined the successes that they have had and also talked about a mandatory code.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Was that a recommendation?</p> <p>Ms Allan: It was a recommendation. I am not quite sure how they worded it. It was a recommendation or a request, yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: What was the nature of the report? It was a report by whom?</p> <p>Ms Allan: By Indigenous Art Code Ltd on their activities for the past two years and what they saw for the future.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: They have subsequently discussed that with the minister's office and they will now hear from this estimates, ahead of their meeting tomorrow, the minister's predisposition towards that recommendation.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, I have written to them.</p> <p>Ms Allan: The minister has written to them.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You have written to them. Could we have a copy of that letter, please?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: It is a letter to a stakeholder. If the stakeholder has no objection to it being released, of course you can. I imagine they probably will not in this case, but ordinarily correspondence between a minister and a constituent or a stakeholder would not be released without the consent of the addressee.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I understand that. It is helpful for us to have an understanding of the government's position in relation to that recommendation. If that is expressed in a letter and if the recipient of that letter has no objection, then I would be interested in seeing that correspondence. It seems the minister has no objection to that. I understand it is in your discretion—</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 14&15

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				<p>Senator Brandis: If Mr Merkel or the body on whose behalf he wrote to me has no objection, then I have no objection.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Thank you.</p>	
SBE14/008	Ministry for the Arts	Macdonald	Regional Arts funding grants	<p>CHAIR: Thanks, Minister. I do not want to take too much time, because the committee has a lot to do today, but where would I get a list of all the regional arts funding grants that have been made? Minister, I assume when you talked about the 85 per cent that it would be through those state panels and that the 15 per cent would be done by our department and you on nationally aligned panels. Is that how it works.</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: The 15 per cent is provided to Regional Arts Australia as the national organisation that works with each of the state based organisations to deliver what we term national strategic projects. The Animating Spaces project that the Attorney spoke of earlier is an example of one of those national projects. So it happens in multiple state locations, as opposed to being grant funding delivered on a recurrent basis in one jurisdiction.</p> <p>CHAIR: And where would I find the list of these grants?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: It is available on arts.gov.au I can also provide you with a list.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thanks; if you could do that on notice.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 16
SBE14/009	Australia Council	Macdonald	Australia Council grants	<p>Mr Grybowski: That is the opportunity, so that those organisations are actually assessed—and some of those organisations have agreed and want to be assessed—within the context of those other music organisations. A lot of these organisations work across different art forms and across music, the community space, in visual arts. It is so that, when we assess all the applications from the hundreds of organisations around the country, they are considered on a level playing field so that we can then enter into—</p> <p>CHAIR: I can understand why others would say this is a good deal—because they might get something now that they did not get before. But I cannot understand your comment that it is a good deal for those 16 people, was it, except in their philanthropic—</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: It is 14 organisations.</p> <p>CHAIR: Sorry?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: There are 14 organisations.</p> <p>CHAIR: Fourteen.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you on notice give me the list of those 14 organisations?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Certainly.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 20&21 20 November 2014 L&CA 22
SBE14/010	Australia Council	Macdonald	Membership of panel of music experts	<p>CHAIR: Can you tell me what 'peers' are? I am sorry, but I do not understand the term.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: The peers are the artistic experts. They are people who are current practitioners, who are musicians—</p> <p>CHAIR: Who appoints them?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Those peers are appointed by the board of the Australia Council.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are they always the same, or do they change every year?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: One of the criticisms of the previous board structure under our old governance structure is that there was too much responsibility in a few and there was not diversity or representation geographically from within those boards. The new way that we construct the panels assessing these applications is to ensure that, when there are Queensland based applications, there are Queensland based peers on that panel making the assessment, so that there is a familiarity and an understanding of the context in which those arts organisations are actually working.</p> <p>CHAIR: So these peers are from what locality geographically?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I do not have a list of them in front of me, but two of them were from Queensland.</p> <p>CHAIR: Two out of how many?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Two out of six.</p> <p>CHAIR: Two out of six—dealing with just Queensland grants, or was this Australia wide?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: The applications were received nationally.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay, so two out of the six nationally. Perhaps I can get some advice from the secretary here: could I ask for the names of those people so I can assess where they come from or what their allegiances might be.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Sure. They are publicly available, in the interests of transparency of the process.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 26

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				<p>CHAIR: And the two Queensland ones are geographically from Brisbane, I guess.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I do not have the names of them, but I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Okay. I would have hoped that you might have had all this information, in view of my public advice to you that I was going to question you about these things. Anyhow, we will take that on notice. These six people were newly appointed just for 2014, were they?</p>	
SBE14/011	Australia Council	Macdonald	Grants not awarded by the Australia Council	<p>CHAIR: Which of the other applications hadn't previously been funded by the Australia Council? You mentioned the Camerata, which is an excellent organisation. I know that the Queensland minister would ostracise me if I didn't say that.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: You wouldn't not say that—</p> <p>CHAIR: It is an excellent organisation; you are right, Attorney. And there is another one you mentioned, which I am pretty certain has always been funded. So which ones haven't been funded?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: The Queensland Youth Orchestra, the Queensland Music Network Incorporated and the Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre.</p> <p>CHAIR: You tell me—let me not just guess—which of those have been previously funded by you?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I do not have that information. I will have to take that on notice. I do not have the funding history of those.</p> <p>CHAIR: It looks like your assistant might know that.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: No, we will have to take that on notice.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 27
SBE14/012	Australia Council	Macdonald	Australia Council grants	<p>CHAIR: Thank you. I am delighted that those other ones have funding, but my question—you can take it on notice—is: how many of them have always got funding? Tell me about the Queensland Music Network. Is that a new one or has it been around for a while? Sorry—I am not from Brisbane, so I do not know.</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: And the multicultural one—is that new funding?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 29
SBE14/013	Australia Council	O'Sullivan	Panellists and conflict of interest	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: No-one wants to see you cranky, Senator; that is not a pretty sight. You may have to take this on notice. I am keenly interested—and this is a common question of mine and you need to prepare yourself for future events. From a governance perspective, do you record when any panellists—in this case we are calling your panellists that come together a peer group—declare that they have a conflict?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Would you be able to provide us with data, because I have got to imagine that that is an absolute minefield. I would be surprised if you had a peer group who on every occasion, or every second occasion, did not declare that they had a conflict. What do you do with the peer member who declares? What are the guidelines for the peer member who declares they have a conflict?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Then they are removed from the assessment of that particular applicant.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: As a general question, given there are thousands of applicants, there would be a bit of breeze coming off the door here, would there?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: We try to match the—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: No, the question is—and you may not be able to answer it—is this frequent?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: But you are the CEO. You are probably somewhere else in the building. Do you go past the tearoom and there are mobs of peers waiting to go back in?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: There are peers who—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I will tell you what, I am going to take up my time until we get there. We can go the long way or the short way. I am asking you, as the CEO of this organisation, do you have a sense of whether this is a common thing happening? If there are thousands of applications, does this happen on hundreds of occasions?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: I would say it is not common, but it is a very important aspect to ensure that there is not conflict, and occasionally peers would have to absent themselves. The answer to the question is that it is not common.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: All right. Then you may have to take this on notice: do you keep a record of what peers are selected for which applications to process?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Absolutely. That is recorded.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 32&33

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				Senator O'SULLIVAN: Can you take that on notice and give me a copy of that? I do not know whether the rest of the panel is interested. I am going to have a bo-peep, because I find it extraordinary that this is not a frequent contingency that you have to deal with.	
SBE14/014	Australian Human Rights Commission	Wright	Increase in inquires and formal complaints	<p>Prof. Triggs: We have a 16 per cent increase in inquiries at the Australian Human Rights Commission this year, with a two per cent increase in formal complaints. But we have a decline in the number of inquiries or complaints in relation to the Racial Discrimination Act. As for recent statistics, I do not have them, but I can certainly ask my office to provide any evidence as to the numbers in the last few weeks. I do not have them to hand and, indeed, we probably have not compiled them. But I can certainly make a response to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Is it possible that the Race Discrimination Commissioner may have different information available to him—certainly not in terms of the formal matters and inquiries that have been made and the formal complaints, but in terms of information that people have relayed to him in meetings or in meeting people publicly?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Dr Soutphommasane may very well be able to provide you with a more, if I may use the word, anecdotal response. I will ask him, if I may, to give you direct evidence of that. He is very close to the public in the sense that he speaks very widely around Australia, and I am quite sure he has a view on this. But from our position in terms of the data we collect at the commission, they are as I have described.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Can you also clarify: the data that you keep—would be possible to have that broken down in terms of the nationality of the person who has made the complaint and the nature of the concern that has been raised?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, we can certainly do that. As you can imagine, we—I think the word is 'disaggregate'—that kind of information now, particularly in light of the discussion about amendments to the Racial Discrimination Act. We have been much more careful now in collecting data that might reflect differences across the race, but for the moment I think with the more recent issues it is too early for us to have any clear view as to those. But as soon as we do, I will make sure we get it to you.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 53
SBE14/015	Access to Justice	Collins	Family Law Council report	<p>Mr Fredericks: I would just like to clarify one point. The Family Law Council report was not tabled.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: It was released, was it?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: It was released.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: When was it released?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: It was released on 14 August.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How long after it had been provided to the minister was that?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: I do not have that information. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 56
SBE14/016	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Thank you for that comprehensive answer, but it was absolutely non-responsive to the question that I asked you. In February 2013 or thereabouts, did you consult anybody in the department about your thinking that we needed to hold an inquiry one year from then?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I will take that on notice. We have, and have had, very close relations with the department of immigration and I think it very likely that the team working in the commission in this area will have—because we have weekly telephone meetings with them and I and other members of the commission meet them regularly. I would have to provide the evidence that the matter was raised, but I cannot speak specifically as to when that occurred.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 59
SBE14/017	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>Prof. Triggs: and we are dealing with a matter of law. I have discussions across the commission with executive staff daily. We discuss matters that certainly would not be minuted, but we have six-weekly, formally minuted meetings with all the commissioners, and I will certainly check our minutes to see at what stage we were starting to discuss it in the minutes. In other words, we have informal discussions in the early part of the year as to whether this is a good idea or not, but, by about the middle of the year—and I am advised now it was June—we would have a decision.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: These discussions in the February are informal?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, I think I was discussing with the executive staff and also with the legal department and with those who were handling our detention centre visits as to whether it was appropriate, whether we had the resources to do it, what we were committed to and so on.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator O'Sullivan, I will ask the commission to check its minutes in January and February</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 59&60

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				<p>2013.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Please.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: If there is any reference in those minutes to this prospect of and inquiry, they will be produced to you, and, if there is no reference in them, we will provide you that answer on notice.</p>	
SBE14/018	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>Mr Moraitis: For the sake of the <i>Hansard</i>, the reference to the department is not a reference to the Attorney-General's department, it is the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I should have clarified that because I would have thought that myself. So we need to get this body of material—any personal file notes that you have in relation to this, to put it within a time frame; discussions that have been minuted or recorded; any correspondence or exchanges internal or otherwise between the commissioners and staff, staff and commissioners. Can you take on notice to provide them for the period commencing 1 July 2012 through to the date that the inquiry is called in February 2014.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I would be very happy to provide whatever evidence we have.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: This was not my question—it was communications that have any reference whatsoever to support your contention. This has been a difficult passage and I do not want anyone to draw any inferences other than from what they have seen and forming their own views, but I am not going to leave the description of what I want to chance. I am looking for anything that would support your assertions particularly with respect to dates, including any correspondence between your commission and any government agency, not just the department of immigration or Attorney-General's, that has any reference to this whatsoever, even remotely—in pencil, I do not really care—so that we can establish, after this litany of questioning, what date you formed in your mind a view to hold an inquiry at another time—that being, we now know, February of 2014.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator O'Sullivan, can I just clarify? You said correspondence or communications. Do you mean to include within that internal records of the Human Rights Commission such as file notes—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: minutes of meetings—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: agenda, internal memoranda?</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Yes, everything; every record.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: So not just the communications between the commission and external entities or persons, but anything within the commission as well?</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Even a phone log where they have phoned someone and put in it that I rang to talk about the inquiry. Every single record.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: So any relevant document</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 62
SBE14/019	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Perhaps I will ask my question rhetorically. It is not challenged that a decision taken by you in June 2013 was not conveyed to your minister, the Attorney-General, until 22 January 2014, and you are not asserting that at any time in that almost seven-month period—make it six months amongst old mates—that six-month period did you indicate in other form to the Attorney that you had made up your mind about inquiring into children in immigration detention.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: You are not contesting that you had made up your mind in June and told—</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I am contesting that. I think we made a decision within the commission, but I will have to take it on notice, because it would be demonstrable on the minutes the state of the commission's mind, if I can put it that way, in June. When I have clarified that and am back in the office then I will know exactly what the nature of that determination was, but insofar as advising the current Attorney, I had only advised him when I had given in my own mind time for the new government to adjust its policies. I became aware in January of the figures, and that is when we decided to go forward with the inquiry. Exactly when we were going to go forward was a matter for determination.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 64
SBE14/020	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: When you alluded to having had a conversation with another minister, not the Attorney, in relation to your decision to conduct the inquiry into children in immigration detention, were you referring to the minister for immigration?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, I was; the then minister.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 65

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				<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: It is to follow that you advised the minister for immigration of your intention to conduct an inquiry before you advised the Attorney, to whom you report as a department or as an entity?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I think this letter indicates that I advised both the Attorney and the minister for immigration at the same time.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: So your assertion before that you had had conversations and had a discussion about it with another minister was meant to be all on the one day—22 January 2014?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Again, I must take it on notice. But I know that over that summer period I had a meeting with Minister Scott Morrison, and I know the subject came up and we discussed it. I think it was not until within days of 22 January that the final determination would have been made. I certainly had discussions with Minister Scott Morrison and then, before the election, discussions with the two previous ministers of immigration.</p>	
SBE14/021	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention	<p>CHAIR: I thought when I asked you that before, you said that no, you had not discussed it with ministers.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Maybe there is some confusion—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Clearly, that is evidence you have given two or three times, Professor Triggs.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: but I have discussed the possibility of an inquiry with—</p> <p>CHAIR: Tony Burke.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Minister Chris Bowen and with Minister Tony Burke, but they were possibilities of inquiries for 2014. I could not make an absolute determination because we were in the middle of an election, and I did not know whether or not I would need to do it if the policy changed.</p> <p>CHAIR: It cannot have been in the middle of the election if Tony Burke and Chris Bowen were ministers, because they were not ministers during the election period.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: There was an election period. I think you—</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: This is significant.</p> <p>CHAIR: Hang on, Senator O'Sullivan.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I think Minister Burke was the minister for a matter of weeks, just leading up to and through the caretaker period. I had at least one meeting with him, but very informally because I did not know where this was going to go.</p> <p>CHAIR: But you would not have been discussing it with the minister in the caretaker period.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I met with him over that period briefly and I think it was—</p> <p>CHAIR: That is entirely inappropriate, as you know. The caretaker period is the caretaker period for obvious reasons, and you do not discuss—</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I think I will have to take this on notice because the precise dates are not clear in my mind. All I know is that I had fairly regular meetings with each of the ministers over the period from about—</p> <p>CHAIR: But you told me before that you did not.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I did not say I did not meet with them.</p> <p>CHAIR: Remember I said: 'I'm not going to ask you what the advice was. I'm asking whether you actually spoke with him,' and you said, 'No' and 'No' and 'No.'</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: We are going around in a misunderstanding way. I have not advised them in any formal sense that I will be holding an inquiry, but in my informal discussions with them it was raised as a possibility that we would hold one for—</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps sought some advice from them on when would be an appropriate time to have an inquiry.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I certainly did not ask for their advice as to when I should hold it, because that is my decision.</p> <p>CHAIR: Sorry, Senator O'Sullivan, I interrupted you. You are just about out of your 15 minutes. I will come back to you if you want.</p> <p>[....]</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Chair, if I can add one point, I could not have met with Mr Burke during the caretaker period. That was my mistake and I would like to correct the record in relation to that. I could not have met him then—it must have been within a couple of weeks of that. I will check the records and produce all of that evidence when I have had a chance to back to my office and look at the material.</p>	<p>20 November 2014 L&CA 65&66</p> <p>20 November 2014 L&CA 67</p>
SBE14/022	Australian Human Rights	Siewert	Disability and Ageing	<p>Prof. Triggs: We do not yet have statistics that relate exclusively to the period in which Commissioner Ryan has been managing both roles. I can say that we have had an increase over the year in disability complaints. They are a</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 68&69

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	Commission			<p>very significant part of the commission's work. In fact, more than a third of our complaints concerned disability matters. That trend appears to be continuing under the new commissioner. She has held a stakeholders forum to gather together all of the stakeholders to advise them about her new role in combining both positions. That has been successful, I believe, in the major stakeholders understanding how she is going to work and her priorities in developing that work over the next two months. I think I can say that things are on track, but I do not yet know of any statistical information that would suggest that there has been any decline or any particular difference in the disability work. I will finish by saying that, as you will understand, the complaints function is quite separate from the function of the commissioners. As president, I am responsible for those complaints. We almost have Chinese walls, if you like, within the commission so that Commissioner Ryan is not on a daily basis dealing with any of these complaints.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to go to some of the other functions that Commissioner Ryan is carrying out, but I would like to specifically ask about something first. You said that the number of complaints was continuing along the earlier trend. How many have been received to date this year?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: For the 2013-14 reporting period, we have had 830. So 38 per cent of our complaints have come from that sector. I believe we have had a slight increase in disability discrimination complaints. But, as I said, the majority of our complaints—38 per cent—are under the Disability Discrimination Act.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you have any figures for the number of complaints received so far this financial year?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I do not.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I will certainly take that on notice and provide you with that information.</p>	
SBE14/023	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	Categories of disability complaints	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Are you able to break down that 38 per cent into what areas of complaint they were around? We have talked about employment in the past. I am wondering if you are able to give me a breakdown in categories of what that percentage of disability complaints were about.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, I can give you some answers to that. With regard to the Disability Discrimination Act, 33 per cent of complaints concerned employment and 39 per cent concerned the provision of goods, services and facilities. It might also be interesting to you to know that the main recorded disabilities are 18 per cent mental health and 18 per cent physical disabilities.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So that is 36 per cent. Is that what you were saying?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I have just given you two examples of the primary disabilities that make up the group.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So 18 per cent for mental health—</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: And 18 per cent for physical disabilities.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: What were the remaining complaints under the Disability Act—33 employment, 39 goods, services and facilities?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I will have to take that one on notice. They tend to be miscellaneous and not readily categorised, but I can ask whether there is more detail on that—the balance of about 30 per cent. If I can get a little bit more detail for you; we will be happy to send it to you.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 69
SBE14/024	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	Time taken to manage complaints	<p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated. Was there an average time for dealing with complaints in the past? I realise that some are more complex than others.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: That is correct. From receipt to finalisation of the complaint it is approximately 3.4 months, and we conciliate about 71 per cent of the formal complaints.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I presume that you don't yet have data on the relatively short period of this financial year.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: No, we don't. I can get some figures for you but I suspect that they would not be very illustrative of anything in particular.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that, but it is handy to know the three points.</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Certainly, and we would obviously be keeping a very firm eye on at least the last year.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 69
SBE14/025	Australian Human Rights Commission	O'Sullivan	Australian Human Rights Commission Annual Report	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I do; thank you, Chair. Professor, I note here in the correspondence—I do not intend to spend a lot of time examining you with respect to this correspondence because I personally think it speaks for itself—that you make a reference to the fact that you are required to finalise a strategic plan for the period 2014-17 by the end of June the following year. When you took up your appointment were you operating under a strategic plan that had been developed before you became the president?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 70&71

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				<p>Prof. Triggs: I was.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: You completed the term of that?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: With respect to an agenda, is that a document that is produced each year?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, it is.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Here is my final question for today, with a sigh of relief for all. Would you take on notice to provide me with a copy of the one that preceded this particular version?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Certainly.</p>	
SBE14/026	Australian Human Rights Commission	Macdonald	Australian Human Rights Commission 2013-14 workplan	<p>Senator Brandis: Senator, I read this document and, unless I missed something, apart from the rather general words that I pointed out to Senator O'Sullivan—to which Professor Triggs has just referred—there is certainly nothing in there to say it is part of our work plan for 2013-14 to hold an inquiry into children in detention.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you, Minister: I was reading the wrong section about what we are doing. As at 20 September—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That document was sent to me on 20 September—that is not necessarily the date of the document in fairness to Professor Triggs.</p> <p>CHAIR: but certainly at 13 September—notwithstanding that Professor Triggs had been thinking about this since February of 2013 and had discussed it with previous ministers prior to September 2013—it had not yet morphed into anything more substantial than that; is that correct, Professor?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: This document was produced around about July that year, so it was a forward sense of where our work was taking us to the extent that it had then been agreed. So at any stage, if we choose—or I decide—we can conduct an inquiry, even if that is not in the work plan or the forward thinking.</p> <p>CHAIR: I appreciate that but I was just wondering—</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: This would have been around July of 2013.</p> <p>CHAIR: Did you send this to the minister before Senator Brandis?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: Yes, we did.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That would have been Minister Dreyfus.</p> <p>CHAIR: When was that sent?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: The previous Attorney would have received a copy of this.</p> <p>CHAIR: When was that sent—perhaps on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Triggs: I will take it on notice, but it would have been around July.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you let us have a copy of your letter to the previous Attorney with any attachments. That would be helpful. If nobody has any more questions, thank you very much again, Professor Triggs and Ms Raman, for your evidence. I am sure we will see you again sometime.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 71
SBE14/027	Family Court & Federal Circuit Court	Wright	Effect of funding reductions on services in the Family Court	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I would like to ask some specific questions about the Family Court and the effect of cuts on services available in the Family Court. Last time we heard that it could take up to two years for matters to be resolved. Do you have up-to-date figures for the average length of time between lodgement and trial date?</p> <p>Mr Foster: The average time from lodgement to first day of trial is currently 13.4 months. In 2012-13 it was 12.7 months. That is the average, but I think it is important to say about finalisation that 75 per cent of final orders are dealt with within 17.5 months from filing to finalisation, and that was 16.9 months in 2012-13. Not all matters go to trial, obviously. Some 63 per cent of final orders were finalised within 12 months of filing. In terms of the work of the Family Court, that is not a bad figure. Currently the Family Court's clearance rate is 101 per cent, which means that we are dealing with cases faster than they are coming in. There is still an enormous backlog to deal with, but that is a pretty positive statistic.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: That was an average. I might ask you to take on notice those figures for the last four years. What proportion of people are waiting for more than a year for their matter to be concluded?</p> <p>Mr Foster: I would have to take that on notice to give you an appropriate figure, but 75 per cent of cases are dealt with within 17 months; nearly 63 per cent within 12 months.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 79
SBE14/028	Family Court & Federal Circuit Court	Wright	Family reports	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I am not personally suggesting that anything wrong has gone on in terms of the court. This is a Magellan list matter, supposedly to be expedited and for the complex issues to be dealt with expeditiously. Clearly, the consequences of long, drawn-out hearings and matters are bad for everyone, including the child. To what extent do the resources of the court affect the speed with which, for instance, family reports can be done? In</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 80&81

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				<p>evidence previously at estimates, I have been told that a lack of resources means there are not as many family report writers. There are delays as a result of under-resourcing. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Foster: I am not specifically aware of any lengthy delays in relation to family reports anywhere. There was a problem in Parramatta in the Federal Circuit Court in getting family reports at one stage, but I understand that has been addressed. We use not only in-house family consultants, of which we have 60-odd, off the top of my head, but we also spend several millions of dollars on report writers that we contract in—reg 7 report writers. The spend on family reports is pretty significant.</p> <p>I will take it on notice, but I am not aware of any significant delays in obtaining family reports, especially in Magellan matters, because it is recognised that these are the most difficult, entrenched cases but they will necessarily take some time to deal with. In many cases these are allegations, and the judges have to make some pretty significant decisions about what those allegations mean.</p> <p>So it is long and complex but by the nature of those cases they are long and complex. I do not believe it is a resourcing issue, certainly not in relation to judicial time. I would need to follow up on your specific question about family reports, but to my knowledge that is not a serious issue in relation to Magellan.</p>	
SBE14/029	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Bilyk	Operation Heritage Marca	<p>Senator BILYK: Off the top of your head, are any of you able to tell me what the value of the drugs involved in Heritage Marker might have been on the street?</p> <p>Mr Cornall: I did ask that question. I might be slightly in error here, but there was one significant matter—I am not sure if it was Heritage Marker—where we understand that the drugs were forfeited and the estimate that the person who was trying to import them put on his loss was \$1.3 million for a significant number of kilos, but the kilos were in fact selling in Australia for something like \$240,000. So it was the equivalent of about 100 times. If I have got that wrong, someone can correct me, but there was a huge mark-up.</p> <p>Mr N Sellars: In the search warrants that were executed in Heritage Marker, a number of quantities of drugs and cash were seized by the Australian Federal Police. I do not have that data to hand, but we can provide that later.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: If you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 85
SBE14/030	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Xenophon	Undue amount of time for investigations	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Is it the practice of your office to give an agency a hurry along if it seems to be an undue amount of time? I am not staying there has been in this case but is there some mechanism to ensure that they do get back to you in a timely manner?</p> <p>Mr Cornall: I do not know that there is an established mechanism. I think there should be. What we are doing at the moment is to bring everything up to date and to keep it there.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice, could you please advise what the mechanism will be and if one has been implemented or is in the process of being implemented. That would be very useful.</p> <p>Further to that, does the commissioner have any oversight of the AFP's internal investigations of this matter now that the matter has been handed back?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 86
SBE14/031	Criminal Justice Division	Xenophon	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	<p>Mr Anderson: The Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs is the body that brings together health, law enforcement and other government sectors to consider having a holistic response to illicit drug issues as well as other drug issues. In particular, under the auspices of that committee there is work underway to look at both current initiatives in health and other sectors in Australia as well as possible priority areas for future work.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you on notice provide whatever information you can on that—in particular, looking at best practice models in terms of drug rehabilitation and whether that acts to reduce the demand for drugs. That is probably a good thing in terms of reducing the power of organised crime.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I am not sure that taking it on notice will actually achieve much because the work is still underway.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you advise us what stage that work is at and when there might be a body of work that can be referred to in respect of public policy—even the time frame. That could be the subject of further questions.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes. Because it is a multi-sector group within government, it does have to go through a range of different governance processes in the health stream, health ministers and law enforcement ministers. I will see what we can provide by way of information.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 88&89
SBE14/032	Criminal Justice Division	Xenophon	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs	<p>Mr Anderson: One other thing on the subject of ice: I mentioned the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs, which is pulling together the national response from the health and law enforcement sectors. Mr Dawson has talked about the ACCs work and the response of the different parts of law enforcement. Other work that is going on is looking at working with industry on controls that industry can apply to supply of precursors and things like that.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 90

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				There is actually a lot of work going on in this space which hopefully will come to fruition early in 2015. Senator XENOPHON: Would you mind giving a broad outline, not in the sense that it would affect anything operational, perhaps on notice on this sort of work that is being done? I think a number of my colleagues share similar concerns about the impact of crystal methamphetamine. That would be very useful. Mr Anderson: Certainly.	
SBE14/033	Civil Law Division	Collins	Notice of potential adverse findings process	ACTING CHAIR: Minister, are you aware of any other circumstances where essentially the notice of potential adverse findings process has been done in public rather than in private? Senator Brandis: I am not, because I do not hold myself out to be a scholar on the practices of royal commissions. ACTING CHAIR: So, again, the suggestion is that I look at the textbook. Senator Brandis: No. I am simply saying that it does not strike me as there being anything unusual about that, but you should have great confidence in the fact that the particular royal commissioner that the government has asked to undertake this task, the Honourable Dyson Heydon, is regarded by many, many people in this country as the most eminent lawyer in the land. ACTING CHAIR: Perhaps that is a question that the Attorney-General's Department could take on notice if there have been other examples where essentially the notice of potential adverse findings process has been conducted in a public way rather than a private way, with respect to a royal commission. The other issue that was discussed prior to dinner related to, I think, the Attorney quoting some aspects of the letter of 2 October.	20 November 2014 L&CA 98&99
SBE14/034	Civil Law Division	Collins	Questionnaires for Royal Commissions	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I cannot say I will be all that satisfied then. I would like to move on to another matter related to the royal commission, which was the Attorney-General's Department's distribution of a questionnaire to Commonwealth agencies, seeking information about their engagement with trade unions. Who produced that questionnaire and for what purpose? Mr Fredericks: The relevant context to this is the Attorney-General's Department has a responsibility within the whole of government to coordinate and essentially represent the Commonwealth in its appearances and its representation in royal commissions. That is a role that we, the Attorney-General's Department have traditionally played. Indeed, it is a role that we have played in the three most recent royal commissions. It is in that context and in preparing for the Commonwealth's potential representation at this royal commission that the Attorney-General's Department followed a process that it traditionally follows, which is to seek information from all Commonwealth agencies with a view to understanding what may be the potential exposure of the Commonwealth in royal commissions. This is something we did in this royal commission and it is something that we did in the child sex royal commission as well. I should point out that it is done by the department at an officers level and, as I say, we regard it as essential preparatory work to understand what the Commonwealth's position could potentially be in the royal commission. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Could I be provided with a copy of the similar questionnaires that were sent for those other purposes you mentioned? Mr Fredericks: For the child abuse royal commission? Mr Minogue: We did a similar scoping exercise for the child abuse royal commission, as Mr Fredericks says. Can I take that on notice? The only reason I pause is because we were seeking that information essentially for the purposes of representing the Commonwealth's interests before the royal commission, and to that extent it is in the context of legal professional privilege. In relation to the trade union one, there was a leak, as you know, so that is in public. I am not so sure that the child abuse one has been released, but I will take that on notice. I must confess there is probably no reason why we would not provide it, but I would just like to take that on notice if that is okay.	20 November 2014 L&CA 100&101
SBE14/035	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	Senator BILYK: I understand the government wants to replace its fleet of armoured vehicles, is that correct? Ms Jones: Do you mean the vehicles for high-office holders? Senator BILYK: Yes. Ms Jones: Yes, we have. Senator BILYK: Can you tell me when the existing fleet was purchased, the current fleet? Ms Jones: The current fleet. I might have to take that on notice. The existing fleet is quite old now and has been in use for some years, so we could take that on notice. Senator BILYK: Okay. Obviously, then, you probably cannot tell me what the intended lifespan of that fleet was.	20 November 2014 L&CA 104&105

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				<p>Ms Jones: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Okay, thank you. When did the department open a tender to replace these vehicles?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We do have those dates.</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: It was 16 January 2012.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: When it was open? When were the tenders opened?</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: The department conducted a two-stage procurement process comprising of a request for expressions of interest on 16 January 2012 followed by a selective request were tender process on 30 March 2012.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: It did not close in January?</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Can you check the date that the tender opened. I understood that it might be December 2011, but I am happy to be corrected. I understood it might have closed in the middle of January 2012. If you could take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: Certainly.</p>	
SBE14/036	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	<p>Senator BILYK: Holden was involved in both. Great, thank you. Were there any EOIs from BMW submitted as part of that tender?</p> <p>Mr Norris: There were two from internationally based companies.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Were they BMW? Was one of them BMW?</p> <p>Mr Norris: Not that I can recall. I can take that on notice.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 105
SBE14/037	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	<p>Senator BILYK: Are you able to tell me what the criteria were that the tenders were assessed against in terms of international standards?</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: No, we cannot, Senator, in a public hearing because of the sensitivity and the nature of the vehicles and the protection that they are providing.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Can you give me that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: We could give you that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: I would appreciate that.</p> <p>CHAIR: If they are on notice, they are public. So, if there is some sensitivity, you might have to see if the minister would agree to our private briefing of Senator Bilyk, if it were vital. I guess that this is, sort of, bombproof cars, is it?</p> <p>Senator BILYK: It is.</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: Yes, Senator. It relates to blast and ballistic protection, but we would not be able to brief any further than that in a public sense. We could give you a private briefing, Senator, if you wished to have one.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Okay, I will certainly take you up on that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Should they brief the committee?</p> <p>Senator BILYK: I am happy for that, yes, more than happy.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 105&106
SBE14/038	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	<p>Senator BILYK: Following the tender process was a recommendation made to the previous government?</p> <p>Mr Crossweller: We will have to take that on notice. There was a lot of discussion in relation to the vehicles at about the time of the election. The former government was briefed to a certain point. The incoming government was then briefed, obviously, beyond that.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 106
SBE14/039	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	<p>Senator BILYK: Are you able to tell me the value of the contract?</p> <p>Mr Crosweller: That is in the public space. That is on AusTender, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Can you tell me how much it is, then.</p> <p>Mr Crosweller: We might take that on notice. We do have the figure. It is on the AusTender website; it is just not coming straight up. So can we take that on notice? We do have the figure; it is in the public space. It is on the AusTender website; I just cannot see it right now.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 107
SBE14/040	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	<p>Senator BILYK: Since I have to look up the value of the contract myself, do I also have to look up the purchase price per vehicle?</p> <p>Mr Crosweller: We can give you that figure on notice.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Take it on notice, then, please. Is one of these vehicles going to be reserved for permanent use as the PMC1 vehicle?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 107

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SBE14/041	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	Senator BILYK: That is true. So it was early this week. Are you able to tell me what the cost of the lease per vehicle was? Mr Crosweller: We will take that on notice.	20 November 2014 L&CA 107&108
SBE14/042	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	Senator BILYK: All right, I will ask a different question. You have had lots of time today, Senator O'Sullivan. Why weren't the four shortlisted bidders given the opportunity to respond to the department's belated concerns about the security specifications of the vehicles? CHAIR: Is that what it was about? I am not sure that that is in evidence. Senator BILYK: No, it is. Mr Crosweller: Can you please repeat the question, sorry. Senator BILYK: Why weren't the four shortlisted bidders given the opportunity to respond to the department's belated concerns about the security specifications of the vehicles? CHAIR: I do not know that the department had belated concerns. Senator BILYK: I am not asking you, Chair. CHAIR: Well, have you given that evidence? Mr Crosweller: The other bit is for the tender. [.....] Mr Crosweller: The short answer is, Senator, that they were not able to adequately meet the specification for the vehicle. Senator BILYK: Were they given an opportunity to respond to the concerns? Mr Crosweller: I would have to take that on notice on the specifics of that, Senator.	20 November 2014 L&CA 111
SBE14/043	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	Senator BILYK: Was the Prime minister or his office briefed on the decision to purchase BMWs over Holdens? Mr Crosweller: I would have to take that on notice, Senator, because our job is to brief the minister.	20 November 2014 L&CA 111
SBE14/044	Emergency Management Australia	Bilyk	Armoured vehicles	Senator BILYK: And can you tell me on what date that decision was made? Mr Crosweller: We will take it on notice.	20 November 2014 L&CA 112
SBE14/045	Defence Abuse Taskforce	Xenophon	ADFA 24	Mr Hall: Initially, the ADFA 24 referred to 24 cases of abuse and 19 victims of abuse. Senator XENOPHON: So the majority—I want to use neutral language—of people that made a complaint came forward? Mr Hall: No, that is not correct. Because we were able to identify possible cases through material provided by Defence, the total number of women who we are aware of that experienced sexual abuse at ADFA in the 1990s was 36; 16 of those are complainants to the task force. Senator XENOPHON: Thank you. So 16 of those women went to the task force. Mr Hall: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: And that would have been in what period; up until what time—from what month to what month? Mr Hall: The time that they came to the task force? Senator XENOPHON: Yes. When did the first woman come to the task force? Mr Hall: I would have to take that on notice, but the rough time frame would be from late 2012 until quite recently, in the last couple of months.	20 November 2014 L&CA 116
SBE14/046	Defence Abuse Taskforce	Xenophon	ADFA 24	Senator XENOPHON: I will leave that to one side. Of the women that came forward in relation to the ADFA 24 cases, have any of those matters been referred to the police? Mr Hall: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: By the task force? Mr Hall: Yes. Senator XENOPHON: How many of those cases have been referred to the police? Mr Hall: I may have to take that question on notice, I am afraid, Senator. Senator XENOPHON: That is fine. I just want to move on. I would be grateful if you could take it on notice. I would like to get an understanding of how many of those cases were referred to Defence for disciplinary proceedings.	20 November 2014 L&CA 116

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SBE14/047	Defence Abuse Taskforce	Xenophon	Response times and allegations sitting with the Chief of the Defence Force	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide details, but obviously nothing that will identify the alleged perpetrators or those possible abuse victims, of the promptness of responses from the CDF and how many matters are still outstanding where specific allegations have been put to the CDF about alleged perpetrators still serving in Defence, and what has happened in respect of that, because that does quite frankly concern me, given the gravity of the allegations made. Is there a regular follow-up with the CDF, given the seriousness of these allegations?</p> <p>Mr Hall: There is a regular follow-up—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How regular is it—monthly, bimonthly?</p> <p>Mr Hall: There have been some pieces of correspondence from the chair of the task force and the CDF and there are regular meetings that I hold with the head of the organisational response unit in Defence, covering various matters. That is a matter that is followed up during those meetings, as well. In relation to the numbers and the specifics of your question, I think I should take that on notice, because I do not have up-to-date information, and that of course will be a matter for Defence.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 117
SBE14/048	Defence Abuse Taskforce	Xenophon	Response times and allegations sitting with the Australian Defence Force	<p>Senator XENOPHON: No, I will be very quick. Mr Hall, can you please advise on notice what steps have been taken and what priority has been given in order to establish what action, or otherwise, the ADF has taken in respect of the serious matters you have brought before them, in terms of some timeline and in terms of the correspondence and communications you have had with the ADF, because these matters are still ongoing? I am genuinely grateful to the Chair for the time he gave me, and thank you Senator Collins.</p> <p>Mr Hall: I can, Senator, and I also note for your information that the chair's report that will cover some of these matters will be tabled in the parliament next week. But I can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 118
SBE14/049	Access to Justice Division	Xenophon	Funding for legal costs relating to documents seized in ASIO raids relating to Timor-Leste	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Moving on to the Attorney-General's response to a question on notice No. 785, which I asked on 27 August this year, in relation to Timor Leste concerning litigation in the International Court of Justice in the Hague over the dispute with Timor Leste regarding documents seized in the ASIO raids of 3 December. Question 1 was: what was the cost of retaining the following people to represent Australia in these proceedings, firstly, with respect to Australian lawyers and, secondly, with respect to overseas lawyers? I am aware that there is an AusTender reference CN1955312, in the amount of \$370,550. Would that be with respect to the overseas lawyers?</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: Sorry, Senator. You were not referring to a figure in the answer to the question on notice; you were referring to another source.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am referring to the AusTender information and I am asking—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Sorry, Senator. If you are going to refer to another document—you referred to an answer to a question, and we have that—can you table the other document to which you are referring, please.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I can table you a copy of it. I have given the AusTender reference, but if that is not immediately—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The reference means nothing to us unless we can actually see the document. If you are going to be asking questions about a document, let us see the document.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I think we have gone to table. You can provide just that one copy; that is fine.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, we would like copies at the table, please.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You want multitudes? Okay.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: In fact, strictly speaking—and this is a practice I have always observed—if you want to rely on a document, you should bring to the chamber, or to the committee room, sufficient copies both for the witnesses at the table and for other members of the committee so everyone can follow the line of questions.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, and I understand that, Senator Brandis, but I recall that perhaps your behaviour has not been as pure as you are suggesting.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have only tabled two documents today, Senator, and I have observed that practice—</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No, I am not talking about today; I am talking about historically speaking.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: on both occasions and it is has been my almost invariable practice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Your recollection of history is a bit different to mine, but anyway.</p> <p>CHAIR: What document are you talking about?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The AusTender reference which they have taken to copy.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 119

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				<p>Senator Brandis: That is the point, Senator Macdonald: it really is untidy and wasteful of the committee's time to refer to documents that nobody has before them and then delay things while the officials have to do the work that could have been done by the senator.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: No, I do not need to delay things, because I can move on to my questions while that occurs.</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, let us have the question.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Sorry, Mr Moraitis is attempting to respond.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: Senator Collins, the official is not here, but I am happy to take on notice the reference and, hopefully, in the time we have this evening, I might—</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, it is just coming now. But, as I said, I was happy to move on to the other questions on notice while that occurred.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: We will take it on notice, then.</p>	
SBE14/050	Civil Law Division	Collins	Freedom of Information	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. The other remaining question I have, before I am happy to move off this area, goes back to the discussion we had earlier regarding the scoping questionnaire. Mr Fredericks was with us at that stage and I think there was another officer as well. You may need to take this as a question on notice too. I have had a look at the schedule of documents and FOI request number FO114167, where there are a range of areas where access has been refused by virtue of the section 42 exemption for legal professional privilege. As you mentioned, there were some areas where information had been provided but a range of areas where access has been refused. Is it possible to provide the committee with what the consideration of the real harm has been, as per the Information Commissioner's guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Sure.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 122
SBE14/051	Australian Federal Police	Collins	Balibo Five	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Thank you. In that statement, you have answered some of the questions that I had—for example, about the discussions with the Commonwealth DPP—and you have mentioned that the collection of some of the information was outside the control of government. But can I ask what discussions the AFP had with the government before the announcement of this decision?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: In relation to the announcement of the decision, no discussion. That was a decision of the AFP and the AFP alone.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And during the course of the investigation and in reaching the conclusion that you had exhausted all avenues?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I believe there would have been occasions when we would have briefed the government, because this has been high profile. I would have to check on which occasions we have briefed government. In terms of the conduct of the investigation and the evidence that was available to us, that is not a matter that we have consulted with government for instance.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Would you mind taking it on notice to provide to us with the information about when you did brief government?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: We can check the dates and times of formal briefings, yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Thank you.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 123&124
SBE14/052	Australian Federal Police	Leyonhjelm	Sword seized in raids	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Okay. The sword that was seized in the raids last month—do you know if it was made of plastic, as the family claimed?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I am pleased that you asked this question, because it has obviously come up a few times. I am sure the committee will be pleased to know that we did make inquiries because I wanted to satisfy myself. I can absolutely guarantee the committee it was not a plastic sword; it was a metal sword. I know the speculation that has been raised in the media. Categorically, I can say it was a metal sword.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Thank you. Was the sword inscribed with Arabic text referring to Zulfiqar?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I have seen a photo of the sword. It has Arabic script of some description. Whether it is text, I cannot say. I will take it on notice to get an exact translation, if there is a translation, of the symbols on the side.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 127
SBE14/053	Australian Federal Police	Bilyk	Security at Hobart Airport after AFP withdrawal	<p>Senator BILYK: As I understand it, and I am happy to be corrected if I am wrong, they have had one day of training in how to remove people from aeroplanes and deal with any of those risk factors. You had some sort of hybrid model previously, did you not?</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 128&129

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				<p>Mr Colvin: Hybrid as in shared between Tasmania Police and AFP?</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: We did, and we had that model at all of our airports. Over time, we transitioned that model to predominantly AFP, and at the point that we withdrew our resources from Hobart airport I believe there was one Tasmania Police officer seconded into our team.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: How long was the training under that hybrid model?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I would have to take that on notice, because it was a very long time ago.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: I understand it was six weeks, but I just want to be clear with my facts.</p>	
SBE14/054	Australian Federal Police	Bilyk	AFP support in Tasmania for Chinese President visit	<p>Mr Colvin: Absolutely not. There are always reasons why we may need to, but, at the moment and in the foreseeable future, the security situation at Hobart airport, I believe, has a very good response from the Tasmania Police. Citizens of Hobart should be comfortable with those arrangements in relation to the President's visit recently. As we said all along, if there was a need for us to surge or supplement Tasmania Police with additional resources or capabilities, we would. That is what we did with the Chinese President's visit this week, and, should there be a need to do that again, we would obviously assess it and do it again.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: You sent extra AFP down there this week—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: We did, yes.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Can you tell me how many?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: We would have to check that. It was a range of capabilities.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: If you could take that on notice, I would be interested.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: It was a range of different capabilities.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Are you able to take that on notice and tell me what those different capabilities were?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Thank you. I am happy with my five minutes.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 129&130
SBE14/055	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Jurisdictional constraints - Balibo Five	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I am concerned about time constraints, so let us just cut to the chase. You received advice that the reason why this matter is not proceeding in respect of the Balibo Five is primarily jurisdictional issues—that whatever you did you would not be able to show jurisdiction in terms of triggering war crimes—</p> <p>Mr Phelan: An Australian offence.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: An Australian offence pursuant to war crimes?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And that in turn relates to definitional issues under the Geneva convention?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And you received advice from the Attorney-General's Department?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: There are a number of places where we got advice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And, just briefly, that included the Attorney-General's Department and some independent counsel?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How many advices were there? Were there one, two, three or more?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I think there were a few.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Right.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I think maybe at least three. At least three sets.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you take on notice when that advice was obtained? I am not asking for the content of that advice at this stage—</p> <p>Mr Phelan: No, of course.</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 132
SBE14/056	Criminal Justice Division	Xenophon	Jurisdictional constraints - Balibo Five	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Is it reasonable for me to ask whether the issue of jurisdiction, upon which a decision has been made to not take this matter any further, should have been an issue that was raised very early on?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: This is not a criticism of the advice that you obtained, but are you aware that there are contrary views from Professor Ben Saul and Mark Tedeschi QC, who provided advice to the coronial inquest by the New South Wales coroner in respect of this that took, as I understand it, a different view on the issue of jurisdiction?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: Without going into the content of the advice, because I have no intention of waiving privilege, there is</p>	20 November 2014 L&CA 132&133

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				<p>a cross-pollination of advice as well.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Right. If legal representatives of the family members wrote to the AFP with an undertaking to not disclose that advice beyond the family members, would that be something that you would entertain providing? Perhaps that is a question for the Attorney as well.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I would have to think about that, and I would not be minded to vary from the practice that has been observed by the Australian Federal Police. It is not unknown, you know, Senator Xenophon, for different lawyers to arrive at different conclusions.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But in order for some sense of closure for the family members who have lost their loved ones—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice and discuss it with Commissioner Colvin. I have not read Mr Tedeschi's opinion. He is a very respected barrister.</p>	
SBE14/057	Civil Law Division	Collins	Independent FOI watchdogs	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Then I will ask: do comparable jurisdictions have independent FOI watchdogs?</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Was the development of Australia's information commissioner an implementation of international best practice?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is partly a matter of opinion, but I think, as Mr Moraitis said, we can take that on notice. But I might point out, Senator, that, as you know, the plan is to transfer the review of these applications to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, which of course is an entirely independent body, presided over, as you would be aware, by a former Labor Attorney-General, now President of the AAT, Justice Kerr. So I hope you are not impeaching the complete independence of the AAT in the performance of this, as in the performance of all its functions.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 11
SBE14/058	Australian Federal Police	Collins	Airline training event	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The only other area of questioning I have for AFP—and thank you for returning to what will hopefully be a shorter session of estimates on this occasion—is the training exercise in Sydney where the AFP's canine detection unit left a bag with 230 grams of plastic explosives in the lost baggage area. Mr Colvin, you will be aware of some of the reporting of that incident, but can you update me on what has subsequently transpired.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I can. I do not have any particular material before me on that, so anything further I can certainly provide to you on notice. Let me say at the outset that that was a regrettable incident that should not have occurred, and there has been a review by the AFP and by our professional standards team into the circumstances that led to that training aid being left in a suitcase. Of course, as soon as we became aware that that had occurred—and we thank the people involved who brought that to the attention of the local police—we spoke to them as well as obviously the local police, and we also spoke to the airline operator, and clearly we also have spoken to our members involved.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Okay. Just let me understand the facts of the matter firstly. It seems in some ways it was a comedy of errors. A controlled item was left behind after a training event.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: That is correct. It was a quantity of explosives.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: In a bag?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That was then held by the lost property office, I assume?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: As I understand it, the bag that was used was provided to us by the airline. It was a bag that had been handed in as a damaged piece of luggage by a previous passenger. The airline had held that, they had lent it to us for use, and then we provided it back of course to the airline after the training exercise.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Okay. That now makes it clearer why the bag was then passed onto a further passenger—</p> <p>Mr Colvin: That is right.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: As far as the lost property office was concerned, it was a spare bag—</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Exactly right.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: that was available for whatever purpose they felt.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Exactly.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 12

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SBE14/059	Australian Federal Police	Collins	Airline training event	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am interested in the outcome of the review from the professional standards team. You do not have those details before you at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: No, and I am not aware of them, but I will definitely take that on notice and we can provide the committee with the outcome of the review and the investigation.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Given the nature of the incident, I am keen to understand where the failure was seen to have occurred and what has been put in place subsequently to ensure that it does not happen again.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: Absolutely, and, as I said, it is regrettable; it should not have happened. It is not consistent with my expectations nor our guidelines and practices. Beyond that, I will wait and see what the actual investigation has found out.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So you have not seen that yourself yet?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: No, I have not.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But it has concluded?</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I would have to check.</p> <p>Mr Wood: It has not concluded yet. My understanding is that the investigation itself in terms of the gathering of evidence and talking to everybody involved is concluded, but then reaching a recommendation on the actual action to then be taken is not yet finalised. So it has not come to me yet either.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: All right, then I think I will be a bit more cautious about asking any more questions. I do not want to pre-empt the consideration of the review. Answers to questions are not due in until February, so perhaps if you could anticipate my questions and forward us the outcomes of that decision.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: And given the time frame that has already occurred, it would be my expectation that the matter would be very close to finalisation, and we will have something for you by February.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 12&13
SBE14/060	Australian Federal Police	O'Sullivan	Funding allocated to violence relating to women and children	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Well, that is a line that I can follow with them. I now have a question for the commissioner. I am particularly interested in what funding may now be allocated to the initiative to do with violence relating to women and children. We had that wonderful launch, in effect, with commissioners on White Ribbon Day, and I am interested to know just what your thinking is, what framework has been put in place—real everyday activities—between the commissioners and how it has been funded towards initiatives that will mitigate the terrible affliction in our society.</p> <p>Mr Colvin: I guess the first thing I would say is that of course that was a significant milestone event, for the commissioners to stand up united against violence against women and children. And, as you saw, all commissioners, both Commonwealth and state and territory, stood as one on that issue, largely to try to bring awareness and to show that this was very much a male issue and that males need to show leadership. In terms of funding,</p> <p>I will answer specifically from the AFP perspective. Violence against women and domestic violence more generally is largely a state and territory based offence. So, with the exception of the work that we do in the ACT police context and the work that we do in our offshore capacity-building missions—PNG, Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands—the AFP does not directly get involved in the issue of violence against women and children. We do, however, have a gender strategy that we recently launched for our offshore operations where we are working with our counterpart police organisations overseas, such as those in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, where we focus specifically on improving their capacities to raise awareness but also to address and investigate violence against women and children. So that is the way the AFP contributes to this issue mainly, other than, of course, showing national leadership with my colleagues around the country.</p> <p>As to the AFP itself, in terms of allocated funding or grant funding or program funding, nothing comes directly to mind. If there were, it would be fairly niche and very targeted. I could take on notice the question of whether there is any funding for our IDG missions overseas specifically. But at this stage that is probably all I can say on the matter.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 16
SBE14/061	Australian Intelligence Security Organisation	Collins	Internal policies and procedures	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Please convey to the Director-General thanks for the statement that he was not able to provide on the earlier occasion, and I would add my thanks to the previous Director-General. He provided the committee—actually, it was the references committee—with some quite helpful information regarding two points that are mentioned here. One is the accountability mechanisms that you referred to. Indeed, Mr Irvine referred to the importance of increasing accountability along with additional powers in the current circumstances. Can you</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 20

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				<p>apprise me of any new operational accountability mechanisms that may be being contemplated by ASIO in the current climate? And, again, as the chair commented earlier, there may be some issues that you cannot discuss.</p> <p>Ms Hartland: There is a range of accountability mechanisms. We obviously have our own in-house policies and protocols that are signed off guidelines by the Attorney-General. We have almost royal commission-like powers of the IGIS—the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security. In fact, her people actually have offices that sit within our organisation for much of the time and have full access to all of our records and all of our people and can inquire on any matters. Obviously there are mechanisms through the PJCIS—the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security—at which, as you know, we appear during both public and private hearings. It is playing a major role in looking at current legislation. Obviously it is instilled in legislation guidelines that we provide annual reports to the parliament. We provide both a classified and an unclassified annual report. The classified annual report goes to the PJCIS, for which we are then fully accountable. In terms of processes around warrants and the like, the department also plays a role in ensuring the legality of everything that we do and we have the INSLM in place as well. That is an overview of the accountability mechanisms within the organisation. Those protocols and policies and procedures dictate the levels of sign off. Generally, they are very high and basically anything that is going to the Attorney for sign off, in terms of warrants and passport recommendations and things, all go through the Director-General.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The guidelines you referred to, that the Attorney signs off, they relate to more internal policies and procedures.</p> <p>Ms Hartland: Correct.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Are they available?</p> <p>Ms Hartland: They are publicly available on the internet, on our website. There are a few that will not be for operational reasons, but the vast majority are there.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And has there been a review of those in recent times?</p> <p>Ms Hartland: One of the recommendations that came out of one of the recent PJCIS inquiries was to review those, and we are in the process of doing that. At the moment we are working with the department on that.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Is there a time frame for that?</p> <p>Ms Hartland: I do not think so. I will look into that for you, but I do not think there is a specific time frame.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: If you could provide that on notice, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Ms Hartland: Sure.</p>	
SBE14/062	Australian Intelligence Security Organisation	Collins	Prosecution of people engaged in activities of security concern in Australia	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Okay. You mentioned that, of the 25 people who have returned to Australia, 19 have engaged in activities of security concern after they have returned.</p> <p>Ms Hartland: That was from the Afghanistan-Pakistan experiences, yes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Eight faced later conviction. Can you describe what happened to the other 11?</p> <p>Ms Hartland: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Let me know if it is problematic. From our point of view, in terms of dealing with this problem, understanding why only eight of 19 were successfully prosecuted is one of the policy issues we want to address.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is quite right, Senator. Of course, as you know, conduct that raises a level of concern in the mind of ASIO may not reach the threshold at which the Director of Public Prosecutions would make the judgement that a prosecution is likely to be secured at the standard of proof in a criminal trial. By the way, it is a point I keep trying to convey to critics of this legislation—I know you are not one of them, Senator—that the most important protection of all is that, for all of these terrorism related offences the standard of proof remains the criminal standard: proof beyond reasonable doubt.</p>	11 December 2015 L&CA 23
SBE14/063	Australian Intelligence Security Organisation	Collins	Prosecution of people engaged in activities of security concern overseas	<p>Senator Brandis: That is quite right, Senator. Of course, as you know, conduct that raises a level of concern in the mind of ASIO may not reach the threshold at which the Director of Public Prosecutions would make the judgement that a prosecution is likely to be secured at the standard of proof in a criminal trial. By the way, it is a point I keep trying to convey to critics of this legislation—I know you are not one of them, Senator—that the most important protection of all is that, for all of these terrorism related offences the standard of proof remains the criminal standard: proof beyond reasonable doubt.</p> <p>Mr Moraitis: Senator, if I could just clarify: you might be conflating two elements—prosecution for activities in</p>	11 December 2015 L&CA 23

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				<p>Australia in those situations, rather than for activities overseas. The two activities should not be confused in this context, in the historical context.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I understand your point, and perhaps that is something that can be separated, if you are able to address that in an answer on notice—whether those convictions related to domestic or international activities.</p> <p>Ms Hartland: There may not be a lot more we can say to you on that, given that we do not comment on individuals and we do not comment on operational matters, but we will take it on notice and see what further advice we can provide you with. It might be of a more general nature.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Sure.</p>	
SBE14/064	Civil Law Division	Collins	Government review into the effectiveness of efforts to reduce online copyright infringement - code or standard coming into operation	<p>Mr Minogue: In the third last paragraph of that letter, the government says, 'We'll be working closely—we'll be keeping an eye on how it is developing. Government accepts there is no single proven way through this, but it is ultimately a matter for industry to address itself.' Because there are multifactors adding to what the problem is and because different stakeholders will have a different view about what the root problem is, in the last sentence of that paragraph, the minister and the Attorney say:</p> <p>In light of this, the Government will review the effectiveness of efforts to reduce online copyright infringement within 18 months of a code or standard coming into operation.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am sorry; I thought I understood that the government would be looking at legislating at 18 months.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I beg your pardon, Senator?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, no. We are going to relook at it and see how it is going.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I think what the Attorney did say—and also said in the letter—was that government is not just setting industry on a path, and saying, 'See how you go.' Government has been very clear that it expects to see an agreed code by April of next year, and if that is not achieved by industry then government may consider other options, including the prescription of a standard under the ACMA powers—under the Telecommunications Act.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So then the time frame for industry is to reach a voluntary agreement by April.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: April.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: A hundred and twenty days from yesterday.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And then the government will review the situation with a view to—</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Reviewing the effectiveness of what has been achieved. I should mention also that the injunctions measures that the Attorney mentioned would be on a separate path. They would require legislation, but that will be a matter for government's parliamentary business processes.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I will come to that. That is in part helpful, but I will come to that part in a moment. But, in terms of the government indicating that if a satisfactory voluntary code is not achieved then a prescribed code will be looked at, what is the time frame for that?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: That would be determined by ACMA under the Telecommunications Act. I would have to qualify a little, because it is not an act we administer. I think there are time limits under that as to how ACMA discharges those mandatory powers that it has involving consultation prior to the exercise of those powers. The exercise of a voluntary code to be recognised under the Telecommunications Act also has time limits or time periods for which the ISPs would need to undertake public consultation as well, and that would be before April. But, in direct answer to your question about the time frame for the exercise of the mandatory power, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, I do not think it is actually specified, other than that the cabinet will readdress the issue after 8 April.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: That is right.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: In the letter, I had conflated that with the 18-month review.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: No, it is separate.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 29&30
SBE14/065	Civil Law Division	Collins	Submissions relating to the government's piracy consultation	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How many submissions has the government's piracy consultation attracted?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: There were approximately 720 submissions.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And what is the breakup of those between industry or lobby groups and individuals?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: A hundred of those were from organisations representing both sides of the equation, if you like, being ISPs, peak bodies and rights holder groups. And the rest were from individuals.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 30&31

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				<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Which ones did the government make publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: The department published on its website all the submissions from organisations and it subsequently made available to individuals who requested them copies of all submissions that were provided that were not confidential.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So, your advice to the opposition is to request copies of them all?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Yes. The problem with the number of submissions we encountered was literally how to get all of those on our website in an accessible form, as we are required to do. We are still working through it, but the priority was the ones from organisations. That is not to say that the other 620 were not available. It is just a matter of what the best way is to make those available.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Does the site advertise that?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I do not know, to tell you the truth. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
SBE14/066	Civil Law Division	McKenzie	Use of private data once it leaves our borders	<p>Mr Minogue: This is probably something the Privacy Commissioner would be better able to answer, but in any event, the Privacy Act sets up the regime for consumers to make complaints about the use of their privacy. The Privacy Commissioner has a range of statutory powers but the first option is to conciliate those, to work with the service provider and the consumer. Failing an acceptable outcome, the Privacy Commissioner has regulatory powers including making of determinations which then become enforceable by courts.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Are you aware of the debate currently in Europe about the right to delete?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Following the Spanish decision? I then have to say yes.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Have we done any sort of preliminary work around that issue?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Only very preliminary, in all honesty Senator. Certainly our privacy area is aware of it and the implications it might have for Australia. It is one that does not sit on all fours with our regime and of course there is—</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Did you say 'on all fours'?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Yes, on all fours. The European legislation does not necessarily equate to ours. So some of the concepts the Spanish court took into consideration about the particular actions or processes that Google undertakes do not necessarily have a comparator in Australian legislation. There are, however, some similarities in relation to how the Privacy Act works, including the obligation for information holders to maintain accurate information and the capacity for people to access information that is held about them. Again, it can go into the machinery administered by the Privacy Commissioner about how issues or controversies are resolved. One of the issues that would be fundamental to any resolution in Australia is: is the information held in Australia?</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Private data is flowing across borders. Do we have an understanding of what happens to that private data once it leaves our borders and what sort of confidence we can give citizens about the use of that data?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I think we do. I can only talk in general terms. In relation to credit related information in particular, that was a key feature of the 2012 reforms. A lot of effort was put into working with industry and consumer groups about how information relating to debt is handled and processed offshore. There are strong controls around that. More generally, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 33
SBE14/067	Civil Law Division	McKenzie	Data exchange	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Is there a list of where we have data exchange—so that we know our privacy regime is compatible and so that our citizens can have confidence in that? Is there a list of preferred—</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I will take that on notice. One of the issues in privacy internationally is concepts of compatibility or recognition of alternative schemes and how we measure up or how other regimes measure up. There are consequences flowing from that. That is probably as far as I can take that today.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 33
SBE14/068	Access to Justice	Collins	Regression analysis	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Remind me what a regression analysis tells us.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I will do my best. We have engaged consultants specifically because we are not qualified to do the work. But regression analysis is about looking at the service level that has been delivered previously and, significantly through the consultation with the sector, indications of where a demand driver exists. It is about retrofitting what has happened with who has required services. I can take on notice to give you a more scientific answer, if you would like, because I would not like to do an injustice to the level of detail that is going into this work. In terms of consultation, we did the survey initially and we visited each jurisdiction. We met with the justice departments as well as all these service providers to discuss the elements that will go into the model, but we have not yet finalised a model. I know there is a level of frustration amongst providers, because once that model is developed it will go</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 35&36

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				<p>into the federal cabinet process and therefore not be something we are likely to be consulting on after the event.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: It is also something which will require agreement from the states and territories, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Manning: All of these arrangements require agreement with the states and territories in relation to legal aid commissions and community legal centres. The Indigenous Legal Assistance Program is one through which the Commonwealth funds those providers directly. But we also want the states to agree that when they are doing the jurisdictional planning I spoke of earlier they will include Indigenous legal assistance providers as well.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes, Ms Quinn, I will take up your offer to have that dealt with on notice. I would be interested to see what that particular analysis is designed to yield.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: No problem.</p>	
SBE14/069	Access to Justice	Collins	Environmental Defenders Offices	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: There have been questions, I take it, in the past regarding Environmental Defenders Office officers. In the weeks between you arriving back to the Minerals Council on 14 November and the release of MYEFO on 7 December 2013, in the letter to the Minerals Council you referred to three reviews that were occurring into legal assistance, those being the Commission of Audit, the ACIL Allen national partnership agreement review and the Productivity Commission inquiry into access to justice arrangements. Did any of those three reviews report back to you regarding EDO funding before you finalised your position?</p> <p>Mr Manning: Not before the finalisation of the decision, no. Ms Quinn will correct me if I am wrong, but my understanding is that the review of the NPA and the Productivity Commission report came out subsequent to that decision being made.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Let's be clear, then: the funding here was cancelled with no analysis, no review and no process other than the mining companies asking for it to be done.</p> <p>Mr Manning: No, that is not what I said.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Did you have interim reports of those reviews?</p> <p>Mr Manning: There was a draft report of the NPA review, I think.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: We did have that. I will have to check, but I am not aware that it specifically referenced Environmental Defenders Office officers. I will need to check that.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: Yes.</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 36
SBE14/070	Criminal Justice Division	Collins	Community crime prevention projects	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So, prior to the election itself the list was finalised.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: It was prior to the actual election but during the election campaign.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Who selected the identified organisations?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: The then opposition did.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And who was responsible for the initial identification of these organisations?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: The then opposition.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Were those responsible for this identification—well, the answer to that is no; they were not an independent body or group. What was the process used?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I cannot answer that. I can say that this was what happened in 2007 and 2010 as well. The government in 2010 and the then opposition in 2007 identified a range of projects that would be funded following that election if they were elected. So, it is not a change of process.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: You are referring to projects in which area particularly?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Community crime prevention projects.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I am certainly aware of countless other projects designed in opposition that utilise more independent processes to establish the basis for identifying those that would attract funding. In fact, I can recall from many years ago, before we had the PBO, that parliamentary estimates was often used for that purpose by oppositions.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes. All I can say is that the previous government's safer-suburbs program identified community crime prevention projects to fund during the 2007 and 2010 election campaigns. The current government identified projects to fund during the 2013 election campaign. In all cases, of course, the actual decisions about the commitment of funding have followed assessment of actual applications by those organisations via the department</p>	11 December 2014 L&CA 37

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				<p>under published guidelines, in accordance with the Commonwealth grant guidelines.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So, have all of those projects that were identified in the lead-up to the election subsequently been funded?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: No, they have not.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Which ones have and which ones have not?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: A very small number have elected to not actually put in applications for funding. I do not have the names of those specific ones here.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Perhaps you could provide that on notice—</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: and the reasons they determined not to.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: If they did not put in an application we will not necessarily be able to say what the reasons are.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: To the extent that you are able, then.</p> <p>Mr Anderson: Yes.</p>	
SBE14/071	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the date they were ordered the date they commenced the minister responsible the department responsible the nature of the review their terms of reference the scope of the review Who is conducting the review the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review the expected report date the budgeted, projected or expected costs If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them If yes, for each, who selected them If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, please detail what involvement it was If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur Which reviews are on-going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please list them. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 	Written

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				7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review?	
SBE14/072	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? a. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written
SBE14/073	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Appointments	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.	Written
SBE14/074	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Vending machines	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written
SBE14/075	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Stationary requirements	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office. b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date. 3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan; detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.	Written
SBE14/076	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office. a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to the office g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department	Written
SBE14/077	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? 	
SBE14/078	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? c. Itemise these expenses 	Written
SBE14/079	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e. The names of all service providers engaged f. The location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>4. The location used</p> <p>5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p>	Written

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				7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	
SBE14/080	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d. How many are graphic designers? e. How many are media managers? f. How many organise events?	Written
SBE14/081	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Report printing	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? 2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal	Written
SBE14/082	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment	Written
SBE14/083	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	FOI requests	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written
SBE14/084	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicles	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.	Written
SBE14/085	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial staff (non-MPS) motor vehicles	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost?	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	
SBE14/086	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial staff motor vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	Written
SBE14/087	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is active from. b. Date the lease agreement ends. c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date from which the lease agreement was active. b. Date the lease agreement ended. c. Why was the lease not renewed? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c. Expected location of the building (City and state). d. Expected cost of the lease. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 5. For each building owned or leased by the department: 	Written

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				a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.	
SBE14/088	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Government advertising	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising	Written
SBE14/089	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Lobbyist register meetings	1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written
SBE14/090	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial website	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written
SBE14/091	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Legal costs	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written
SBE14/092	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written
SBE14/093	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Market research	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: a. List the total cost of this research b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c. Who conducted the research? d. How were they identified? e. Where was the research conducted? f. In what way was the research conducted? g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j. What input did the Minister have? k. How was it approved? l. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.	Written

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SBE14/094	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these changes c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, who conducted the works? e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written
SBE14/095	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Wine coolers/fridges	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written
SBE14/096	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Office plants	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? a.If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c.If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e.If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 2. If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written
SBE14/097	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? a.If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c.If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e.If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? 2. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?	Written
SBE14/098	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Computers	1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written
SBE14/099	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Workplace ergonomic assessments	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written

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SBE14/100	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or Agencies with Boards)	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies: 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	Written
SBE14/101	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Advertising	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies. 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning. 3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.	Written
SBE14/102	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment (ministerial)	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: a. What is provided? b. The purchase cost. c. The ongoing cost. d. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). e. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written
SBE14/103	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Functions	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister, include: a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.	Written
SBE14/104	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? 2. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 3. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 4. How have they been recruited? 5. What process was used for their appointment? 6. What is the total cost of this unit? 7. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit 8. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 9. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.	Written

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				10. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?	
SBE14/105	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended The party or individual who initiated the request for the function The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function A list of drinks consumed at the function a list of any entertainment provided at the event the venue of the event, how it was selected, how it was approved and whether any other venue was considered for the event a total cost for the function, broken down by venue, food, drinks, entertainment or other cost items Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost of each beverage 	Written
SBE14/106	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse. 	Written
SBE14/107	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? How long have they worked for the Minister? Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not, on what date did they comply? Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, on what date were those disclosure made? By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level 	Written
SBE14/108	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Senate estimates briefings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please break down the hours by officer APS classification Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? 	Written

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				a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made? 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.	
SBE14/109	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Shared resources following MoG changes	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written
SBE14/110	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: 2. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? 3. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. 4. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signage. b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). c. Logos d. Consultancy e. Any relevant IT changes. f. Office reconfiguration. 5. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? 6. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.	Written
SBE14/111	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.	Written
SBE14/112	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Contracts for temporary staff	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?	Written
SBE14/113	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Prequalified, multi- use list tenders	1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel? 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?	Written

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				7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?	
SBE14/114	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Unallocated equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated. 	Written
SBE14/115	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 	Written
SBE14/116	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written
SBE14/117	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Travel costs (department)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under. 	Written

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				6. Detail the process. 7. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 9. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 10. What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel? 11. What date did the minister or their offices approve the travel? 12. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	
SBE14/118	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Travel costs (ministerial)	1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written
SBE14/119	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: a. What has been provided? b. The purchase cost. c. The ongoing cost. d. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). e. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written
SBE14/120	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Grants	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants? 2. How are grants applied for? 3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved. 4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant? 5. Who is involved in this selection process? 6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. a. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail. 7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.	Written

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SBE14/121	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Government payment of accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? a) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014? 7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written
SBE14/122	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act)</p> <p><u>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Department or Agency which was consulted; b. The document; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office. <p><u>Staffing resources</u></p> <p>The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests? <p><u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 	Written

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				<p>2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? <p>3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</p> <p>4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On how many occasions charges have been imposed; The amount charged for each document The total amount charged; What is the highest charge that has been imposed? <p><u>With respect to FOI requests:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? Of those, how many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Released in full Released in part Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest Other (please specify) 	
SBE14/123	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written
SBE14/124	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs? How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written
SBE14/125	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total spending on these services The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please 	Written

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				provide: a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.	
SBE14/126	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing profile	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).	Written
SBE14/127	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?	Written
SBE14/128	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written
SBE14/129	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing transfers	1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification	Written

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				<p>of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013?</p> <p>9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>17. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p><i>Redundancies</i></p> <p>19 How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>20. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>21. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>22. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>23. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>24. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <p>a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</p> <p>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	

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				<p>36. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>37. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>38. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>39. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>40. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>41. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>42. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>43. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>44. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>45. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>	
SBE14/130	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff</p>	Written

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				<p>leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e. Who has access?</p> <p>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	
SBE14/131	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs?</p> <p>a. If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>b. How were they selected?</p> <p>c. What was the total cost of this printing by item?</p>	Written
SBE14/132	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</p> <p>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</p> <p>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>a. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</p> <p>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</p>	Written
SBE14/133	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p> <p>3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?</p>	Written
SBE14/134	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose.</p> <p>b. If so, why?</p>	Written
SBE14/135	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Enterprise bargaining agreements (EBAs)	<p>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written
SBE14/136	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Existing resources programmes	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <p>2. List each</p> <p>3. List the staffing assigned to each task</p> <p>4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</p> <p>5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</p>	Written

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SBE14/137	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with? 	Written
SBE14/138	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Domain usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. c. Number of times the site was accessed. 	Written
SBE14/139	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Statutory review provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? b. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review c. When did/will this work begin? d. When is/was the review due to commence. e. What is the expected report date. f. Who is the minister responsible for the review g. What department is responsible for the review h. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. i. List the terms of reference. j. What is the scope of the review. k. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? l. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? m. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? n. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? o. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review p. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 	Written
SBE14/140	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Self-initiated work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)? 2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did the project commence? b. When is it expected to conclude? c. What will the total cost of the project be? d. Where did the money for the project come from? e. Where is the project based? 	Written

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SBE14/141	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Graduate intake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013? 2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014? 3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015? 4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016? 	Written
SBE14/142	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	G20 - expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security. For each item, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. b. The location of the event. c. The date of the event. d. The name and ABN of the service provider. e. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. f. The total value of the contract/invoice. g. The date the contract was executed by the Department. h. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. i. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. j. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. 2. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted. 	Written
SBE14/143	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	G20 - Brisbane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How long will the minister be in Brisbane for? b. Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. c. Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles. d. How many ministerial staff will attended with the minister? e. How many departmental staff attended the G20? f. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane? g. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane? h. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail. i. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail. 2. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What will be the scope of the report? b. When will it be complete? c. Will it be available to the public? 	Written
SBE14/144	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Procedures manual (ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When was the manual last updated? b. Who is responsible for updating the manual? c. Who is the manual distributed to? d. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department? 	Written
SBE14/145	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Procedures manual (departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When was the manual last updated? b. Who is responsible for updating the manual? c. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. d. Who is the manual distributed to? 	Written

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				e. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?	
SBE14/146	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Sunset provisions	<p>1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <p>a. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?</p> <p>b. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?</p> <p>c. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active</p> <p>d. When did/will this work begin?</p> <p>e. When is/was the review due to commence.</p> <p>f. What is the expected report date.</p> <p>g. Who is the minister responsible for the review</p> <p>h. What department is responsible for the review</p> <p>i. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</p> <p>j. List the terms of reference.</p> <p>k. What is the scope of the review.</p> <p>l. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</p> <p>m. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</p> <p>n. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</p> <p>o. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</p> <p>p. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>q. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>	Written
SBE14/147	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Non-conventional therapies	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013: Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes:</p> <p>a. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?</p> <p>b. Who are they available to?</p> <p>c. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:</p> <p>a. What therapies have been provided?</p> <p>b. What were they used to treat?</p> <p>3. What was the cost of the therapy?</p>	Written
SBE14/148	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Departmental staff misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</p> <p>4. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?</p> <p>a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</p> <p>b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</p>	Written
SBE14/149	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Cloud services and storage	<p>1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:</p> <p>a. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?</p> <p>b. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.</p> <p>c. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.</p> <p>d. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?</p> <p>e. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?</p> <p>f. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?</p>	Written

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				g. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements? h. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.	
SBE14/150	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Disability access	1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide: a. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires). b. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act. c. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete. d. Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue. e. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs. f. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached. g. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.	Written
SBE14/151	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Fee for services	Since September 7, 2013: 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: a. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. b. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). c. The date the fee came into place. d. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. e. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? f. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? g. What justification is there for the fee?	Written
SBE14/152	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Documents provided to minister	1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature. 2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3. How are they transmitted to the office? 4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?	Written
SBE14/153	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	Since 7 September 2013: 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?	Written

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SBE14/154	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - stats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time? 	Written
SBE14/155	Strategy and Delivery Division	Ludwig	Savings and efficiencies measures	<p>Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued? 2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the timeframe for implementation? b. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks? c. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department? d. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy? 	Written
SBE14/156	Corporate Division	Collins	AGS MYEFO Measure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What consultations did the Government undertake prior to announcing the abolition of the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)? 2. How many staff are presently employed by the AGS? Please break down by legal/administrative and part/full time. 3. What dividends did the AGS return to the Commonwealth in the 2013/14 financial year? 4. What dividend does the Government currently forecast it will receive from the AGS in the 2014/15 financial year? 5. What was the total cost to the Commonwealth of legal services in the 2013/14 financial year? 6. What does the Government currently forecast will be the total cost of legal services in the 2014/15 financial year? 7. What is the AGS's current market share of Commonwealth legal services? 8. What proportion of the Commonwealth's legal services are 'tied work' for the purposes of the Legal Services Directions 2005? 9. Will the Government absorb the entirety of the AGS into the Attorney-General's Department (AGD)? 10. Will there be any job losses from current AGS staff? 11. What will be the cost to the Commonwealth of employing current AGS staff as APS employees within the AGD? 12. Will current pay scales for current AGS staff be retained? 13. Will the Government review the Legal Services Directions? 14. Will the AGS continue to bill Government clients on a commercial basis? 15. What savings will be achieved by this measure? 	Written
SBE14/157	Information Division	Collins	Cloud computing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the Government decide to remove the requirement for ministerial approval of storage by Government agencies of Australians' personal information in overseas cloud facilities? Where is this decision recorded? 2. How will Australian privacy law apply where government data is stored by private providers overseas? 3. What remedies will be available to Australians if there is a data leak from an offshore data centre? 4. Will affected individuals be notified that their personal data is being held overseas? 	Written
SBE14/158	Strategy and Delivery Division	Collins	Appointments – remuneration and entitlements	<p>Please refer to the questions for each of the following appointments announced in the evening of Thursday 11 December 2014:</p> <p><i>Appointments to Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former WA Liberal Senator Ian Campbell. • Former NSW Liberal MP Peter Collins. <p><i>Appointment to the Council of the National Museum of Australia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative opinion columnist Janet Albrechtsen. 	Written

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				<p><i>Appointment to the Board of the National Film and Sound Archive</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Liberal National Party MP Paul Neville. <p><i>Appointment to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former ACT Liberal Senator Gary Humphries as Deputy President. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the annual base salary or daily sitting fee for each position? 2. What is the annual base salary or daily sitting fee for each position? 3. What superannuation entitlement, if any, applies to each position? 4. Does the position attract a travelling allowance payment? If so, what is the quantum of the payment? If it varies according to location, please provide a detailed list. 5. If the appointee flies at Commonwealth expense, are they entitled to fly business class? 7 6. Does the position attract a travel entitlement for members of the appointee's family? If so, please describe the entitlement. 7. Is the appointee entitled to use Comcar? 8. Does the appointee receive a mobile telephone or internet connection allowance? If so, what is the quantum of this allowance? 9. What other entitlements or allowances apply? 10. What is the total value of the remuneration package for the appointee? 11. Why did the Minister leave it until after the daily deadlines for all major news outlets to announce these appointments? 12. Why did the Minister wait until the Christmas period to announce these appointments? 	
SBE14/159	Strategy and Delivery Division	Collins	Appointment of Janet Albrechtsen to the Council of the National Museum of Australia	<p>With reference to the Minister's remarks to Mr Barry Cassidy that it would be inappropriate for him to continue to serve on the Advisory Board of Old Parliament House because of the Minister's "strong view that it is not appropriate to have anybody currently involved in the political process, whether they be politicians or journalists, sitting on boards such as these", as reported in The Australian on 25 October 2013 ("ABC host Barrie Cassidy bows to Coalition, quitting government post to avoid controversy"):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it still the policy of the Minister that anybody involved in the political process should not sit on government boards? 2. Why did the Minister appoint political opinionist Janet Albrechtsen to the Council of the National Museum of Australia, in contravention of his own policy? 3. Why is it appropriate for Ms Albrechtsen to serve on the Council of the National Museum of Australia, but not appropriate for Mr Cassidy to serve on the Advisory Board of Old Parliament House? 	Written
SBE14/160	Access to Justice	Carr	MRT/RRT amalgamation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the stakeholder consultations begun in regards to the amalgamation of the MRT and RRT yet? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the timeline for consultations? • Who is being consulted? • What has been recommended so far? • Have any concerns been raised in regard to this amalgamation? • If so, what are these concerns? b. If not <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When are consultations expected to begin? 	Written
SBE14/161	Access to Justice	Collins	Community Legal Centres' Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services is due to expire on 1 July 2015. When will the Government announce funding arrangements for legal assistance services beyond this date? 2. Have any legal assistance providers been advised of their funding beyond 1 July 2015? How and when has any advice been conveyed? 3. Will there be any reduction in funding to legal assistance services beyond those already announced by the Government? 	Written
SBE14/162	Access to Justice	Wright	Justice Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has occurred, with the aim of including incarceration rates or other justice-related measures in the Closing the Gap targets? 	Written

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				2. What measures is the Government putting in place to address Indigenous disadvantage in the justice system and to honour its stated commitment to reducing the incarceration rate of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders? 3. Has the government done any work or had any further consideration about a justice reinvestment approach to criminal justice? a. Why/why not?	
SBE14/163	Access to Justice	Wright	Productivity Commission Access to Justice Report	1. The Government released the Productivity Commission's final report on its Inquiry into Access to Justice Arrangements to the Government on 3 December 2014. Many aspects of the report have been welcomed by legal service providers and legal representative bodies. Does the Government intend to adopt or implement the full range of recommendations made by the Productivity Commission? 2. The Productivity Commission recommended a major increase in funding for legal assistance, with a focus on civil matters, including family law. It quantified the total cost increase needed as around \$200 million per annum. Does the Government intend to adopt this recommendation and deliver this funding to the legal assistance sector? 3. The Productivity Commission also clearly recommended that the Commonwealth, State and Territory Government's "should provide funding for strategic advocacy and law reform activities that seek to identify and remedy systemic issues and so reduce demand for frontline services". Does the Government support with this recommendation? 4. In light of this considered and evidence based finding, will the Government reconsider its decision to withdraw funding to legal assistance providers, on the basis that such providers should not be funded to engage in advocacy or law reform work? 5. Does the Government intend to consult with those groups identified in the Productivity Commission's report as providing critical legal services to those most in need – i.e. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, Community Legal Centres, and Legal Aid Commissions, and the providers of legal aid and pro bono work in the private profession – as part of its response to the report? 6. What action does the Government intend to take in the next 12 months to address the following key recommendations made in Productivity Commission's report: a. Provision of funding for community legal education and the establishment of Community Legal Education Collaboration Funds b. Development of 'legal health checks' for priority disadvantage groups c. Improving accessibility to legislation during public consultations, such as publishing plain language guides that summarises legislation in relevant areas d. Protection for consumers of legal services, such as establishing taskforces to develop a centralized online resource reporting on typical fees for various types of legal matters and/or the publication of costs assessments decisions online e. Establishment of a taskforce to design and implement a limited license for family law f. Enhancing ombudsman complaints processes g. Improving the speed and accessibility of court process, for example the application of the Federal Court's Fast Track model more broadly h. Supporting self-represented litigants to navigate the court system, for example developing clear guidelines for judges, court staff and lawyers i. Improving the process for applying for grants for legal aid for civil and family matters j. Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments working together to agree on priorities for legal assistance services and provide adequate funding so that these priorities can be broadly realised. k. Development of strategies to proactively engage with at-risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reduce their likelihood of needing legal assistance to resolve disputes with government agencies, especially in the areas of child protection, housing and social security. l. Development of strategies to proactively engage with at-risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reduce their likelihood of needing legal assistance to resolve disputes with government agencies, especially	Written

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				<p>in the areas of child protection, housing and social security.</p> <p>m. Consideration of the development of culturally tailored alternative dispute resolution services (including family dispute resolution services) for ATSI people</p> <p>n. Improving the collection and analysis of data relevant to the delivery of legal services.</p>	
SBE14/164	Access to Justice	Wright	Allen Consulting Report	1. Can you outline the funding arrangements (i.e. contributions made by Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments) for the Allen Consulting report on legal assistance services?	Written
SBE14/165	Access to Justice	Wright	Allen Consulting Report	<p>1. When will the Government respond to this report?</p> <p>2. The report found ‘funding for legal assistance services is inadequate to meet the government’s own objectives and any efficiencies to be found would not be enough to cover the funding shortfall’. What is the government going to do to address the funding shortfall around legal assistance?</p> <p>3. The report also recommended a whole-person consideration of legal issues and supported preventive and early intervention activities, which could involve research and education activities. Is the Government re-evaluating its approach to legal aid funding – and how that money can be spent – in light of this expert advice?</p>	Written
SBE14/166	Access to Justice	Wright	Cuts to Front Line Legal Services	<p>1. Under the Government’s cuts to the funding for the legal assistance sector, the Women’s Legal Centre in the ACT will lose \$50,000 in 2015-16 and 2016-17 – this is the equivalent of one solicitor working 45 hours a fortnight for a year. The Centre has calculated that in the last year, this solicitor has undertaken 535 advice activities, approximately 600 hours of casework/representation and supervised another 600 hours of advice and casework by pro-bono lawyers. As such, over two years they calculate they would lose 2270 hours of legal work and have calculated the cost of this work if done in the private sector as \$1.2 million.</p> <p>a. Is this consistent with your understanding of what these cuts will mean?</p> <p>b. Do you accept that cuts of \$50,000 will be impossible for already stretched legal services to absorb without cutting services?</p> <p>2. The Law Council of Australia has stated that actuarial modeling from Price Waterhouse Coopers shows that for every dollar invested in legal aid, there is a saving of \$1.60 to \$2.25 in the delivery of justice. With this in mind, why does the Government continue to make cuts to frontline legal services that are already delivering very strong value for money for the tax payer?</p> <p>3. Does the Government have plans to withdraw further funding from already chronically underfunded legal services, such as Indigenous legal services in the Northern Territory or elsewhere?</p>	Written
SBE14/167	Access to Justice	Wright	Community Legal Centre Funding and Counter-terrorism laws	<p>1. Since the last Estimates hearings we have seen significant increases in the funding provided to law enforcement and intelligence agencies and a very substantial expansion of their powers, but no corresponding increases in funding or powers to the organisations that those affected by these laws rely upon to understand what the laws mean and what their rights are. Has the Government reviewed the funding allocation provided to community legal centres and legal service providers in light of the recent counter-terrorism reforms?</p> <p>2. Where will individuals be able to get advice about whether it is legal to travel to a declared area, and how to go about collecting sufficient evidence to establish a ‘legitimate purpose’ for that travel?</p>	Written
SBE14/168	Access to Justice	Wright	Surrogacy	<p>1. There have been recent cases, as reported in the media, where Australians have engaged in surrogacy arrangements overseas and there have been adverse outcomes as a result. One was the case of Baby Gammy.</p> <p>a. What action is the government taking to prevent cases like this one from occurring in the future?</p> <p>b. Does the government have plans to look at Federal laws on overseas surrogacy?</p> <p>c. Premier Barnett has stated that Federal oversight of surrogacy is necessary. What discussions have occurred between Premier Barnett and the Federal government in relation to surrogacy?</p> <p>d. At a COAG meeting in October, leaders agreed that one Commonwealth agency should have oversight of overseas adoptions. Will this agency also have oversight of surrogacy?</p> <p>e. Does the government have any plans to instigate an inquiry into surrogacy?</p> <p>2. Are Australians who are seeking to enter into overseas surrogacy agreements subject to any kind of screening?</p> <p>a. If so, please outline the screening process.</p> <p>b. What level of detail does the government require about an overseas surrogacy agreement when the commissioning parents apply for Australian citizenship for the child born through surrogacy?</p>	Written
SBE14/169	Access to Justice	Wright	Family Law Council	<p>1. The Family Law Council has recommended examining the laws covering surrogacy, adoption and custody.</p> <p>a. What is it about the existing laws that the Family Law Council views as flawed?</p>	Written

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				b. What changes to the law would the Family Law Council like to see, in relation to surrogacy? c. Is it the Family Law Council's view that Australia's domestic surrogacy laws, despite being different in each state, encourage more Australians to engage in commercial surrogacy arrangements overseas? d. In relation to overseas surrogacy, how does the existing legislation protect the rights of surrogate mothers and children born through surrogacy? e. Is it your view the Federal Government should have oversight of surrogacy? 2. What advice has the Family Law Council given to the Attorney-General in relation to surrogacy over the past 12 months?	
SBE14/170	Civil Law Division	Collins	Copyright	1. Will the Government formally respond to the ALRC's report on copyright? If so, when? 2. Is the Government still considering the adoption of a fair use exception, as recommended by the ALRC? If so, what steps is the Government taking to finalise a policy? 3. Why has the Government not proceeded with the extension of the safe harbour scheme as it proposed in its Discussion Paper in September? 4. Please provide a breakdown of submissions to the Government's consultation process on copyright reform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many submissions were received? b. How many from industry/NGOs and civil society groups/academics and experts/private citizens? c. How many submissions in each of the categories in [b] supported the extension of the safe harbour scheme? 	Written
SBE14/171	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Cameron	Remuneration	1. Please provide details of the remuneration paid to date to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commissioner The Hon John Dyson Heydon AC QC; b. Counsel Assisting Jeremy Stoljar SC; c. Counsel Assisting Michael Elliott; d. Counsel Assisting Fiona Roughley; e. The CEO of the Office of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption, Ms Jane Fitzgerald. 2. Please provide the amount of all payments made to date to Minter Ellison Lawyers. 3. Please provide details of legal financial assistance and witness expenses paid to date, including to which parties and witnesses legal financial assistance and/or witness expenses have been paid and the amounts paid to each party or witness. 4. Please provide details of the Royal Commission's expenditure to date on media and public relations.	Written
SBE14/172	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Justice Heydon's costs	1. How much is Justice Heydon being paid to preside over the TURC? 2. Will Mr Heydon's service on the TURC affect his High Court judicial pension or vice versa? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, how? 3. Does Mr Heydon have access to a Comcar as part of his service on the TURC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, how much has been charged to the taxpayer for Comcar use by Mr Heydon? b. If he already receives access to Comcar in his status as former High Court judge, will this be accounted for separately and charged to the TURC? 4. Does Mr Heydon receive travelling allowance or any other allowance if he is required to preside over hearings away from his home base? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what is the amount? b. How is it calculated? c. What is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to Mr Heydon since the TURC commenced? 5. Are there any other accommodation costs paid on behalf of Mr Heydon? 6. When Mr Heydon travels for TURC hearings, does he travel in business class? 7. How much has been paid in air fares for Mr Heydon since the TURC commenced? 8. Has any agreement been reached for travelling entitlements for Mr Heydon's family? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, could you please describe them and explain the costs for each component? 9. Is Mr Heydon paid a mobile telephone allowance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. If so, how much? 10. Has Mr Heydon been provided with a mobile telephone? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what make and model? 	Written

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				11. What is the cost of any other hospitality afforded to Mr Heydon, or any meals, sustenance, gifts or any other incidentals?	
SBE14/173	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Jeremy Stoller's costs	<p>Noting that Mr Stoljar's costs have already partially been reported on Austender, (Attachment A), and is therefore a matter of public record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is Mr Stoljar's daily fee for appearing at the TURC? How many days has he appeared at the TURC so far? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If you don't have a precise figure for Mr Stoljar's appearances can you please advise the number of days the TURC has sat since it commenced? What is the daily or hourly rate paid to Mr Stoljar for any work occurring outside of hearing days? How much has been paid to Mr Stoljar so far? Does Mr Stoljar have access to a Comcar as part of his retainer? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what has been the cost to the Commonwealth since the commencement of the TURC? Does Mr Stoljar receive travelling allowance or any other allowance if he is required to preside over hearings away from his home base? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what is the amount? How is it calculated? What is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to Mr Stoljar since the TURC commenced? Are there any other accommodation costs paid on behalf of Mr Stoljar? When Mr Stoljar travels for TURC hearings, does he travel in business class? How much has been paid in air fares for Mr Stoljar since the TURC commenced? Has any agreement been reached for travelling entitlements for Mr Stoljar's family? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, could you please describe them and explain the costs for each component? Is Mr Stoljar paid a mobile telephone allowance? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, how much? Has Mr Stoljar been provided with a mobile telephone? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what make and model? What is the cost of any other hospitality afforded to Mr Stoljar, or any meals, sustenance, gifts or other incidentals? 	Written
SBE14/174	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Legal costs	<p>Noting that Junior Counsel's fees have already partially been reported on Austender and are therefore a matter of public record (Attachment A):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Junior Counsel have been retained to support Mr Stoljar at the TURC? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are their names? What is the daily hearing rate for each Junior Counsel? What is the total cost of hearing fees paid to each Junior Counsel thus fur? What is the daily or hourly rate paid to each Junior Counsel for work outside of hearings? What is the total amount paid to each Junior Counsel for non-hearing work since the TURC commenced? How many lawyers are employed by the TURC? Are they employed under the Australian Public Service Act 1999? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what level are they employed at? Have any other solicitors been retained, from a private law firm or the AGS? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, can you describe that arrangement and the costs? Does each Junior Counsel receive travelling allowance or any other allowance if they are required to preside over hearings away from their home base? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what is the amount? How is it calculated? What is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to Junior Counsel since the TURC commenced? Are there any other accommodation costs paid on behalf of Junior Counsel? When Junior Counsel travels for TURC hearings, do they travel in business class? How much has been paid in air fares for Counsel Assisting since the TURC commenced? Are Counsel Assisting paid a mobile telephone allowance? 	Written

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				a. If so, how much? 14. Have Counsel Assisting been provided with a mobile telephone? a. If so, what make and model? 15. What is the cost of any other hospitality afforded to Counsel Assisting, or any meals, sustenance, gifts or other incidentals?	
SBE14/175	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Operational expenses	1. How many administrative staff are employed by the TURC? 2. Are they employed under the Australian Public Service Act 1999? a. If so, what level are they employed at? 3. Does the TURC employ people directly to prepare transcripts of hearings or is this a contracted service? a. If a contracted service, what is the value of this contract? 4. How many IT staff are employed by the TURC? 5. Are they employed under the Australian Public Service Act 1999? a. If so, what level are they employed at? 6. Please provide an itemised cost for the following expenses: a. Computers b. Printers/photocopiers/scanners c. Fixed line telephones d. Mobile telephones e. Stationery 7. Does the TURC subscribe to legal databases? a. If so, please list them and provide the cost? 8. How many media and public relations staff are employed? 9. Are they employed under the Australian Public Service Act 1999? a. If so, what level are they employed at? 10. Who manages the TURC's Twitter account? a. What is the total cost of Twitter management since the establishment of the TURC? 11. What is the total cost to the Australian Government of this employment? 12. What are the legal costs of managing the TURC's website? 13. What are the costs of retaining security personnel for hearings of the TURC? 14. What are the costs of security screening equipment (x rays, metal detectors etc.)?	Written
SBE14/176	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Selection process	1. Were the Counsel Assisting and positions publically advertised? 2. How many applicants were considered for the position? 3. Was the applicant assessed according to a merits based selection criteria? a. If so, please describe the assessment process and outcome. 4. Was the appointment considered by Cabinet? 5. Who identified the appointee as a potential candidate for appointment? 6. Who approved the appointment? 7. Was the Minister or his office briefed on the appointment? a. If so, on what date(s)? 8. Was the Prime Minister or his office briefed on the appointment? a. If so, on what date(s)? 9. Was the appointment recommended by the bureaucracy? 10. If engagement of Counsel was dealt with as a procurement rather than appointment matter, was there a tender or similar open competitive process engaged in? Was it a full tender? 11. How many prospective Counsel were invited to participate in this process? 12. How was the process assessed? 13. What was the outcome of the process?	Written
SBE14/177	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into	Bilyk	Thomas Prince	Noting that Thomas Prince's fees have already partially been reported on Austender and are therefore a matter of public record (Attachment B): 1. What legal work has Thomas Prince conducted since his appointment and contract of \$132,440?	Written

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	Trade Union Governance and Corruption			2. Are there any reasons why this appointment was not made at the beginning of the TURC hearings? 3. Was this position publically advertised? 4. How many applicants were considered for the position? 5. Was the applicant assessed according to a merits based selection criteria? a. If so, please describe the assessment process and the outcome. 6. Was any consideration given to the potential conflict of interest arising from the appointment of a candidate who is a previous scholar with the “Menzies Institute”? 7. Was the appointment considered by Cabinet? 8. Who identified the appointee as a potential candidate for appointment? 9. Who approved the appointment? 10. Was the Minister or his office briefed on the appointment? a. If so, on what date(s)? 11. Was the Prime Minister or his office briefed on the appointment? a. If so, on what date(s)? 12. Was the appointment recommended by the bureaucracy? 13. If engagement of Mr Prince was dealt with as a procurement rather than appointment matter, was there a tender or similar open competitive process engaged in? Was it a full tender? 14. How many prospective Counsel were invited to participate in this process? 15. How was the process assessed? 16. What was the outcome of the process?	
SBE14/178	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Minter Ellison	Noting that Minter Ellison’s fees have already partially been reported on Austender and are therefore a matter of public record (Attachment C): 1. Noting the contract with Minter Ellison, why is there a difference of \$5,918,000,00 million between the original contract and the amended version? 2. Was the contract awarded to Minter Ellison publically advertised? 3. Was there a tender or similar open competitive tender process used to award this contract? Was it a full tender? Please explain the process including how many bidders participated in the process, how the process was assessed and the outcome of the process. 4. Why was the contract given to Minter Ellison? 5. Was the decision to award the contract to Minter Ellison considered by Cabinet? 6. Who identified Minter Ellison? 7. Who approved the appointment? 8. Did the Attorney General have any influence on this appointment? 9. Was any consideration given to the potential conflict of interest arising from the fact that the Minister was formerly an employee of Minter Ellison? 10. Why are the supplier details on Austender linked to Minter Ellison in Brisbane rather than Sydney, where the Trade Union Royal Commission and Minter Ellison’s Head Office is based? 11. Was the Minister or his office briefed on the contract? a. If so, on what date(s)? 12. Was the Prime Minister or his office briefed on the appointment? a. If so, on what date(s)? 13. Was the appointment recommended by the bureaucracy? 14. Are Minter Ellison solicitors receiving travelling allowance or any other allowance if they are required to preside over hearings away from their home base? a. If so, what is the amount? b. How is it calculated? c. What is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to Minter Ellison solicitors since the TURC commenced? 15. Are there any other accommodation costs paid on behalf of the Minter Ellison solicitors? 16. When Minter Ellison solicitors travel for TURC hearings, do they travel in business class?	Written

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				17. How much has been paid in air fares for Minter Ellison solicitors since the TURC commenced? 18. Have Minter Ellison solicitors been paid a mobile telephone allowance? a. If so, how much? 19. Have Minter Ellison solicitors been provided with a mobile telephone? a. If so, what make and model?	
SBE14/179	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Australian Government Solicitor	Noting that the Australian Government Solicitor's (AGS) fees have already partially been reported on Austender and are therefore a matter of public record (Attachment D and E): 1. Noting the contracts with the Australian Government Solicitor, what legal works was provided by the AGS? 2. Was this work not able to be done by Minter Ellsion? 3. Was there a need to engage the AGS in legal work for the TURC? 4. Who made the decision to give work to the AGS? 5. Was the decision considered by Cabinet? 6. Who approved the decision? 7. Was the Minister or his office briefed on this decision? a. If so, on what date(s)? 8. Was the Prime Minister or his office briefed on this decision? a. If so, on what date(s)? 9. Was the appointment recommended by the bureaucracy? 10. Was Minter Ellison aware of legal work being given to the AGS? 11. Considering the Abbott Government's decision to abolish the AGS, who will now be providing legal work previously done by the AGS? a. Will this result in further spending on the TURC?	Written
SBE14/180	Civil Law Division - Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption	Bilyk	Austender publication	1. When will further contracts for Mr Stoljar and Junior Counsel be published on Austender? 2. Why have only some contracts for the above been published? 3. Has the Minister complied with the Austender publication rules?	Written
SBE14/181	Ministry for the Arts	Collins	Arts policy, funding and programmes	1. Please provide a copy of the Minister's speech that outlines the specific details of the Government's arts policy. 2. Please provide a detailed statement of the arts funding available from and provided by the Ministry for the Arts since 7 September 2013 not including funding provided by the Australia Council. 3. Please provide the guidelines for the Cultural Development Program Funding. 4. A response to a question put on notice (BE14/068) from a previous hearing stated that savings of \$33.8 million over 4 years will be achieved from uncommitted funds in the Cultural Development Program. We are also told that the Ministry was, at the time of the answer, determining what project funding was uncommitted. What project funding has been found to be uncommitted? 5. In the Portfolio Budget Statement estimates "Arts and Cultural Development" for this year and the next three years are provided. Please provide a breakdown for these figures to sub-program level. 6. What guidelines and procedures are in place for eligibility and applications for these sub-programs? What funding has been made available, and to whom, so far this financial year from "Arts and Cultural Development"? 7. How do arts organisations become aware of the discretionary funds available to them in the Ministry for the Arts, and how can they apply for them? What is the process? What are the guidelines and criteria for those grants? 8. Provide a statement of the triennial funding for the Indigenous Art Code. 9. Provide a copy of the Minister's letter to the Indigenous Art Code stating the Government's policy that the Art Code will not be mandatory. 10. Screen Australia CEO Mr Mason told the committee that no programs will be curtailed or discontinued because of the cuts to Screen Australia's funding in the Budget. How does this answer reconcile with the statement on the Screen Australia website (Taking Stock 2014/15) that there would be	Written

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A \$2-3 million reduction in production investment and project development programs • A \$500 000 decrease in funding for prints and advertising • A reduction of \$400 000 in Talent Escalator professional development programs • A transition away from funding screen resource organisations (saving up to \$1.6 million)? <p>11. The Australian Bureau of Statistics announced on 5 June 2014 that it would discontinue the ABS funded component of Culture, Sport and Recreation statistics (among other programs), due to cuts in its budget. What was the cost of the Culture, Sport and Recreation Statistics? Has the Ministry made estimates of the cost of replicating them?</p> <p>12. What other arrangements have been made by the Ministry to ensure that statistical measurement of Australia's cultural life will continue to be collected and published?</p> <p>13. What other data is the Ministry relying upon to advise government and to inform policy decisions?</p> <p>14. I note that the ABS will reinstate the Culture, Sport and Recreation statistics program if funding is provided – has the Ministry considered the possibility of providing such funding?</p> <p>15. Is the National Centre for Cultural and Recreation Statistics (NCCRS), previously half-funded by the ABS, continuing to operate?</p> <p>16. If so, what publications has the NCCRS produced this financial year (i.e. since July 1)?</p> <p>17. Is it intended that the NCCRS continue to publish the Australian Cultural and Creative Activity Satellite Account? If so, when is the next publication scheduled?</p> <p>18. I note that the recent meeting of cultural ministers in Alice Springs “Endorsed work to secure the continued collection of core cultural data, which will support national cultural statistics collections from 2015-16.” What work is that?</p> <p>19. What representations have been received by the Minister or the Ministry from organisations which previously relied on this data? What was the content of those representations?</p> <p>20. In the absence of reliable statistical data from the ABS, how does the Ministry intend to measure the extent of cultural activity in Australia, and its contribution to the wider economy?</p> <p>21. The Government announced in the Budget that the back office functions of the seven Canberra national cultural institutions would be consolidated to achieve a saving of \$2.4m over 4 years. After six months consideration, what “back office functions” are to be consolidated?</p> <p>22. What is the predicted schedule for takeover of functions from the institutions? 3</p> <p>23. What consultation with the national cultural institutions took place before the announcement in the Budget? What consultations have taken place since the announcement?</p> <p>24. I note that the Budget provided for \$1m expenditure in this financial year 2014-15 to consolidate the back office functions. What will this money be spent on? How much has been spent so far? What is the prediction for spending this financial year?</p> <p>25. What are now the projected savings from the project?</p> <p>26. What provision has been made for the institutions to retain revenue from their commercial activities?</p> <p>27. Has the Ministry considered the Canadian experience of the National Museums Corporation, set up to provide centralised administrative functions for the major national museums in Ottawa (at the time: National Gallery of Canada; Museum of Man (later Canadian Museum of Civilisation); Museum of Nature; National Museum of Science and Technology), which eventually resulted in the formation of an extra level of approval and bureaucracy with approximately 400 staff, and was abandoned as a failure in 1988.</p> <p>28. The Minister has announced a review of the federally funded opera companies - The review will examine the artistic vibrancy, engagement with audiences and financial positions of Opera Australia, State Opera of South Australia, West Australian Opera and Opera Queensland. What funding is budgeted for this inquiry?</p> <p>29. What resources (secretariat, accommodation, travel, etc.) are being provided to undertake the opera inquiry?</p> <p>30. What arrangements are being made for public consultation on the opera inquiry? Is there to be a discussion paper?</p>	
SBE14/182	International Law and Human Rights Division	Wright	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture	<p>1. What progress has been made in engaging with the states and territories to develop a National Preventative Mechanism as required under the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture?</p> <p>2. As I understand it, the Commonwealth developed model legislation, in consultation with the states and</p>	Written

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			(OPCAT)	<p>territories, and received notification from states and territories that they would progress the model Bill.</p> <p>a. Which states or territories have introduced legislation?</p> <p>b. Have any states or territories passed legislation?</p> <p>c. Have any states since advised they will not introduce legislation?</p> <p>3. Have there been any further discussions between the Commonwealth and the states and territories in relation to the OPCAT since November 2013?</p> <p>a. If yes, please outline the nature of the discussions</p> <p>b. If no, are there plans for further discussions?</p> <p>4. Is there an update in terms of a timeframe for when the OPCAT will be ratified?</p>	
SBE14/183	International Law and Human Rights Division	Xenophon	UN Security Council Resolutions 1264 and 1272	<p>1. Please outline the steps the Australian Government has taken over the past 15 years to give effect to UN Security Council Resolutions 1264 and 1272 (both from 1999), which demanded that those responsible for serious crimes in East Timor be brought to justice.</p> <p>2. What is the Australian Government doing - Interpol warrants, watch lists, etc. - to ensure that the killers of its own citizens are brought to justice?</p>	Written
SBE14/184	Criminal Justice Division	Bullock	Scarlet Alliance	<p>1. How is the Scarlet Alliance required to account for the \$360,000 it will receive for 2014-17 from the <i>Proceeds of Crime Act 2002</i> funding announced by the Minister for Justice on 25 March 2014?</p> <p>2. Please provide copies of any documents relating to how the Scarlet Alliance acquitted the \$350,000 received in funding for 2011-14.</p> <p>3. Are any funds given to the Scarlet Alliance permitted to be passed on to its partner the Empower Foundation?</p> <p>4. Are any funds given to the Scarlet Alliance permitted to be used for policy development work such as drafting submission to inquiries?</p> <p>5. Are any funds given to the Scarlet Alliance permitted to be used in activities such as advocating for sex work to be added to the list of sponsored occupations for the purpose of a 457 visa?</p> <p>6. Are any funds given to the Scarlet Alliance permitted to be used in advising women overseas on how best to enter Australia for the purpose of engaging in sex work?</p> <p>7. What specific conditions are attached to the funding of the Scarlet Alliance Migration Project?</p> <p>8. What audit processes are in place to check compliance with the specific conditions attached to the funding?</p> <p>9. When did the last audit occur and what were the findings?</p>	Written
SBE14/185	Criminal Justice Division	Xenophon	Witness K	<p>1. What is the status of the investigation into ASIS Whistleblower Witness K?</p> <p>2. Has a brief of evidence been submitted to the Commonwealth DPP?</p> <p>3. Has his passport been returned?</p> <p>4. Is he subject to any control orders or any restrictions on travel etc.?</p>	Written
SBE14/186	Emergency Management Australia	Collins	Australian Emergency Management Institute	<p>1. What is the estimated cost of relocating Australian Emergency Management Institute staff to Canberra, making redundancy payments, and/or covering redeployment expenses?</p> <p>2. How will the Institute function as a virtual centre?</p> <p>3. What is the value of the land and property associated with the AEMI in its former location?</p> <p>4. What does the government intend to do with the property and land, including the community assets at the golf course?</p> <p>5. What consultation has occurred with the local community about future use of the site? 10</p> <p>6. Has the Government considered disposing of the land and property to state and/or local Government? If so, for what purpose?</p> <p>7. How will management training be delivered to the CFA following the closure of the AEMI?</p> <p>8. Will closure of the AEMI impact on bushfire preparedness in Victoria? Has the Government conducted any review or analysis on this point?</p>	Written
SBE14/187	National Security Law and Policy Division	Collins	National Security	<p>1. On 5 August 2014 the Government announced \$630 million in funding over four years for national security activity. Please provide a breakdown of that funding by year, agency, and program.</p> <p>2. Has any part of the \$630 million been provided to relevant agencies yet? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>3. As part of the national security spending, the Government announced \$13.4 million in funding for community engagement work. What activities will be funded? Has the Government made any decisions to fund particular programs? Has the Government begun to assess potential projects?</p>	Written

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				4. Will the Government revive the ‘countering violent extremism’ community grants program conducted by the former Government? 5. Will the Government provide funding for any de-radicalisation programs working with prisoners?	
SBE14/188	Australia Council	Collins	Strategic Plan	1. The Australia Council has published a new Strategic Plan. At the Budget Estimates the Committee was told that the Council was working through how it would cope with the cuts imposed upon it by the Government. Since then the Strategic Plan has been published, but it makes no mention of how the available funding is to be divided among the various art forms. Please provide a breakdown of funding for the various art forms. 2. What funding is being budgeted to support each of the four Goals of the Plan? 3. What funding is being allocated under this plan to the major performing arts organisations? 4 4. What staffing is being provided to support Goal 1 – Arts without Borders? Will officers be placed overseas? In which cities? What will be their duties? Have any appointments been made? Who are they and what are their qualifications? 5. The Council told Budget Estimates hearings that the Budget cuts will mainly affect programs for individual artists, groups of artists, and audience and market development. In 2014-15 grants in this area will be reduced by \$9m. Is this still the case? 6. How will the peer review process work under this new Strategic Plan? 7. Under the Community Partnerships program of the Australia Council 14 organisations were awarded contracts for six years 2014-2019. What is now the status of those contracts with community arts organisations under the new arrangements? Is it correct that these contracts have been rescinded? How has this affected the arrangements that the organisations have made in relation to renting premises, hiring staff, and so on? Is it also correct that this decision has put at risk some millions of dollars of sponsorship and private sector support? What was the reason for changing the terms of the agreed contracts? 8. The Interactive Games Fund was abolished in the Budget. I am informed that ““The new grants model will accept applications from practicing Australia artists who work in digital and experimental arts to have their art proposals assessed by qualified peers, including gaming.” How will applications from the games industry be invited? What will be the criteria for their assessment?	Written
SBE14/189	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	Authorisation orders for members of parliament	1. During November Estimates Mr Negus stated “AFP can disclose there have been occasions where members of parliament have been the subject of authorisation orders”. Mr Negus further stated that the number of MP subject for these orders “less than five”. Have any MPs’ staff been subject to authorisation orders? 2. If yes, how many staff have been subject to interception of their phones, emails, and/or social media; and if this number is not released why is the number supplied for MPs but not for staff?	Written
SBE14/190	Australian Federal Police	Wright	Counter-terrorism laws	1. Given the very rapid expansion in the powers of the AFP under the Government’s recently enacted counter-terrorism laws, what changes can the community expect to see in terms of how the AFP goes about their counter-terrorism investigations? a. For example, should the community expect more raids, greater use of control orders and preventative detention orders, greater use of arrest without warrant powers? 2. The experience of the Melbourne terrorist raids in September this year suggests that the issue of multiple control orders may not always lead to the laying of many of criminal charges. a. What kind of correlation can the Australian community expect to see between the use of control orders and preventative detention orders and the laying of criminal charges and/or prosecutions for terrorist activity? 3. What steps has the AFP taken to establish or develop relationships of trust with the communities they rely upon most to assist them in their counter-terrorism investigations? 4. Will the AFP play a role in explaining to these communities how the new laws – including the new ‘no-go zone’ offence and delayed notification search warrant provisions will work in practice? a. How will these communities know about their rights to complain to the Ombudsman? 5. Has any cultural awareness or other training been undertaken within the AFP to assist in establishing and maintaining positive relationships with the communities most affected by their counter-terrorism operations? 6. What type of difficulties has the AFP experienced in collecting evidence relating to a person’s activities in places experiencing violent conflict, such as Syria and Iraq? a. Would these same difficulties be faced by those people who have travelled to these places for legitimate	Written

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				purposes but will now be required to prove this in court under the 'no-go zone' offences?	
SBE14/191	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Child sex tourism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the years since 2010, how many Australian sex offenders appearing on a state or territory based register have travelled to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia Thailand The Philippines Malaysia Cambodia What number of Australian sex offenders have travelled to the above countries: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Once Twice Three times Four times Five times More than five times How does the AFP monitor this? I understand every time an Australian sex offender travels, the destination country receives an alert. What happens then? For instance, how does the AFP work with local authorities in Indonesia? Is the AFP satisfied with the level of cooperation with the countries referred to? If not, why not? How much AFP funding is directed to investigating potential Australian child sex tourists? How many prosecutions of Australian child sex tourists has there been in the years since 2010? 	Written
SBE14/192	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Philippines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are human rights safeguards codified in all aspects of AFP cooperation with the Philippine National Police? If so, how? Is the AFP aware of reports of widespread use of torture by police officers in the Philippines? What mechanisms are in place to ensure that Australian funding and cooperation with the Philippine National Police is not in any way linked to acts of torture? What specific measures have been taken by Australian authorities (AFP or other agencies) to assist the Philippines in their compliance with the Convention against Torture (the Convention, including the Optional Protocol) and to strengthen their performance against the Convention? 	Written
SBE14/193	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Channel 7 raid	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In response to a question that was taken on notice last estimates (question BE14/008) regarding the Seven West Media matter, the AFP stated that an internal review is being conducted, and that a draft report would be completed by July this year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has that draft report been completed? What is the process from here? Who will have input on the draft? Who is it circulated to? When will the final report be completed? Will the report be made public? Also in that response, the AFP outlines the formation of the Investigation Standards and Practices (ISP) Portfolio. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Was the ISP formed in direct response to the Seven West matter, or is it something that was in development prior to that? What reviews, investigations or issues led to the AFP's view that the ISP was necessary? What resources does the ISP have? Will it be permanent? 	Written
SBE14/194	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Balibo 5	<p>I have been informed that the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office has agreed to look at the feasibility of a British police inquiry into the Balibo Five murders. I understand in order to do this, they say they must first find out the basis on which the AFP reached their decision to discontinue the investigation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What liaison has occurred between the Australian and British governments in order to provide the latter with a detailed explanation of the AFP's decision? What meetings/discussions have taken place? Has this explanation been provided yet? If not, why not? 	Written

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				3. What is the AFP doing - Interpol warrants, watch lists, etc. - to ensure that the killers of Australian citizens and residents are brought to justice?	
SBE14/195	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	Witness K	1. What is the status of the investigation into ASIS Whistleblower Witness K? 2. Has a brief of evidence been submitted to the Commonwealth DPP? 3. Has his passport been returned? 4. Is he subject to any control orders or any restrictions on travel etc.?	Written
SBE14/196	Australian Human Rights Commission	Collins	Ministerial staff observing meetings between Commissioners and members of Parliament/Senators	1. Is it the policy of the Government to have ministerial staff observe meetings between Commissioners and members of Parliament/Senators? 2. If so, where and when was this policy articulated? 3. Is this policy a departure from previous practice? If so, what was the previous practice? 4. On how many occasions since the change of Government has a ministerial staffer observed meetings between a Commissioner and an MP/Senator? 5. Has a ministerial staffer ever observed a meeting between a Commissioner and a Liberal or National MP or Senator?	Written
SBE14/197	Australian Human Rights Commission	Wright	Counter Terrorism Legislation	1. In your role as the Freedom Commissioner, you expressed concerns about the <i>Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014</i> at the time it was being considered by Parliament. You were particularly concerned about the implications of the new, broadly defined offence of advocating terrorism and changes to the way that organisations can be prescribed as terrorist organisations. The PJCIS shared your concerns and recommended that the Government clarify the scope of the offence, but the Government did not heed this advice. a. Do you continue to hold these concerns about the offence? b. If so, what action do you intend to take to address these concerns? 2. What would be your advice for an organisation or individual who seeks to express views on politically motivated violence in places such as Iraq or Syria so as to ensure that they are not captured by these provisions? 3. Senator Penny Wright, 19 December 2014 4. There has been strident and wide spread criticism of recent attempts to silence journalists from reporting on national security matters (such as the new section 3ZZHA of the Crimes Act which criminalises the sharing of information relating to the issue of a delayed notification search warrant and new section 35P of the ASIO Act which prohibits disclosure of information relating to a special intelligence operation). a. What is your view of these provisions? b. What do you consider to be the appropriate test for determining when and to what extent a fundamental freedom, such as freedom of expression, should be curtailed? 5. You are part way through your “Forgotten Freedoms” consultation – focusing on freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of association and property rights. a. To what extent will/have you been consulting with the Muslim community, or any other communities who will be particular affected by the enactment of the Government’s counter-terrorism laws? b. Will you be consulting with media groups affected by changes to their rights to report on certain national security matters?	Written
SBE14/198	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Xenophon	Yunus Yosfiah	1. When and how was the 'persona non grata' status placed on Yunus Yosfiah? 2. What information did the Attorney General possess that led to this? 3. Why was it done? 4. Is it still current, why? 5. When was it lifted and why?	Written
SBE14/199	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Xenophon	Assessment of Australian Airports	Have Australian airports been recently assessed by ASIO or other relevant bodies in relation to security issues? 1. When did these assessments take place? 2. Will there be further assessments now that Australia's threat level has increased?	Written
SBE14/200	Australian Security	Xenophon	Ben Chifley building	Despite its initial schedule to be ready for occupation in 2012, and the official opening on July 23, 2013, I understand ASIO only took possession of the building on August 7, 2014.	Written

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	Intelligence Organisation			<p>According to reports, the construction process has been plagued by problems – several glass panels falling off, fireproofing not meeting building standards and the installation of air-conditioning and a hot water system needing rectification.</p> <p>There was also the ABC’s Four Corners program report last year that alleged the building’s blueprints had been stolen in a cyber-attack believed to have been mounted by hackers in China.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you clarify these issues and advise of any other specific reasons for the delays in completion of the project? As you would be aware, the project was originally budgeted in 2008 to cost \$606 million. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has been spent to date on the project? How much more money is budgeted for the completion of the fitout? With regards to missed deadlines and reports of problems with the construction process – eg. Glass panels, fireproofing, air conditioning etc –eg.Glass panels, fireproofing, air conditioning etc –have these issues resulted in additional cost for the Government, or have these costs been borne by the contractor/s? <p>According to a news report in The Sydney Morning Herald on August 12, 2014, ASIO advised it needed three months to complete the fitout, after which staff can begin to move in.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have specific time frames been established for completion of the fitout. If so, when is the deadline for completion of the fitout? How long is the expected relocation of staff expected to take? Why? What measures are in place to ensure the continued effectiveness of ASIO’s operational capabilities during the relocation? When does ASIO expect the building will be fully operational as intended? 	
SBE14/201	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Rhiannon	Sri Lanka – Allegations of torture, asylum seekers, refugees and people smuggling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> During October 2014 Estimates, DFAT confirmed that eight people Australia has returned to Sri Lanka have lodged complaints of torture. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has ASIO been briefed about these cases? Does ASIO have any role in investigating the veracity of these cases? What is the status of these complaints and what is ASIO’s role in the process? Do ASIO, DFAT and/or the Department of Immigration and Border Protection share information about what happens to asylum seekers or refugees who are returned to Sri Lanka from Australia? Does ASIO assess diplomatic staff before they take up residence in Australia? Does ASIO apply the same rules to all diplomatic staff irrespective of which country they represent when they come to Australia? Are British diplomatic staff assessed in the same way, that diplomatic staff from Arabic countries are? In what ways does such assessment differ, if any? Is there any ranking of embassies that determine what checks are carried out on diplomatic staff? Has ASIO been briefed about any of President Rajapakse’s relatives being involved in people smuggling? The Sri Lankan media has reported that the President’s son is involved in people smuggling. Are you aware of these reports? Has any ASIO analysis been carried out to assess if the President’s son or sons are involved in people smuggling? Has ASIO had any discussions with DFAT, PM&C or any government official about allegations that President Rajapakse’s relatives are involved in people smuggling? May I have the details? 	Written
SBE14/202	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Wright	National Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many new staff have been recruited to ASIO since the change in the level of security threat faced by Australia? Given the very rapid expansion in the powers of ASIO’s powers under the Government’s recently enacted counter-terrorism laws, what changes can the community expect to see in terms of how the ASIO go about their counter-terrorism investigations and inquiries? For example, should the community expect a greater use of questioning and detention powers by ASIO? 	Written

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				4. Has ASIO made use of its new powers to recommend visa or passport cancellations? 5. How many adverse ASIO security assessments have been issued in 2014? 6. How does ASIO develop relationships of trust with the Australian communities upon which it depends to provide information relevant to national security? 7. Has any cultural awareness or other training been undertaken within the AFP to assist in establishing and maintaining positive relationships with the communities most affected by their counter-terrorism operations? 8. The Muslim community holds genuine concerns that the enactment of foreign fighters law will further isolate and alienate people and drive those with nefarious intent underground. How is ASIO addressing these concerns?	
SBE14/203	National Film and Sound Archive	Collins	Strategic Plan	1. The NFSA has published a draft Strategic Plan 2014-15/2016-17 for consultation and comment. What has been the reaction to the draft Strategic Plan? 2. The Strategic Plan projects significant losses over coming years and states that “if not addressed the NFSA’s financial position will become increasingly unsustainable”. How do you propose to fund those losses? 3. 30 staff positions were abolished in April 2014. What services were reduced or discontinued as a result of those staff reductions? 4. Digitisation of the collection is clearly an urgent requirement. The Plan states that “a significant equity injection is required to establish infrastructure to digitise a critical mass of film, broadcast and recorded sound...” What amount of money do you estimate is required? 5. You have set out, under the “Need to respond” section, a list of key changes that are required. What do these mean in practical terms in relation to services that you will provide? 6. What plans do you have for revenue raising, in relation to commercial activities, sponsorship, and philanthropy? What relationship do you have with Creative Partnerships Australia? 5 7. I note the answer to a question on notice (QON 21) from the Committee that loans from the Screen Lending Collection in 2012-13 totalled 1962 titles, which were screened to audiences of approx. 55 000. There were 180 client bodies, or which approx. half, or 90, were Film Societies. The income from this services (fees charged) was approx. \$30 000, offset against costs of approx. \$280 000. Will the NFSA maintain the Screen Lending Collection? Will it continue to support the large number of Film Societies around the country – estimated at 175, with approx. 25000 members? 8. The Minister wrote a letter to Sharon Bird MP 22 September 2014: <i>‘The NFSA has advised me that it remains committed to sharing its national audio-visual collection with the public. Reports that Australia’s film societies and other community organisations will no longer have access to its collections are incorrect. Under the NFSA’s new structure, the non-theatrical screen lending collection service will be part of a new Collection Reference Service. It will continue to provide reference and lending services to the public as part of a new integrated model.’</i> Further to a recent email survey, will film societies be consulted during policy development relating to the ‘new integrated model’ referred to in Senator Brandis’s letter, and when will this model commence operating? 9. Beyond 30 June 2015, will the NFSA resume acquiring and renewing non-theatrical licenses for titles already held in the NTLC? 10. Beyond 30 June 2015, will the NFSA resume acquiring additional titles and their non-theatrical licences? 11. Beyond 30 June 2015, will the NFSA consult with national representative bodies before reviewing film society loan fees? 12. Will NFSA address deficiencies in the Non-Theatrical Lending Collection by including more great films of the world and works of the great directors?	Written
SBE14/204	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Collins	<i>Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014</i>	1. The Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014 implements a measure announced in the Budget in May 2014. Why was legislation to give effect to this Budget measure not introduced until October? 2. When were drafting instructions for this legislation first given to the legislative drafters? 3. What will be the cost of the failure to implement this Budget measure by the planned date? Please break down by type of expenditure. 4. Where will the funding to meet these costs be drawn from? Will funding be withdrawn from any other area of	Written

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				the Attorney-General's portfolio to meet these costs?	