

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
**Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates 2014-2015, Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 May 2014**  
**Agriculture Portfolio**

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| 1             | Agricultural<br>Adaptation and<br>Forestry<br>Division | Senator<br>Farrell   | Interim farm<br>household<br>allowance | <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> If claims are \$40 million then that is the amount that goes out?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Correct, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Was that for 2013-14?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> That was for 2013-14, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Do you think we are getting close to that figure? I do not want to pin you down.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I would have to take that on notice. There certainly has been considerable up-take of that measure. People are accessing help, and it is good to know that it is working. I would have to take it on notice. My colleague may be able to assist, though.</p> | 28<br>29/05/2014   | 25/07/2014       |
| 2             | Agricultural<br>Adaptation and<br>Forestry<br>Division | Senator<br>Gallacher | Farm Finance                           | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do not assume that I recall questions. I do eight days of this with different jurisdictions and departments, so do not assume that I am going to recall anything.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Perhaps not the answers, but certainly the questions. The scheme did open at different times in different jurisdictions. I think it is fair to say, certainly with Queensland and New South Wales—and we can give you those dates in just a moment—and Victoria, that they</p>  | 21<br>29/05/2014   | 25/07/2014       |

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|   |   |                 |  | <p>had existing institutional structures and that enabled us to start in advance with many of the jurisdictions. We had to do quite a lot of work with them to establish the appropriate arrangements and that did take some time.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can I clarify something?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Chair, just through you, of the applications, the successful ones and whatnot, this is part of the \$420 million concessional loan? It is not the \$280 million drought-specific.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Farm finance loans.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Thanks, Senator Gallacher.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> As to questions about dates when the scheme opened in each jurisdiction, we can provide you with those.</p> |                     |            |
| 3 | Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division | Senator Farrell | Interim farm household   | <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Senator, if I may finish off an answer to a question that you asked in the previous session about how much money had gone out for the interim farm household allowance. I wanted to let you know. The amount that is currently allocated to the program is \$13.6 million for 2013-14. We do not have the actual numbers that have gone out thus far, but we can certainly take that on notice. The other point I would make is that it is an uncapped and demand-driven program. So if there are people in need—</p>   | 27-28<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 4 | Agricultural Productivity Division            | Senator Back    | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's costs | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> You think that is more relevant. The other question I do want to ask in this regard, whether it is in this policy area or whether it is in the APVMA itself, is: I am interested in knowing what proportion of APVMA's overall costs are recovered from industry and what proportion of APVMA's</p>   | 32-33<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|   |                                    |                    |   | <p>overall costs are actually derived from appropriations. Can you tell me that?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> During the reform process that has gone on for the last couple of years we provided APVMA some \$8 million just for the reform process. In terms of recurrent appropriation outside that, the vast majority of their funding is from industry. We provide them, this year \$142,000 or \$143,000 to assist them in the minor use work they do. Out of their \$30 million-odd, \$143,000 comes from us.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Could you repeat those figures?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> APVMA's budget is in the order of \$30 million a year. We provide them \$143,000 or \$142,000 in appropriation to do minor use work.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Out of that \$30 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> Out of that \$30 million.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Perhaps you could take this on notice for me, but \$142,000 out of \$30 million is obviously a drop in the ocean. I do not know what it would be percentage-wise, do you? Senator Heffernan is not here with his calculator but it would only be a very small percentage, one per cent, I would think.</p> |                     |            |
| 5 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator O'Sullivan | Mushroom levy                                 | <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> When was there last an increase in the levy for mushrooms?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I would have to take that on notice; I cannot recall. I will take that one on notice.</p>  | 37<br>29/05/2014    | 25/07/2014 |
| 6 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Lines      | Scientific evidence which does not support GM | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I do indeed but you started with a very long preamble, let's not believe that there is no damage from asbestos, and your own PM ridiculed a mesothelioma sufferer. You give it and you take it, Senator Edwards.</p>   | 42-43<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  | <p>Moving right along. I appreciate the department is ethical and is committed to GM policy, but I think you would accept that there are still others in the scientific world and others who contest the benefits of GM.</p> <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> Absolutely, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> I am not sure so much in the scientific world, I have to say.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> If you are going to say that, I will ask you to do some research and I do not really want to put the department to that.</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> I will do some research, Senator Lines. I think that is fair. But I have not come across—</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So I will ask the department to provide us with some scientific papers that question the validity of genetically modified—</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> I have not come across a credible scientific institute globally that does not support GM.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I are asking the department now on notice—</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I am asking the department on notice to provide us with scientific evidence where the GM issue is contested. So, moving on to my next question, if you can take that on notice unless you can give us some now.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> What is your question on notice? Let's be clear, because I am not.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> My question on notice is following on from the parliamentary secretary's assertion that there is no scientific evidence which disagrees with the science of GM. I suggest there is and I am asking the department to take on notice to provide us with some scientific evidence which does not support GM. I am sorry to have to do that to you, but I</p> |  |  |
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| 7 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Back | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's role as a regulator | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> From a productivity point of view, I want to go to some questions regarding the APVMA. I am interested to know: in its role as a regulator, how does it perform its role compared to the equivalent agencies in other countries such as New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, United States, Western Europe?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> With the APVMA, it depends on how you look at the comparison. There was an International Federation of Animal Health study that came out last year, which we have spoken about in this committee previously, and APVMA have provided comments on it previously. That study found that there is room for improvement amongst international regulators of animal health.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> They had in fact declined, had they not, from a previous reporting period? They had declined, as I recall, at that particular time too.</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> That is right. That report was not necessarily comparing apples with apples, if you pardon the pun. There are some differences between how different jurisdictions or different countries actually report on that. It was reported by industries themselves. We have not done a direct comparison on performance, say, between length of time between a chemical being registered in Australia versus Europe or somewhere else. We are happy to take on notice and see what metrics we can do around that for you, if that is of particular interest.</p> | 32<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 8 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Sterle | Government agencies or research and development corporation relocating | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> In relation to which government agencies or RDCs has a conversation been had by Minister Joyce about possible relocation or decentralisation from Canberra?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I think that goes to matters of advice. I would be happy to take the matter on notice; I think it would be appropriate for me to take that on notice. As the parliamentary secretary has indicated, no decisions have been taken by the government on these matters.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Dr Grimes, I fully understand and I appreciate—and these are not painted on; I did hear that very clearly. But, in all fairness, I do not see what the government has to hide. The government made it very loud and clear—</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> I think the secretary has answered your question; he has said he will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Chair, I am not accepting that that is a reasonable answer to a very important question.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> You have made your point and he has said he will take it on notice.</p> | 11<br>29/05/2014 |            |
| 9 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Lines  | Relocation of the department   | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You understand that what you were asked this morning by Labor senators was to investigate all of your areas as to whether they had been asked to relocate.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Indeed. I had responded reasonably comprehensively on the question. These are matters that the department will provide advice on.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I would like the department to respond on this matter specifically. What are the discussions? Where are they up to?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> As I have indicated to you I have</p>   | 45<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                    |               |                      | taken on notice the question of any advice that we might be providing.  |                  |            |
| 10 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Lines | Advice on relocating | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You have had high-level discussions. You were asked to give some estimates. Did those estimates go to relocating and staying in your current place?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> They related simply to pros and cons associated with a move.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> And included the cost of relocation?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> It included some estimates of that, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> And rents?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> I cannot remember, sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Did it go to the issue of staffing?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> I cannot remember that sort of detail.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> That is something Dr Grimes has taken on notice then—with that level of detail, Dr Grimes?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I was asked: has the department been requested to provide any advice on these matters? I indicated we had been requested to provide advice. As to the details of that, I took that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So that includes costs and rents—</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I did not take it on notice to provide all of that information, but I took on notice the question of what advice we had been provided. I indicated at the time that there are, of course, limitations on what we can provide in the area of advice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> What can we expect to come back?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We will take the question on</p> | 46<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                    |               |                               | <p>notice and consider what we will be able to provide back to the Senate, appropriately.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You have just heard the questions I have asked and some of the responses. My understanding is that that advice went to some costs—rental space, relocation, those sorts of things. I am assuming we are going to get that back.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I have taken the question on notice</p>   |                  |            |
| 11 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Lines | Formal consultation with CEOs | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> That was another formal consultation with the CEOs?</p> <p><b>Mr Finney:</b> Yes, that is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Do you know who was there?</p> <p><b>Mr Finney:</b> As was reported just then, the CEOs of each RDC bar one, as Mr Koval has noted, and Mr Koval.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> The department on notice can provide the list of names.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Thank you. Have you been part of informal discussions?</p> | 60<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 12 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Acting Chair  | Minutes from meetings         | <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> You meet as you are, then you meet together and then you essentially meet with the stakeholders. So there is a series of meetings which are going on in preparation for the merger.</p> <p><b>Dr Thomson:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Are minutes kept of these meetings?</p> <p><b>Dr Thomson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Are you able to make them available to the committee?</p> <p><b>Dr Thomson:</b> I believe so.</p> | 66<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 13 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Sterle   | Levies     | <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> I am not aware of the number of mushroom enterprises that voted; but, of those who voted, 75 per cent of the enterprises said yes. I could find out the actual number for you, if you would like; all three of them?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, please; all three. I am a little bit concerned, because in the beef industry—say if MLA wanted to change the way they do the R&amp;D or the levy—they have to have 75 per cent of members vote.</p>  | 37<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 14 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Ludwig   | Boards     | <p>1. Since the Additional Estimates in February, 2014;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>b. what travel expenses are provided;</li> <li>c. what is the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</li> <li>e. what conflicts of interest have been registered;</li> <li>f. what remuneration is provided to board members;</li> <li>g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</li> <li>h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</li> <li>i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</li> <li>j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;</li> </ol> | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 15 | Agricultural Productivity Division | Senator Rhiannon | RIRDC file | <p>1. In the Department's Indexed list of departmental and agency files (1 January 2013 – 30 June 2013) is listed the following File Number 2013/03495e :<br/><i>Government Relations - Agency Liaison - Rural Industries Research and</i></p>   | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                         |              |                    | <p><i>Development Corporation (RIRDC) - Governance - Kangaroo R&amp;D Program Conflict of Interest Investigation</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is this Conflict of Interest investigation into the governance of the RIRDC's Kangaroo R&amp;D Program about? What is the conflict of interest, and by whom?</li> <li>b. May I have details and copies of that file? If not, what is the process by which I may have copies of that file?</li> <li>c. Where is this investigation up to? What is the outcome?</li> <li>d. What recommendations have been made, and actions taken?</li> <li>e. Does this investigation have anything to do with the Kangaroo Industry Associations of Australia's, and Lenah Game Meats' John Kelly effectively awarding himself over \$800,000 of RIRDC funding for kangaroo research projects – as revealed by answers to previous questions I have asked about this?</li> </ol> |                   |            |
| 16 | Animal Health Australia | Senator Back | Agency cost to run | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> You are a not-for-profit public company. Your shareholders are the Commonwealth government, the state and territory governments and the major national livestock industry organisations. Do you have available the gross dollars as to what your agency costs to run? Are you able to give us now—if not, on notice—the breakdown of contributions by each of those various parties?</p> <p><b>Ms Plowman:</b> Yes. I could give you a general cost, but I would like to provide it more</p>  | 111<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                    |                   |  | <p>specifically at a later date. Essentially, we do not accumulate reserves. It is very much in our organisation. This financial year is costing us approximately \$12.7 million to run. That is made up of what we call 'core programs' such as the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement training. This is something of interest to all our members. It is only approximately \$4 million to run the company. The other component of that is through special funded programs, which I have noticed over the last five years of the company have grown significantly. That is because our members are using the expertise, the technical knowledge and the project management skills of the company and leveraging off those to bring about special funded projects, which they are specifically interested in.</p> |                   |            |
| 17 | Animal Health Australia            | Senator Gallacher | Grass-fed beef levy  | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just to follow the same line of questioning as Senator Back, I am aware of the grass-fed beef levy, and I do know that \$3.66 went to marketing. How much went to Animal Health Australia? Is it 15c?</p> <p><b>Ms Plowman:</b> Approximately. I think it might actually be more in the range of 17c. And it has changed. I would have to go back and look at my notes.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Up or down?</p> <p><b>Ms Plowman:</b> Down.</p>   | 112<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 18 | Australian Chief Veterinary Office | Senator Siewert   | Timing on antibiotics being used in the livestock industry | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Where it says the study found very low frequencies of resistance to other critically important human antimicrobials including—I cannot say these words—</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> The fluroquinolones, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Is that a good sign? At the moment it is very low frequencies of</p>  | 92<br>28/05/2014  | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  | <p>resistance.</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> That is right, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Although that is a relatively good sign, how quickly does the level of resistance ramp up for some of the critical antibiotics? What time frame have we got?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> Australia has already put in measures, so certain antibiotics have already been restricted and have never been used. Very few of the sort of later generation antibiotics are being used in the livestock industry. They are the ones that are of critical importance for the medical fields. So, we have already put things in—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> You have already put things in place.</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> Yes. I guess on timing I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could.</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> Because I am not an expert on how quickly—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could, that would be appreciated. What happens after the strategic plan goes to government? Will it be signed off or will it go out for public comment?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> The plan is that it would be publically released.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> For comment or just publically released?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> I think they are planning that it will be for comment.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I do not mean to be pedantic but is the end of year where it is released for public comment or is a draft released prior to that consultation is finished?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> I would have opt take that on</p> |  |  |
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| 19 | Australian Chief Veterinary Office | Senator Farrell  | Hendra outbreak                                      | <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Just stopping there. What was the role of this program in the Hendra outbreak?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> It has funded some very specific research projects; just a small amount. I would actually have to take on notice the actual projects that it funded.</p>  | 90<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 20 | Australian Egg Corporation Limited | Senator Rhiannon | ACCC investigations into Snowdale Holdings & Pirovic | <p>1. With regard to the ACCC's legal proceedings against two egg producers, Snowdale Holdings and Pirovic for alleged misleading and deceptive conduct in relation to labelling of free range eggs:</p> <p>At the time of the initial complaint to the ACCC, both companies were accredited through Australian Egg Corporation's Quality Assurance program, Egg Corp Assured (ECA). Pirovic continues to be accredited as a free range producer under the program in order to supply free range eggs to some of the supermarkets.</p> <p>Further, Egg Corp Assured has adopted the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals – Domestic Poultry as a standard against which to assess farms. The Model Code sets out stocking rates for free range hens at 1,500 hens per hectare.</p> <p>a. Both Snowdale Holdings and Pirovic were found to have stocking rates for</p> | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                    |                  |                                       | <p>outdoor hens well in excess of 100,000 birds per hectare. What was the stocking rate of outdoor hens for each of these companies when accredited by the ECA program?</p> <p>b. Is the AEC aware that the entire number of eggs produced under Snowdale's brands Swan Valley Eggs and Eggs by Ellah were produced on a farm of just 2.8 hectares in size?</p> <p>i. If not, why did the AEC's accreditation process not pick this up?</p> <p>c. How is it possible that these two producers were accredited under the Egg Corp Assured program when their stocking rates for free range hens exceeded the requirements of the ECA standards (Model Code) to such a vast extent?</p> <p>d. Why is Snowdale Holdings no longer accredited under the ECA program yet Pirovic is?</p> <p>e. Has an audit been carried out by ECA inspectors to ensure that eggs sold as free range by Pirovic now comply with the standards set out in the ECA program?</p> <p>f. If not, why not?</p> |         |            |
| 21 | Australian Egg Corporation Limited | Senator Rhiannon | Egg Cartel investigations by the ACCC | <p>The ACCC is taking legal action against the AECL for attempting to induce AECL member egg producers to cull hens or dispose of eggs to reduce the supply available to the market:</p> <p>a. Where is this process up to?</p> <p>b. Have allegations of this market manipulation been made in the past?</p> <p>c. What does this say about the accountability</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 22 | Australian Fisheries Management Authority | Senator Farrell      | Southern bluefin tuna quota   | <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Have the quotas changed in respect of the southern bluefin tuna?</p> <p><b>Dr J Findlay:</b> Yes, they have. The quotas have recently increased.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> By how much?</p> <p><b>Dr J Findlay:</b> I would have to check—</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> They have increased. I cannot tell you off the top of my head exactly what the tonnage is, but it is quite significant. We can take that on notice if you wish.</p>  | 97-98<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 23 | Australian Fisheries Management Authority | Senator Whish-Wilson | Letter from Minister Joyce to AFMA 2 April 2014 regarding regulation. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What 'deregulation' mechanisms will AFMA put in place to respond to the expectations of Minister Joyce communicated in his letter of April 2nd, 2014?</li> <li>2. How will sustainable fisheries management continue at a high level with an increased efficiency dividend? What impact will these cuts have on frontline fisheries management?</li> <li>3. How will these changes impact the Government implementing the recommendations of the Borthwick Review?</li> <li>4. What progress has been made in implementing the recommendations of the Borthwick Review, and specifically an overarching fisheries framework that contains a third pillar, directly addressing ecosystem impacts in a fisheries context?</li> <li>5. Does Minister Joyce's call for industry itself to take on more responsibility for monitoring and reporting against fishery</li> </ol> | Written             | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |  |                      |  | regulations match the recommendations made by the Borthwick review?  |                  |            |
| 24 | Australian Fisheries Management Authority                | Senator Whish-Wilson | Scalefish Western Australian fishery                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the licensing and regulatory framework for scalefish in WA specifically for adjacent Commonwealth Waters?</li> <li>2. What are the responsibilities for Federal agencies in terms of the scalefish fishery off WA?</li> <li>3. In terms of stock assessment is there a dataset of estimated stocks over time and / or estimated catch?</li> <li>4. Is AFMA aware of any impacts, or alleged impacts, of seismic testing on WA scalefish stocks?</li> </ol>                             | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 25 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Lines        | Registered agvet chemicals products in Australia           | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Just some numbers first. Can you provide information on the number of registered agvet chemical products in Australia, please?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> Around about 10,000—I can come back by the time we are finished here with the exact number.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> That would be fabulous, thank you. And also information on the number of active constituents or chemicals approved for use in Australia?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> I will find that out for you shortly and come back to you.</p> | 73<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 26 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Lines        | Applications received for registrations of agvet chemicals | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Lovely. How many applications has APVMA received for registrations of agvet chemicals for both pesticides and veterinary chemicals—maybe Senator Back knows the answer to this—for 2013-14 to date.</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> 2013-14? I will come back to you</p>  | 73<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |  |               |  | with the exact number, but it is around the 3,000 mark.   |                  |            |
| 27 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Lines | Applications received for permits to use chemicals | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Right. How many applications has APVMA received for permits to use chemicals other than for which the chemical is registered over 2013-14 to date? The period from 2013 up to now.</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> It is around about 600 to 700 a year but, again, we will have the exact numbers to you shortly.</p>   | 73<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 28 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Lines | Staffing numbers                                   | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You said you had 21 non-ongoing and you said they were mostly working on the implementation. So is that the total number of staff on the new legislation—on the implementation?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> I would have to come back to you with the exact split. Most of them would be, but we do carry some to work in our more administrative area—administrative assistants—but if you wish, I can come back to you with an exact split.</p>  | 73<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 29 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Back  | Herbicide, Sempra, halosulfuron-methyl             | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> The information I have is that there is a selective herbicide, whose trade name is Sempra, halosulfuron-methyl, which apparently Biosecurity Queensland has identified as 'highly effective, selective', but it has not been registered. Can that herbicide be added to your off-label permit for local authorities and is there anything further that you can provide my colleague Senator Macdonald? He is the person who has asked me to raise this with you.</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> We will take that question on notice. We have issued a range of permits for general weed control. As I said earlier, because</p> | 77<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |  |                  |   | we have not been able to find that particular sedge, at this stage we are not entirely sure whether it is covered under one of those general herbicide permits. We will take that question on notice.   |                  |            |
| 30 | Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority | Senator Xenophon | Honey bee industry committee  | <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> It is a very important report. A number of recommendations were made, I think it is fair to say, about the health of the honey bee population and its broader implications for agriculture. The recommends in this report seem sound and contain good advice in collecting further information. Has the APVMA had any response from government or industry to the recommendations? This is something I might ask Senator Colbeck to put on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> Not at this point in time. We have been in discussion with the various groups that were involved as part of the writing of that report. We will proceed with looking at how those recommendations might be fulfilled, whether they are done through industry commitment; through the AHBIC, the honey bee industry committee; or through other means, as well as states and territories.</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p> | 79<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 31 | Biosecurity Animal Division                              | Senator Back     | Training for private veterinarians in various aspects of exotic disease control | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> You mentioned expenditure of \$91,000 on private veterinarians being trained in various aspects of exotic disease control to be called upon in the event of an emergency. Is that what I understood it to be?</p> <p><b>Dr Martin:</b> It is awareness training, so about AusVet plans.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> How many were represented by that \$91,000 this last financial year?</p>  | 94<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                            |                 |   | <b>Dr Martin:</b> I would have to take that on notice. A small amount goes to most of the states. We would have to get that information about the number of training courses. On a general rule, every couple of years each jurisdiction would get a certain amount of money to conduct training courses.   |                  |            |
| 32 | Biosecurity Plant Division | Senator Farrell | Programs staffing numbers                       | <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> You have mentioned this fodder company. Are there any other companies that have picked up on this?<br><b>Mr Aldred:</b> There are about 800 authorised officers. I am sure we can provide some more examples of where they have been implemented.   | 57<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 33 | Biosecurity Plant Division | Senator Waters  | Priorities for Import risk analyses for 2014-15 | Import risk analyses are important documents for assessing high priority import. What are the priorities for import risk analysis for 2014-15 (and future years if they have been determined)? What is the basis on which these priorities have been determined?<br><br>Please provide the rationale for each of these priorities and the criteria that were applied to determine them (beyond those specified in the Import Risk Analysis Handbook). | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 34 | Biosecurity Plant Division | Senator Waters  | Processes for myrtle rust                       | The incursion of the myrtle rust fungus was first found in Australia in 2010 and has since been declared Ineradicable. It may impact on one of Australia's largest plant families, the myrtaceae family, which includes Eucalypts. Have any changes been made to biosecurity processes to reduce the risks of new incursions of myrtle rust? What are they? Please provide any reports or reviews that have informed any changes made                 | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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| 35 | Biosecurity<br>Plant Division | Senator<br>Waters | Tramp ants   | <p>1. Tramp ants are repeatedly breaching Australia's quarantine system. Have any changes been made to biosecurity processes to reduce the risks of new incursions of tramp ants, including red imported fire ants and yellow crazy ants? What are they?</p> <p>2. Please provide any reports or reviews that have informed any changes made.</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 36 | Biosecurity<br>Plant Division | Senator<br>Waters | Risk assessments<br>of new plant<br>products       | <p>1. How many risk assessments of new plant products were conducted in the last financial year? Which taxa were assessed, and what was assessed?</p> <p>2. If it is impossible to reply, provide a list of taxa that were assessed, and the outcomes of each assessment (permitted, rejected or pending further information).</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 37 | Biosecurity<br>Plant Division | Senator<br>Waters | New incursions<br>of myrtle rust<br>into Australia | In January 2013, in response to a question on notice (Question No 2670) the then agricultural minister Senator Joe Ludwig said "The department is currently reviewing the import conditions for myrtaceous timber in consultation with the Australian Forest Products Association. The review will be finalised in the first half of 2013." Can the Department provide a copy of that review and any other reviews or assessments relevant to biosecurity processes to address the risk of new incursions of myrtle rust into Australia. | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 38 | Biosecurity<br>Plant Division | Senator<br>Waters | Imported<br>sphagnum moss<br>and cut flowers       | Provide a list of all entities, including a list of the countries from which they import to Australia, that are certified as using a DAFF approved method of imported sphagnum moss  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                             |                   |  | <p>and cut flowers.</p> <p>a. Of the entities identified in response to the question above, how many and how frequently were the entities audited in the last five years?</p> <p>b. What were the results of each of these audits?</p>   |                  |            |
| 39 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Gallacher | Briefing to the Minister regarding biosecurity functions | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> No, it is not. It is not that broad. Basically, did the Minister for Agriculture ask you, as the head of the department, to do a paper or a briefing note on taking biosecurity from there and putting it over there?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We have provided advice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> On the minister's instigation?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I cannot recall the precise sequence of events.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That is a very familiar comment from other jurisdictions—I can't recall'.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> No. You are asking me whether there was a specific request for us to provide advice or whether it was advice that we initiated in the department.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> You cannot recall that?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I cannot recall the precise—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you check on that for us, please, and get back to us?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We can certainly check on that matter and take it on notice.</p> | 31<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 40 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Xenophon  | Funding to support state-based initiatives               | <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Whilst the exotic disease preparedness program comes under another stream, the budget does set out an</p>  | 34<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                             |                 | and proposed border force agency | <p>additional \$20 million over four years for quite stronger biosecurity and quarantine arrangements. How does this fit in with cancelling the exotic disease preparedness program, because there is a link between the two?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Yes, I understand. As I just answered to Senator Gallacher, we are certainly using part of that funding towards increased surveillance. Without my animal health experts here I could not tell you directly how much of that relates to the wildlife side of surveillance.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Whether it is on notice or now, will any of this funding be used to support state-based initiatives? Will this funding remain allocated to biosecurity if it is rolled into the proposed border force agency?</p> |                  |            |
| 41 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Siewert | Advice to the minister           | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I want to follow up here with a few more questions because Senator O'Sullivan has traversed quite a lot of the issues. Dr Grimes, maybe this question is better for you. I want to clarify: have you had a chance to check whether you were asked for the advice or you provided the advice to the minister?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I have been here at the table, so I have not had that opportunity yet.</p>   | 40<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 42 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Waters  | New exotic species               | <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Will new exotic species recorded be dealt with from three till 4 pm?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> New exotic species recorded just generally?</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Accidental new entries since the year 2000.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Since the year 2000—I do not think I have got that now. Just in the plant</p>  | 42<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                             |                    |  | <p>space or animal as well?</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> No. Plants, animals, fungi, pathogens—the full gamut.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> We could give you very quickly those figures for the last year, but to go back to the year 2000 would be a piece of work that would have to go back to the office for some time.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> I might put that one on notice then.</p>   |                  |            |
| 43 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator O'Sullivan | Measurement reports regarding cooperation across management          | <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> I need a ruling. Can I ask a hypothetical question about a hypothetical event which may or may not happen in the future, to take on notice?</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> You certainly can ask a hypothetical. Whether or not you get an answer, Senator O'Sullivan, have a crack.</p> <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> In the event that you start to measure—I understand you are coming together to enhance the cooperations across management. Are you able to take on notice applying this committee with any of the measurement reports that may occur as a result? Can you take on notice supplying us with a report that is yet to be published?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> It would not be normal to answer those questions, but we can take that on notice and see what can be provided.</p> | 44<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 44 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Siewert    | Consolidating the Border Compliance into the new Border Force Agency | <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Indeed, there was a question earlier today which I took on notice from Senator Siewert. The question effectively was in two parts, date of providing advice and was it initiated by the department. I have been able to check during the break, and our advice was provided on 22 April. <b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> The second part of the question was: did you</p>   | 55<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                             |                 |  | <p>initiate it?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> It was initiated from the department.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> You initiated it? You were not asked by the minister?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> It was initiated from the department, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can I ask a follow-up question?</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I am happy while it is on this topic.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> What initiated your initiation?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Budget considerations and budget preparations.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So, you were anticipating that there may be a discussion around—</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Maybe in the time honoured tradition when we go into budget deliberations. It is not a matter I can go into in further detail. I can take matters on notice, but I would not be able to respond here.</p> |                  |            |
| 45 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Siewert | Advice provided to Minister regarding division consolidation                     | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you take on notice why you undertook to prepare and provide that advice? Why did you initiate that process?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We can take further questions on notice. I am happy to take that question on notice and happy to indicate that it was in the context of budget considerations.</p>  | 56<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 46 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Siewert | Advice regarding the benefits for biosecurity to be part of a broader department | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> The other issue is the nature of the advice provided. I understand and have been told repeatedly that I cannot ask for the nature of that advice. However, under some of the procedures of estimate committees I understand I am allowed to ask for some of the</p>  | 56<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                             |                |                | <p>nature of the advice. We can then have a discussion about what you can tell me. Have you provided advice that it would be beneficial for biosecurity to be part of a broader department, a compliance department?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I think that is very much going into matters that I cannot comment on.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> The nature of the advice went to biosecurity being incorporated into a broader border.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I have indicated that we have provided some advice, but beyond that I do not think it is appropriate for me to be commenting here.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could take those other matters on notice, that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I can take that question on notice.</p>                              |         |            |
| 47 | Biosecurity Policy Division | Senator Waters | Exotic species | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What exotic species (plants, animals, fungi, pathogens) have been newly recorded in Australia since 2000 as a result of accidental introduction? Please include species, date and location.</li> <li>2. Which of the above species identified in have been referred to the National Management Group for consideration of an eradication response?</li> <li>3. What exotic species (plants, animals, fungi, pathogens) have been newly recorded (established in the wild) in Australia since 2000 as a result of accidental introduction? Please include species, date and location?</li> <li>4. What is the process for determining which organism listed in the above question would be considered as possible candidates for eradication, including the</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |                                     | <p>details of each step in the process from the time the new species is detected?</p> <p>5. Can the Department supply copies of any assessments conducted for any species under the process in question 3 to determine if that species is a candidate for eradication.</p> <p>6. Which of those species newly recorded (established in the wild) in Australia since 2000 have been considered as candidates for eradication?</p> <p>7. For each species identified in response to newly recorded (established in the wild) in Australia since 2000 that were considered and rejected as a candidate for eradication, please provide the reasons for that rejection.</p> |                  |            |
| 48 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Sterle | Consultants                         | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So, in terms of consultancies, how many consultants does the department have currently?</p> <p><b>Ms Evans:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>   | 6<br>28/05/2014  | 25/07/2014 |
| 49 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Sterle | Transferred functions and movements | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Thank you for that. Can you please provide details, by function, of the number of staff employed and—if you want to take this on notice, that is fine by me—the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function? There is nothing transferred yet; so I go to border compliance, and I will put that to them. Do you know of any departmental divisions that may be transferred to any state or territory?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We do not have plans for movement of a division at this stage.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I know that you do not, but you do not know of anyone else who may have some plans?</p>     | 10<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                   |   | <b>Dr Grimes:</b> No, we are not planning any movements of divisions from the department at this stage.  |                     |            |
| 50 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Sterle    | Lease of the building   | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So how long has the lease got to go on the whole building?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We do not have our chief financial officer here. We would have to take that on notice, but it is some years away.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I understand. I am wondering, if it is moved, how much space would be left and what we would be paying for it. So if you are taking it all on notice, if you could equate that to cost per square metre or whatever you do, that would be appreciated. Are these 23 equivalent full-time employees all Canberra based?</p> | 13-14<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 51 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Back      | Agencies revenue and proportions secured or derived from industry | <b>Senator BACK:</b> Thank you, that would be very valuable. What I would ask you to do on notice is: for all of the agencies within the portfolio, would it be possible to advise the committee, on notice for each of them, what proportions are actually from appropriations of their total revenue and what proportions are secured or derived from industry?  | 33<br>29/05/2014    | 25/07/2014 |
| 52 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Gallacher | Agricultural levies   | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Still on that subject, how many agricultural levies are there? Is it 138? Does anybody know the answer to that?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> It depends. I am not quite sure of the exact number. For research and development, I think it is 93 or something like that. But we will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I have a figure of 138 agricultural levies in my head.</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> There could be. I will have to take that one on notice.</p>  | 35<br>29/05/2014    | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                   |                       | <b>Dr Grimes:</b> CSIRO obviously maintains a very close eye on this and will have a close list, but as to the precise number we will take it on notice and supply it.   |                  |            |
| 53 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Gallacher | Levies                | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In respect of those levies, and getting back to this point about chemicals, can you provide on notice a list of the levies and also the amount raised by each of those levies? The third point, I suppose, is: are these levies arising from a generic platform? Are they all for market failure or addressing specific criteria; and is that the same across all levies?</p> <p><b>Mr Koval:</b> We can certainly do that. Some levies are raised because of market failure and research and development marketing. Some are raised for emergency disease management and those types of things. But we can provide that on notice.</p>   | 36<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 54 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Gallacher | Australian made paper | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So, that is an Australian product initiative that is working. My question is really to Dr Grimes; he is not here, but he would appreciate the question anyway. In another inquiry by another committee we were concerned to find that not all departments were buying their paper from Australian sources. In particular, a number of departments were buying paper from Austria and Germany which is sourced out of Russian forests which are totally unregulated or, in some people's eyes, environmentally negligent. So I am curious to see where this department buys this paper from given that it has a very close and loyal advocate here for sustainable forest and wood products. Perhaps you could take that on notice so we can see whether the</p> | 96<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                    |   | <p>department used in this department is in line with that used by the Department of Defence, which is the largest user of Australian paper. But it is not a feature of all departments that they buy their paper in Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We are happy to take that question on notice.</p>   |         |            |
| 55 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senators Gallacher | Australian Produced Paper                         | What percentage of the paper used by the Department of Agriculture is Australian made?   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 56 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig     | Existing resources program                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since 7 September how many major 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'?</li> <li>2. List each project or piece of work</li> <li>3. List the staffing assigned to each task</li> <li>4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</li> <li>5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 57 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig     | Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements | <p>Since 7 September 2013;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |                  | <p>limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</li> <li>6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?</li> <li>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?</li> </ol> |         |            |
| 58 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Vending machines | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 59 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Office recreation facilities | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 60 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Media subscriptions          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> </ul> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> </ul> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> </ul> |         |            |
| 61 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Building lease costs | <p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please</li> </ul>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Date the lease agreement is active from.</li><li>b. Date the lease agreement ends.</li><li>c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li><li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li><li>e. Cost of the lease.</li><li>f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li></ol> <p>2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li><li>b. Date the lease agreement ended.</li><li>c. Why was the lease not renewed?</li><li>d. Location of the building (City and state).</li><li>e. Cost of the lease.</li><li>f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li></ol> <p>3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li><li>b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li><li>c. Expected location of the building (City and state).</li><li>d. Expected cost of the lease.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li></ol></li><li>e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li></ol> |  |  |
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| 62 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Multiple tenders      | <p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</li> <li>2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</li> <li>3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 63 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Departmental upgrades | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these changes</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, who conducted the works?</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</li> <li>6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 64 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Wine coolers/fridges  | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 65 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Office plants | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 66 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Credit cards  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</li> <li>2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>b. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? List staff classification and what the</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 67 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Land costs | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>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)</li> <li>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>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</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |  | <p>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).</p> <p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>                    |         |            |
| 68 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Hire cars                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 69 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Shared resources following MOG changes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</li> <li>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</li> <li>3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 70 | Finance and Business                  | Senator Ludwig | Contracts under \$10 000               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    | Support Division                      |                |                                      | \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.  |         |            |
| 71 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Prequalified, multi-use list tenders | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?</li> <li>2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</li> <li>3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest-financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel</li> <li>6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels</li> <li>7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 72 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Meeting cost                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 73 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Travel cost - department | <p>1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 74 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Grants                   | <p>1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, but did not have financial</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |                               | 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.  |         |            |
| 75 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Consultancies                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, which ones and why?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 76 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Taxi costs                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 77 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Hospitality and entertainment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li><li>3. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li><li>4. 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.</li><li>5. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li><li>6. 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.</li><li>7. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events</li></ol> |  |  |
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|    |                                       |                |                 | <p>including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>   |         |            |
| 78 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Coffee machines | <p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e. Who has access?</p> <p>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |                | <p>type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e. Who has access?</p> <p>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> |         |            |
| 79 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Printing       | <p>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a. If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>b. How were they selected?</p> <p>c. What was the total cost of this printing?</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 80 | Finance and Business                  | Senator Ludwig | Corporate cars | <p>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    | Support Division                      |                |                                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for?</li> <li>3. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>4. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>5. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</li> <li>6. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>7. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>8. What is the cost of each car from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> <li>9. How far did each car travel from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</li> </ol>  |         |            |
| 81 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Government payment of accounts | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</li> <li>2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</li> <li>3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</li> <li>4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</li> <li>5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</li> <li>6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                                       |                |  | <p>paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>7. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?</p> <p>8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>  |         |            |
| 82 | Finance and Business Support Division | Senator Ludwig | Contracts for temporary staff            | <p>1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013?</p> <p>3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed?</p> <p>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff?</p> <p>6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff?</p> <p>7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 83 | Food Division                         | Senator Ludwig | Export certification registration rebate | <p>1. Is there any funding for the export certification registration rebate costs in 2015-16? If so how much?</p> <p>2. What is a small exporter?</p> <p>3. What support is there for exporters larger than the small exporter threshold?</p> <p>4. What are total payments for export certification registration costs? Please provide actual and estimates for forward estimates</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                     |                |  | <p>5. Please detail the costs associated with export certification registration costs for the department. Each expense and its cost. Please provide actual and estimates for forward estimates</p> <p>6. What are the projects which will be funded instead of providing rebates?</p> <p>7. What feedback/submissions/lobbying has the industry provided about the abolition of the rebate scheme? Please provide</p> <p>8. Is this another broken promise?</p> <p>9. Why have rebates been abandoned?</p> <p>10. When was the decision made to abandon rebates?</p>  |                  |            |
| 84 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Staff in minister's and parliamentary secretary's office | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> For how long have these six employees been in the minister's office and the parliamentary secretary's office? Do you have that information?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I might take that on notice, if I can, because obviously each one has been there for a different length of time.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> If you could provide that on notice, that would be fine, before we go. Ms Cale, could you provide detail regarding ministerial travel, including the cost of travel and the cost of accompanying staff to date? Is that in your area?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> It is. I am happy to provide that on notice, if you like, as well.</p> | 11<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 85 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Costing for domestic travel                              | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Let us go through it while we are all here together.</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> Between 1 November 2013 and 30 April this year, Minister Joyce undertook portfolio related travel to a number of areas, including Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Maroochydore, Bundaberg and St George in</p>  | 11<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                     |                |  | <p>Queensland; Walgett, Coonamble, Baradine, Tenterfield, Tamworth, Glen Innes, Burke, Longreach, Broken Hill, Innisfail and Sydney; Perth and Broome in WA; Melbourne, Mildura and Rutherglen in Victoria; Mount Gambier in South Australia; and Darwin in the Northern Territory.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Could you give us the costings for that?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I will get those for you, yes.</p>   |                  |            |
| 86 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Ministerial staff in Armidale          | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> At this early stage, while we are halfway through the removal—they are my words and not yours, but it has started—do you know how many ministerial staff will be in Armidale?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I will take that on notice, if I can.</p>   | 12<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 87 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Ministerial office in Armidale fit out | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I am just assuming—and once again it is dangerous to assume—that if a removal is in place or a fit-out is in place, one would obviously think you would have an idea of how many phones and how many desks there will be, because you would know how many people were going there. So does the department have that information available or are you saying that that is for Finance? I think it is you guys, but—</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I can come back to you on number of staff; if the arrangements indeed have been settled that far, I can come back to you on number of staff proposed to be in that office.</p> | 12<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 88 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Electorate office                      | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, I am hearing you. Can you tell me whether the electorate office will have a secure phone line and, if so, what will be the cost of it? You cannot tell me that?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> No, I do not think we are that far in</p>  | 12<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                     |                |  | <p>the process.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How far are we in the process?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I will have to come back to you on that.</p>  |                  |            |
| 89 | Governance Division | Senator Lines  | Ministerial staff in Armidale                  | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could I ask a really dumb question. I do not have a view one way or the other. Are a whole lot of ministerial staff actually going to relocate their living, their homes, their families to Armidale?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> With the staff that are planned to be in Armidale, it may be that some of those people are from within that area. So, no, I would not say, blanket, that people are going to relocate from Canberra to Armidale.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But you do not know?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Can you find out?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> We can find out numbers of staff and we can potentially find out where—</p> | 13<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 90 | Governance Division | Chair          | Extra flights to get to the ministerial office | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Have you calculated the added cost, because it is not a hub—I have an office in Sydney because it is a hub—of the extra flights to get to the ministerial office?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> We could certainly do some calculations.</p>  | 13<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 91 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Ministerial staff                              | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Let us come back to the staffing details. Dr Grimes, I am asking nicely: please can you get someone in the room behind us to come in here? We cannot just push this one under the carpet and I know that Ms Cale is not trying to do that. This is a very important issue because, while you are being asked to find savings in your department that could put some very good programs at risk of being</p>   | 13<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 92 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Number of employees and pay rates in the Tenterfield office | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> While I am on that, then, can I ask for the staffing levels, the number of employees and what their pay rates are in the Tenterfield office?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>  | 15<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 93 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Meetings in Sydney  | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> but we would like to find out how many meetings were in Sydney and how many staff attended those meetings.</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> We are happy to take that on notice.</p>   | 16<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 94 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | People employed in the ministerial office for the           | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Are you able to tell us: for the previous government and the previous agriculture minister, how many people were</p>   | 16<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|    |                     |                | previous government and the previous agriculture minister | employed in the ministerial office and at what levels and at what cost? If you could provide that to us before we all run away today, that would be very helpful.<br><b>Ms Cale:</b> Yes.  |                     |            |
| 95 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Ministerial staff   | <b>Senator STERLE:</b> I get that, but I am more interested here in who is performing all these very important tasks—if every previous agriculture minister had a ministerial staff of around 12 or 13 and now we are talking about three, maybe four. Thank you. I will leave the rest of the questions on that to DOFA.<br><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> I do not think that is an accurate representation. Where the staff are placed can be at the minister's discretion, and that is something that has happened previously under all administrations. I think I would have to dispute your characterisation of the process. I am not sure of the overall allocation of staff to Minister Joyce's office at this point in time, where it sits with that 12 or 13 number, but I am sure that the department can provide you with that information on notice. | 18<br>28/05/2014    | 25/07/2014 |
| 96 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Staff based in the Canberra minister's office             | <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, of course. Are you able to tell us whether they are all Canberra based? I do not want to know their names.<br><b>Ms Cale:</b> Can I come back to you on that, Senator?<br><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes, of course you can.<br><b>Ms Cale:</b> With the split of ministerial-electorate, I just want to be clear.   | 23-24<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 97 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Minister's domestic travel cost                           | <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Ms Cale, I am waiting for Mr Joyce's domestic travel cost. You said you were going to grab it for us.<br><b>Ms Cale:</b> I do not have that detail yet, Senator.  | 25<br>28/05/2014    | 25/07/2014 |

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| 98 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Minister's domestic travel | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I have heard the blessing of the chair just to wind up, so, Ms Cale, did you have that information I was seeking available for us now in relation to the minister's domestic travel?</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> Because we are trying to pull together the locations as well as travelling officers for you I do not have that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Could I have an indication of when, roughly, that will available? I do not want it to go on notice, Ms Cale. Through you, Dr Grimes, and through you, Ms Evans, I am flagging exactly where I want to go.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Senator, can I just confirm that you are talking about portfolio-related—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I am looking at Dr Grimes and I am thinking: how is he doing that?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Sorry, my apologies.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> He is hypnotising you!</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> We can provide you, during the day, the portfolio-related travel. That is what you are seeking?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That will do for a start. I understand you cannot do anything else. But the portfolio-related travel.</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> Just to clarify then in relation to costs that we will have to defer to our colleagues at the Department of Finance.</p> | 28<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 99 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | SCoPI                      | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How long has SCoPI been going, to the best of your knowledge?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I cannot tell you exactly how long it had been going for. There were, under the previous government, some changes to COAG committees as well. It may have been that its name changed around that time.</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> It did, yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> So in its guise as SCoPI it would</p>  | 63<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                     |                |                           | be maybe two, three or four years. We would have to take that on notice to give you an exact date.   |                  |            |
| 100 | Governance Division | Senator Sterle | Minister domestic travel  | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Dr Grimes, are your officers any closer to providing my request for the minister's domestic travel, both parliamentary and ministerial?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> That is what we were coming to.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I am sorry to jump the gun.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Early today Senator Sterle said we undertook to provide to the committee within the day the complete details of the minister's portfolio related travel. We have been trying to do that and I am here to tell you that we will not be able to do that. We are not able to give you a complete list of the minister's travel. We can provide the travel that we are aware of obviously through the departmental officers that would travel with the minister. We will need to go to the Department of Finance to get any of the travel that we are not aware of, particularly the costings of that travel. We can provide, as we have done in previous estimates, costings in relation to departmental staff travel. What I am saying is we will not be able to provide, during the course of this estimates hearing, the complete record. I guess I am here to disappoint.</p> | 84<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 101 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Lobbyist register meeting | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> </ol>   | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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| 102 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Commissioned reports | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</li> <li>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?</li> <li>What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 103 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Appointments         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.</li> <li>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>Does the department have a 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.</li> <li>Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.</li> <li>Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes,</li> </ol>                         | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 104 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Stationery requirements | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 105 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Electronic equipment    | <p>Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the items</li> <li>b. List the items location or normal location</li> <li>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</li> <li>d. List the total cost of the items</li> <li>e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</li> <li>f. List the date they were provided to the office</li> <li>g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 106 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Media monitoring        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 107 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Reviews | <p>1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the date they were ordered</li> <li>b. the date they commenced</li> <li>c. the minister responsible</li> <li>d. the department responsible</li> <li>e. the nature of the review</li> <li>f. their terms of reference</li> <li>g. the scope of the review</li> <li>h. Whom is conducting the review</li> <li>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 108 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Ministerial Motor vehicle | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 109 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 110 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Ministerial staff vehicles | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the make and model?</li> <li>b. How much did it cost?</li> <li>c. When was it provided?</li> <li>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 111 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Ministerial staff code | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? * 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?</li> <li>2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? * If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? * How long have they worked for the Minister?</li> <li>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? * If not, on what date did they comply?</li> <li>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? * If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</li> <li>5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</li> <li>6. Can you confirm all staff have divested</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                     |                |                | <p>themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>  |         |            |
| 112 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Media training | <p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total spending on these services</li> <li>b. an itemised cost breakdown of these services</li> <li>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</li> <li>e. The names of all service providers engaged</li> <li>f. the location that this training was provided</li> </ol> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 113 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Question time | <p>1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                     |                |                    | <p>the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.</p>   |         |            |
| 114 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Functions          | <p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guest list of each function</li> <li>The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 115 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Red tape reduction | <p>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</li> </ol> <p>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3. How have they been recruited?</p> <p>4. What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _</p> <p>7. Do members of the unit have access to</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                     |                |                            | <p>cabinet documents?</p> <p>8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>   |         |            |
| 116 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Official residence         | <p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</li> <li>The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 117 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Travel costs - ministerial | <p>1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare),</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 118 | Governance Division | Senator Ludwig | Senate estimates briefing | <p>1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?<br/>a. If so, when did this occur?<br/>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?<br/>a. If so, when did this occur?<br/>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.<br/>c. When were the changes made?</p> <p>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 119 | Governance Division                         | Senator Ludwig | Briefings for other parties                               | <p>Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party?</p> <p>If yes, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</li> <li>e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</li> <li>f. Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?</li> </ol> | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 120 | Grains Research and Development Corporation | Senator Lines  | Relocation of Grains Research and Development Corporation | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I am still looking at it. We have got the department now checking the science to give us a couple of papers on disputed science around GM. In the government's pre-election policy for a competitive agriculture sector it was stated: The Coalition will be highly consultative with</p>  | 44<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |   |                |                                    | <p>stakeholders within the sector. Specifically, we will engage with a broad cross-section of industry participants to explore areas such as:</p> <p>... ..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strategic priorities and long term planning for research and development investments.</li> </ul> <p>That is in the coalition's election commitments. Has the minister or the department written to the Grains Research and Development Corporation, which I think everyone calls the GRDC, about relocating or has it asked you to submit a relocation document?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> The department has discussed that issue with us.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> What in fact has it discussed?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I think I have taken some of these matters on notice. Earlier today I said that we have been asked to provide advice.</p> |                  |            |
| 121 | Grains Research and Development Corporation | Senator Lines  | Top line discussions on relocating | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Okay. Thank you. Then I should request GRDC to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> GRDC can take matters on notice and see what might be provided.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Can you take on notice to provide us detail around what was in those top line discussions, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Yes.</p>  | 46<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 122 | Grains Research and Development Corporation | Senator Sterle | Executive leadership               | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That was close. What is the figure for the executive leadership?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> The number that we provided in that answer was \$1,660 for that period. That is from 1 November 2013 through to 28 February 2014.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That is it: \$1,660?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What was that for?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> I would need to go back and check exactly what that was for and take that question on notice.</p>   | 55<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |   |                |                                    | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> It has come from being on notice, so I do not accept that it has to go away and come back again. This looks very, very sloppy, Mr Harvey. You do not get a double dip at it, because, you see, for someone like me who sits up here for four days, where the mood swings come in and out, I find it very—</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Eight days.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Well, I was only going to say four, but it would be eight days.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Do you want some sugar?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> No, that will come later. I want you to really take this seriously. You just cannot keep going back. This is costing. This is taxpayers' money. This is a terrible look if you have to take a question on notice on notice again to try and give me an answer. It is very sloppy.</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Senator, I take your comments seriously.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Well, you did not take them seriously last time, because you would have been prepared or there would have been an answer and there would have been some explanatory notes around it, Mr Harvey—very, very poor. How long will it take to get that information? Taxpayers' money!</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> We can provide you with an answer to that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How long will that take? You have had months to do this.</p> |                  |            |
| 123 | Grains Research and Development Corporation | Senator Sterle | Official meeting with the minister | <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> I think we have had one official meeting in Parliament House. I have met with the minister on several occasions coincidentally or—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You just bumped into each other?</p>   | 54<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |   |                |                        | <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> We bumped into each other.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That happens. One here in Parliament House?</p> <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> Yes, that is correct: one.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> When was that?</p> <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> I do not have the date. It would have been in early May, I think.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So it was an official meeting—just you and the minister? Anyone else? I will make it easy: why don't you take on notice who was there and when it was?</p>  |                  |            |
| 124 | Grains Research and Development Corporation | Senator Sterle | Panel meeting expenses | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Very good. We would ask, Mr Harvey, if you could table that document for the committee. I have one query around panel meeting expenses; if you could be more definitive about that, that would help. I did not get the figure—how much was it?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> There are two of them.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Could you clarify that. They would have dates and who the payments were made to. That is what we have asked for. Could you please table that?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So 1 March to 30 June this year—I understand we are not there, but we will be asking exactly the same questions in relation to that period.</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Mr Harvey, that did not hurt, did it? Thank you very much.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Are there any further questions?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I have been apprised of a CSIRO project involving gluten-free beer and a patent for gluten-free beer. Is developing that part of your collaboration with CSIRO?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Correct, yes.</p> | 58<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                |                                       | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What sort of investment would your organisation have put into that?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> I will have to take the question on notice to give you the actual number.</p>   |         |            |
| 125 | Information Service Division | Senator Ludwig | Provision of equipment - departmental | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</li> <li>2. List the items</li> <li>3. List the purchase cost</li> <li>4. List the ongoing cost</li> <li>5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 126 | Information Service Division | Senator Ludwig | Unallocated equipment                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</li> <li>2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 127 | Information Service Division | Senator Ludwig | Computers                             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 128 | Information Service Division | Senator Ludwig | Unallocated equipment and waste      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why does the department have 419 unallocated mobile phones?</li> <li>2. Why does the department have 74 unallocated iPhones?</li> <li>3. Why does the department have 61 unallocated iPads?</li> <li>4. Why does the department have 234 unallocated data cards?</li> <li>5. Why does the department have 187 unallocated laptops?</li> <li>6. Are all the unallocated equipment owned, if not what are the lease costs?</li> <li>7. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</li> <li>8. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</li> <li>9. Why has the Parliamentary Secretary (Senator Richard Colbeck) been allocated two laptops? Why does the Parliamentary Secretary need two? Who requested the laptops? How many other staff in the department have two laptops? What was the cost of the two laptops? What were the laptop models? Where are the laptops at this present time?</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 129 | Information Service Division | Senator Ludwig | Provision of equipment - ministerial | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |               |                    | <p>offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>  |                  |            |
| 130 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Peris | Predicate Partners | <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> Ms Irwin, can you explain more about the Predicate Partners? What public consultation did you have from the industry? Do you have any documents that have been produced so far?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> The Predicate Partners review was essentially an internal business process review focused on the department's processes. As you would appreciate, we have our offices here in Canberra and our vets in the regions. One of the key things that the review was looking at was the roles of what we do in the central office here in Canberra, what we do in the regions and how the work fits with the department's broader service delivery work. So it was just an internal process review to map each step of the process from the department's perspective. From that basis, it was not a review that had consultation with industry, because it was an internal management type document for us to understand the department's processes.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> Is that available to the</p> | 99<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |               |                     | <p>public?<br/> <b>Ms Irwin:</b> It is not, but we could make it available.<br/> <b>Senator PERIS:</b> If you are able to, that would be fantastic. Thank you.</p>  |                   |            |
| 131 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Lines | Goat slaughterhouse | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Minister Joyce in his media release and the information I have been given say that the WA sheep production has been severely affected through market downturn, dry seasons and costs. A lot of farms that would have just run on sheep now do mixed farming. Is there some concern that sheep, particularly if they are aged sheep, are going to be hard to source from WA?<br/> <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I am not sure we are in a position to provide any advice on that.<br/> <b>Senator LINES:</b> Is that something you can take on notice? Presumably, it could be an issue.<br/> <b>Mr Glyde:</b> The other option might be to, later this evening, ask Australian Livestock Export Corp Ltd—LiveCorp—they may know. They are certainly closer to the industry and the operations of the industry than the department is.<br/> <b>Senator LINES:</b> You may or may not be able to answer this question then. In relation to goat numbers, my understanding is that they are low in WA and, in fact, I also understand that Geraldton had the only goat slaughterhouse in the state, and that had closed down for quite a few years and has just reopened. Do you have any information on that?<br/> <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I do not.<br/> <b>Ms Irwin:</b> I do not, but we could. Goats are one of the commodities that we do export live. We could certainly take on notice and give you</p> | 100<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                  |                             | the data for the last 12 months on which states have had goat exports if that would be helpful.   |                   |            |
| 132 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Livestock Shipping Services | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> With these ones, because I wanted you to come back to LSS because I did rattle off a whole number of countries there, so as you are going through these figures about the ones completed, could you indicate where LSS comes into this please?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> I have that separately; I can do that after this if you like. Just in terms of the 19 investigations completed, six found that sheep were found outside approved supply chains, four found that cattle were approved outside supply chains, five found that there were animal handling or slaughter issues that did not meet OIE animal welfare recommendations, one related to Pakistan, and three found there was no regulatory breach. Ten remain under investigation. Following those reports, the regulators applied a varying range of conditions to exporters. They include reducing the size and complexity of supply chains; you can imagine that a supply chain might have a number of abattoirs and a number of feed lots. A way of managing risk is to bring that down to one feed lot and one abattoir so that the exporter can maintain control and traceability through the supply chain. In the compliance framework that is publicly available for ESCAS, we have the categorisation of minor, major, and critical non-compliances. I do have the statistic for a number of the key exporters in relation to that.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you table those please?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> Yes, but I only have them hand</p> | 102<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                  |                                       | written. Let me explain what they are. I think it is important because it puts the exporters in context. In relation to LSS, LSS has recorded 15 non-compliances: 13 are minor, one related to Jordan was major, and one was a critical finding which also related to Jordan. Emanuel Exports has had 14—   |                   |            |
| 133 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Livestock Shipping Services incidents | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. So, Mr Glyde, are you seriously saying that, because LSS is such a big exporter, you can therefore expect this very large number of non-compliances? You would expect that a large exporter would learn how to do the job properly.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I was really trying to establish the broader context in which LSS operates, and indeed trying to give a few statistics in relation to the whole of the trade. But what we have found is that when you look at the number of non-compliances, LSS—and I am not condoning non-compliances; our whole objective is to try and make sure that we have completely compliant supply chains—is not the only exporter that has recorded a significant number of non-compliances, as Ms Irwin was going through. If I could compare LSS with its 15; and Emanuel Exports, 14; Wellard Rural Exports, 32; International Livestock Exports, 29; and North Australian Cattle Company, 81. The vast majority of those are minor non-compliances, which often relate to overdue paperwork and the like. I think what we are trying to say is that LSS is not alone in having had a series of non-compliances, and we work with each of the exporters to try and make sure that we have compliant supply chains. Ms Irwin ran through the sort of actions</p> | 102<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                |                        | <p>that we can take to try and make sure that those supply chains are increasingly compliant. There has been quite a focus on LSS, but we try to look at the all of the industry and take action proportionate to the activities, proportionate to the extent of noncompliance. We have a range of tools that we are working through to try and make sure that we do get the compliance we are after.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Would it assist the committee if we could have the incidents tabled?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I did ask that. Thank you.</p>   |                   |            |
| 134 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Sterle | Non-compliances        | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> In the cool light of day we can sit down and see how many transgressions there are, compared to how much they earn. It might help senators.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I more than happy to do that. Indeed, I think the track record of the noncompliances is on our website. But that would be handy. Ms Irwin's handwriting is worse than mine, so we will have to do a little bit of typing in order to do that, but we would certainly be happy to provide that as soon as we finish here.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Is it possible to have information as to how many head of animals are exported, what they are to wear so we can put apples—I hate using that term; it is real crappy—so that we can compare the amount of shipments they have to the amount of infringements?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> We can provide that.</p> | 103<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 135 | Live Animal Exports          | Senator Sterle | Number of consignments | <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> Probably one of the key comparisons is to give the number of</p>  | 103<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     | Division                     |                  |                    | consignments. Our regulatory regime works by consignment—it is a consignment by consignment approval process, so we can give you the number of consignments and the number of head per consignment, because that is the context in which you need to look at it.<br><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I think that would help us all. Thank you.   |                   |            |
| 136 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Criminal actions   | <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> And also, can you fit in with that table the criminal actions? I must have been mistaken, Mr Glyde, but I thought you had said previously that it was not possible to charge them with criminal acts, but I gather I was wrong on that assumption?<br><b>Mr Glyde:</b> No, that is not the case. As Ms Irwin said—<br><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, I have heard that set out. Could that be in the table as well. I was also interested in how you have described these different points of entry that you can come in, because you are looking at it from the farm to the point of slaughter at what point are you taking action and if action has been taken. | 103<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 137 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Show cause notices | <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Mr Glyde, how bad does the cruelty have to be, or how egregious do the violations of the regulations have to be, before the department will impose a licence suspension or cancellation? I am asking that question in the context of LSS in particular, because the ships that they are using are now being seen as some of the worst used in the trade.<br><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Again, I do not want to comment on specific companies and behaviour. Since about September 2012 we have issued to exporters seven 'show cause' notices, as they   | 105<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  | <p>are called, to give us reasons for not suspending or cancelling their licences. There is a lot of action that is taken that is not made public and—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What happened with the seven show causes?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Some of them have been closed out; some of them are still under investigation and we are responding to the information that is being provided. What I am trying to get across is that we have a compliance strategy on our website that we are following. Our aim here is to make sure that we export animals consistent with our regulations. We are trying to facilitate the trade with high animal welfare standards. The sorts of actions that we have been taking, which are in the public domain—for example, as Ms Irwin mentioned, removing poorly-performing supply chains; removing poorly-performing parts of supply chains; restricting the degrees of freedom that the exporters might have; requiring lots more auditing; and requiring lots more supervision and reporting back to the department—are all part of the process of escalating the compliance activity to try and make sure we have compliance supply chains. There comes a point, though, when we have done all of that activity and, if the exporter is not able to provide a compliance supply chain, then we begin to question whether they have the competence or whether they are operating with integrity. That is when we issue things like show cause notices. We are moving through that process in the effort to try and make sure that the trade meets the animal welfare standards that the Australian community expects.</p> |  |  |
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|     |                              |                  |   | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> On notice, could you provide the committee with the details of those seven show causes—where they are up to, what is involved, tracking it through?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> To the extent that we can without prejudicing further investigations.</p>   |                   |            |
| 138 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | LSS voluntarily cease trade into Gaza               | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you, Minister. When did it cease? Can you give us a date?</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> My understanding is that LSS voluntarily ceased trade into Gaza after the allegations were made.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> The first lot of allegations?</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> The ones that you are talking about. I have seen the footage. Like the witnesses, I would have to say that the things that occurred on that footage were abhorrent.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice and give us a date for that, please, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Colbeck:</b> Certainly.</p> | 126<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 139 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership | <p>Considering the Government has boosted funding for the Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership from \$300,000 in 2013-14 to more than \$2.2 million in 2014-15. It has also ceased the Live Animal Exports Improved Animal Welfare Program one year early from 30 June 2014: What programs is the government funding, and what steps is the Government taking to ensure further large-scale animal welfare abuses are prevented?</p>   | Written           | 25/07/2014 |
| 140 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Gaza  | <p>1. The Department has received evidence on 7 separate occasions over the past 6 month of the ongoing brutal killing of Australian cattle in Gaza in contravention of ESCAS,</p>  | Written           | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                  |        | <p>including in the one ESCAS approved abattoir which does not meet ESCAS requirements. Israeli government documentation reveals that some 4,600 Australian cattle were transferred into Gaza between November and February: What regulatory action has the Department taken against the exporter – Livestock Shipping Services – to force them to get control of this situation?</p> <p>2. What is the Department's justification for continuing to grant export permits to Livestock Shipping Services to other markets when the situation for Australian cattle remaining in Gaza is so dire and remains unrectified?</p>   |         |            |
| 141 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Jordan | <p>1. Considering the Department has not granted further export permits to Gaza based on an ongoing situation of ESCAS breaches there - why are export permits still being granted to Jordan - where there is also evidence of ongoing, widespread non-compliance in that country - including the removal of ear tags to undermine ESCAS?</p> <p>2. The Department has been aware of the systematic removal of ear tags in Jordan for 12 months. Given traceability back to the exporter is a fundamental tenant of ESCAS and the removal of ear tags negates the ability to identify the exporter, what has the Department done to address the removal of ear tags?</p> <p>3. The Department has been provided with a fourth extensive legal complaint in 12 months showing widespread breaches in Jordan continue unabated, with hundreds of</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                  |                                      | <p>sheep being illegally sold through dozens of roadside vendors. Considering this ongoing situation, including the deliberate removal of ear tags, has the Department sought permission from the Jordanian government to send investigators to Jordan?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>4. If Departmental officials have travelled to Jordan, what did they do and what were the outcomes?</p> <p>a. May I have any documentation or reports regarding this issue?</p>  |         |            |
| 142 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Rhiannon | Indonesia and pre-slaughter stunning | <p>1. Is the Department aware of a move in Indonesia to move away from pre-slaughter stunning and reinstate the use of the Mark 4 restraint box?</p> <p>2. What action is the Department taking with regards to this?</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 143 | Live Animal Exports Division | Senator Xenophon | Live Exports to Bahrain/Iran         | <p>In the February 2014 Estimates hearings I put questions on notice with regards to recommencing the live export trade in Bahrain and assurances in place to prevent a similar incident to the rejection by Bahrain and eventual cull in Pakistan of 20,000 sheep.</p> <p>I was informed that agreements to animal health protocols were confirmed by Minister Joyce's counterpart in Bahrain on 25 December 2013. I have been told the Bahrain Cabinet endorsed the new health certification and provided specific assurances on scabby mouth disease.</p> <p>1. What are the key differences between the new and previous health certification?</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>2. What were the specific assurances given on scabby mouth diseases?</p> <p>Information provided to me in response to my Questions on Notice also state that confirmation has been received from the Bahraini Cabinet that Bahrian will offload any consignment received. The Department has told me that in the event of a failure to unload, the Department would assess whether that market should remain open for exports.</p> <p>3. What investigations would take place in the event of a failure to unload?</p> <p>4. What criteria does the Department consider when determining whether markets should remain open for exports?</p> <p>5. Would the occurrence of a similar event as in September and October 2012 result in a permanent live export ban to Bahrain?</p> <p>I also asked in the previous estimates about the current status of negotiations with Iran to recommence the trade.</p> <p>6. What does the Department expect trade to recommence with Iran?</p> <p>7. Does the Department have regular contact with DFAT to monitor potential changes in Australian and UNSC sanctions against Iran and of any potential this would have on live exports?</p> |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | <p>8. Is the Department taking additional measures to ensure smooth negotiations with Iran? What are these?</p> <p>I understand a review of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) was completed last year, but not made public until earlier this month after the RSPCA lodged a freedom of information request.</p> <p>9. When was the report completed? Why wasn't it made available to the public?</p> <p>10. What stakeholders were invited to make submissions on the report?</p> <p>11. Will the draft recommendations be released for public consultation? Why/why not?</p> <p>I am aware Australia will restart its live export trade to Egypt under the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) which makes Australian exporters responsible for the welfare of Australian livestock up until the point of slaughter. Under the ESCAS exporter can only send Australian livestock to feedlots and abattoirs approved by the Australian Government.</p> <p>12. What process is taken in determining the feedlots and abattoirs that are approved by the Government?</p> <p>13. Will the Department conduct random inspections and audits of approved</p> |  |  |
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|     |                              |                    |                   | <p>facilities?</p> <p>14. Given the additional burden on industry, what support is given to exporters to comply with ESCAS?</p> <p>15. Are ESCAS arrangements currently in place with other countries?<br/> a. What countries have ESCAS?<br/> b. What countries don't have ESCAS?</p>   |                   |            |
| 144 | Livecorp                     | Senator Rhiannon   | Training programs | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Has LiveCorp instigated any training programs in Gaza to help improve the handling of animals in that country and the movement of animals through Israel to Gaza?</p> <p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> I will hand over the specifics there to the CEO of LiveCorp.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> There are a range of in-market training programs that are delivered throughout the Middle East—in Jordan, in Israel. I am not specifically familiar with what has been provided in Gaza. The training programs are delivered via our joint LE Program managed out of MLA.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take that on notice, please—about the program in Gaza?</p> <p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> | 125<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 145 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator O'Sullivan | Service Agreement | <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> Can you just put some historical context into perhaps when that started, what it is about, what the quantum of the arrangement is, what the terms are, when it might expire or whether it is open ended?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> Certainly. We currently have a service agreement, as it is called, with the Cattle Council of Australia. That service agreement ran from May last year and expires</p>   | 114<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  | <p>at the end of this week. It was in the order of \$450,000. The agreement was struck pursuant to our consultation obligations with the Cattle Council. Under the service agreement, they are obliged to provide consultation services to MLA to meet its commitment to respond to the broader constituents. The Cattle Council proposed that, in their capacity as a peak industry body, they had unique access to consultation with grassroots, grass-fed levy payers in particular.</p> <p>A service agreement was struck. It comprises a quantum for what you might regard as out-of-pocket expenses. Part of their provision of service is to run a number of beef forums with levy payers directly, to conduct meeting forums amongst constituents and to inform the R&amp;D and marketing processes of MLA. A component of that is for out-pocket costs; that is, meeting room costs, travel and the like. There is another component then to cover the professional fees of people involved.</p> <p>That agreement, as I said, expires literally on 31 May this year. The Cattle Council approached MLA to renew that agreement when I took over this role. I have come off the MLA board as a non-executive director and assumed this role, post Scott Hansen's resignation. I have sat in this chair since the start of March. In that capacity, I reviewed our statutory funding agreement, which is quite explicit around the capacity of MLA to pay funds to its peak industry councils. I read those to say that we had very particular opportunities to pay funds across to peak industry councils. It is quite clear that we can pay for consultation. By that, I take it to mean travel and accommodation costs, but not sitting fees</p> |  |  |
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|     |                              |                    |        | <p>for council members.</p> <p>It clearly says that on an arm's-length, contestable basis—on a value-for-money proposition for levy payers—we can contract with peak industry bodies, if they are providing an arm's-length service that we would otherwise put to the market and pay market rates for. In that light, I have then said to the Cattle Council and the Sheepmeat Council, for that matter, that I was prepared to renegotiate a service agreement only until the end of December. In their case, that is for seven months under those parameters. We are rewriting the service agreements, strictly adhering to those parameters. Post-December, I have made no provision in our annual operating plan for a continuance of that. I have written to them advising them that, during the ensuing seven months, it is our intention to explore with them the range of consultation mechanisms that MLA needs to engage in and to encourage all parties to participate in that on a fully contestable basis. The current arrangement is that we will enter into a new agreement with them from 1 June until 31 December.</p> <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> I probably know the answer to my question. You do not have a copy of the service agreement here to table this evening?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> I do not, but we can take that on notice.</p> |                       |            |
| 146 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator O'Sullivan | Strata | <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> You do not have governance guidelines that where a tender or services are put out to a particular quantum that they have to go to tender, or do you have to get more than one price?</p>   | 114-115<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                    |   | <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> Yes, we do.</p> <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> Do you have some independent knowledge of what strata is?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> I don't.</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> There are various strata. We can take that on notice. There is always the provision within our guidelines not to put a particular contract out to tender if there are cogent reasons not to put it out to tender. Management and the board formed the view that the services being provided by the Cattle Council in terms of advice and input to MLA on its programs and activities both in R&amp;D and marketing were unique services that the Cattle Council was in a unique position to provide. That is the reason. Normally for a contract of that size, yes, it would go out to tender; but, if there are cogent reasons not to put it out to tender, it is always open.</p> |                   |            |
| 147 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator O'Sullivan | Governance guidelines                   | <p><b>Senator O'SULLIVAN:</b> Would you take on notice to provide the committee with any written material that sets out the governance guidelines with respect to the tendering process, particularly including reference to this discretionary provision that allows them to step away from going to contestability with services like this.</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> Yes. Sure.</p>   | 115<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 148 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator Gallacher  | Economics on the American beef industry | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> But on a per capita basis, given the size of the American beef industry—are you able to do the economics on that?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> They would be more than our costs on a per capita basis.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Ten times more?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I could get you those figures, if</p>   | 117<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 149 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator Rhiannon | Attribution figure    | <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When you say 'felt regionally', we often see this figure about the attribution of \$600 million losses directly to that trade. Do you agree with that figure, and then would you say that it is greater in certain areas?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I think the figure is about right. I am happy to take the figure on notice, but I think about right. Certainly, without a shadow of doubt, that figure is felt hardest by those in northern Australia and in the Kimberley in terms of the cattle trade.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If you could take it on notice, just to check, because it is obviously interesting and it keeps on coming up for us. You have mentioned the severe impact on the Northern Territory and the Kimberley. Are there any plans to make farming more sustainable for those areas by building more abattoirs?</p> | 117<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 150 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator Sterle   | Troja slaughter boxes | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I know. I read that. That is smart thinking. Can you tell me about the Troja slaughter box? It is fair to say that MLA did not cover themselves in glory a couple of years ago when we had that unfortunate situation up there in Indonesia. But that is not you. You were not there. You were not the face of MLA. We are hearing so many different figures. Can you tell me how much the Troja slaughter boxes cost?</p>   | 119<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                              |                |                             | <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> Can I just make a couple of comments on that before I go to the cost?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> But you can tell me the cost?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I will be able to tell you on notice an exact figure. I will give you an approximate figure today.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Go for it.</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I know this has been a point of criticism. Let me take you back to the events of 2011.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> With the greatest respect, Dr Barnard, we were all very well aware. You can, but I really want to know the cost of the box.</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> It is about \$350,000, I think. But I will take that on notice and get you an absolutely exact figure.</p> |                   |            |
| 151 | Meat and Livestock Australia | Senator Sterle | Statutory funding agreement | <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> Under our statutory funding agreement we are required to have an external independent review of our five-yearly performance?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So they came, started in 2006 and finished—they have only done the one?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> They did that review. Every five years we are obliged to have that review, so we are due for another one in 18 months time. That is an obligation under our statutory funding agreement for an independent to come and review MLA's operations and the efficacy of its operations.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> When did they put out the review?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> I would have to take that date on notice.</p>                        | 120<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 152 | Meat and Livestock Australia  | Senator Sterle | Independent commissioned report | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So you can tell the committee it was absolutely independent, there was no input, MLA never saw it and there was no suggestions of changing anything in it? What you saw was the final report that went out?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> I was not—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Not you, but MLA?</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> All I no is it was an externally commissioned report and they are a professional consulting organisation that delivered that report.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Because I have to tell you—you know how things work around the bush; things move pretty quickly—there was some conversation that it was not independent, that there were different, varying changes to the report before it finally got let out. So take it on notice, please. Just come back to me and absolutely prove to me, because there are people out there listening, that it was truly independent, with no influence from MLA or others.</p> <p><b>Ms Gilbertson:</b> Certainly, we will take it on notice. Sure.</p> | 120<br>28/05/2014 |            |
| 153 | Office of the General Counsel | Senator Ludwig | FOI request                     | <p>Since September 7, 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</li> <li>2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</li> <li>3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</li> <li>b. For how many has a redacted</li> </ol> </li> </ol>   | Written           | 25/07/2014 |

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| 154 | Office of the General Counsel | Senator Ludwig | Legal costs            | <p>1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</li> <li>b. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</li> <li>c. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 155 | Office of the General Counsel | Senator Ludwig | Freedom of Information | <p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p><b>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</li> <li>2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:</li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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**Staffing resources**

The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:

1. For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?

**FOI Disclosure Log**

1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:
  - a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?
  - b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?
  - c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).
2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:
  - a. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;
  - b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;
  - c. The total number of requests for

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| 156 | People and Service Delivery Division | Chair         | Redundancy cost | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Were there redundancy costs?<br/> <b>Ms Mellor:</b> Yes, there were.<br/> <b>CHAIR:</b> Can you give us the details?<br/> <b>Ms Mellor:</b> I will ask Ms O'Brien to get the dollars.</p>  | 29<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 157 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Lundy | Redundancies    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li><li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li></ul> <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li><li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li><li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li></ul> <p>6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Their age.</li><li>b. Their gender.</li><li>c. A description of their position.</li><li>d. The APS classification level of their position.</li><li>e. Their wage.</li><li>f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</li><li>g. Where they were located.</li><li>h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</li><li>i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</li><li>j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</li><li>k. Please provide all relevant dates.</li></ul> <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Their age.</li></ul> |  |  |
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|     |                                      |               |            | <p>Territory?</p> <p>10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Their age.</li> <li>b. Their gender.</li> <li>c. A description of their position.</li> <li>d. The APS classification level of their position.</li> <li>e. Their wage at retrenchment.</li> <li>f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</li> <li>g. Where they were located.</li> <li>h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</li> <li>i. The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.</li> <li>j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</li> <li>k. Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ol> |         |            |
| 158 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Lundy | Extensions | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</li> <li>3. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?</li> <li>4. For every approved extension please provide the following details: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The employees age.</li> <li>b. Their gender.</li> <li>c. A description of their position.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 159 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</li> <li>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</li> <li>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 160 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Staff transfers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people does your department employ?</li> <li>2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</li> <li>5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</li> <li>6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</li> <li>7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</li> <li>11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
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|  |  |  |  | <p>election please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</li><li>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li><li>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li><li>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</li><li>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</li></ol> <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.</li><li>b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</li><li>c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</li><li>d. Please provide all relevant dates.</li></ol> <p>8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li><li>b. How many of these employees were</li></ol> |  |  |
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| 161 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Workplace assessments                      | <p>1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 162 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Executive coaching and leadership training | <p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>services and their employment classification</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. Any costs the department or agency's</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |  |  |
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| 163 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Staffing profile    | <p>1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 164 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Staffing reductions | <p>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6. How many ongoing staff left the</p> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                                      |                |                      | <p>department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? 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> |         |            |
| 165 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Staffing recruitment | <p>1. How many ongoing staff were recruited from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 166 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator 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>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                                      |                |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>d. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>e. How many are media managers?</li> <li>f. How many organise events?</li> </ul>   |         |            |
| 167 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Ministerial website | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</li> <li>3. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 168 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Report printing     | 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? A. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 169 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Market research     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency since Additional Estimates in February, 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total cost of this research</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</li> <li>c. Who conducted the research?</li> <li>d. How were they identified?</li> <li>e. Where was the research conducted?</li> <li>f. In what way was the research conducted?</li> <li>g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                                      |                |                         | h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?   |         |            |
| 170 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Government advertising  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>b. List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total expected cost</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>c. List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 171 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Departmental rebranding | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Signage.</li> <li>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</li> <li>iii. Logos</li> <li>iv. Consultancy</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |                                      |                |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. Any relevant IT changes.</li> <li>vi. Office reconfiguration.</li> </ul> <p>c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |         |            |
| 172 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Ludwig | Advertising | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies.</li> <li>2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning</li> </ol>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 173 | People and Service Delivery Division | Senator Lundy | Transfers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. State and Territory.</li> <li>b. Age.</li> <li>c. Gender.</li> <li>d. APS level classification.</li> <li>e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. State and Territory.</li> <li>b. Age.</li> <li>c. Gender.</li> <li>d. APS level classification.</li> <li>e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. State and Territory.</li> <li>b. Age.</li> <li>c. Gender.</li> <li>d. APS level classification.</li> <li>e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing).</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another?</li> <li>5. For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Number of staff employed before and</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
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| 174 | Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation | Senator Rhiannon | RIRDC funded projects | <p>1. May I have an up-to-date and complete list of all the RIRDC funded projects and research regarding kangaroos, the authors, the cost of each project, and the aim of the project?</p> <p>2. May I also have a list of those projects and research regarding kangaroos delivered by other RIRDC research partners or supported by the RIRDC, but not published as an RIRDC publication?</p>  | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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| 175 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Chair | Caring for Our Country grant | <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Dr Grimes, I have a question for you regarding your previous role as secretary to the environment department. I have not had an answer; that is why I am raising it here. I might not have time to get to the environment hearing. Do you know about the appropriate timings for this? I am referring to where a person who worked for the government in New South Wales, under the previous government—I do not care which government—in the department that looked after property et cetera went out to Bathurst, to a property between Mudgee and Bathurst, and asked the owner, who I have spoken to, whether she could get his property assessed for a Caring for our Country grant, which she did. I have spoken to the catchment management person who assessed it. She was notified through due process that the place qualified for a grant in a woody gum grass patch of 300 hectares or whatever it was, out of a place of over a thousand hectares. She then approached the owner and said, 'Would you like to sell your property to me?' He said, 'Yes'. She bought it for \$230,000 or whatever it was. Ten weeks after she signed the contract, she got a grant from her catchment management authority Caring for our Country, which is state and federal. It could be Agriculture; there is an agricultural arm to it. A person from your department sits on the tick-off committee. She got a grant for \$890,000 for a property for which she paid \$230,000, to lock up a bit of the property. I thought that was bizarre. I will not go into what I really think. She then went to the bank to get a loan against the property. The bank valued the property at zero because it was going to cost more than the</p> | 24<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
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|     |  |               |   | <p>property was worth to spray the over-infection on the property of noxious weeds, including blackberries. I have referred this to everyone from the department to the fraud squad. I have not had a bloody answer. They said, 'We're investigating.' It would take five minutes to figure out that it was a dodgy deal. Could you take that on notice and let me know where it is up to?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Senator, we can take it on notice. We may have to refer it to Environment.</p>  |                  |            |
| 176 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Back  | Navua sedge   | <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> As I understand it, it is not a poisonous or a noxious weed, it is just that it is very aggressive, competing with other plant species. But more to the point, from what I understand, it has been on the coast for many years and it has now moved westward into and up onto the Atherton Tableland. I will ask a couple of questions of APVMA a little bit later on in terms of trying to control it. Firstly, is the department aware of it? You obviously are—</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> Not in this division. We can ask in other divisions, but if it is an established weed then essentially it is a matter for state and territory jurisdictions.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> Would the department be giving the state or territory any assistance or advice?</p> <p><b>Mr Aldred:</b> I am not sure. I could check whether it is—</p> | 57<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 177 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Lines | Up to date list of Australia Landcare Council members | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Is that the one you told Senator Siewert you were waiting on?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Yes. My suggestion is that some of these things happened in late May and the website is slightly out of date.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Did you indicate to Senator</p>  | 72<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |  |                 |                               | <p>Siewert that you would provide an up-to-date list?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> We can provide an up-to-date list.</p>  |                     |            |
| 178 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Lines   | Landcare appointments         | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Would it help if I gave you my document from your website?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I am not sure what the context of that was. The only thing I can think is that it is not applicable because it is not one of the bodies that fell within that request for appointments.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Rather than think about it can you get us a definite answer on why it was tabled that way, please?</p>   | 72-73<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 179 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Siewert | Members of tenure on Landcare | <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I am happy with whatever the minister does. It is an elected government. He is the minister. He can do whatever he likes. I am just interested in you being there for 12 weeks. There was a cohort of people who—for whatever reason, the caretaker convention—were not enacted and then there was a different minister. The direct question to you was: did the minister instruct the department to ring people up and ask them to consider their tenure on Landcare?</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Or any of his staff to ring the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Not as far as I am aware in that period.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> But it was after December?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> I would have to check those facts but I am not aware if it was made during that period. I assumed that if the calls were made after, and my understanding was they were made early this year, any consideration</p> | 73-74<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 180 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Sterle  | Landcare Council board members | <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What remuneration did the four board members receive in the tenure of their time on the board, bearing in mind that one is still there? That might be easier for me to work out.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> We would have to take that on notice. We have not got that exact number. I could give you an example of the amount of money. For 2012-13, their annual report reports \$115,000 as the remuneration for the council for that period of 12 months.</p>  | 83<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 181 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Siewert | List of programs               | <p><b>Dr Thomson:</b> The environment department are setting the priorities that relate particularly to environmental outcomes. Our traditional practice has been that Environment do that essentially on their own and let us know. In the sorts of activities where there is an overlap or they are working with agricultural stakeholder groups, they often work more closely with us or ask for somebody from us to give them a hand in reviewing a few guidelines. They often ask us, and we ask them too, to participate on project selection committees or evaluation committees or tender boards or those sorts of things because we each bring in a slightly different perspective. We would not be driving their prioritisation process, but we would expect to be reasonably informed and, where it makes sense, have an opportunity to input. That seems to have worked quite well over the last couple of years.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you. With regard to the list of the programs that are now included, out of the funding, do you have a</p> | 86<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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|     |  |                 |   | <p>copy you could table now so that we can see that in front of us or do you need to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Mr Pak Poy might have something. I do not have a copy of the programs that are funded out of now, but I am not sure it is all that complicated.</p>  |                  |            |
| 182 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Siewert | Regional delivery                         | <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How much was for regional delivery?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> On the agriculture side, \$91.6 million.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I have written all that down, but at some stage could you table that.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson:</b> Yes, we can do that.</p>   | 87<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 183 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Lines   | Terms of reference                        | <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Is sustainability not a key priority anymore?</p> <p><b>Mr Thomson:</b> Sustainability is one of the key priorities. There are a range of priorities. We could table its terms of reference and its legislated functions and the priorities that it had under the—</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> I think we know those, but I am happy for you to table it.</p> | 90<br>29/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |
| 184 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Peris   | Water Licencing in the Northern Territory | <p>Are you aware of the recent controversy in the Northern Territory over the allocation of water licences in the Katherine Daly region? Indigenous groups, including the Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management (NAILSMA), are concerned that the Strategic Indigenous Reserve (SIR) water policy has been scrapped by the Northern Territory Government.</p>           | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 185 | Sustainable Resource                     | Senator Peris   | Water Licencing in the Northern           | <p>Are you aware that environment groups have also outlined their concerns that the science is</p>  | Written          | 25/07/2014 |

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|     | Management Division                      |                      | Territory  | being ignored in the allocation of water extraction licences?   |                  |            |
| 186 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Peris        | Water Licencing in the Northern Territory                                | Are you aware of allegations of corruption in relation to CLP members being granted licences?   | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 187 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Peris        | Water Licencing in the Northern Territory                                | Does the Department have views on the water licencing allocation practices and procedures in the Northern Territory?  | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 188 | Sustainable Resource Management Division | Senator Whish-Wilson | Australia-France Cooperative Enforcement Agreement in the Southern Ocean | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How often are there formal meetings in regards to these arrangements?</li> <li>2. What Australian vessels are involved in the cooperative arrangements?</li> <li>3. Are there French personnel on Australian vessels and vice versa?</li> <li>4. If yes how many Australian and French personnel are on the other nations vessels?</li> <li>5. How does AFMA measure the effectiveness of this arrangement?</li> <li>6. Is there a formal review process built into the arrangement?</li> <li>7. If yes – when is the next review?</li> </ol> | Written          | 25/07/2014 |
| 189 | Trade Market Access Division             | Senator Sterle       | Who accompanied the minister on the Middle East trip and cost            | <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Just while Ms Cale is looking for that, the minister also travelled overseas to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, and we can also probably provide the details of who accompanied him on that trip in addition to an industry delegation.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That would be good—thank you, Mr Glyde—and any associated staff and their cost too.</p> <p><b>Ms Cale:</b> I do not have the detail of the cost, but I am happy to come back to the committee</p>   | 11<br>28/05/2014 | 25/07/2014 |

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| 190 | Trade Market Access Division | Gallacher        | Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement | The Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement does not address honey exports, with tariffs of 150 to 250 per cent remaining in place on Australian honey exports to Korea. Was this issue simply forgotten in the negotiations?   | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 191 | Trade Market Access Division | Senator Ludwig   | Korea Australia Free Trade           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the thresholds in place for Farm Land and Agribusiness for Korean investment</li> <li>2. How are you implementing these thresholds?</li> <li>3. Who makes the decisions?, what role does the department play?</li> <li>4. Have any decisions been made? If so what were the decisions?</li> <li>5. Are any projects under consideration? If so, what are they?</li> <li>6. Do you have records of investments below these threshold from Korea?</li> <li>7. How does the department become aware of investments above the thresholds?</li> <li>8. Has the department received any advice or produced any reports or aware of any advice that foreign investment thresholds should be retained to use in the negotiating future trade deals</li> <li>9. Please provide reports or data or modelling concerning the impact of foreign investment thresholds on growth in the agricultural sector</li> </ol> | Written | 25/07/2014 |
| 192 | Trade Market Access Division | Senator Rhiannon | Kangaroo industry                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2009 an answer to Question on Notice TMA12 regarding analysis of the kangaroo report "A Shot in the Dark" stated: <i>the</i></li> </ol>   | Written | 25/07/2014 |

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|  |  |  |  | <p><i>report fails to present an objective view of the kangaroo harvesting and (kangaroo)meat export industry. Relevant Australian overseas posts, including in Brussels, Moscow and Beijing, have been provided with detailed and balanced information on the hygiene, sustainability and animal welfare practices of the kangaroo industry to respond to any approaches by host governments, industry or the public.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. May I please have a complete copy of the package of "detailed and balanced information" that was provided to "relevant Australian posts including in Brussels, Moscow and Beijing" as stated in the above answer.</li><li>b. If not, why not?</li><li>c. Who wrote each of the documents in that package of information – were they paid consultants?</li><li>d. If the information was commissioned by the RIRDC, were the recipients of that information made aware that the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia effectively commissions RIRDC reports, given that the KIAA effectively dictates the terms of RIRDC activities by "[identifying] a range of priority R&amp;D programs and projects which will benefit the industry... and will "add significant value to the industry and its profitability" as stated in the EM for the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Regulation (No.10) 2003 No.289.</li></ol> |  |  |
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