

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio

QoN No.	PDR No.	Division	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page and hearing date or Written	Date Received and Comments
Western Sydney Unit (7)							
01	001	WSU	CAMERON	Modes 05 and 23	<p>Senator CAMERON: As I understand it, the 05 mode affects 48,000 people. If you use the 23 mode it would be between 4000 and 6000. Is that your understanding?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think that they are estimates for certain types of operations at night in certain circumstances. I would have to check those numbers. If I could take that on notice. Those figures sound familiar but I think they pertain to certain types of operations.</p>	7 08/02/16	04/05/2016
02	002	WSU	CAMERON	EIS heights	<p>Senator CAMERON: It goes up to about 1,000 metres. Blaxland is about 230 to 250 metres. When you are talking about flights coming in at 5000 meters, you have to take that away. Some flights could be in the 4000 metre area.</p> <p>CHAIR: I recall from my pilot days that Wagga is 720 feet.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is correct, isn't it, Mr Mrdak? The EIS deals with sea level heights.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I am guided by my team. My understanding is that the heights are above surface area, not above sea level. Let me take that on notice, if I might. I think the heights that are in the EIS are actually calculated above surface area.</p>	7 08/02/16	04/05/2016
03	003	WSU	HEFFERNAN	Distance at 5,000 meters	<p>Mr Mrdak: They can be coming down. At 20 miles on approach they would be well above 8,000 feet.</p> <p>CHAIR: At what stage do they get to 5,000 meters from the airport? You might take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice and give you an answer.</p>	9 08/02/16	05/05/2016

04	004	WSU	CAMERON	Social impact document, (Volume 4, appendix P1, page 73)	<p>Senator CAMERON: That is fine. What I am doing is that I have placed on the record exactly what P1 says in relation to these issues. I am now asking the question—and I have every respect for Mr Mrdak and I do not question his integrity at all; it is just that we may be at different analytical points on this document. What is a significant rating of 'very high'? What does that mean for the people in Blaxland?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: Can I take that on notice. I do not have that in front of me.</p>	22 08/02/16	04/05/2016
05	005	WSU	RHIANNON	Scope 3 emissions	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Going back to Badgerys Creek airport, the Western Sydney airport: the EIS did not count scope 3 emissions—the take-off jet exhausts—in its calculations of total emissions. Why weren't they included?</p> <p>Mr McRandle: Sorry, I missed the first part of your question.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: It is about the scope 3 emissions—that the airport EIS did not count scope 3 emissions in its calculations of total emissions. I wondered why they were not included.</p> <p>Mr McRandle: I am not familiar with the term 'scope 3 emissions', or the detail of that. There was an assessment of emissions required by the EPBC Act in the assessment.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, but not of the take-off jet exhausts, I understand. That is what we are talking about here. This comes from the EIS itself, on page 101:</p> <p>The Scope 1, scope 2 and scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions estimated for the proposed stage 1 development would represent approximately 0.1 per cent of Australia's projected 2030 transport-related greenhouse gas emission inventory.</p> <p>What I am trying to work out here is why scope 3 was not included in the calculations. You have said that it was. I thought that somebody would know about this, because it has been written about and reported on.</p> <p>Mr McRandle: No. Sorry, I understand now the issue you are getting to. There was a typographical error in, I think, the online publication versus the printed one—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And the hard copy.</p> <p>Mr McRandle: and that was corrected. I can go to my notes to find—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: The last time I looked at it, and I must admit it was not this week, it had not been corrected online. I can understand that you cannot correct hard copy, but have you corrected the online version and, if so, where?</p> <p>Mr McRandle: I need to take on notice the details of the correction, but I can inform you that we were alerted to a typographical error in one of the publications which did not invalidate the public consultation process, or that part of it. I would need to get back to you on the detail about how that was detected and how that was—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: The figure of 0.1 per cent really comes across as greenhouse gas emissions are really not significant in terms of this airport. You can understand why it would be interpreted that way, and it has been used extensively throughout the draft EIS and certainly in many discussions about it. Is there nobody here who can give us any dates on when this was corrected?</p> <p>Mr McRandle: I would need to take that on notice unless I can find that particular reference in my notes. I think that, in the context of greenhouse emissions in this airport, aviation itself</p>	129 08/02/16	05/05/2016

					<p>is only a small proportion of the greenhouse emitters in the transport sector. This airport is not going to be the busiest airport in Australia and, therefore, I think you would expect to have a very small number.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When you made the correction, you included scope 3 with scope 1 and scope 2. What do you now say the percentage of greenhouse gas emissions is?</p> <p>Mr McRandle: I would need to go and check the details of exactly what the error was and just remind myself of how that was corrected.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: It is certainly disappointing that this information is not here. When you take that on notice and you provide that information, can you say when the correction was made and what the new figure is in terms of the total percentage of greenhouse gas emissions for scope 1, scope 2 and scope 3 and for scope 3 separately.</p> <p>Mr McRandle: Yes, we will do that.</p>		
06	006	WSU	CAMERON	Night flights	<p>Senator CAMERON: So what are the populated areas that would then be affected by that?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: I am just talking off the top of my head about possible solutions; I do not have—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: This is all set out—</p> <p>Mr Harfield: This is about what we would have to do during the detailed design work.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Senator, the details of that operation are all set out in the EIS.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Maybe you can point me to where it is in the EIS.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: It is a big EIS with a number of volumes, so, if you say that is dealt with, I am happy to have a look at that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will give you the details of that.</p>	134 08/02/16	04/05/2016
07	089	WSU	STERLE	Joint Scoping Study for Rail Needs of Western Sydney	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is this progressing? 2. Who is commissioning the Study – which NSW department/agencies are involved? 3. Who is conducting the study? 4. What is the actual scope of the Study? 5. When is it expected to be completed? 6. Will the Study be released to the public for comment? 7. What is “western Sydney” for the purposes of the Study? 8. Is Infrastructure Australia or Infrastructure NSW involved in the Study? If so, how? 9. Are similar Joint Studies occurring in other capital cities? If not, why not? 	Written	04/05/2016

Corporate Services (77)							
08	007	CORP	CONROY	Ministerial Committee members	<p>Mr Mrdak: The ministerial committee.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Who is on that committee, just out of interest?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is the service delivery coordination committee. It is chaired by the Hon. Minister Christopher Pyne. I do not have a list of the full membership of the committee. I can seek that for you on notice.</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: the Department of Finance is the secretariat for that committee.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you take that on notice, that will be fine.</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: Sure.</p>	16 08/02/16	04/05/2016
09	008	CORP	CONROY	Projects in ad campaign	<p>Senator CONROY: What sort of projects are we talking about?</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: Infrastructure, road and rail projects.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Which ones? Which ones will feature in the ads? They have already been completed, so you must know.</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: The media plan has not yet been finalised.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The media plan is not what I asked about. I am asking which projects—</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: Would you like me to read out every project at this point in time to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: No, I am asking you which projects will feature in the ads. You have already seen the ads. You have seen the draft ads.</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: All up there are 88 projects being featured.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I will have to take this on notice. Could we get a list of those?</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If it is possible, could we get a state breakdown of those?</p> <p>Ms Goodspeed: Yes.</p>	17 08/02/16	04/05/2016
10	009	CORP	CONROY	Infrastructure video – Water cooler	<p>Senator CONROY: I have almost finished. I have two or three questions and then I can probably finish. You do remember, Mr Mrdak, that the department produced an absolutely fantastic, topical, water-cooler-discussing video to promote this program after or possibly in the lead-up to the last budget. Do you remember that? We discussed how many clicks it had had and—</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think that was after the 2014 budget.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: How many clicks are we up to? How many views has that ornament of government advertising got?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will have to take that on notice, Senator. I do not have that information with me.</p>	33 08/02/16	04/05/2016
11	010	CORP	CONROY	Independent Communication Committee Chair	<p>Senator CONROY: Who chairs up the Independent Communications Committee?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is headed by the Department of Finance. It assesses independently all campaigns and information processes against the criteria.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Who is in charge of that inside Finance?</p>	34 08/02/16	05/05/2016

					Mr Mrdak: I will take on notice who the chair of that is, but it has been through that. Quite clearly, in the development of the campaign the minister's office has been engaged in stages of it. Can I also clarify an answer we gave earlier. You asked about the timing—why the timing was through to the end of August. We indicated that was the decision of government. I should have added that that was based on advice from us and the consultants based on a length of time for a campaign. Originally, the campaign had been anticipated to commence earlier. The advice was that such a campaign should be targeted around five to six months.		
12	088	CORP	BULLOCK	Delayed answers to questions on notice	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Can you outline the profile of what is left of that? But before I get on to that I will just have a whinge. We had 161 questions on notice. Your report date was 4 December. As at 4 February, of the 161 questions on notice we had failed to receive answers to 161 of them. That is all of them. What is the problem with getting answers to questions on notice, Mr Mrdak?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think on this occasion, from recollection, some 140 or so of the 161 were with the minister and his office before the due date. There were a number which were running—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Was that December?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is right.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: So, 140-odd of the 160 questions were with the minister by the due date in December and we get them last Thursday?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There were still a number which we took some time to complete across a number of—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: 'A number' being the difference between 161 and 140-odd?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That would give you a pass mark. If you were late on 20, I would not be raising it. But you are late on 161.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The essence is that with the Christmas-New Year period and the delay at our end they were not cleared by the minister till quite recently.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Just to make it absolutely clear, the full blame for 140-odd of these answers lies with the minister's office.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Some of them were returned to the department for amendments and changes to the answers. I will get that information for you. I am reminded that all 161 were provided prior to Christmas to the minister's offices. There were 49 responses returned on 12 January for changes with comments. Then some further 78 were later returned with comments. The final package was not signed off until lodgement on 4 February.</p>	54-55 08/02/16	05/05/2016
13	090	CORP	STERLE	Ministerial responsibilities - portfolio	<p>Please outline the responsibilities of the following Ministers within the portfolio following the swearing in of the second Turnbull Ministry on 18 February 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minister for Regional Development 2. Minister for Infrastructure and Transport 3. Minister for Major Projects, Territories and Local Government 	Written	05/05/2016

					4. Please list the major projects the Minister for major projects is responsible for.		
14	094	CORP	STERLE	Building Our Future Campaign	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referring to Ms Goodspeed's comments on February 8 – why is the campaign mainly focussed on "road users"? 2. Why is the value of the advertising placement contract with Mitchell and Partners set at the precise value of \$15,127,816 on the contract notice? 3. Will the communications campaign be broadcast on Channel 7 during the Summer Olympic Games (between August 5-21)? 4. If so, what is the cost of each ad placement at Channel 7 during this period? 5. On what date was the decision to proceed or not proceed with the communications campaign taken? 	Written	04/05/2016
15	095	CORP	LUDWIG	Taxi costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written	04/05/2016
16	096	CORP	LUDWIG	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</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 	Written	05/05/2016

					<p>catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>		
17	097	CORP	LUDWIG	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>		
18	098	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing profile	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written	05/05/2016
19	099	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing reductions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a. What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
20	100	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?		
21	101	CORP	LUDWIG	Kitchen Appliances	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased? b. Why were the appliances purchased? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where did the funding for the appliances come from? e. Who has access? f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances? 	Written	04/05/2016
22	102	CORP	LUDWIG	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written	05/05/2016

					break down the cost list.		
23	103	CORP	LUDWIG	Corporate cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 	Written	04/05/2016
24	104	CORP	LUDWIG	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</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? f) 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	04/05/2016

25	105	CORP	LUDWIG	Hire cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written	04/05/2016
26	106	CORP	LUDWIG	Credit cards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How any 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	04/05/2016
27	107	CORP	LUDWIG	Functions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister . Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	05/05/2016

28	109	CORP	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	04/05/2016
29	110	CORP	LUDWIG	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	05/05/2016
30	111	CORP	LUDWIG	Printing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 	Written	04/05/2016 Q1 clarification - We're asking about docs where multiple

					<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>		<p>copies are produced for distribution. In other words: Please list all docs that have been printed at the expense of the dept/agency where 500 or more copies have been produced. Please include the total no. produced as well.</p>
31	112	CORP	LUDWIG	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>5. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>6. How many are media managers?</p> <p>7. How many organise events?</p> <p>Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.</p>	Written	05/05/2016
32	113	CORP	LUDWIG	Reviews	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <p>a. the date they were ordered</p> <p>b. the date they commenced</p> <p>c. the minister responsible</p> <p>d. the department responsible</p> <p>e. the nature of the review</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>f. their terms of reference</p> <p>g. the scope of the review</p> <p>h. Who is conducting the review</p> <p>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>j. the expected report date</p> <p>k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs</p> <p>l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</p> <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <p>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p> <p>c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>(i) If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>(ii) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>(iii) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>(iv) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>(v) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3. Which reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a. Please list them.</p> <p>b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p>		
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					<p>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p> <p>(i) If so, when? If not, why not?</p>		
33	114	CORP	LUDWIG	Commissioned reports	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
34	115	CORP	LUDWIG	Appointments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Please detail any board appointments made to date.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</p>	Written	04/05/2016
35	116	CORP	LUDWIG	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date?</p> <p>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office.</p> <p>b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>2. How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date.</p> <p>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.</p>		
36	117	CORP	LUDWIG	Electronic equipment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office.</p> <p>a. List the items</p> <p>b. List the items location or normal location</p> <p>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</p> <p>d. List the total cost of the items</p> <p>e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>f. List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	Written	04/05/2016
37	118	CORP	LUDWIG	Media subscriptions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>		
38	119	CORP	LUDWIG	Meeting costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	04/05/2016
39	120	CORP	LUDWIG	Media training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. Total spending on these services</p> <p>b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services</p> <p>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</p> <p>e. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>f. The location that this training was provided</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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> <p>7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>		
40	121	CORP	LUDWIG	Consultancies	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each, including name, cost and purpose b. If so, why? 	Written	05/05/2016
41	122	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: 3. What is provided? 	Written	04/05/2016

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The purchase cost. 5. The ongoing cost. 6. 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). 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 		
42	123	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. 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). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written	04/05/2016
43	124	CORP	LUDWIG	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
44	125	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel costs - department	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</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. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 	Written	05/05/2016

					<p>6. 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).</p> <p>7. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?</p> <p>9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?</p> <p>10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>		
45	127	CORP	LUDWIG	Grants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</p> <p>2. How are grants applied for?</p> <p>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</p> <p>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</p> <p>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</p> <p>6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	05/05/2016
46	128	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>If so:</p> <p>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>(i) Signage.</p> <p>(ii) Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>(iii) Logos</p> <p>(iv) Consultancy</p> <p>(v) Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>(vi) Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>(i) Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>(ii) Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>		
47	129	CORP	LUDWIG	Media monitoring	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses</p>	Written	04/05/2016
48	130	CORP	LUDWIG	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	<p>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:</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When was the manual last updated? Who is responsible for updating the manual? Who is the manual distributed to? Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department? 		
49	132	CORP	LUDWIG	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. Please list their starting and expiration dates. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail. 	Written	04/05/2016
50	133	CORP	LUDWIG	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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'? List each List the staffing assigned to each task What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 	Written	04/05/2016
51	134	CORP	LUDWIG	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contract. When was it formed or created? What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 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? What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 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 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>the change?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?</p> <p>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?</p>		
52	135	CORP	LUDWIG	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 	Written	04/05/2016
53	136	CORP	LUDWIG	Sunset Provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>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>2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes:</p> <p>a. When is/was the review due to commence.</p> <p>b. What is the expected report date.</p> <p>c. Who is the minister responsible for the review</p> <p>d. What department is responsible for the review</p> <p>e. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</p> <p>f. List the terms of reference.</p> <p>g. What is the scope of the review.</p> <p>h. 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>i. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</p> <p>j. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</p> <p>k. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?</p> <p>l. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>m. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>		
54	137	CORP	LUDWIG	Legal Costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency</p> <p>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</p> <p>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)</p> <p>4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</p>	Written	05/05/2016
55	138	CORP	LUDWIG	Procedure Manuals	<p>1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and:</p>	Written	04/05/2016

				(Departmental)	2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?		
56	139	CORP	LUDWIG	Vending machines	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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	04/05/2016
57	140	CORP	LUDWIG	Self Initiated work	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: 3. When did the project commence? 4. When is it expected to conclude? 5. What will the total cost of the project be? 6. Where did the money for the project come from? 7. Where is the project based?	Written	04/05/2016
58	141	CORP	LUDWIG	Staff Awards	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes: a. What was the reason for the awards? b. What was the criteria for the awards?	Written	04/05/2016

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc) d. How much was spent on the award? 2. How were the awards presented? 3. Who presented the awards? 4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where was it held? b. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much? c. How much was spent on catering? d. How many people attended? e. Did the minister attend? f. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many? 		
59	142	CORP	LUDWIG	Change Management	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department/Agency engaged in a policy of Change Management? If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail the policy. b. When was the policy introduced? c. What are the goals of the policy? d. How much was spent on consulting for the policy and who was contracted for this consultation? e. How much was spent implementing this policy? 	Written	04/05/2016
60	143	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Staff Misconduct	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail. 	Written	05/05/2016
61	144	CORP	LUDWIG	Fee for services	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. 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. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 		
62	145	CORP	LUDWIG	Documents provided to minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
63	146	CORP	LUDWIG	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	Written	04/05/2016

					10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?		
64	147	CORP	LUDWIG	Domain Usage	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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: 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	04/05/2016
65	148	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Website	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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	04/05/2016
66	149	CORP	LUDWIG	Report Printing	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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	04/05/2016
67	150	CORP	LUDWIG	FoI Requests	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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	04/05/2016
68	151	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:	Written	04/05/2016

				vehicle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: <ol 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 if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? 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 during the specified period of time? If so, please detail. 		
69	152	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ol 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	04/05/2016

70	154	CORP	LUDWIG	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	05/05/2016
71	155	CORP	LUDWIG	Workplace assessments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
72	156	CORP	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information - Stats	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests were received 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	04/05/2016
73	158	CORP	LUDWIG	Multiple tenders	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
74	159	CORP	LUDWIG	Market Research	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p>	Written	05/05/2016

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
75	160	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
76	161	CORP	LUDWIG	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
77	162	CORP	LUDWIG	Office Plants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 		
78	164	CORP	LUDWIG	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	04/05/2016
79	165	CORP	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol 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: <ol 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: <ol 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? 	Written	05/05/2016

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <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. <p>5. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
80	166	CORP	LUDWIG	Government advertising/marketing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on marketing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item. d. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. e. Which firm provided the marketing? <p>2. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. Where the advertising appeared d. List the approving officer for each item. e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. f. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. <p>3. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost. b. List each item of expenditure and cost. 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>c. Where the advertising will appear</p> <p>d. List the approving officer for each item.</p> <p>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</p> <p>f. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.</p> <p>4. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.</p>		
81	167	CORP	BILYK	Ministerial Functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by any Ministers or Assistant Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries in the portfolio since 20 October 2015, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs; • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	04/05/2016
82	168	CORP	BILYK	Secretary's speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings since 20 October 2015 please be provided?	Written	04/05/2016
83	169	CORP	BILYK	Executive office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 20 October 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written	04/05/2016
84	170	CORP	BILYK	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	04/05/2016
-	-	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please 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), and; 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing 	Written	Transferred to Dept of Finance

					<p>the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>		
-	-	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</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	Transferred to Dept of Finance
-	-	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the make and model? How much did it cost? 	Written	Transferred to Dept of Finance

					<p>c. When was it provided?</p> <p>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p>		
-	-	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>	Written	Transferred to Dept of Finance
Infrastructure Investment (53)							
85	011	II	RHIANNON	Capital costs for construction stages	<p>Senator RHIANNON: So you are aware that all of the figures pertaining to the capital costs for the construction of stages 1, 2 and 3, excluding property and urban renewal amounts, have all been redacted, as have those indicating the annual recurrent costs including life cycle operation and maintenance? Is that accurate of what has been redacted?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I would have to take those precise words on notice. But I think, more or less, you are correct.</p>	18 08/02/16	04/05/2016
86	012	II	CONROY	Victorian projects	<p>Senator CONROY: Yes—there is a typo here. Victorian projects—are there any Victorian projects? My understanding—and I am happy to be corrected—is that Victoria has about 25 per cent of the population of Australia but is only getting eight per cent of the funds currently allocated.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check the figures, but there are a large number of projects now</p>	30 08/02/16	05/05/2016

					underway in Victoria which are in receipt of Commonwealth contributions.		
87	013	II	CONROY	National contingency amount	<p>Senator CONROY: Given it is to be funded within the program, which program?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is being funded from the Infrastructure Investment Programme—from the national contingency available from within the program.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: How much is in the contingency?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	31 08/02/2016	05/05/2016
88	014	II	CONROY	\$18 million savings	<p>Senator CONROY: I was asking Mr Mrdak to identify projects that have saved \$18 million.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We have an amount in national contingency, a sum of which has come from projects that are not proceeding at this stage owing to decisions by state and territory governments, some of which are savings. For instance, we have made a saving on projects like the Moreton Bay Rail Link, which has been delivered ahead of schedule and ahead of budget. That has enabled us, for instance, to reallocate funds—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is what I am asking. I am asking you to clarify. If you make savings on an individual project, I accept that you could round it up. Whether you have made \$18 million on the one project I am not sure and I would seek your advice on that. You have said you will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, we have, and I will take on notice the amount—</p>	32 08/02/16	05/05/2016
89	015	II	LUDLAM	Perth Freight Link	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Let us leave that there. It is good that Senator Colbeck is at the table, because my next questions relate to a batch of questions on notice that you tabled for us late last week. Thank you for those. They do not shed much light on the situation, unfortunately. At the last estimates I asked if you could provide modelling for air quality, noise and truck congestion for residents in the vicinity of the road surrounding the Perth Freight Link. We got question on notice 44, which avoided answering. Question on notice 2631 said that modelling on the impacts of diesel particulates, air quality and truck congestion on all roads and communities in the vicinity of the PFL has not been done 'that you are aware of'. So my question, obviously, is: categorically, has the modelling being done or not? It is curious to hear back that it has not been done that you are aware of. You are proposing to hand over more than \$1 billion. Have you checked to see if that has been done?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Really? That is what happened last time I asked. How come it is so difficult to find out whether any modelling has been done? Otherwise, I am just basically handballing from estimates session to estimates session, which is not good enough. Has it been done or not?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: The answer to the question, as far as we are aware at this stage, is that, no, it has not been undertaken. Would you like further advice in relation to when it would normally have been undertaken?</p>	35 08/02/16	05/05/2016

					<p>Senator LUDLAM: That would help, because at least that, I guess, will give me some indication of where you have been looking.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: We will come back with that detail.</p>		
90	016	II	LUDLAM	Diesel safety levels	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Thanks. What is the Commonwealth guidance for the safe level of diesel particulates—air quality with regard to diesel particulates for surrounding residents?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I do not have that information, Senator.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We would need to probably seek that from the state EPA.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What I would like to know is whether you are looking at what are considered safe levels of diesel particulates in the air for human beings, children, pregnant women and older people. Then hopefully you will be able to tell us that the levels of diesel particulates for this project that the Commonwealth is proposing to fund would be lower than those maximum thresholds. I guess you can see where this is going.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, Senator. As I said, I do not think we are in a position at the table to give you the details of the environmental assessments that are taking place or are about to take place. But we will ascertain from the Western Australian government what we can on those matters.</p>	35-36 08/02/2016	04/05/2016
91	017	II	RICE	Victorian five stage process	<p>Senator RICE: Can you go through those? Is it a Victorian government five-stage process or a federal government one?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: Yes, it is a Victorian five-stage process. Stage 4—and I do not have the five stages written down, but I can get them for you easily—is direct negotiations with the market-led proponent, which means direct, exclusive negotiations with Transurban. Stage 5 will be a decision by the Victorian government as to whether to accept it and go ahead.</p>	39 08/02/16	05/05/2016
92	018	II	RICE	The Age – Independent assessments	<p>Senator RICE: Have you seen what was reported in the <i>Age</i> today, I think it was, that there were independent assessments of the business case undertaken by infrastructure experts Tony Canavan and Kerry Schott?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I have seen the article. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So you do not know whether you have been given those independent assessments?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I have only just read the article this morning, so I would like to take that on notice.</p>	40 08/02/16	04/05/2016
93	019	II	BULLOCK	Advanced payments on projects	<p>Senator BULLOCK: I will just get back to the question. Are you aware of any other examples of where advanced payments have been made on this basis?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: In the same manner as the East West Link project, I am not aware. For other projects that have been approved, money has been brought forward by successive governments.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: To \$1.5 billion? What sorts of figures are we talking about? Maybe you can take that on notice and provide examples of that.</p>	45-46 08/02/16	

					<p>Mr Foulds: We can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As Mr Foulds has indicated, that is correct. That has been the case where we have had an agreed program of works. As we have indicated, the East West prepayment was an unusual arrangement.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p>		
94	020	II	LAMBIE	Breakdown of Tasmania's infrastructure budget	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Well, the Liberal Party should stop taking political donations from the Chinese. Firstly, with regard to Australia's infrastructure budget can you detail the total and break that down into its different categories and please further subdivide into Tasmania's total infrastructure budget? Do you have that on hand or do I need to put that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will give you that on notice, just to be accurate. We can give you the whole program. It is published on our website, but I can provide you with the total program plus Tasmania's program, if you would like that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: What percentage of Australia's infrastructure budget is going to Tasmania, out of that \$50 billion?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: We just do not have the percentage in front of us at the moment. For example, in this year we have \$4.4 billion, of which \$144.8 million is going to Tasmania. That is in this financial year but, as Mr Mrdak said, we can come back to you with every financial year and what percentage Tasmania is of the national budget.</p>	46 08/02/16	04/05/2016
95	021	II	LAMBIE	Spending outside of Hobart	<p>Senator LAMBIE: In relation to Tasmania's infrastructure budget, how much is being spent on the outside of Hobart?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I will have to take that on notice. Our major commitment at the moment is obviously the Midland Highway program, but I will get you some details in relation to where projects are under the program. Obviously, additional to the numbers Ms Zielke gave you, clearly we have programs such as Roads to Recovery, black spots and financial assistance grants, which apply across all local government areas in Tasmania. It is not just the \$50 billion infrastructure program. There are also other programs that apply across the whole of it through local government.</p>	46 08/02/16	05/05/2016
96	022	II	LAMBIE	Funding and projects for north and northwest Tasmania	<p>Senator LAMBIE: That is what I needed to know. Do you know how much the north and northwest of Tasmania is receiving in the federal infrastructure investment? Please detail those projects.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will get that for you on notice.</p>	46-47 08/02/16	04/05/2016
97	024	II	LAMBIE	Australian product purchased	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Do you have a breakdown of how much Australian product you buy during that infrastructure spend?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not think we do. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Also, obviously, the resources portfolio may have figures that are not available to</p>	47 08/02/16	

					<p>us as well in that regard.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: The Finance portfolio would be able to help you with our overall procurement policy. That is managed by the Department of Finance. There is a national procurement policy, which is documented, and that would go for direct procurement by the Commonwealth. But as most of these projects or effectively all of these projects are procured by the states at a state level, they would be done under their respective state procurement policies. I think, from recollection, there is some local preference policy in Tasmania, for example, which you would understand and have seen some publicity on over the last couple of months. But each of the states has their own individual procurement requirements. I am not sure what Commonwealth overlays there might be in that sense, but we can find that out for you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can find that out.</p>		
98	025	II	COLBECK	King Island Port bids	<p>Senator Colbeck: It is a state owned port. I am aware of some proposals that have been prepared probably going back about eight or nine years ago now to do some work. Some of those are dependent on other developments on the island, but as far as I am aware we have not received any proposals from the state in respect of work at the King Island port. It is a Tasmanian government owned port. If we were to be engaged in that process we would have to be approached by the Tasmania government and go through the infrastructure assessments accordingly.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take on notice and check whether we received any bids for community infrastructure grant funding, but I am not aware of anything for the King Island port.</p>	48 08/02/16	04/05/2016
99	026	II	McKIM	National Stronger Regions Fund	<p>Senator McKIM: I just wanted to ask a couple of questions around the National Stronger Regions Fund. A lot of local governments in southern Tasmania are a bit confused and, it is fair to say, put out about the fact that in the first two rounds no money—that is, not a cent—has been allocated anywhere south of Oatlands in Tasmania. In the last round, which is obviously round 2, of the \$293 million allocated Tasmania received the not so grand total of \$767,000. Firstly, do you dispute any of those figures? Secondly, can you advise how many applications were received from Tasmania from round 2? Can you advise the value of those proposals and can you also provide, if you have it and if not on notice, a breakdown on a state-by-state basis?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just ask Mr McCormick, who looks after this program, to give you a breakdown of round 2.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Mr McCormick, are you able to assist or would you like to take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I can say that under the National Stronger Regions Fund we have six projects funded in Tasmania for a total funding amount of \$12.31 million. Any further breakdown of that I would have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Perhaps if you take on notice what you are able to provide based on my previous question. Thank you. I am aware of that \$12 million figure. I will repeat, again, that none of that is in southern Tasmania. I am not putting this to the department at all, but I do</p>	49 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>want to note for the record that three marginal Liberal held seats are in northern Tasmania. There is a view amongst some in the Tasmanian community that those two things may be linked. I wanted to put this to you in relation to the \$12 million. That represents about 2.4 per cent of the just over half a billion dollars allocated in rounds 1 and 2 of National Stronger Regions, but the ABS statistics show that about 7.5 per cent of people that live in regional Australia actually live in Tasmania. I do not know whether you want to respond to this, Minister, but it strikes me that Tasmania is grossly underrepresented in the allocation of rounds 1 and 2 of National Stronger Regions. Can anyone explain that? Is it a quality of projects issue? Is it a quality of bids issue? Why is Tasmania so grossly underrepresented? We always hear we are the mendicant state. When you look at the per capita numbers—and I do want to put these on the record—we get \$1.50 per person. This is for round 2. It is \$1.50 per person in Tasmania, \$14.20 in New South Wales, \$9 in Victoria per person, \$13.30 per person in Queensland, \$18.60 per person in South Australia, and \$14.50 per person in WA. It is only \$1.50 per person in Tasmania.</p>		
100	027	II	BULLOCK	WestConnex benefit cost analysis	<p>Senator BULLOCK: I should start by acknowledging my debt to Ms Forde, who in 1961 taught me how to add up. I have been grateful to her for that ever since, particularly when I look at WestConnex. Looking at the KPMG benefit-cost analysis of that project, they say that the estimated benefit is \$24.3 billion and we know the cost is \$16.8 billion. They say the benefit-cost ratio based on that is 1.88. I put 24.3 over 16.8 and come up with 1.45. I asked myself: how could the bright people at KPMG get that wrong? If you take the Commonwealth's contribution of \$3.5 billion off the \$16.8 billion cost, you get \$13.3 billion. If you put \$24.3 billion over \$13.3 billion, you get 1.88. It would seem as though the benefit-cost analysis that was performed by KPMG treats the Commonwealth government's \$3.5 billion as pennies from heaven rather than factoring that into the costs. Can you tell us how the New South Wales government treats the Commonwealth's contribution when it comes to determining the benefit-cost analysis?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It would be best to get you a detailed answer to that question. You do recognise that of that \$3.5 billion contribution, \$2 billion is a concessional loan, which is repayable from 2029?</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Yes, I understand that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is not simply to say that it is pennies from heaven. There is a repayment schedule on that, which has to be funded.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: What does that still leave?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It leaves \$1.5 billion. I would need to take on notice and get more detailed information on the structure of the cost-benefit analysis, but I do not think you could assume that the grant funding is not included in the cost of the project.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: When I did the sums it does seem to work out that if you knock off the Commonwealth's contribution the sums work.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would need to get some advice and come back to you.</p>	51 08/02/16	04/05/2016

101	028	II	BULLOCK	\$2 billion loan for WestConnex	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Mr Mrdak, earlier you quite rightly pointed out that with regard to WestConnex the \$2 billion loan is not a cost to the federal government; it is of course a cost to the project. When they are working out the benefit-cost analysis for the whole project they have to include that \$2 billion back in plus presumably any interest they pay on it.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That does take me back to where I was on those sums. It does look as if the \$3.5 billion contributed by way of both the loan and the direct contribution have not been factored into the New South Wales government's calculations. I look forward to your answers on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get some details on that for you.</p>	54 08/02/16	04/05/2016
102	029	II	BULLOCK	Contingencies projection	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Just going back to those contingencies, could you outline for us what the profile was on those contingencies, firstly, when it was, as it previously was, \$1,469 million, and, secondly, what it is now minus the \$999 million?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The government is yet to take final decisions on the allocation of the contingency as to the years and the like, some of which are driven by our need to get profiles across the new projects. I will come back to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Note that I am not asking about the new projects. I was asking about the contingencies. What is left over after you take the new projects out?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, but that is what I am saying. It depends on what year you take it out. That is dependent on the cash flow projections you get from the jurisdictions. At this stage, I cannot give you an accurate view by year of what the contingency will look like because if the profile for the Northern Connector comes in at a certain amount and the profile for the Armidale road, that will change year by year. I think the best way is if I take that on notice and, once the government has resolved these issues of the movement of the contingency once we get the cash flow projections for the new projects, then I will be able to give that to you.</p>	55-56 08/02/16	04/05/2016
103	030	II	STERLE	Beef Road Project	<p>Senator STERLE: Just before we finish with the Beef Roads Program, how many kilometres of beef roads do we have in the north?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I cannot answer that question. I do not have that information in front of me.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Does anyone have it? I think any announcements on roads are great as long as they are delivered. With the \$100 million, you said there are existing roads that could be upgraded. There could be an expectation that a bit of blacktop might be put down. Would we also assume that culverts and bridges may be part of that funding program?</p>	61 08/02/16	04/05/2016
104	031	II	McLUCAS	Contingency amounts for Queensland	<p>Senator McLUCAS: I would like to go to question on notice No. 53, the answer to which as Senator Bullock indicated was only received last week. The contingency amounts at the signing of the National Partnership Agreement—and I am going to Queensland—in October 2014 was \$763.66 million, including \$478.81 million which is the Bruce Highway. But then as of 30 September 2015 Queensland's contingency moves to \$1,133.69 million across the state, including \$752 million which is the Bruce Highway contingency. Mr Mrdak, in answer</p>	61-62 08/02/16	05/05/2016

					<p>to a question to Senator Lambie earlier you said that the role of contingency is savings from projects that are not proceedings or underspends. What projects are not proceeding on the Bruce that would move the contingency reserve from \$478.81 million to \$752.01 million?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There is no project not proceeding. Based on original estimates that were done when the program was established, we are finding that project costs are coming in under expectations or projects are taking longer to come into market and therefore funds have not been allocated.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Can you break that down then? How much is the underspend? That is a good thing? How much is the underspend out of that money?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would probably need to take that on notice, if I can, and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If you can disaggregate that figure into how much is the underspend and then the more concerning answer is the delayed rollout.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>		
105	032	II	McLUCAS	Delay of projects	<p>Senator McLUCAS: What projects have been delayed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I will come back to you on notice with that one.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I would prefer if we could do it now if that is at all possible.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not think we have that disaggregation with us, but I will get that for you as quickly as I can.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Would that be possible today?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will endeavour to, if we can.</p>	62 08/02/16	04/05/2016
106	033	II	McLUCAS	Cape York package - List of projects	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Can you update the committee about where the Cape York roads package of \$210 million is up to?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: With the Cape York package—I think as we talked about last time the primary work around that project or that program is around the mean deviation project on the Peninsula Development Road. The objective there is to maximise the amount of sealing that is being undertaken on that road. Around 60 kilometres of the Peninsula Development Road was sealed prior to the onset of the wet season in 2015. The objective is to get around 130 kilometres of that road sealed all up. It is expected that the work on the mean deviation project will be completed around April once work can recommence following the conclusion of the wet season.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: We have not had a wet season.</p> <p>CHAIR: El Nino pinched it.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Mr Pittar, just for time, I wonder if I could be provided on notice with a list of projects that will be sourced from the \$210 million. I think there was \$40 million from the Queensland government. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If you could give me a profile of the projects and over what period of time they are going to be rolled out. The original project that you would remember had a number of elements that are quite separate from the Peninsula Development Road. What I am wanting to know is what the current status of each of those expenses is going to be and in</p>	62 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>which year as well.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: We can provide you with that information on notice.</p>		
107	034	II	BULLOCK	Bringelly Road	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Did you say that it was \$500 million for 10 kilometres on Bringelly Road?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That is \$50 million a kilometre. What was the per kilometre cost of Bringelly Road phase 1?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I have not worked that out. Each road will be different for the per kilometre rate. It is different because the cost of land, if you have to procure land, will be different for every project.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I am assuming that on Bringelly Road the earlier bit was probably closer to the city and more costly than the later bit, and yet its per kilometre cost is significantly less. Unless I am wrong.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: To examine the detail on that I would have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Looking at the per kilometre cost—and I do not want you to compare apples and oranges; that is why I used Bringelly Road as the example. It is one bit of road. We have the first stage that has already been done and the second stage is underway now.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: A little bit of compare and contrast on those might be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will get you some unit rates on those.</p> <p>Mr Foulds: What I cannot recall at the moment is what the differences are in scope between stage 1 and stage 2, whether there is any, or any interface issues or geotech problems or land acquisition. All of those things impact on the cost of a road.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Will they all feature in your answer?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: Yes.</p>	66 08/0216	04/05/2016
108	035	II	BULLOCK	Murray Racing Club funding	<p>Senator BULLOCK: I note that some money has been found out of this extra money for the Murray Bridge Racing Club. Have any other projects been identified and funded through the extra money? If you have determined to fund some additional projects out of that extra \$50 million, could you give us a list of them?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not know whether we have a list of the new projects.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: No, we do not have a list of those projects.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will get you those projects that have been added to the program since the budget as quickly as we can.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: When you are preparing that list, could you add to it a list of the applications that have been made for funding from this additional pot? Where organisations have written in and said, 'Look, here's a project that we would like you to fund under this program.'</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is not a competitive applicant process. It is determined by government.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Yes, but you receive requests for funding.</p>	67 08/02/16	

					<p>Mr Mrdak: Not through a formal process.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Hang on. You have oversight of these projects. You recommend on their value for money, and you do not know what they are?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are initiated often by government. There is not a competitive process in the way there is for Stronger Regions of bridges where there are rounds called for. I can certainly provide you with information on—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: We just heard that there is some oversight provided by the department on these allocations of funds. An assessment is made of value for money and all of that stuff. We have just heard that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is right.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: You must know what they are. I just want a list of the ones that are before you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, we can do that. What I am saying is that you asked for applications, and there are not applications—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I may have used the wrong word in terms of 'application'. In order to receive money, somebody has to ask for it.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is right. We will give you the information on the projects that have been selected and what has been assessed.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: There you go.</p>		
109	036	II	BULLOCK	List of 300 projects	<p>Mr McCormick: We have 300 projects being funded.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That is another bit of homework. It would be nice to get a list of the 300 projects as well.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes, we can provide that.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Thank you. I thought that would be relatively easy for you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are publicly listed on our website.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We can provide a list to you.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Can you forward that to Senator Bullock and the committee?</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Thank you. You keep my ignorance a secret.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: No, I would not dare.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: How many projects have we got that you are going to fund but we have not got a formal agreement with yet?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We have contracted \$240.5 million and have uncontracted funds of \$100.3 million.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That is \$100.3 million, which is as much as beef roads. That is money that is agreed to be allocated, but the details of the funding agreement might be unsettled; is that right?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes. We currently have 116 contracted in process. We are negotiating funding agreements with a 10 further proponents and we are awaiting information on a further 26 proponents.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Do these fall within the 300?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes.</p>	68 08/02/16	

					<p>Senator BULLOCK: When you give us the list of the 300, could you note where they are up to according to what you have just said?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes, certainly.</p>		
110	037	II	BULLOCK	Unfunded projects	<p>Mr McCormick: The department could only assess the application on the information provided in the application form, and the ministerial panel determined that they considered the economic benefits to those projects were understated in the application, and it was assessed accordingly.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Fair enough. So, those two were not recommended but ended up being funded. On the other side of that coin, do you know of any that were recommended for funding but did not end up receiving funding?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: There were a number, but I do not know them. I do not have that list here.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I might ask you for that one on notice. To keep Senator Heffernan happy, I will put something on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Senator Heffernan is always happy.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: When you are listing those projects that ended up not being funded, could you break them down on a state-by-state basis as well?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will take that on notice. It was advice provided to government.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I am not asking for the advice. I am just asking for the ones that were recommended but did not end up being funded.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice.</p>	73 08/02/16	05/05/2016
111	038	II	BULLOCK	Consideration of Tasmanian projects	<p>Senator BULLOCK: At the briefing conducted by the department on 21 January advice was given from the department that from round 2 of the program 15 applications were received from Tasmania with 14 assessed as meeting the criteria. Further advice stated that nine projects were recommended for funding by officials from the department and only three of the nine projects recommended for funding were approved by the ministerial panel. Is that the case? Is that right?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I was not at the information session in Tasmania so I am not aware of that information.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Can we take that on notice? That does not sound very familiar to us.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: It does sound like a bit of a conflict.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: It sounds a little odd if it were the case that so many of the projects that you had recommended were rejected.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, we would have to take that on notice. I am not familiar with that comment.</p>	73-74 08/02/16	05/05/2016
112	039	II	BULLOCK	Rejection of projects by State	<p>Senator BULLOCK: This is an extension of the question that you have taken on notice earlier about the rejection state by state. Can you tell us how many applications were received state by state and of those how many met the criteria and how many were recommended for funding? I probably should have asked that earlier.</p>	74 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>Mr McCormick: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Yes, I dare say, and perhaps look at the criteria on which the decisions were made for the recommendation. I think in broad terms you have partly answered that already, but perhaps that could be included in the answer to that question. Can you confirm whether the member for Braddon provided representation in support of an application for an upgrade to the Burnie Tennis Club to either the department or the minister?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I would have to take that on notice. We received a large number of letters of support for the 514 applications.</p>		
113	040	II	URQUHART	Next priority for Midland, Tasmania	<p>Senator URQUHART: In its agreed 10-year plan with the Tasmanian government, can the department advise what the next priority for the Midland will be after those listed?</p> <p>Mr Foulds: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	79 08/0216	04/05/2016
114	041	II	McLUCAS	Delays to program	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Mr Mrdak, when we were speaking earlier today I asked the question about the potentially delayed projects. You indicated there were going to be some projects that were going to come in under budget—and that is great—but there were some projects that may be delayed. I am interested in knowing what they might be.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do apologise; I do not have any details. I am advised we are not expecting delays, at this stage, to the program. In fact, we are trying to do the opposite, but I will get the definitive answer for you. In relation to the savings, you asked about the changes to the contingency from \$478 million to \$752 million. I am advised that savings included: Cooroy to Curra section A, \$50 million; Yeppen was completed \$100 million under budget; Cooroy to Curra section C early works \$192 million; Cabbage Tree Creek, \$13 million; Calliope crossroads, \$20 million; and the southern approach to Gin Gin, \$3 million. They are the sum of the savings, but I will get you a more fulsome answer. My advice thus far is that we anticipate the program continuing as it is.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I don't think those figures add up to the approximate \$300 million increase in the contingency reserve that we talked about earlier today.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: My calculation is that that gives you about 270 or so, but I will get you a full answer to those.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. I am very interested if there are any delays to the program.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes. As I said, I am advised that the program is on schedule, subject to Queensland bringing forward their PPRs. But I will get you a fulsome answer to that.</p>	105 08/02/16	05/05/2016
115	091	II	STERLE	Departmental allocation and collaboration	<p>Please indicate which other Departments or agencies the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development works with or collaborates with on the following areas, programs or projects:</p> <p>(a) Northern Australia transport infrastructure projects;</p> <p>(b) Northern Australia water infrastructure projects;</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>(c) Beef Roads package (\$100M);</p> <p>(d) Northern Australia Roads Package (\$600M);</p> <p>(e) Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund;</p> <p>(f) Western Australia GST roads (\$499.1M program);</p> <p>(g) Cities policy;</p> <p>(h) Regional policy.</p> <p>What joint bodies, taskforces or other entities exist, which involve the Department of Infrastructure, exist to work on the following areas, programs or projects:</p> <p>a) Northern Australia transport infrastructure projects;</p> <p>b) Northern Australia water infrastructure projects;</p> <p>c) Beef Roads package (\$100M);</p> <p>d) Northern Australia Roads Package (\$600M);</p> <p>e) Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund;</p> <p>f) Western Australia GST roads (\$499.1M program);</p> <p>g) Cities policy;</p> <p>h) Regional policy.</p>		
116	171	II	BROWN	Infrastructure Ministers interaction with the Tasmanian Ministers	<p>The below questions for Senator Brown are for submission to both Infrastructure Australia and Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure met with the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 2. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure met with the Tasmanian Minister for State Growth? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 3. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>4. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the Tasmanian Minister for State Growth? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings?</p> <p>5. Has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure or the Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the CEO of Infrastructure Tasmania, Allan Garcia ? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings?</p>		
117	172	II	STERLE	PWC contract – Westconnex financing advice	<p>The Answer to QON4 from October 2015 Estimates referred to this contract.</p> <p>Given the acknowledged lack of expertise within Government re complex financing arrangements, what consideration is being given to hiring such expertise in light of the oft-stated need to increase the range of innovative financing methods for infrastructure?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
118	173	II	STERLE	Turner & Townsend – Project Cost Estimation Services	<p>The Answer to QON4 from October 2015 Estimates referred to this contract.</p> <p>Given the acknowledged lack of expertise within Government re cost estimation and engineering skills, what consideration is being given to hiring such expertise in light of the oft-stated need to increase the range of innovative delivery and financing methods for infrastructure?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
119	174	II	STERLE	Opening periods	<p>What is the Department’s current expectation for the approximate (by month or quarter) opening time for the following federally-funded projects?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Northconnex? (b) Pacific Highway final project? (c) Bruce Highway final project in current program? (d) Gateway Upgrade North (Qld)? (e) Northlink WA? (f) Perth Airport Gateway? (g) North-South Corridor Darlington? (h) North-South Corridor Torrens to Torrens? (i) Midland Highway last project in current program? (j) Moreton Bay Rail link? (k) Tiger Brennan Drive? 	Written	

					(l) M1 Productivity package? (m) Tullamarine Freeway? (n) M80? (o) APY Road Upgrades?		
120	175	II	STERLE	Tarcutta bypass flooding	1. Did the Federal Government provide funding for the Tarcutta bypass on the Hume Highway in NSW? 2. Is the Department aware of claims that the construction has caused significant flooding of properties in the area of the bypass? 3. Is the Department aware of concerns that this flooding has left ordinary residents near the bypass with major liabilities? 4. What role can the Commonwealth play in discussions with NSW about addressing concerns? 5. Given that Federal funds were involved, will the Department seek information from NSW about what action it is taking to address those concerns? 6. In particular, can you advise what redress the affected landowners are able to access? 7. Why are concerns still being addressed after three major flood events during construction and operation since 2010? 8. Does the NSW Government acknowledge that the bypass works contribute to the flooding events?	Written	04/05/2016
121	176	II	STERLE	Bolivia Hill	1. Why has the allocation to this project reduced from \$80 million originally to \$55 million? 2. Has the project been rescope? 3. Has an alternative route been determined? 4. Have savings been identified? If so, what savings? 5. When were funds originally allocated to this project? Which month and year? 6. What was the original profile? 7. What is the current profile? 8. When will this project commence in construction?	Written	05/05/2016

122	177	II	STERLE	Scone Bypass/Level Crossing	1. When were funds originally allocated to this project? Which month and year? 2. What was the original profile? 3. What is the current profile? 4. When will this project commence in construction?	Written	05/05/2016																								
123	178	II	STERLE	New project profiles	For the following projects initiated since the 2015 Budget, please outline the agreed profiles for these projects: <table><tr><td>Project (fed funding)</td><td>2015-6</td><td>2016-7</td><td>2017-8</td><td>2018-9</td><td>2019-20</td></tr><tr><td>Northern Connector – SA (\$788M)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Armadale Road – WA (\$116M)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 (\$95M)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Project (fed funding)	2015-6	2016-7	2017-8	2018-9	2019-20	Northern Connector – SA (\$788M)						Armadale Road – WA (\$116M)						Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 (\$95M)						Written	04/05/2016
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Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 (\$95M)																															
124	179	II	STERLE	Maldon-Dombarton line	1. What is the current status of this project? 2. On December 2, 2015, the NSW Minister Duncan Gay, said of this project, that there were two responses to the registration of interest process and neither were found to have sufficiently met all the published evaluation criteria. What work is the Federal Government undertaking in this area? 3. Who were the two responders to the ROI? 4. When was the last discussion on the line with NSW? 5. What is the next step proposed?	Written	04/05/2016																								
125	180	II	STERLE	WSIP – Northern Road upgrade	1. For 2014-5 the National Partnership Agreement says that \$15M in work would be done. a. Was the scope achieved or exceeded? b. Was cost higher or lower than expected, given the scope of work undertaken? 2. For 2015-6 it is National Partnership Agreement says that that \$63.5M in work would be done. a. Is the scope likely to be achieved or exceeded? b. Will cost be higher or lower than expected, given the expected scope of work?	Written	04/05/2016																								

126	181	II	STERLE	Black Spots Program	<p>Please provide a list of all applications made under the Black Spots Program since reestablishment in 1996 listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Applicant (b) Location of claimed Black Spot (c) Federal funding sought (d) Whether successful or not. <p>Note: please contact me if this list is very onerous to compile.</p>	Written	05/05/2016
127	182	II	STERLE	Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity program	<p>Please provide a list of all applications made under the HVSP since establishment listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applicant b. Location of Works c. Federal funding sought d. Whether successful or not. 	Written	
128	183	II	STERLE	Bridges Renewal Program	<p>Please provide a list of all applications made under the BRP since establishment listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applicant b. Location of Works c. Federal funding sought d. Whether successful or not. 	Written	
129	184	II	STERLE	Drought Communities Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there any eligibility criteria for the Drought Communities Program? If so, what are the criteria? 2. Will the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia continue to be used as the source for determining the remoteness of a Local Government Area? If so, when will the data in the Index be updated? If not, what will replace the Index? 3. Due to this Index, remote Local Government Area's such as West Wimmera fall through the cracks to receive appropriate funding support from the Commonwealth. Why isn't there a process for councils that are unfairly disadvantaged in this way to have their situation reassessed? 4. Why is it that the Drought Communities Program is only available in Queensland and New South Wales? 5. Was this the Minister's decision? 6. What advice did the Department provide to the Minister regarding eligibility for the Drought Communities Program? 	Written	05/05/2016

					<p>7. Is the Department aware of drought declarations in other states?</p> <p>8. Why is it that some council's assessed as eligible for the Commonwealth's Drought Assistance Package are deemed ineligible for the Drought Communities Program?</p>		
130	185	II	STERLE	2014-5 reprofile – QON21	<p>Following up on Answer to QON21 from October Estimates:</p> <p>a) Which specific projects on the Bruce Highway form part of the \$143.14M net underspend in 2014-5;</p> <p>b) Which specific projects on the Bruce Highway underspent against the 2014-5 Queensland Plan of Works ?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
131	186	II	STERLE	IA 15 Year Plan	<p>1. Is the Department providing advice to the Minister on the Government's response to the 78 recommendation in the Plan?</p> <p>2. Is there a deadline or indicative time for the delivery of this advice? If so, what is the timing?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
132	187	II	STERLE	IA Priority List	<p>1. What Departmental work flows from the release of the updated IA Priority List on February 17, 2016?</p> <p>2. How does the existence/publishing of the list impact on the Department's interaction with State and Territory Governments?</p> <p>3. How will the Department treat funding requests for projects not listed on the IA Priority List?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
133	188	II	LUDWIG	Queensland Infrastructure	<p>Please provide an update on the status of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Second Toowoomba Range Crossing; ▪ Morton Rail Link; ▪ Darra-Ipswich Motorway; <p>1. What work or planning for these project(s) has been commenced by the department? Please detail, including dates and detail of what work or planning has commenced.</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of any communication between the minister's office and the department regarding this project(s). These communications should include, but not be limited to: emails, letters, fax's, notes and memos .</p> <p>b. How much money is required to complete this project?</p> <p>c. Is this figure the full amount required to complete the project and has it been allocated and / or budgeted in the forward estimate? If not, why not?</p> <p>d. Are any other sources of funding being considered? Have any other sources of funding already incorporated into this project? If so, please provide a list of these sources including any shared costs with the relevant State/Territories. Please</p>	Written	05/05/2016

					<p>provide dates and other details associated with reaching these agreements.</p> <p>e. Have any spending offsets been discussed to cover the cost of this project? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>2. What consultation or work has been done with the Queensland State Government on these projects?</p> <p>a. List all communication between the two governments, including the mode of communication, the level of public service involved</p> <p>b. What is the current status of the discussions with the two governments?</p> <p>c. Has the Federal Minister written to the State Minister or any other member of the State Government or State public service about this project? If so, when? On what matter? What was the outcome of that corro?</p>		
134	223	II	RICE	Queensland road and rail infrastructure	<p>1. Is it proposed to outlay over \$6 billion of federal funds on the Bruce Highway?</p> <p>2. What level of federal funding has been allocated during the current term of this Parliament to further upgrade the Queensland North Coast railway line north of Caboolture?</p> <p>3. Did the federal government recently contribute \$1.1 million to improve the alignment of the Bruce Highway near Cabbage Tree creek north of Gin Gin?</p> <p>4. Has the government considered any federal funding contribution to rebuild a rail bridge at Cabbage Tree creek on an improved alignment, to ease curves at the site of the 2004 tilt train derailment?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
135	224	II	RICE	Maldon-Dombarton rail line	What is the status of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link currently? Does the government intend to engage with the NSW government to expedite the completion of this line to improve the separation of freight and passenger trains in Sydney and on the NSW South Coast line?	Written	04/05/2016
136	230	II	MCKIM	Descriptions of classifications of regional Australia	<p>Senator McKIM: This is my final question, and I thank the department for their responses. Can I just ask about the definition of 'regionality'. I ask in the context that there has been funding provided through the National Stronger Regions Fund in areas like Sunshine in Melbourne, which is about 15 kilometres from the CBD in Melbourne. I am not making any comment at all about the relative merits of that project. It may well have been a fantastic project, but my understanding is that there has been some comment made by the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister which talks about the need to differentiate clearly between regional Australia and metropolitan Australia. A request made by Assistant Minister McCormack that he wanted to hear from Regional Development Australia boards and other regionally related government bodies as to 'where we draw the line around regional Australia'. I am not sure whether this is a question for the minister or the department, but can someone provide an update? Is that a formal departmental process and, if so, can you provide an update</p>	50 08/02/2016	05/05/2016

					and perhaps a timeline of where that process is at? Mr Mrdak: Various classifications are utilised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and in our publications of locations. We can certainly provide you with a description of those that are utilised. For instance, we produce a yearbook, essentially a regional yearbook, which sets out against a whole range of indicators regional performance. We use certain parameters for that. But for projects like stronger regions the guidelines are that that is available to all communities in Australia.		
137	231	II	BULLOCK	List of funding agreements	Senator BULLOCK: Did you answer this already? How many funding agreements have been signed by the department for rounds 1 and 2? Mr McCormick: We have negotiated 63 funding agreements for a value of \$125.6 million. Senator BULLOCK: Given that you are preparing some lists for us, can we have a list of those? Mr McCormick: Certainly.	74 08/02/2016	
Infrastructure Australia (9)							
138	042	IA	STERLE	Toll on Roe 8	Senator STERLE: I can look stupid because we do not have toll roads in Western Australia and everyone said that they are not going to have toll roads, but now the premier has changed his mind. I do not know how they work so I will ask you one more time. No, I will ask you a couple of times. As part of your business case review now for the Perth Freight Link is Roe 8 going to be a toll road? Am I missing something? Mr Parkinson: I understand there is a tolling arrangement applicable to heavy vehicles. Senator STERLE: I am sorry, but I am really struggling to hear. Mr Parkinson: I can certainly speak louder as well. There is a tolling arrangement applicable to heavy vehicles. That is the extent of our understanding of it. Senator STERLE: On the actual Roe 8 that has not been built yet? Mr Parkinson: We would have to take that on notice. Senator STERLE: You can take it on notice. So, if it is not and there is now, or there will be, then the business case review would have to be reviewed. Is that right? Mr Davies: If there was any significant change to the business case, yes, we would expect to review it.	81-82 08/02/16	04/05/2016
139	043	IA	STERLE	15 year plan and priority list	Senator STERLE: Can you tell me what is the split between in-house costs and outsourced costs of the plan and list to date? Mr Davies: Our staff of 16 have largely done the work on the plan in terms of the update to the priority list that I just mentioned and before that it was substantially supported by using external contractors and consultants. Senator STERLE: Are you able to break those costs up for us at this stage? You can take that on notice. Mr Davies: I would not be able to do that today but I am happy to take it on notice.	83 08/02/16	04/05/2016

140	189	IA	BROWN	Infrastructure Australia's interaction with Infrastructure Tasmania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many times have officials from Infrastructure Australia and Infrastructure Tasmania met since the establishment of Infrastructure of Tasmania? 2. Is there a formal structure or process for consultation between Infrastructure Tasmanian and Infrastructure Australia? 3. How many funding submission have Infrastructure Australia received from or via Infrastructure Tasmania? Please provide a list of submissions? 	Written	05/05/2016
141	190	IA	BROWN	Infrastructure Ministers interaction with the Tasmanian Ministers	<p>The below questions for Senator Brown are for submission to both Infrastructure Australia and Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure met with the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 2. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure met with the Tasmanian Minister for State Growth? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 3. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 4. Since April 2014, how many times has the Commonwealth Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the Tasmanian Minister for State Growth? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 5. Has the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure or the Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects met with the CEO of Infrastructure Tasmania, Allan Garcia ? Please provide a list of event and meeting briefs (brief title and date of event/meeting) prepared by the Department or any agencies for any meetings? 	Written	04/05/2016
142	191	IA	STERLE	Discrepancy in congestion data	<p>What is the reason for the different figures for congestion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BITRE estimates traffic congestion in cities will cost \$37 billion in 2030; b) Infrastructure Australia estimates it to be \$53 billion by 2031? 	Written	04/05/2016

					c) Are different measurement methods being used?		
143	192	IA	STERLE	Infrastructure Australia Project Assessment Framework	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the revised Detailed Technical Guidance change from the previous version? 2. How does the guidance evaluate land value uplift from proximity to transport infrastructure when considering project benefits? How does this differ between: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. roads, b. dedicated bus lanes, c. light rail and d. heavy rail? 	Written	04/05/2016
144	193	IA	STERLE	Revised Priority List	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The updated Infrastructure Priority List will list initiatives and projects. Given that the definition of “project” is: <i>“Projects are potential infrastructure solutions for which a full business case has been completed and positively assessed by the IA Board. Most projects are first identified as initiatives, and subsequently developed into full business cases”.</i> 2. What does “positively assessed” mean in the definition? 3. That is does PFL: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. have a completed full business case b. that has been positively assessed by the IA Board 4. That is does Westconnex: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. have a completed full business case b. that has been positively assessed by the IA Board 	Written	04/05/2016
145	194	IA	STERLE	Future work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the IA forward workplan following the release of the 15 Year Plan and Priority List? 2. Apart from project assessments, please list what other projects are underway or planned? 	Written	04/05/2016
146	197	IA	STERLE	Infrastructure Australia – section 6 directions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has IA received any section 6 directions from the Minister in the past year? 2. If yes, please indicate when, which Minister and the nature of the direction. 	Written	04/05/2016

Surface Transport Policy (11)								
147	044	STP	CONROY	Temporary licence to Alcoa	<p>Senator CONROY: Has the delegate produced reasons for the decision to grant a temporary licence to Alcoa made in October 2015 for some 17 voyages up to October 2016 for the transportation of alumina from WA ports for MV <i>Portland</i>? Have you produced written reasons?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I think the answer to that is yes. It was done in the context of the Federal Court action that was initiated by the Maritime Union of Australia.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Are they publicly available? Were they tendered in court or were they an in-camera briefing?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: They were certainly tendered in court.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We would be happy to take on notice to provide those to you.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Why do you need to take that on notice if it was tendered publicly in court?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Well, I do not have them with me. If they have been tendered in court we will provide them to the committee.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Surely an email can get them to the committee reasonably quickly.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will endeavour to do that.</p>	93 08/02/16	04/05/2016	
148	045	STP	CONROY	MV Portland – communication with other Commonwealth departments or agencies	<p>Senator CONROY: Did you have any communication about this action either before it occurred or afterwards with an officer of any other Commonwealth department or agency or with any Victorian state department or agency?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I do not recall that I did, no.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can you take that on notice just in case there is any?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I am happy to double check, yes.</p>	96 08/02/16	04/05/2016	
149	046	STP	CONROY	MV Portland – communication with Ministers	<p>Senator CONROY: Were you asked at any time, either before the event, or provide any advice to your minister or any other minister or any advisor to your minister or another minister?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I will take that on notice given that list, but nothing is coming to mind.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The minister or his office or any other minister and his office. You must know whether you gave any advice to your own minister.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: The advice I think was provided directly from AMSA to the minister as a result of my query, but I will double check that.</p>	96-97 08/02/16	04/05/2016	
150	047	STP	STERLE	Declining temporary licences	<p>Senator STERLE: I will ask Mr Sutton or Ms Zielke: have you ever knocked back an application for a temporary licence?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Yes, we have. We have received notices in response and considered that information and knocked the temporary licence back as a result of it, yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: I do not expect to have it now but if you could just give us a number.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Certainly. I will check the briefing now.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If I can just add that there have been a number of court actions, both in terms of</p>	97 08/02/16	04/05/2016	

					<p>our decision to reject applications for temporary licences and also most recently the decisions to grant temporary licences. The Federal Court has made a number of rulings over the last three years in relation to the application of the act and our actions.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It would be helpful if you could take that on notice. I am sorry, Ms Zielke is going to answer that for us.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I was just going to say that we have not received any notices in response for 2015-16 and I am afraid the briefing does not give the numbers for previous years, so I will come back to you on that, but what Mr Mrdak said in relation to legal precedents is also significant in relation to our decisions.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You can come back to us. That is fine.</p>		
151	048	STP	RICE	Amount of temporary licences	<p>Senator RICE: What has the trend been in those temporary licence applications? Can you give us the figures for each year? Are we seeing an increase?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I might have to take that one on notice, but we can certainly provide that information for you.</p>	99 08/02/16	04/05/2016
152	049	STP	RICE	Grounds for declining temporary licences	<p>Senator RICE: So a small number have been rejected. There are 220, of which 191 have been approved; so nine have been rejected. What grounds have they been rejected on?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: That would be 29.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I will have to take that on notice to give you a detailed breakdown of the reasons for rejection. I can point out that, of those 220 applications, 10 notices in response have been received, but I should say that I have been in the job about 15 months now and no notices in response have been received in that period.</p>	99 08/02/16	04/05/2016
153	050	STP	HEFFERNAN	Australian wages	<p>CHAIR: So, in the overall application of licences for which you say a minimum of five trips, how many of the trips are made under the system which is the product of this government and the previous government on Australian wages? How many do you get in paying Australian wages? What is the number of trips? Do you know that?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: I would have to take that on notice. What happens is that a vessel on the third voyage in a year triggers the Fair Work Act provisions which specify that part B wages be paid under the—</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, in a moment. So, going back to my original question, you have no idea or do you have an idea how the foreign owners are tricking the system in terms of the third voyage? Are half the voyages around the coast paid on Australian wages or we do not know?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: As I said, we will take that question on notice.</p>	99-100 08/02/16	04/05/2016
154	051	STP	RICE	Applications for temporary licence in last 3 months	<p>Senator RICE: Up until what date were those figures with the 220 applications?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: It is 13 January 2016.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you tell me how many temporary licences have been applied for in the past three months?</p>	100 08/02/16	04/05/2016

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155	198	STP	STERLE	Ministerial Forum on Motor Vehicle Emissions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is there no proposed work on reviewing the contribution of the motor vehicle sector to carbon emission proposed for 2016? 2. Why does Australia need to wait over a year before Ministers in this Government decide to make decisions about how to reduce emissions from motor vehicles? 	Written	04/05/2016
156	217	STP	RICE	Autonomous Vehicles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What, if any, research is currently being undertaken into the technologies, markets and broader impacts in Australia of autonomous vehicles? 2. With reference to the Transport and Infrastructure Council's communiqué from November 2015, at what stage is the review of the Council's 2011 Policy Framework for Intelligent Transport Systems in Australia? 3. Noting South Australia's undertaking of Australia's first on-road trials of driverless vehicle technology, are there any plans for further trials to be implemented by the Commonwealth? 	Written	05/05/2016
157	235	STP	CONROY	Documentation around decision to grant a temporary licence to Pacific Aluminium Services	<p>Senator CONROY: Thank you. Has the delegate produced reasons for a decision to grant a temporary licence to Pacific Aluminium Services made in December 2015 for some 30 voyages up to December 2016 for the transportation of alumina from the Port of Gladstone to the Port of Newcastle?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: For that one the answer is no, other than the documentation that we produce as standard when we consider permit applications.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you provide the committee with the reasons?</p> <p>Mr Sutton: We can certainly provide the documentation associated with that.</p>	93-94 08/02/2016	04/05/2016
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (16)							
158	052	CASA	O'SULLIVAN	Shutdown calculations	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: You may have to take this on notice: what data did you rely upon that had you draw the conclusion of the number of shutdowns calculated?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: We had data from ATSB, from Recreational Aviation Australia and from our own investigations. We should be able to get the exact data.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Would you be able to do that?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Yes.</p>	106 08/02/16	04/05/2016

159	053	CASA	CANAVAN	FRMS changes	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I have some very simple questions about the proposed FRMS changes. I understand it is moving away from industry exemption processes to CAO 48.1. Some in the industry have contacted me about concerns that there has not been a proper transparency about the reasons for this change, particularly the data that is relied on by CASA to justify the change. Have you provided the industry with all of this data?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Yes, we have. Everything we based the 48.1 changes on is on the website.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: When was that done?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I do not know the exact date, but I can find out.</p>	109 08/02/16	04/05/2016
160	054	CASA	STERLE	Safety concerns	<p>Senator STERLE: Then why is CASA allowing Virgin, VARA, to operate without this technology, regardless of how far or in what area their services operate? I refer back to Perth-Albany and Perth-Esperance.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Again, I am not sure of the specifics regarding that operator, but I will get the details regarding VARA for you. Off the top of my head, I cannot recall.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You cannot recall if they are operating those services?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I cannot recall, if they have an exemption, what the exact reasoning behind that is. We have given a number of exemptions, and they are based on different reasons.</p>	110 08/02/16	04/05/2016
161	055	CASA	STERLE	Exemption process	<p>Senator STERLE: Can you outline what happens throughout the exemption process? Who makes the ultimate decision over whether an exemption is granted or not?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: The applicant would put forward the information regarding the exemption. The requirement for an exemption is listed. I am not sure whether I am the best person to go through this process. I will find the best person to go through the process for you.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: For the purposes of timing, I am happy for you to take it on notice if that can be provided.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Certainly. We can do that.</p>	111 08/02/16	04/05/2016
162	056	CASA	STERLE	CASA legislation complaint	<p>Senator STERLE: I understand that, as of 1 November 2015, there were only 98 aircraft in Australia not compliant with CASA's legislative requirements and that they had until 4 February 2016 to be compliant. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: The date is correct. I do not appear to have the exact numbers with me regarding the actual take-up.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: That leads to my next question, because I said 98 by 1 November. I was going to ask if you could tell the committee what the number is currently. Obviously you do have that in front of you, Mr Skidmore? Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: We will ensure that we have that information for you.</p>	111 08/02/16	04/05/2016
163	057	CASA	STERLE	Notice to comply with legislation	<p>Senator STERLE: So when was all of the industry—or whatever part of the industry—notified that they had that date of 4 February? How much notice did they have?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I would have to take on notice the precise period.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It is important. Is there no-one else who can help me out?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Do you want the exact date of the legislation?</p>	112 08/02/16	04/05/2016

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164	058	CASA	STERLE	Regulation put into power	<p>Senator STERLE: Okay, but the ones that we cover—what Virgin are doing out of Perth: Perth-Albany, Perth-Esperance, Ravensthorpe and then some chartered flights to Geraldton, Carnarvon and Paraburdoo—are obviously for a certain type of aircraft at a certain height or whatever. So when were they all put on notice? When do you reckon the ones that are doing this work now were put on notice?</p> <p>Mr Cromarty: I will have to take that one on notice for you.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: It is something we would have to ask VARA. We would have put the legislation out, but it is Virgin who interpret that and make a determination.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: No, but you are the boss.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I am not the boss of Virgin.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: I wish I could get away with that with the coppers when they were hassling the shit out of me as a truck driver. I wish I could use that excuse: 'You didn't ask me. Come and ask me first. I will tell you what speed I was doing.' You are the regulator. That is all I am asking.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: We put the legislation out and then we try and educate people and get them to follow the legislation and the regulations.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Right. So all I want to know is, when they knew that they had to come to 4 February—</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I can only assume that it was when the legislation was put in power and the dates were identified.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It is dangerous to assume here, Mr Skidmore, because people remember what you assume in further estimates down the track. Would you like to take it on notice and come back?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: We can come back and tell you when the regulation was put into power.</p>	113 08/02/16	04/05/2016
165	059	CASA	XENOPHON	Collision of aircrafts during flight	<p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Because I have a whole range of other questions, could you take on notice the safety case? Mr Smith advises me that he does not think there has ever been a case of two aircraft colliding in cloud in this country.</p>	114 08/02/16	04/05/2016
166	060	CASA	XENOPHON	Process between CASA and Airservices	<p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: The restriction of the last operations in the evenings obviously has restricted the flow, but presumably that was as a result of a compelling safety case.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: It was as a result of our discussions with Airservices to say we were concerned with regard to the incident. They said they were taking steps to mitigate those</p>	117 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>concerns. Part of that was the suspension of LAHSO until we can get to a stage where we have a system in place that can manage it better.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I want to touch on another issue which I think is quite important. Could you, on notice, provide us with details of the correspondence, the process involved between CASA and Airservices Australia in relation to this? You know that I have a longstanding interest in Airservices.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: Certainly, Senator.</p>		
167	061	CASA	XENOPHON	Pilot flight time per day	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I know it is a bit complex, but in principle these regulations prohibit a pilot of a two-pilot aircraft flying more than eight hours per day and/or having a tour of duty—flying and ground time—of more than 11 hours. In other words, no flight should commence take-off unless the pilot in command can be reasonably certain that the flight will be completed within these regulatory flight and duty limitations—is that broadly correct?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I do not have the exact details at the tip of my fingers but, yes, it is a rough—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am happy for you to take it on notice. I understand there are circumstances where it may be necessary for a pilot to exceed the eight-hour flying limit to nine hours, and the 11-hour tour of duty limit to 12 hours if they are in flight and, say, an unexpected weather condition pops up.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: That is my understanding, yes.</p> <p>...</p>	118 08/02/16	04/05/2016
168	062	CASA	XENOPHON	Pilot fatigue management	<p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes, that is fine. Again, I am happy for you to go back. That is my understanding as well. I am informed that Qantas interpret this regulation rather liberally. They state in their flight standing order 84/15, which is dated 1 July 2015 and which I have received a copy of—and, just in case my friends from Qantas are listening, they will not be able to track where it has come from—that ATC holding requirements or forecast weather conditions that are TEMPO or INTER, or require an alternative airport to be planned, are advisory and need not be considered for the purpose of applying RFDLs. Are you familiar with that?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I am not familiar with that order.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I have a couple of copies. I wonder if Mr Skidmore can get a copy.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: If I understand you correctly, you are mixing fuel management with fatigue management. Then we have to understand how that is actually being applied inside that—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Fuel management in a sense—the amount of fuel you have—might relate to the number of hours you are in the air before you have to land.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: It always does in my book.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is right. It is the law of gravity, I think! But you cannot divorce fuel management from fatigue management, can you?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I have not got the document, obviously, but the way you said it then I could interpret it also to mean, with regard to the termination of the required flight duty limits, not to take planned events or possible events like a holding for an hour or holding for half an hour</p>	118 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>as a limit.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am happy for you to reflect on this, because it concerns me. The carrying of additional fuel is a mandatory consideration for TEMPO or INTER or alternative airports.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: For flight planning?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes, for flight planning. But the TEMPO or INTER or alternative airports do not appear to be mandatory considerations with respect to fatigue. Can you see my point that you cannot divorce the two because there is a strict requirement as to how much fuel you must carry, which by implication relates to the amount of time that a pilot is likely to be on duty? But it seems from this Qantas directive to its application of flight time limitations—and it is signed off by the chief pilot—that it is not a mandatory requirement.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I am happy to take it on notice and have a look at it and then we can have a discussion if you like.</p>		
169	063	CASA	XENOPHON	TEMPO and INTER	<p>Senator XENOPHON: The question I am putting to you on notice is: does the pilot not need to add to their flight and duty limits if there are INTER and TEMPO conditions?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: It might not happen.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So, essentially, you will take on notice whether you consider that TEMPO and INTER fuel advisories should be applied to duty time. That is the nub of the question, isn't it? That is the question I am asking.</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: I will take it on notice to investigate that question for you, yes.</p>	121 08/02/16	04/05/2016
170	199	CASA	STERLE	Privacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is CASA aware that there are some concerns about privacy on its “Aircraft register data files” – that is the publishing of names and personal addresses? 2. Do registrants with concerns have an option for names and/or addresses not to be published online? 3. If yes, what options are there? 4. If no, why isn't there any options? 5. If no, does CASA acknowledge that the register could be changed to increase privacy? 	Written	04/05/2016
171	200	CASA	RICE	Aircraft movements over inner Melbourne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the <i>2011 Aeronautical Study of Melbourne</i> recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were any changes made subsequently to VFR access to airspace over inner city Melbourne? Did this result in increased VFR traffic over inner Melbourne? b) If no substantial changes resulted from the recommendations of the <i>2011 Aeronautical Study</i>, what (if any) changes have been made to ease VFR clearance to enter Melbourne CTA? 2. In reference to the map provided as an attachment to these questions which I understand to represent an airspace control diagram ex Melbourne VPG, can you confirm that the 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>classifications and boundaries set out on the attachment are current? If this diagram is not correct, please provide the current correct airspace control diagram for this equivalent area.</p> <p>3. With regard to CASA's <i>Enforcement Manual Version 4.3</i> (Jan 2013), what has been the result of making an Airspace Infringement Notice inappropriate "where the offense was intentional and formed a pattern of breaches" and making an investigation contingent on proof beyond reasonable doubt that a pilot was "engaging in conduct, or showing an intention to engage in conduct, that constitutes dangerous flying"? Does this represent a change from the previous version of the Enforcement Manual? If so, has this regime led to more or fewer infringements, with regard to VFR pilots operating over metropolitan Melbourne?</p> <p>4. Given that security is now being increased around large sporting facilities (for example, the MCG in Melbourne has installed a perimeter fence to assist in decreasing the on ground security risks arising from access to the facility), what consideration is given to the issue of airborne security protections, given that the airspace around the sporting complexes and the high density population areas in the inner Melbourne/CBD area is apparently largely uncontrolled?</p>		
172	201	CASA	RICE	Office of Airspace Regulation	<p>1. On what basis does Office of Airspace Regulation (OAR) undertake an assessment for air space change and with whom does it consult?</p> <p>2. If OAR determines there are environmental implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how many proponents have completed an Environmental Implications Form (Form 080) in the last 2 years? b) what criteria were applied as part of those assessments? c) how many assessments were referred to the Department of Environment for advice? d) what were the results of the OAR assessments in the last 2 years, ie number with change confirmed, number with change confirmed but subject to modifications, number of change request rejected etc e) what consultation was had with affected communities or locality areas as part of the above assessment processes? Did this occur in all circumstances and if not why not? 	Written	04/05/2016
173	233	CASA	STERLE	Date of regulation	<p>Dr Aleck: What I will tell you is that in the normal course, when a regulation is made, it has an effective date in it. When that regulation is published then anyone who knows of the regulation—it is incumbent upon an operator to be aware of it—knows what is the effective date. But I will add that our process has always been that when we are introducing new legislation—generally well before the legislation is made, let alone when it comes into effect—there is a campaign to make sure that those who are going to be affected by it are made aware of it. We can put it out there. We can hold events and we can put it on the website. But whether it gets into somebody's brain or not ultimately is their responsibility. I</p>	113-114 08/02/2016	04/05/2016

					<p>should be very surprised if a major operator were unaware of the fact that a particular regulation that will affect their operations comes into effect on a certain date. What I cannot tell you offhand is what that date was.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Okay. But someone will be able to find out.</p> <p>Dr Aleck: I am sure that is so, yes.</p>		
Airservices Australia (12)							
174	064	Airservices	CAMERON	Increased flights over Blue Mountains	<p>Senator CAMERON: Could you also clarify or take on notice whether there has been an increase in flights over the Blue Mountains recently? Anecdotal evidence has come to me that flights have increased over the Blue Mountains. Could you give me, over the last two years, the number of flights going over the Blue Mountains and at what heights those flights are going over at?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I do not want every flight. I want some broad based parameters.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly. As you are aware, particularly on approaches from the south to Sydney, the Blue Mountains is overflowed.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: And take off?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Less so on take-off. There is some, but less so. There is an established arrival path over certain sections of the Blue Mountains. I will ascertain to give you the latest traffic figures as best we can.</p>	7-8 08/02/16	04/05/2016
175	065	Airservices	STERLE	WebTrak release date	<p>Senator STERLE: As I said, good luck. Now I want to go to Airservices Australia, if I can, and I want to talk about WebTrak. Can you tell us, Mr Harfield, why WebTrak was introduced.</p> <p>Mr Harfield: WebTrak was introduced as a way of allowing the community to monitor air traffic to see where there were potential noise from flight paths impacts around the community and at various airports.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: When was that?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: Off the top of my head, I think it was around the 2011 mark. We can confirm the exact date.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: I remember doing an inquiry and it was way before 2011.</p> <p>Mr Harfield: There was the noise inquiry. It was around that time, whenever that was. I am just trying to remember.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Sure. Take it on notice. I think you will probably find that it was earlier. Anyway, you can tell us.</p> <p>Mr Harfield: It might have been 2010, but we will get the exact date.</p>	132 08/02/16	04/05/2016
176	066	Airservices	STERLE	WebTrak identification of flights	<p>Senator STERLE: Are aircraft turning their ID off—or have they done—such that they are not able to be identified by WebTrak?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: I will have to take that on notice. Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Is there any other reason aircraft movements around the relevant airports</p>	132 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					would not be fully captured by WebTrak? Mr Harfield: No. All of the air traffic that we monitor—to my understanding—should be fed into WebTrak. I will take it on notice to confirm it, but some police operations may be suppressed from WebTrak for security reasons.		
177	067	Airservices	CAMERON	WebTrak monitor Kingsford Smith to Blue Mountains	Senator CAMERON: Does that system monitor existing noise from Kingsford Smith over the Blue Mountains? Mr Harfield: There would be a range of monitors that would be around or in close proximity to Kingsford Smith that would be monitored. I am unaware—we can take it on notice—whether there are any up in the Blue Mountains.	132 08/02/16	04/05/2016
178	068	Airservices	XENOPHON	Loss of separation	Senator XENOPHON: Because of time constraints—I have got a very patient chair—could you explain, not now but on notice, why that is the case. You are aware that, under the Transport Safety Investigation Act, it is compulsory reporting—the loss of separation must be reported. Mr Harfield: That is correct—and breakdowns of coordination are also compulsorily reported. CHAIR: Senator Xenophon, can we go to putting some on notice? Senator XENOPHON: I am doing my best. That is what I am doing.	137 08/02/16	04/05/2016
179	069	Airservices	XENOPHON	Airservices request for metadata	Senator XENOPHON: This is just a broad question—it is not a fishing question—but I want to ask: has Airservices made any requests for the metadata of air traffic controllers to be obtained? Mr Harfield: Not to my knowledge. I will confirm that, but, to my knowledge, no.	137 08/02/16	04/05/2016
180	070	Airservices	XENOPHON	Incident on 14 December 2013	Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide me more information about the afternoon 14 December 2013 on a Qantas aircraft where a passenger said the pilot went on air on the PA afterwards and said: we needed to take that action so that we could avoid collecting—or language to that effect—a Virgin aircraft on the tarmac. Mr Harfield: I will look into it.	138 08/02/16	04/05/2016
181	071	Airservices	XENOPHON	Incident on 22 December 2015	Senator XENOPHON: Another go-around occurred on Jetstar flight JQ 710 on 22 December 2015. If you could let us know what occurred there. Can you provide us with any documents between CASA and Air Services and any other relevant documents because those operations have been suspended. Mr Harfield: We will do that but there is also another document we will have to table.	138 08/02/16	04/05/2016

182	202	Airservices	STERLE	Adelaide TCU	<p><u>Timeline</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I understand from your previous submission to this Committee that the Adelaide TCU consolidation into Melbourne is “proposed to commence from 2017”. (Airservices Australia, Terminal Control Unit Integration Initiative, Submission to the RRAT Committee, August 2015, pg 4) 2. Is Airservices Australia on schedule to deliver this outcome. 3. If not, why not. <p><u>Business Case</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. At Budget Estimates last year, you released a copy of the business case. 5. Do you stand by all financial assumptions which underpin this case, particularly for efficiencies related to staffing, supervision and co-location for technology and hardware. (Airservices Australia, 2015 BE, QoN 107) 6. If not, will you now provide an updated business case – on notice if necessary. <p><u>Safety Case</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. I refer to the Air Services Australia Terminal Control Unit Integration submission to this committee which states that “prior to implementation, the CASA will need to approve the safety case which includes documented evidence that safety impacts have been adequately considered and addressed”. (Airservices Australia, Terminal Control Unit Integration Initiative, Submission to the RRAT Committee, August 2015, Appendix B) 8. Can you advise the Committee of the current status of the safety case relating to the relocation of air traffic controllers from Adelaide to Melbourne. 9. Has it been finalised. 10. Has it been presented to CASA. 11. Has CASA evaluated and/or approved the proposal. 12. If it has not been finalised, when will it be finalised. 13. Will the Safety Case be made public. If not, why not. <p><u>Additional processes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. How much has been spent on the TCU integration project so far. Is it running on budget or over budget. 15. Is the Airservices Australia Board required to formally approve funding for the project. 16. Has that occurred. If not, when will it occur. 17. Is this project required to go before the Public Works Committee. 18. Has this occurred. If not, when will it occur. <p><u>TCU Controllers – Adelaide</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. How many Air Traffic Controllers are in Adelaide - including the TCU and both towers. 20. How many Air Traffic Controllers will remain after the transition. 	Written	04/05/2016
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					<p>21. Does this mean there will be job losses of highly skilled jobs in Adelaide following the transition.</p> <p>22. What consultation have you had with the local member for Hindmarsh, Mr Matt Williams, regarding these job losses.</p> <p><u>Career Opportunities</u></p> <p>23. I refer to your submission to this Committee which states that “career development opportunities for air traffic controllers will be improved” (Airservices Australia, Terminal Control Unit Integration Initiative, Submission to the RRAT Committee, August 2015, pg 10)</p> <p>24. I also refer to the statement that “all controllers who wish to remain at their current location will be accommodated – no one will lose their job”. (Airservices Australia, Terminal Control Unit Integration Initiative, Submission to the RRAT Committee, August 2015, pg 10)</p> <p>25. What career opportunities will be available for those air traffic controllers who choose to remain in Adelaide, if the majority of operations are moving to Melbourne.</p> <p>26. Will they be eligible for further career diversification or promotion if they choose to remain in Adelaide.</p>		
183	203	Airservices	STERLE	Webtrak – Perth and Jandakot	<p>1. Is there any other reason that aircraft movements around the relevant airports would not be fully captured by Webtrak?</p> <p>2. Are there particular types of aircraft not captured on Webtrak?</p> <p>3. <i>If so</i>, how do you think the lack of a comprehensive display reconciles with the original intention of Webtrak as put in place in 2008?</p> <p>4. Is there a technical fault with Webtrak that impacts Jandakot?</p> <p>5. Are you aware of community concerns that Webtrak does not currently accurately capture movements around Perth and Jandakot airports?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
184	204	Airservices	RICE	Tullamarine Airport runways and aircraft routing	<p>1. On days with northerly winds, I understand most flights inbound to Tullamarine Airport from the north east fly west over Essendon before turning north to Runway 34. Why then do international flights from the north east appear to regularly route over densely populated areas of inner Melbourne?</p> <p>a) On days with little or no northerly winds, why are flights not directed to land on Runway 16 or 27, and not Runway 34?</p> <p>2. Is it anticipated that potential GLS changes to routing over densely populated areas of inner Melbourne will take place? If so, what number of aircraft and type will cease to fly over inner Melbourne, or conversely what increased air traffic will occur?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

185	234	Airservices	CAMERON	Draft EIS	<p>Senator CAMERON: Are you surprised then that your indicative flight paths have produced a situation in an area of the lower Blue Mountains where we have these negative impacts that are going to be almost certain, with major consequences and a significance rating of very high? Have you had a look at this since you designed those flight paths?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: I personally have not looked at the environmental impact statement since that time.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Has someone in your department? I am not asking you personally. When I say 'you', it is your organisation.</p> <p>Mr Harfield: I would have to check on that....</p>	135 08/02/2016	04/05/2016
Aviation and Airports (6)							
186	072	AAA	RICE	Third runway	<p>Senator RICE: Mr Mrdak, you are making an assessment to say that, yes, there is the need for this extra capacity. My question is whether that assessment of the broader capacity of both airports, including Avalon, will be considered as part of the assessment in terms of the need for a third runway.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I would have to check in terms of the regulations and the requirements that are in place. As I said, I will take it on notice. But I do not believe that there is a regulatory requirement for Melbourne airport, in the development of its major development plan, to take into account capacity offered by another airport.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Even in the same market?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: Even in the same market. As I said, I will check, but I do not believe—</p>	128-129 08/02/16	04/05/2016
187	073	AAA	RHIANNON	Gold Coast Airport	<p>Senator RHIANNON: To finish up with the Gold Coast airport: I understand there is a minister's approval document for Gold Coast airport's ILS draft master development plan. Can you take this on notice and release this document to the committee.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, certainly. It will be published shortly. As one of the conditions of any major development plan approval, the airport publishes the major development plan and the final approval.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you take it on notice and release this immediately—as I think you are aware, there are local disputes about this—so that the public at least have some knowledge about what they are confronting.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The public was extensively consulted on the draft major development plan, which was then provided to government and which included a response to the public consultation. But I will take on notice the availability of the final MDP earlier.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So you will give consideration to releasing it—not using the process to expand the time, but to look at releasing it immediately?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That will be a matter for the airport, but we will see what can be done.</p>	130-131 08/02/16	04/05/2016

188	074	AAA	STERLE	Scheme to reduce emissions – Aviation sector	<p>Senator STERLE: What recent involvement has the department had in International Civil Aviation Organization discussions around a scheme to reduce emissions from the aviation sector? If you have answered it, just say, 'I have answered it', because I just switched off in the last hour.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I believe an officer is currently in Montreal, as we speak, in discussions around the issue.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Very good. Can the department list the meetings that have occurred on this issue since September 2013.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes, we will provide that.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: What department officials have been attending such meetings since September 2013?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will provide that.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Which meetings and what were the topics?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There is a committee called the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection of the ICAO. That is their primary policy development body, and it feeds into the general assembly of ICAO, which will be held later this year. We will get you the details of that.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: What was the last such meeting attended by a department official?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is this week.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Are there any future meetings scheduled for attendance by a departmental official?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will check. I think that the next time ICAO will look at these issues will be the general assembly in late September.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: We will check.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Since 2013 how many briefing notes have been provided to the minister specifically on emissions in the aviation sector?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I had better take that on notice.</p>	131 08/02/16	04/05/2016
189	075	AAA	STERLE	Regulating aviation emissions	<p>Senator STERLE: Has the department provided any advice to the minister on options for regulating aviation emissions as part of achieving the government's 26 to 28 per cent carbon reduction target?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I believe we have, but I would have to check.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: If you could. Are you able to share that with the committee?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: Again, I will take that on notice.</p>	131 08/02/16	04/05/2016
190	220	AAA	STERLE	Northern Australia Transport Study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I refer to the meeting of the Northern Australia Transport Study Group that first met in Townsville on January 21, 2016. 2) What is the Department's role in the Northern Australia Transport Study? 3) Who is participating? 4) Who accompanied Minister Truss from the Department? 	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>5) What issues were canvassed in the maritime discussion?</p> <p>6) What decisions or conclusions about maritime policy were reached?</p> <p>7) What happens now in maritime?</p> <p>8) Which industry stakeholders were invited to the maritime discussion?</p> <p>9) Were the following Northern Australia shipping stakeholders invited?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sea Swift b. Toll Marine Logistics c. Pacific Marine Group d. North Star Cruises e. The Navy <p>10) Who decided which maritime stakeholders were to be invited?</p> <p>11) What issues were canvassed in the aviation discussion?</p> <p>12) What decisions or conclusions about aviation policy were reached?</p> <p>13) What happens now in aviation?</p> <p>14) Which industry stakeholders were invited to the aviation discussion?</p>		
191	229	AAA	RICE	Melbourne Airport third runway proposal - EIS	<p>Senator RICE: I am going to ask in general about the Melbourne Airport third runway proposal—how that is rolling out and whether to your knowledge there is going to be a new environmental impact statement done for that aspect.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That needs to be dealt with under our Aviation and Airports group. We are assisting at this stage with the land acquisition for the third runway. There will need to be, as with any such project, a major development plan put together. I do not have the details on that with me. Perhaps I can come back to you on notice or perhaps we can deal with it later in the day. The Aviation and Airports team who look after that project are scheduled at five o'clock.</p>	29 08/02/2016	04/05/2016
Australian Transport Safety Bureau (5)							
192	076	ATSB	XENOPHON	Pel-Air incident – first investigation	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I go to the issue of the 22 February 2000 Bureau of Meteorology report about the reliability of Norfolk Island forecasts. Did your first report and does the subsequent report that you have been asked to do in relation to the Pelair incident take into account the fact that those matters do not appear to have been followed through by other agencies in terms of the lack of reliability on the Norfolk Island weather forecasts?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Mr Walsh is supervising the reopened investigation.</p> <p>Mr Walsh: Can I clarify the question. Are we looking at the reliability or are we looking—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No, there was a report issued on 22 February 2000 about the reliability of Norfolk Island forecasts. It appears that certain things were not followed</p>	138-139 8/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>through. I would like to put it to your agency that it appears that down the chain there were things that were not followed through as a result of the very clear report on the lack of reliability. Was that something that was taken into account with respect of the first investigation report on the Pelair incident and also now with the second report that is being considered?</p> <p>Mr Walsh: I cannot speak to the first investigation because I was not involved. In the second one, I would have to actually take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps you could take that on notice in relation to the first report. I go now to the issue of the LAHSO operations. There is a report being undertaken in respect of the 5 July incident 2015. Do you have an approximate time line of when that report will be completed?</p>		
193	077	ATSB	XENOPHON	Go-around incident of 22 December 2015	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps you could take that on notice in relation to the first report. I go now to the issue of the LAHSO operations. There is a report being undertaken in respect of the 5 July incident 2015. Do you have an approximate time line of when that report will be completed?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: We expect that report will be complete by July this year.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I ask you to take on notice information I received from constituents today about go-arounds including a touch-and-go, one that occurred on the 14 December 2013, and I will refer you to the <i>Hansard</i>.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: We have been listening to those previous exchanges.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And if you could also provide information relating to the incident of 22 December 2015, that JQ 710 flight. Again, I am not being critical of the pilots at all. The passengers said that they appeared to be very close calls. Could you let us know (a) whether you were aware of it and (b) whether it is being investigated.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: We are not currently aware of it. They are the sorts of incidents that if there had been a serious concern we would have been aware of it and paid attention to it.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: In relation to that first incident, where the passenger described it as a <i>Top Gun</i> manoeuvre to accelerate and climb sharply on 14 December 2013, if an aircraft touches the runway, as this passenger reported, and needs to take off, is that the sort of thing you would investigate?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: It would depend on the nature of the report that was given to us. It is at the extreme end of a go-around. As I say, it is the sort of thing that would have got our attention, which is why am surprised that it did not.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you please take on notice whether you were aware of these incidents and if you were not aware of them whether you are able to make inquiries through Air Services or CASA in respect to them because these matters have been brought to my attention.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes.</p>	139 08/02/16	04/05/2016

194	205	ATSB	STERLE	MH370 search	<p>1. How much has the Australian Government spent so far in the search from MH370?</p> <p>a. In 2014-5?</p> <p>b. In 2015-6 so far?</p> <p>2. What is the Commonwealth's overall budgeted amount available for the search?</p> <p>3. What have other nations contributed to the search?</p> <p>4. What is the outlook for the search process?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
195	206	ATSB	STERLE	Rail safety role	<p>1. What does addition of WA mean for ATSB role in rail incident investigation?</p> <p>2. How does it help?</p> <p>3. What is the situation with Queensland?</p>	Written	05/05/2016
196	232	ATSB	WILLIAMS	ATSB investigation on a Cessna 208	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: He says in this letter they have never heard of it over there. Do we know of any catastrophes in Australia because of the condition of these Cessnas—their frame, or the reason the SIDS program has to be carried out? Have we had any fall out of the sky?</p> <p>Mr Skidmore: The only one I can refer to is an ATSB investigation on a Cessna 208, I think—I would have to get the details—where there was a structural failure of the elevator. That was not in flight—luckily it was found on the ground.</p>	109 08/02/2016	04/05/2016
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (13)							
197	078	AMSA	CONROY	Decision to remove crew	<p>Senator CONROY: When was the decision of HP Ship Management to remove the ratings and tapering crew? When did the event at approximately 1 am on 30 January 2016 come to your attention?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I would have to take the exact time and date on notice but it would have been sometime in December. We were advised in December that the company were wishing to amend their safe manning document for the ship in order to change the category of seafarers from integrated ratings to ratings, engine room and deck.</p>	139 08/02/16	04/05/2016
198	079	AMSA	CONROY	Communication with department to remove crew	<p>Senator CONROY: Did you have any communication with the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development or any other officer of that department on becoming aware of that action, either before it occurred or afterwards?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I know that there would have been a communication at some point. Again, I personally—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: To whom?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I would have to take on notice who, exactly, was notified and when. But, as a matter of courtesy, I am assuming that we would have let them know that this was happening.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, or someone within his department?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Again, I am sorry. I should just say that I will take that on notice and give you</p>	140 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					<p>the dates and times of communications.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: As a matter of courtesy, as you have already put on the <i>Hansard</i>, you would have notified them after you received the request?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I am assuming so, but I will have to go and check.</p>		
199	080	AMSA	CONROY	Exchanges with AMSA	<p>Senator CONROY: Mr Mrdak, did anyone at the table, or anyone that you are aware of, receive a courteous note from AMSA?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not to my personal recollection, but, again, I will check.</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Senator, I took on notice earlier to follow up in relation to exchanges that we had at the time.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You indicated that, at the time after you became aware of it in the media, you contacted AMSA about some claims. What AMSA are now saying is that they contacted the department, they believe, much earlier than when the actual events took place.</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I would have to confirm that. That is just my thinking, and I have not confirmed that with any of my staff, so that is my mistake.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You are very courteous, Mr Kinley. I am sure your organisation was courteous with the department. So no-one in the department has any recollection of an earlier contact from AMSA on this issue?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I am happy to take that on notice and come back. I will confirm what the situation is.</p>	140-141 08/02/16	04/05/2016
200	081	AMSA	CONROY	Communication with Commonwealth departments, agencies or Victorian state departments	<p>Senator CONROY: Did you have any communication about this action either before it occurred or afterwards with an officer of any other Commonwealth department or agency or with any Victorian state department or agency? Mr Kinley?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	141 08/02/16	04/05/2016
201	082	AMSA	CONROY	Copy of amended safe manning document	<p>Senator CONROY: Is it possible to get a copy of the amended safe manning document? I understand the original one was on 5 November 2004, which was the one that was amended. Is it possible to get a copy for the committee of the amended document?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: We should be able to. I just have to check the usual privacy issues and what have you, but I cannot see why I cannot give that to you.</p>	141 08/02/16	04/05/2016
202	083	AMSA	CONROY	Copies of the International Maritime Organization's International Convention	<p>Senator CONROY: Can you provide the committee with copies of the International Maritime Organization's International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers compliance certificates held by each member of the ratings and catering crew that were engaged to sail the MV <i>Portland</i> to Singapore on 13 January 2016, including details of the vocational institution that provided the training that led to the relevant registry issuing the IMO STCW convention compliance certificates, and the name of the ship</p>	141 08/02/16	04/05/2016

					registry which issued each of those certificates? I am happy for you to take that one on notice. Mr Kinley: I can certainly tell you they were certificates issued by the Indian administration in accordance with the STCW convention. I can tell you that we carried out authenticity checks on those certificates, in accordance with the requirements of the marine orders. In fact, the requirements of the Indian administration for ratings training actually exceed the minimum in the STCW Convention. I would have to take advice on whether I can actually give you copies of their certificate, because, again, we run into privacy issues with individuals in naming them. We may have to redact actual names.		
203	084	AMSA	CONROY	MV Portland - Moorings	Senator CONROY: Is AMSA aware that the MV <i>Portland</i> was let go from her moorings, to commence her voyage to Singapore, by security guards? Mr Kinley: I would have to check. I am not personally aware of that, but, again, that is actually a matter for the port. They would normally say who lets a ship go.	142 08/02/16	04/05/2016
204	085	AMSA	RICE	List of seafarers	Senator RICE: Were the Indian crew able seafarer—deck? Mr Kinley: As far as I am aware, they were ratings—engine and deck ratings—as is permitted under the Australian— Senator RICE: So it was not the able seafarer—deck; it was the lesser qualification? Mr Kinley: Again, if I go and check the certificates, some of them may have been able seafarers. Senator RICE: What other countries do we recognise? Mr Kinley: We have a whole list of them on our website. Senator RICE: Could you take that on notice? If you could supply that to us, that would be good. Mr Kinley: Yes, we can do that.	144 08/02/16	04/05/2016
205	086	AMSA	RICE	Australian ship – rating changes	Senator RICE: Have other Australian ships applied to have their ratings changed in recent times? Mr Kinley: Not that I am aware of. Senator RICE: Could you take that on notice too and see whether there have been other ships that have requested that? Mr Kinley: I am pretty sure I would have been advised if there was, but I will take that on notice. I will go away and double-check.	144 08/02/16	04/05/2016
206	087	AMSA	LAZARUS	Foreign registered vessels	1. Is AMSA aware that a Foreign-registered bunker-tanker vessel “ICS Reliance” arrived in Sydney harbour on 22 December 2015 with a tax-free foreign crew and displaced the Australian-registered “Destine” and all the Australians working on it? 2. Is AMSA aware that a Foreign-registered bunker-tanker vessel “ICS Allegiance” arrived in the port of Melbourne at a similar time with a tax-free foreign crew and displaced the Australian-registered “Zemira” and all the Australians working on it? 3. Is there no law that requires a vessel that works solely within an Australian port to:	Written	04/05/2016

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be registered in Australia; and b. To employ Australians; and c. To pay Australian TAX? d. To be fully under the jurisdiction of the <i>Marine Safety (Domestic commercial Vessels) National Law Act 2012</i> <p>4. If there is no such law why would not every Australian commercial vessel operator currently registering their vessel in Australia pay the small fee necessary to re-register their vessel in Singapore which is a TAX-free jurisdiction?</p> <p>5. How can these Bahamas-registered vessels have been put into the ports of Melbourne and Sydney to supply fuel for all the vessels in our major cities yet the foreign crew are not required to hold the AFP and ASIO clearance ‘MSIC’ card?</p> <p>6. Are these vessels ‘imported’ for the purposes of the Customs Act? Is AMSA charged with any responsibility to investigate whether these vessels contain Asbestos in contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Regulations 2003.</p> <p>7. Recognising that the employer of the foreign labour, INCO SHIPS, has the capacity to relocate foreign staff from other INCO vessels already in Australia to the “ICS Reliance” and “ICS Allegiance”, how many applications for <i>Certificates of Recognition</i> have been made/supported by INCO SHIPS in the past 6 months?</p> <p>8. How many such applications were granted?</p> <p>9. Is AMSA aware of any counterfeited qualifications?</p>		
207	092	AMSA	STERLE	Hong Kong Convention on Environmental Recycling of Ships	<p>1. Who is the relevant Departmental contact for monitoring progress of this International Convention?</p> <p>2. Is the Department aware that the United Kingdom Government has indicated its intention to ratify this Convention?</p> <p>3. If the UK signed, how would that affect coverage of the international fleet?</p> <p>4. Given this recent development, does this affect the Australian Government’s priority around considering ratification?</p> <p>5. If the UK signs how will this affect the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet measure?</p> <p>6. What are the triggers for increased interest by the Australian Government?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
208	207	AMSA	STERLE	Foxhound issue	<p>1. Is AMSA aware of a maritime incident near Papua New Guinea involving a general cargo ship called Foxhound, that occurred on October last year?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Involving 21 crew who were forced to abandon their sinking vessel and were rescued by the Chinese container ship Cosco Shanghai? 3. And that these crew were taken to Sydney? 4. Is AMSA satisfied that these distressed seafarers were not rendered assistance by Australia immediately after becoming aware of the incident? 5. Is AMSA comfortable with the fact that these men stayed on the Cosco Shanghai for a week including two days in Port Botany with no shore access and having to share food and clothing with the Chinese crew, sleeping on the ship's deck - before being taken directly to the airport and sent home? 		
209	208	AMSA	STERLE	Hong Kong Convention on Recycling Ships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is the relevant AMSA contact for monitoring progress of this International Convention? 2. Is the Department aware that the United Kingdom Government has indicated its intention to ratify this Convention? 	Written	04/05/2016
Office of Transport Security (3)							
210	093	OTS	STERLE	Foreign Minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Minister's office (Minister Truss) or his Department make any representations to any person or organisation about any incident involving the Foreign Minister and security at Melbourne airport? 2. If yes, what was the nature of those representations? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When were they made? b. Why were they made? c. Was the Prime Minister, his office or Department of PM&C included in correspondence or discussions? 	Written	04/05/2016
211	209	OTS	STERLE	MV Portland – MSIC card issue	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long does it usually take on average to have an MSIC card issued – from application to issue? 2. What circumstances excuse not having an MSIC card in a security regulated zone (can it be under direct supervision – eg line of sight of an MSIC card holder)? 3. Are you aware if the foreign replacement crew that boarded the MV Portland in Portland Victoria, in the dead of night on January 13, 2016 – escorted by about 30 security guards – were issued with MSIC cards? 4. If no: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. should they have had MSIC cards? b. Under what basis could they have boarded the ship without MSIC cards? 5. If yes: 	Written	04/05/2016

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. how long did it actually take from application to issue of the cards for this foreign crew? b. which MSIC issuer issued the cards? c. On what date? d. Who paid for the cards? <p>6. If they were not under direct supervision and did not have MSIC cards, is that an issue of concern to OTS?</p> <p>7. Did the 30 security guards have MSIC cards? (Taipan Security was the company)</p> <p>8. Did anyone in OTS receive reports of stolen port authority access cards in January leading up to the 13th?</p>		
212	210	OTS	STERLE	MV Portland – maritime security zones	<p>At 1am on January 13, 2016, were there maritime security zones on the MV Portland?</p> <p>If yes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which areas were so classified? b. Did the persons who boarded the ship enter any of those zones? <p>If yes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were the persons who so entered compliant with the requirements for entry to such zones? 	Written	04/05/2016
Policy and Research (7)							
213	108	PAR	LUDWIG	Red tape reduction	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _ 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body._ 	Written	04/05/2016

					9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?		
214	211	PAR	STERLE	High Speed rail	1. In Estimates answers 132, 133 and 135 from October 2015 Estimates, it was indicated that there is “no formal work plan” exists for developing HSR. 2. Why not? 3. Can you provide the list of “action items” and associated timeframes? 4. When is the next meeting of the Senior Officials Group? 5. Can you provide a list of the officials which are members of the HSR Senior Officials Group? 6. What is the timeframe for jurisdictions to prepare an approach to preserve the HSR corridor? What is needed to expedite this work? 7. What is the last concrete action (eg purchase, easement, regulatory action) taken by any relevant jurisdiction to preserve a section of the HSR corridor, and when did it occur?	Written	04/05/2016
215	212	PAR	STERLE	State of Australian Cities Report	1. How many “clicks” has the State of Australian Cities 2014-5 Report had? 2. How many “clicks” have the following SOAC reports had since they were placed online? a. 2010 edition; b. 2011 edition; c. 2012 edition; d. 2013 edition. 3. Has any work been undertaken in preparation for a 2016 State of Australian Cities Report yet? 4. What period will it cover? 2015-6 or 2016 or other? 5. When will this be published? 6. Is it expected to be more substantial in content than the 2014/2015 report? 7. Are you still intending to produce this report through the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics? 8. Will there be any input from the Minister for Cities and Built Environment? Or will it be overseen by the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development? 9. If the SOAC report is being produced by BITRE, does that mean that the staff allocated to work on cities policy in the Department of Environment will not contribute in any way to the research/policy angle of the report?	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>10. (IF YES) Does this mean cities policy research is occurring in both the BITRE and Department of Environment?</p> <p>11. Would you say this is a duplication of resources?</p> <p>12. Are the two departments communicating with each other?</p> <p>13. What additional cities policy research has occurred since the appointment of a Minister for Cities?</p> <p>14. Has the research focus changed since Minister Hunt took on the Acting Minister role?</p>		
216	213	PAR	STERLE	Solar Roads	<p>1. Is the Department aware that the French Government has recently announced a plan to pave 621 kilometres of “solar roads” – roads which use pavement to generate solar energy for the grid?</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise if any research at Federal level has gone into the potential for this in Australia?</p> <p>3. Is this proven technology?</p> <p>4. Is it likely to ever be cost-effective given the benefits it could create, particularly in Australian conditions?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
217	214	PAR	STERLE	Cycling Strategy	Did the King of Spain attend the Australian Bicycle Council meeting held on 29 and 30 February 2015 – the dates referred to in Estimates QON 128 from October Estimates?	Written	04/05/2016
218	215	PAR	STERLE	Cities Taskforce activity	<p>1. On the last occasion, the Department indicated that it was part of a Cities taskforce, led by the Department of Environment.</p> <p>2. What Taskforce meetings have DIRD officials attended since October last year?</p> <p>a. Which dates?</p> <p>b. Which officials?</p> <p>3. Is there a Taskforce workplan as of 8 February 2016?</p> <p>4. What work is DIRD specifically contributing to on Taskforce activities?</p> <p>5. Which cities are being focussed on?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
219	216	PAR	STERLE	Cities in Dept of Environment?	<p>1. At the last Estimates hearing on October Senator Gallacher raised concerns about the moving of Cities responsibility from the Department of Infrastructure to the Department of Environment – do you recall that?</p> <p>2. And the Shadow Minister Mr Albanese has said the same. Can I ask: do you think having responsibility for cities in the Department of Environment has been successful so far?</p>	Written	04/05/2016

					<p>3. How many staff from the Department of Infrastructure are now working in the Department of Environment?</p> <p>4. How many DIRD staff are seconded to the Department of Environment, as distinct from having been permanently transferred?</p> <p>5. For each seconded employee, when does the secondment end?</p> <p>6. Are staff in the Department of Infrastructure separately working on any Cities policy (in addition to the State of Australian Cities report, which we know will continue to be produced through DIRD)? If so, what?</p>		
Australian Rail Track Corporation (5)							
220	218	ARTC	STERLE	Inland Rail	<p>1. Estimates QON 73 Answer from October 2015 Estimates indicated that \$1.07 million was spent by the Department, and \$15.3 million was spent by ARTC to prepare the Inland Rail business case. Apart from that spending, what other elements of Inland Rail have incurred costs this financial year – what elements and how much for each element? (Estimates QON 75 says that ARTC spent \$8.8 million in the first 5 months of 2015-6).</p> <p>2. What is the total estimate of actual spending that will be incurred for 2015-6 on Inland rail by the Department and ARTC?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
221	225	ARTC	RICE	Brisbane-Sydney rail efficiency (freight and passenger)	<p>1. Has there been any reduction in transit time for the Brisbane-Sydney freight trains and for the XPT due to various track upgrades undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation?</p> <p>2. If so, by how many minutes for most freight trains?</p> <p>3. What is the government's position on investment in deviations, as opposed to curve easing, to speed up freight and passenger trains, both north of Maitland, and between Broadmeadow and Gosford?</p>	Written	04/05/2016
222	226	ARTC	RICE	Inland freight rail	What is the current view regarding the capability of an inland railway to have double stacked containers and Queensland Mainline Upgrade ruling curvature of 2200 metres (as opposed to 800 metres), or less of tight radius curves that extend for much of the existing Melbourne-Sydney-Brisbane line?	Written	04/05/2016
223	227	ARTC	EDWARDS	Scoping Study	Has the scoping study for ARTC yet been completed? If not then when do you expect it to be finished?	Written	04/05/2016
224	228	ARTC	EDWARDS	Sale of ARTC	Can we expect ARTC to be sold and if so, will the sale process commence in 2016?	Written	04/05/2016

Local Government and Territories (1)							
225	219	LGT	STERLE	Funding cuts to local government	Has the Government asked the Department to investigate how they might be able to compensate local governments, in particular smaller regional councils who have been hardest hit by the FAGs indexation pause?	Written	04/05/2016
National Transport Commission (2)							
226	221	NTC	STERLE	Automated vehicles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I note that an issues paper was issued last week on regulation of automated vehicles. What are the main issues that need to be looked at? 2. Has any work been done on the traffic efficiency of automated vehicles? If yes, by who, and what did it find? 3. What is the timeframe for significant penetration of the Australian market of automated vehicles? 	Written	04/05/2016
227	222	NTC	STERLE	CITS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has any work been done on the related issue of co-operative intelligent transport systems and their use to improve traffic flow and the productivity of existing transport infrastructure? 2. If yes, by who, and what did it find? 	Written	04/05/2016