

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

## Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014, Tuesday 19 November 2013

### Agriculture Portfolio

Senate QoN no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written question	Date received
1	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional loans for Western Australia farm business	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Okay, but the WA agriculture minister is bagging you out. He reckons he wrote to Mr Joyce more than a month ago about rolling out the loan and said the decision meant that 50 WA farmers would miss out on low-cost loans of \$200,000. So, can we clear this up? Has the state government not done the deal and just led farmers to believe it is all Canberra's fault?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We remain in discussions with our state colleagues in Western Australia. We are extremely close. We obviously have to provide the outcomes of those negotiations and discussions to the minister and to the government to approve the arrangements. We are extremely close to being able to do that. They have asked that the loans be used for productivity enhancement, I think with a maximum value of \$200,000.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could you describe to me what the—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Someone told me. I reckon the Western Australian government was misled.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Those details have yet to be agreed by the government. But the principle is that farmers who are still experiencing debt stress put in for productivity enhancement. The WA government has listed a range of initiatives.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> And what are they?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Run more water? Put out some more fertiliser?</p>	99	

				<p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> There was a range of initiatives. But they have yet to be considered by government.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I have been at it a long while. Could you take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I am happy to.</p>		
2	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Productivity enhancement activities in Western Australia	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Okay. Help me out. You said there were two parts: productivity enhancement and debt relief. Whose decision was it to be productivity enhancement?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> The WA government.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> The WA government. Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Do you know if they had consultation with the farming community over that?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> That would be a matter to put to them.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We do not know.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> We will see if we can find out.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We have been advised that right from the very first, so that would have been in our original discussions around June-July.</p>	104	
3	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Ian Macdonald	Rural Financial Counsellors	<p>Question on Notice 111 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department to clarify the provision of Rural Financial Counselling Services in the Gulf Region of Queensland.</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 111 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <p>A single counsellor who is based in Longreach provides counselling services in the Gulf Region on an "as needs" basis;</p> <p>That this Longreach-based counsellor had been available "in situ" in the Gulf Region six (6) times over the previous twelve (12) months;</p> <p>That telephone counselling services are always available;</p> <p>That under the Farm Finance Package, in recognition of the increased need for financial counselling services in the Gulf Region, the Australian Government is providing funding for five (5) additional full-time equivalent rural financial counselling positions in Queensland: and,</p> <p>One (1) of these five (5) positions will be based in the Gulf Region.</p>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are the five (5) counsellors identified in the answer to Question On Notice 111 still being deployed?</li> <li>2. Have the five (5) counsellors identified in the answer to Question On Notice 111 been deployed?</li> <li>3. Has one (1) of the five (5) counsellors identified in the answer to Question On Notice 111 counsellors been dedicated to the Gulf Region?</li> <li>4. Where exactly is this Gulf Region counsellor based?</li> <li>5. What are the boundaries/is the extent of the area being serviced by this Gulf Region counsellor?</li> </ol>		
4	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Funds removed from states	<p>When were the states that were having their funds removed informed?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Who told them?</li> <li>b) Was it before a media release was put out?</li> </ol>	Written	
5	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Terms of agreement with the change in concessional loans funding	Do you have the assurance of the three states who have had their funding reduced that they won't seek to renominate the terms of the agreement with the change in funding?	Written	
6	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Scheme guidelines for the jurisdictions	When is the next meeting of officials to discuss the guidelines for each state where officials have reached agreement but not signed?	Written	
7	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Approval for the reduction in concessional loans funds	When will a brief be provided to the Minister to take to his cabinet colleagues to gain their approval for the reduction in funds to relevant states?	Written	
8	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Agreement on WA	<p>When did officials reach agreement on WA?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What date?</li> <li>b) When do officials expect ministers of both jurisdictions to get the approval of their governments?</li> </ol>	Written	

9	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Announcement to cut the WA funding	Did Minister Joyce travel to WA to meet with the WA minister before or after the announcement to cut the WA funding?	Written	
10	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Interests rates on the loans	1. What interest rate is being charged on the loans? 2. Is there a signed agreement with QLD or any other states to implement the loans?	Written	
11	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Treasurer excusing himself from Farm finance package discussion	Did Treasurer Joe Hockey excuse himself from the cabinet room for the discussion of the FMD tax changes under the farm finance package given he owns a working property?	Written	
12	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Status of additional RFCS officers	What is the status of the additional RFCS (rural financial counselling service) officers under the farm finance package?	Written	
13	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Drought Program Reform	Please update on the action being undertaken after the election regarding the Drought Program Reform?	Written	
14	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional Loans Scheme decision to amend and renegotiation	1. Update the committee on the decision process for changing the Farm Finance initiative? 2. Will the Minister/department need to renegotiate with states to make the funding available to farmers?	Written	
15	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	WA Government informed about the cut to farm finance to Western Australia	When was the WA government informed about Minister Joyce's decision to cut \$10million of farm finance to Western Australia?	Written	
16	Agricultural Adaptation and	Senator Sterle	Rural Financial Counselling	Is the Rural Financial Counselling Service program being considered for cuts in the commission of audit?	Written	

	Forestry Division		Service			
17	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Red tape reduction to Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry and program cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will the branches under the Agricultural Adaptation &amp; Forestry Division be affected by the staff reductions or the government's cuts to red and green tape costs?</li> <li>2. Are there any programs under this division that will be cut by the government?</li> </ol>	Written	
18	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Farmers' ability to recover from droughts	Is the Minister concerned about farmers' ability to recover from droughts?	Written	
19	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Revenue and productivity lost to drought	How much revenue and productivity is lost to Australia due to droughts?	Written	
20	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Rhiannon	Regional Forestry Agreements & Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Given that one of the main stated objectives of Regional Forest Agreements is to identify a Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve System and provide for the conservation of those areas, what studies is the department undertaking, or planning to undertake, to determine the adequacy of the CAR reserve system for meeting obligations relating to threatened species in Victoria?</li> <li>2. Please outline the measures that the Department has taken to ensure the adequacy of the CAR reserve system for meeting obligations relating to threatened species in Victoria. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please also outline any steps the Department has taken to ensure that these measures have been taken based on a recent, credible and robust scientific evidence base.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Is the department satisfied that the Victorian state government is meeting its forest management and species protection obligations under the RFAs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If not, what action is being undertaken by the department to ensure these obligations are being met by all signatories?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014

21	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Rhiannon	Regional Forestry Agreements – replacement/roll overs	<p>Are Regional Forestry Agreements still intended to have a 20 year lifespan, with five year reviews; and is the third (15 year) review for each RFA still intended to describe the process to be followed post the 20 year RFAs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is work underway on a process for replacement or rollover of Regional Forest Agreements? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the current timetable for this work generally: what stage is this work at? When will it be completed?</li> <li>b) May I have information on the RFAs that are currently up for review; where those reviews are up to; when they are expected to be completed; and challenges in timely completions?</li> <li>c) May I have an outline of how this process will work?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Will any process to rollover or replace Regional Forest Agreements include broad multi-stakeholder and community consultation?</li> <li>3. Will it include in-depth and peer-reviewed environmental, social, and industry analysis? May I have a copy of any Terms of Reference to this effect please?</li> <li>4. Will the expiry and replacement of Regional Forest Agreements be addressed in a consistent process? May I have the details how please?</li> <li>5. Have discussions been opened with state governments regarding the expiry of Regional Forest Agreements? May I have details please?</li> <li>6. What measures, if any, does the Commonwealth employ to ensure that protection available to threatened species in Regional Forest Agreements areas is equivalent or better than protection that would be available if the EPBC Act applied in those areas?</li> <li>7. Has the Commonwealth ever protested or complained to a State Government about the inadequacy of protection available to threatened species in Regional Forest Agreements? May I have details please?</li> <li>8. What efforts are being undertaken to ensure that the reporting requirements of Regional Forest Agreement outcomes are being enforced? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is there any intention to strengthen these requirements? How?</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. What is the budget for Commonwealth funding to monitor states' compliance with RFAs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What are the processes to achieve this?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014
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22	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Rhiannon	Forestry Standards Certification	<p>1. Under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement signed in May, \$0.5 million was allocated to 'assist the Forest Stewardship Council of Australia to develop a national forest stewardship standard for Australia'.</p> <p>a) How much of this money has been dispersed?</p> <p>b) May I have details of the recipients of this funding; how much each recipients has received; and when they receive or will receive it?</p> <p>2. Is the government providing input into the development of a national standard around forestry standards certification? Which agencies might be involved in this?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
23	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Rhiannon	Forestry Protocols regarding injured animals	<p>1. Are there any federal protocols regarding the reporting, referral and care of wildlife injured by forestry logging operations? For injured Threatened species?</p> <p>2. Whilst there are prescriptions regarding threatened species, it is recognised that workers and often their companies are unaware of those prescriptions and do not apply them. What research or oversight is being applied or considered to determine if those prescriptions are followed; where the gaps are; and what is needed on the ground to address this lack of oversight?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
24	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Senator Rhiannon	Livestock emissions.	<p>1. The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation has identified that livestock production is responsible for approximately 18% of the total greenhouse gas emissions worldwide and the CSIRO has found that over 30% of greenhouse gases emissions produced in Australia can be attributed to animal industries.</p> <p>a) What mechanisms are being used to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from these sources and incentivise animal intensive industries to reduce emissions?</p> <p>What projects are being funded to address this issue?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
25	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Ludwig	Mr O'Sullivan involvement in the Federal	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> The question that flows from that is: do the secondments and persons you have put across to the review include a Mr O'Sullivan?	9	

			<p>Governments white paper</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Not to the best of my knowledge. I am not aware of that officer.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> It was in <i>The Courier Mail</i> on Friday, 1 November 2013. I am happy to make this available to you so that you are not at a disadvantage. I will continue because it will become plain and I am sure you can answer the questions. But if you need to stop and refresh yourself about that article I am happy for you to do so. It says Mr O'Sullivan conducted research for the federal government's white paper. Is he an employee, or has he been employed by the department of agriculture?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Not that I am aware of, but we would have to check.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> You would know, wouldn't you, if you were employing a Mr O'Sullivan who is the—</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> There is a large number of people in the department but I am not aware of that officer working on the white paper task force.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> The paper could be completely wrong, of course, so we would need to clarify that. It says:</p> <p>In a move that threatens to ignite tensions within the Liberal National Party, Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce has engineered a plan for Mr O'Sullivan to conduct research for the government's Agriculture White Paper ...</p> <p>Can we rule out the department of agriculture having him on your books at all?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We could certainly check. <b>Mr Koval:</b> Mr O'Sullivan is not one of our staff members that we have seconded across. Whether or not he is being employed separately by PM&amp;C I am not sure, but we can check and get a response for you.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> If it is not within you, I will go and find out from PM&amp;C whether there is an alternative employment arrangement there. Can you take that on notice to ensure that you have not either employed him as research staff for the white paper or on secondment. If you have and you discover that at some point during the day, can you advise the secretary. You will be able to check this morning and let us know and then if I need to do some follow-up questions I can do that.</p>		
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				<b>Mr Koval:</b> I will check straight after this.		
26	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Siewert	Food plan	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay. Minister, can I ask you: has the government made a decision on whether it is going to proceed with the food plan or is it going to trumpet or alter it?</p> <p><b>Senator Abetz:</b> I am not aware of that. I will take that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you.</p>	12	
27	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Siewert	Wheat export task force and mandatory Code of Conduct	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can I ask here about the wheat export task force?</p> <p><b>Mr Murnane:</b> I think on the wheat export task force you are better off asking Agricultural Productivity Division.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Why is that?</p> <p><b>Mr Murnane:</b> That division has policy responsibility for the wheat industry and is dealing with the task force.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Presumably that is where I ask about the mandatory code as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Murnane:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Obviously we could take the questions on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay. What I am after is an update on progress—where that task force is up to.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We would be able to take that on notice. It appears that we do not have the relevant officers here, so we could take that on notice and provide you with a short update.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, could you take that on notice. I am also after an update on the mandatory code development.</p>	49	
28	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Farrell	Beef market	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> I understand we have access to the high-quality beef market through a 7,000-tonne quota. What other quotas are available to exporters to access that market?</p> <p><b>Mr Murnane:</b> There is also a shish meat quota into the European Union.</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> In addition, there is a global quota available to the</p>	54	09/01/2014

				<p>European Union of some 40,000 tonnes, which Australia is currently accessing also.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> That is on a first in, best dressed basis?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> It is MFN, I meant—most favoured nation. As you say, it is first in, best dressed. It is also allocated to European importers, so they control the quota on their side.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> What has been our success?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> There is a lot of opportunity with that quota. We have been very successful in the volume of product we have put against that quota.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> So, in addition to the 7,000 tonnes, what do we typically get as our share of the 40,000-tonne quota?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> I am not sure I have that number with me, but I can take it on notice.</p>		
29	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Farrell	Other countries – beef quota	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> What other countries would be competitors for using that quota?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> The United States and Canada.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> None of the South American countries.</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> Not that I am aware, but again I will take that on notice.</p>	54	09/01/2014
30	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Ian Macdonald	I-Fed	<p>1. What is the Department doing to assist the proponents of the I-Fed project on the Gilbert River in North-west Queensland?</p> <p>2. Does DAFF have purview over any of the approvals processes for the I-Fed project?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
31	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Siewert	Wheat Exports Taskforce & Mandatory Code of Conduct	<p>Please provide an update on the work of the Wheat Export Taskforce. Has it continued to meet? What progress has been made on the issue of stocks information?</p> <p>Please provide an update on the mandatory code development taskforce</p>	Written	
32	Agricultural Productivity	Senator Sterle	Status of the overseas	What is the status of the four additional overseas agricultural specialists announced in the national food plan?	Written	

	Division		agricultural specialists			
33	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	National Food Plan funding	The National Food Plan included funding for "Building our food trade ties" - what is the status of that funding?	Written	
34	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape impact on foreign investment in Australian Agricultural Land and Agribusiness	Can you provide detail how the coalition's cuts in red and green tape will impact on Foreign Investment in Australian Agricultural Land and Agribusiness?	Written	
35	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Foreign investment policy	Prime Minister Abbott released a foreign investment policy ahead of the election which said the threshold of \$248 million which triggers a review by FIRB; would be reduced to \$15 million. Is the Minister for Agriculture supportive of this policy?	Written	
36	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Simplot	Is it true Simplot is the last is the only remaining frozen vegetable processor in Australia?	Written	09/01/2014
37	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Simplot on-going viability	Are you aware that Simplot was warned of questions over its on-going viability due largely to import competition and the high Australian dollar?	Written	09/01/2014
38	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Simplot viability	Are you further aware that both Simplot and the growers which supply it have argued that with the right productivity investment it believes it can secure the viability of the domestic industry?	Written	09/01/2014
39	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Grants offered to Simplot and the growers	Are you familiar with grants offered by the former government to both Simplot and the growers to improve productivity?	Written	09/01/2014

40	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Absence of assistance to Simplot	Do you agree that in the absence of assistance a dark cloud hangs over Simplot and its growers and if so, is the assistance likely to be forthcoming?	Written	09/01/2014
41	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Department to investigates Horticulture Australia Limited's conflict of interest	The Former Minister directed the Department to investigate HAL's conflict of interest matters. What is the status of that work?	Written	09/01/2014
42	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Update on white paper	Can you update the committee on work being undertaken on a white paper on the competitiveness of the agriculture sector?	Written	
43	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	National Food Plan	Has the department briefed the Minister on the National Food Plan released on 25 May 2013?	Written	
44	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Proposed White Paper	Does the Minister acknowledge the Government's proposed White Paper plan will essentially produce the work already done in National Food Plan	Written	
45	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Agriculture White Paper funding	Why is the Agriculture White Paper being funded and conducted by Prime Minister and Cabinet? If no, a) Who will be funding and conducting the Agriculture White Paper	Written	
46	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Beef market quotas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have access to the European Union's high quality beef market through a 7000 tonne quota, what other quotas are available to exporters to access that market?</li> <li>2. There is a separate 40,000 tonne global quota – which operates on a first in best dressed basis. Is Australia able to access that quota? If, not what is the process to be followed to allow us access.</li> <li>3. I understand that the department has been working on the necessary administrative arrangements to tap into this quota – and that involves ensuring that EU officials are happy with audit arrangements in Australia. So that is not a political process that</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>needs to be finalised but an administrative process at official's level? When did this work commenced?</p> <p>4. I assume we have had officials travel over to the EU as part of this process – how many visits have there been – and who usually travels</p> <p>5. Where is the process up to and when will it be signed off?</p>		
47	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Sterle	Funding for Rural Research and Development Corporations	<p>1. The Government has committed an additional \$100 million in funding for the Rural Research and Development Corporations. Over what period will that funding be provided?</p> <p>2. Will it be for just one year or spread over the forward estimates?</p> <p>3. How will these funds be allocated across the 15 corporations – will they bid for the funds or will there be a general distribution of funds?</p> <p>4. If the corporations are required to bid for funding who will be the decision maker – the Minister or the Department – or some independent panel.</p>	Written	
48	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Rhiannon	Funding chicken, feedlot and kangaroo	<p>1. What level of funding has the government directly or indirectly expended on supporting or assisting these respective Australian industries:</p> <p>a) chicken meat industry,</p> <p>b) feed lotting industry, and</p> <p>c) kangaroo industry,</p> <p>2. Please provide a breakdown of the figures as to the areas/producers/organisations to which the support was directed.</p>	Written	
49	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Rhiannon	Information provided to Australian overseas posts	<p>1. An answer to a QoN by Senator Nash in 2009 about the independent report on kangaroo shooting, "A Shot in the Dark" commissioned by Animal Liberation, stated "that 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". May I have a copy of the briefs, reports or other documents that made up the 'detailed and balanced information' provided to those overseas posts please?</p> <p>2. With regards to funding of projects that promote kangaroo meat to</p>	Written	

				<p>consumers, what responsibility does the RIRDC have to ensure its funded projects do not present a health risk to consumers?</p> <p>a) Did the RIRDC approve the recommendation in the KIAA's RIRDC funded kangaroo recipe book, "Roocipes" that kangaroo is best served undercooked or rare?</p> <p>b) What food safety checks were provided before this publication was published by either Dept Health's Food Standards, or by Dept Agriculture's Food Division?</p> <p>3. Is the RIRDC or Food Division aware of predictions in the scientific literature predicting the next human outbreak of T.gondii in Europe due to marketing of kangaroo meat, which needs to be undercooked to avoid unpalatability of the meat?</p> <p>4. In previous Senate Estimates I was advised by Dept Agriculture-Food Division that raw kangaroo meat is not tested for food-borne pathogens such as Toxoplasma gondii or Salmonella spp, both which are zoonotic agents present in kangaroos, because "this is not a requirement of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code".</p> <p>a) What information does the RIRDC or the Food Division have regarding the reported 13 fatalities during 1993 in Australia associated with T.gondii caused by consumption of undercooked kangaroo meat?</p> <p>b) In relation to government-funded advice to undercook the meat, which agency is legally liable for any health risks or fatalities that arise from ingestion of undercooked meat thus contaminated?</p> <p>5. The RIRDC would be aware of the industry's heavy promotion to the food and cooking industry, and to consumers, of undercooked kangaroo meat – especially given most marketing and promotional strategies are funded by the RIRDC. What are the agency's concerns regarding this potentially serious health risk?</p>		
50	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Rhiannon	Chilled meat value & investments	<p>1. What is the value of government investment and funding into promoting and growing the live export trade compared to the chilled meat trade?</p> <p>2. How does that proportionately compare with the relative value each of those trades makes to Australia's GDP?</p>	Written	

51	Agricultural Productivity Division	Senator Rhiannon	Palm oil in Indonesian feedlots	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would the Minister for Agriculture please advise whether Australian cattle exported to Indonesia to be fattened in feedlots before slaughter are being fed agricultural wastage from the palm oil industry? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What are the known nutritional values and what are the health repercussions on the cattle being fed this material?</li> <li>b) what assurances Australia has that this is only sourced from certified RSPO sustainable plantations?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Would the Minister for Agriculture please advise with respect to MLA project W.LIV 0303 Indonesian Cattle Breeding Demonstration at Way Laga, Indonesia, published October 2013: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How much the government paid in matching funding to MLA?</li> <li>b) Which Animal Ethics Committee approved the project?</li> <li>c) Did the project comply fully with the Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013), and if not, how not?</li> <li>d) How DAFF managed the conflict of interest arising from the fact the veterinarian who prepared the report also appears to provide veterinary advice to the Indonesian company supplying the cattle for the project?</li> <li>e) When will the findings be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal? If not, how may I access a copy of those findings please?</li> <li>f) What investigation has DAFF conducted into the death of animals in the research project, including the apparent delay in examination of a sick cow, and a second diseased cow that ‘...was sold for slaughter ... following a series of infections beginning in the jaw and extending to many parts of the body’.</li> <li>g) Was the palm plantation used in the project certified as a RSPO sustainable plantation, and were other palm products fed to the cattle also from certified plantations?</li> <li>h) The recent project report states that representatives from government and privately owned palm oil plantations raised concerns in March this year about feedlotting cattle on palm plantations including ‘(1) ... the complexity of taking on an additional enterprise within the plantation; (2) the potential for</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
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52	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticides Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Lines	Summerfruit data by Horticulture Australia	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Where was Summerfruit's data gathered from?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> Summerfruit's data was the data supported by Horticulture Australia, so that was the best set of data that we had.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But where did it come from?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> It came from all over.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Sorry, I don't know what you mean by 'all over'.</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> They had generated data in Western Australia as well as New South Wales and Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Whereabouts in Western Australia?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Nobody there knows?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> It is available in our report. We can look that up and get it</p>	72	



				<p>for you.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> How much data was taken from Western Australia? I would be interested in knowing how much and where.</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> There were a couple of field trials—two, I think. We can take that on notice and answer for you.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Two field trials.</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> And there were a couple of field trials in Queensland and a couple of field trials in New South Wales.</p>		
53	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticides Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Sterle	Cost of Clothianidin	<p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> They still have access to the Clothianidin if they choose to use it.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Is that cost anywhere near the Fenthion? Why won't they use it now?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> We would have to take the cost question on notice, I am afraid.</p>	81	
54	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>Has the APVMA, an independent public safety regulator using science as the basis for its regulation practices, had 5 different positions on the risk that stone fruit treated with fenthion poses to consumers from the period of August 2012-October 2013?</p> <p>The APVMA has held five positions on the safe level on the use of fenthion since August 2012;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consumption of edible skinned produce treated with fenthion is safe (ongoing permit up until suspension in Sept 2012)</li> <li>2. Consumption of edible skinned stone fruit treated with fenthion is unsafe (fenthion suspended Sept 2012)</li> <li>3. Consumption of edible skinned stone fruit treated with fenthion is safe (permit issued October 2012)</li> <li>4. Consumption of edible skinned stone fruit treated with fenthion is safe, except for peaches and apricots treated with fenthion, which is unsafe (permit &amp; suspension Oct 2013)</li> <li>5. Consumption of edible skinned stone fruit treated with fenthion is safe (permit Oct 2013)</li> </ol> <p>a) Which one of these positions is correct?</p> <p>b) Which position does the APVMA stand by now as safeguarding</p>	Written	09/01/2014

				public health?		
55	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Is the current permit for fenthion subject to further change? In October 2012, APVMA Executive Director, Raj Bhula, told around 40 growers at a public meeting held at the Canning Vale markets 'that growers wanted to hurt children' because they wanted to use fenthion'. Does the APVMA still stand by Dr Bhula's statement?	Written	
56	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Why was fenthion deemed to have an unacceptable level of risk to the public through edible skinned fruit consumption in September 2012 when a suspension was imposed, yet deemed to be safe for public consumption of the exact same produce in October 2012 when a permit for usage was issued?	Written	09/01/2014
57	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	The APVMA banned the usage of fenthion on peaches & apricots on October 16th 2013 due to unacceptable risk to consumers. 1. Was any new fenthion data submitted to the APVMA in between the dates of October 16th 2013 and October 29th 2013? 2. What was the reason for the APVMA to reverse the October 16th 2013 ban on peaches and apricots and issue a permit for 1 application for these fruits on October 29th 2013? 3. Did fenthion suddenly change from being an unacceptable risk, to safe for consumption in just 13 days?	Written	09/01/2014
58	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	In October 2013 the APVMA issued a permit for clothianidin (Trade name Samurai) for usage against Mediterranean Fruit Fly. 1. Did the APVMA cut any assessment corners whatsoever in the issuing of the permit for clothianidin against Med Fly? If so, why? 2. Does the APVMA normally refuse to use data generated overseas or foreign regulators' decisions into account when assessing product suitability for registration or re-registration? 3. Did the APVMA take into account any overseas generated data or foreign regulatory decision in its own registering of clothianidin for	Written	09/01/2014

			<p>usage against Med Fly?</p> <p>4. Did the APVMA have data from a laboratory test conducted to determine the efficacy of clothianidin against Med Fly?</p> <p>5. Did the APVMA have any infield data relating to the efficacy of clothianidin against Med Fly? If the APVMA did have infield data, was this data complete to the point that the same data on other potential chemical registrations would be? If the APVMA did not have data, why did the APVMA not wait for the generation of infield data before issuing the permit for clothianidin?</p> <p>6. Did the APVMA have a significant and comprehensive data package as well as infield data to consider when issuing the permit for usage of clothianidin against Queensland Fruit Fly?</p> <p>7. In making the ill-considered decision to issue a permit for clothianidin usage against Med Fly, did the APVMA merely just view the data generated from comprehensive Queensland fruit Fly testing and apply it to Med Fly?</p> <p>8. Is this common practice for data assessment, to accept data from one particular section of the target pest family and apply it with a broad brush across all other sections, regardless of efficacy? If not, then why now?</p> <p>9. Does the APVMA take into account potential environmental damage when assessing a new product for registration?</p> <p>10. Why did the APVMA issue a permit for clothianidin in the same period that the chemical is being suspended across Europe under suspicion of causing mass bee trauma and 'Bee Colony Collapse Disorder'?</p> <p>11. Is Sumitomo the manufacturer of Samurai (active ingredient clothianidin)?</p> <p>12. Is Dr Gordon Reidy both a member of the APVMA's Advisory Board and also a Regional Manager under the employment of Sumitomo?</p> <p>13. Does the APVMA consider that there is any conflict of interest in having the Regional Manager of Sumitomo on its Advisory Committee, when the manufacturer's product has been fast tracked through the registration process?</p> <p>14. How did Samurai get approved so fast for usage against Mediterranean Fruit Fly – is it because Mr Reidy is on the APVMA's advisory board?</p>		
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59	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>There are 3 organophosphates, Fenthion (Lebaycid), Trichlorfon (Lepidex), Malathion (alternate name, Maldison depending on country) currently registered in some way shape or form for usage against fruit flies on edible skinned fruit in Australia.</p> <p>1. Does the APVMA recognise that Dichlorvos is a transformation product of Trichlorfon as it breaks down in human bodies?</p> <p>2. Does the APVMA recognise that Dichlorvos is up to 100 times more active as a cholinesterase inhibitor than trichlorfon?</p>	Written	09/01/2014

				<p>3. Does the APVMA recognise that Dichlorvos is mutagenic and clastogenic in-vitro, as detailed on page iv of their own Toxicology Assessment, June 2008?</p> <p><a href="http://www.apvma.gov.au/products/review/docs/dichlorvos_tox.pdf">http://www.apvma.gov.au/products/review/docs/dichlorvos_tox.pdf</a></p> <p>4. Does the APVMA recognise that Malathion (alternative name, Maldison) breaks down into Malaoxan, which is a compound 61 times more toxic than its parent?</p> <p>5. Does the APVMA recognise that fenthion breaks down into a safer compound in the natural environment as time elapses after initial application?</p> <p>6. Does the APVMA recognise that there is not one documented case of harm or death from the ingestion of fresh produce treated with fenthion, despite over 50 years of usage world wide?</p> <p>7. Why is the APVMA attempting to remove fenthion from usage, yet recommending more harmful products on the APVMA's own website for usage against fruit fly?</p> <p><a href="http://www.apvma.gov.au/products/review/current/dimethoate_alternatives.php">http://www.apvma.gov.au/products/review/current/dimethoate_alternatives.php</a></p>		
60	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>During a phone conversation held on October 16th 2013 between members of the Fruit Fly Action Group (a sub-committee of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group) and employees of the APVMA, Dr Jason Lutze (the APVMA's manager of pesticide residue) claimed that 'Fenthion is a contact insecticide – there is very little systemic activity'.</p> <p>1. Does the APVMA still stand by this statement?</p> <p>2. Does the APVMA truly understand fenthion (and other chemicals that they assess) if the APVMA can get such a fundamental aspect of fenthion incorrect?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
61	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>In 2012 did the APVMA set the parameters by which the Hills Orchard Improvement Group (HOIG) would conduct its random sample testing during the 2012-13 season in order for HOIG to provide the regulator with residue levels, which from the data would be used to issue/or otherwise a permit for usage for the 2013-14 season?</p> <p>1. Did Jason Lutze instruct HOIG to test for residues in accordance with the 'Sum of Fenthion'?</p> <p>2. Is the 'Sum of Fenthion' exactly defined as - Sum of fenthion, its</p>	Written	09/01/2014

				<p>oxygen analogue and their sulphoxides and sulphones, expressed as fenthion (fat-soluble)?</p> <p>3. Did the APVMA also confirm in correspondence with Fruit West, that testing should be done to the 'Sum of fenthion, its oxygen analogue and their sulphoxides and sulphones?</p> <p>4. Does the APVMA concede that HOIG conducted its testing according to the 'Sum of Fenthion' as directed?</p>		
62	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>Does the APVMA also concede that during the 2012-13 harvest season, testing was being conducted by Agrifresh in conjunction with industry levies and peak body involvement?</p> <p>1. Is it best practice for trials to be conducted in accordance with Good Laboratory Practice protocols?</p> <p>2. Did the APVMA stick to GLP protocols, or did the regulator make any unusual concessions or adjustments to GLP protocols?</p> <p>3. Did these changes revolve around different air-blast spray applicator units not being calibrated to the same volume output?</p> <p>4. HOIG requested that the Agrifresh data be peer reviewed, did the APVMA carry this out?</p> <p>5. If yes, was the peer review conducted by an independent body or does the APVMA have a pre-existing relationship with the body of peer review in this instance?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
63	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>Does the APVMA concede that the 'Sum of Fenthion' tests results compose of the following in mg/kg? Fenthion + Fenthion Sulphone + Fenthion Sulphoxide + Fenthion Oxon (Remembering that the definition of the Sum of Fenthion is 'Sum of fenthion, its oxygen analogue and their sulphoxides and sulphones, expressed as fenthion (fat-soluble)').</p>	Written	09/01/2014
64	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>Does the APVMA concede that the GLP trials were conducted in a manner so that the results were expressed as Fenthion + Fenthion Sulphone + Fenthion Sulphoxide + Fenthion Oxon + Fenthion Oxon Sulfone + Fenthion Oxon Sulfoxide?</p>	Written	09/01/2014

65	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the APVMA exclude or reject amounts of HOIG generated data from assessment and decision making because the residue results of Fenthion Oxon Sulfone & Fenthion Oxon Sulfoxide were not present in HOIG results?	Written	09/01/2014
66	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>Did both Summerfruit Australia Limited (SAL), on behalf of industry (which was tested by Agrifresh) and HOIG submit their data packages to the APVMA for review in July 2013?</p> <p>1 Did the APVMA contact Agrifresh on 29th July 2013 via phone, informing the company that the original data package submitted via SAL was not suitable for assessment in any way?</p> <p>2 Following this, did Agrifresh test 'B' samples to a greater level of accuracy and a second data package was submitted to the APVMA on the 29th of August 2013?</p> <p>3 Did the APVMA at any stage in the 3 months between July and October contact HOIG to inform them that their data was not, in any way, fully sufficient for assessment and give HOIG the same opportunities that Agrifresh were afforded?</p> <p>4 Did several teleconferences and email exchanges take place between HOIG and the APVMA in the relevant 3 months, during which the APVMA could have informed HOIG of any data inadequacies?</p> <p>5 Did the APVMA write to HOIG via email seeking clarifications on specific clerical details on the 23rd of August 2013 and still not take that opportunity to inform HOIG of any data inadequacies?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
67	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	After the APVMA's review of fenthion in 2012, the new MRL's (Maximum Residue Limits) were set at 0.2mg/kg for peaches and apricots and 0.25mg/kg for nectarines and plums. Why has the APVMA set the MRL for peaches and apricots at 0.2mg/kg and the MRL for nectarines and plums at 0.25mg/kg?	Written	09/01/2014

68	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA claim that peaches and apricots treated with fenthion are a higher risk to consumers because the 'furry skin' on these fruits contributes to a slower breakdown of fenthion in natural conditions, compared to nectarines and plums?	Written	09/01/2014
69	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Can the APVMA explain why it is safe for 0.25mg/kg of fenthion residue or less to enter a human body by consumption of nectarines or plums, but it is only safe for 0.2mg/kg or less of fenthion residue to enter the human body by consumption of peaches or apricots?	Written	09/01/2014
70	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	By doing this the APVMA is claiming that 0.2mg/kg of fenthion in a peach or apricot is as equal a risk of harm to 2-6 year olds as 0.25mg/kg in a nectarine or plum. Is it not the fenthion itself or the fruit that provides the risk to the consumer?	Written	09/01/2014
71	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	It is the With Holding Period (WHP) that should equalise the risk to consumer, not the fruit itself. Hence the WHP of 21 days on peach & apricot and the WHP of 14 days on nectarines and plums that should be the equaliser, not the MRL. Will the APVMA increase the MRL relating to peaches and apricots to 0.25mg/kg? If not, why not?	Written	09/01/2014
72	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA have any data suggesting that fenthion consumed from a peach has a slower metabolic or natural breakdown rate in the human body than fenthion consumed from a nectarine?	Written	09/01/2014



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73	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA have any data to prove that an amount of fenthion consumed from a peach has a greater effect on human health than that same amount of fenthion consumed from a nectarine?	Written	09/01/2014
74	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the first data package tested by Agrifresh and submitted by SAL show many Untreated Control Trees (UTC), that is trees which did not have fenthion applied to them, breaching MRL's set by the APVMA?	Written	09/01/2014
75	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the second data package, in which 'B' samples were tested by Agrifresh to a far greater degree of accuracy, still show numerous UTC's showing fenthion residues?	Written	09/01/2014
76	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA believe that UTC's showing residue levels, when there clearly should not be any, seem strange and warrant further investigation?	Written	09/01/2014
77	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA consider Agrifresh's/SAL's submission containing UTC's returning residue levels, despite highly accurate testing, a concern regarding the validity or accuracy of the entire data package?	Written	09/01/2014

	n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority					
78	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	How did the APVMA treat the data of the UTC's in the Agrifresh data showing residues into when assessing this data for the registration or suspension of fenthion?	Written	09/01/2014
79	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the APVMA apply any of the HOIG generated data when deciding to issue a permit for fenthion usage on nectarines and plums during the 2013-14 season containing 1 extra application (now 3 instead of 2), than was allowed last year? If so, which parts of the HOIG data contributed to the allowance on 1 extra application?	Written	09/01/2014
80	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the APVMA apply any of the HOIG generated data when deciding that fenthion was unsuitable for usage on peaches & apricots in the permit issued on October 16th 2013?	Written	09/01/2014
81	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the APVMA apply any of the HOIG generated data into when deciding to issue a permit on October 29th 2013 allowing 1 application of fenthion on peaches & apricots with a 21 day With Holding Period?	Written	09/01/2014

82	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	If HOIG data was taken into account when issuing the new permit for nectarines and plums; why did the APVMA not issue a permit containing 2 applications with a 10-14 day With Holding Period, as this is at a bare minimum what the HOIG data submitted to the APVMA supported?	Written	09/01/2014
83	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	The APVMA is often quoted that fenthion is no longer registered for usage against fruit flies in Europe, the USA, Canada & NZ. Does the APVMA concede that there is a large difference between a private company not reregistering its own product and the product being suspended or banned by an independent regulatory authority?	Written	09/01/2014
84	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	To whom does the APVMA believe it is accountable to?	Written	
85	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	The APVMA has stated publicly on numerous occasions that it is an independent regulatory body and its decisions cannot be influenced or overturned by the Federal Minister for Agriculture, currently The Honourable Barnaby Joyce. Is the APVMA aware of the Minister's powers under the Ministerial Chamber for Agriculture to overturn decisions, in writing, that are contrary to the National Food Plan?	Written	09/01/2014
86	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA concede that it has a poor track record in the Australian Administrative Tribunal, the Federal Court and in having to settling out of court when the regulators decisions are challenged by permit applicants or product manufacturers?	Written	09/01/2014

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87	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	In several conversations with the Fruit Fly Action Group, the APVMA stresses that it is not a function of the APVMA to assist in finding alternatives when one of their regulatory decisions threatens the survival of a branch of food production. Yet suddenly in the latest media statements issued by the APVMA within the past 2-4 weeks, the regulator speaks of suddenly becoming a compassionate regular contributor in discussions with industry groups and growers in seeking alternative products and systems. Why does the APVMA suddenly see the need to change its role from impartial regulator to compassionate benefactor of industry interested in finding alternatives to fenthion?	Written	09/01/2014
88	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	As peaches are one of the fruits that the APVMA isolated for a permit suspension this season, what is the exact mass of peach calculated by the APVMA that needs to be consumed by a child aged between 2-6 years old in the relevant short term time frame for fenthion residue to pose a health risk?	Written	09/01/2014
89	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	As apricots are one of the fruits that the APVMA isolated for a permit suspension this season, what is the exact volume of apricot that needs to be consumed by a child aged between 2-6 years old in the relevant short term time frame for fenthion residue to pose a health risk?	Written	09/01/2014
90	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	According to the 2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey, ( <a href="http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/8F4516D5FAC0700ACA257BF0001E0109/\$File/childrens-nut-phys-survey.pdf">http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/8F4516D5FAC0700ACA257BF0001E0109/\$File/childrens-nut-phys-survey.pdf</a> ) the highest average daily intake for any child, boy or girl, between 2-6 years old is just 185.8g (page 11). This figure does not just constitute fresh fruit, it also incorporates fruit juices, tinned fruits and any processed/prefabricated fruit based product. Any reasonable	Written	09/01/2014

				person should expect that the exact figure of fresh fruit consumption in isolation, must be lower than 185.8g. Does the APVMA, after hearing these figures, concede that they have exaggerated the true potential risk of fenthion residue to any child in the 2-6 year old age category?		
91	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	<p>According to the Federal Department of Health (<a href="http://www.healthyactive.gov.au/internet/healthyactive/publishing.nsf/Content/fact">http://www.healthyactive.gov.au/internet/healthyactive/publishing.nsf/Content/fact</a>)</p> <p>1. one serve of fruit is calculated to be one of the following, or an equivalent;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 medium piece, eg, apple, banana, orange, pear</li> <li>• 2 small pieces, eg, apricots, kiwi fruit, plums</li> <li>• 1 cup diced pieces or canned fruit</li> <li>• 1/2 cup juice</li> <li>• dried fruit, eg, 4 dried apricot halves, 1 1/2 tablespoons sultanas.</li> </ul> <p>On top of this information, the Government's 'Go for 2&amp;5 program', it is recommended that adults should consume 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables per day. The youngest age group mentioned in the 'Go for 2 &amp; 5' program are children in the 4-7 year old category, the advice given is for them to only eat 1 serve of fruit &amp; 2 serves of vegetables. Given the information provided above and the answer provided by the APVMA regarding the volume of peach or apricot required to pose a dietary risk, does the regulator now concede that its claims of risk to children in the 2-6 year old age category have been exaggerated?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
92	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Has the APVMA conducted a statistical analysis of the risk, in percentile terms, to calculate the exact chance that a child eating the volume of fruit required by the APVMA, becoming ill?	Written	09/01/2014
93	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia	Senator Back	Fenthion	According to FreshTest data, which has been compiled over the past decade containing tens of thousands of samples from random sample testing conducted with produce collected from wholesale markets	Written	

	n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority			around Australia, in which 98% of fresh produce showed a Nil Residue return for fenthion. This was during the period when the Pest Free Areas (PFA's) were still under care and maintenance. In an effort to keep fruit fly out of these valuable PFA's the Victorian State Government legislated under ICA21 that produce entering Victoria from another State had to be sprayed with fenthion around 5-7 times in order to ensure that the imported produce was fruit fly free. The standard usage pattern in Western Australia was 1-2 applications, with a 3rd application available in times of extreme fruit fly instigated crop losses. The current APVMA permit allows up to 3 applications on nectarines and plums. Considering that 98% of produce was returning a nil fenthion residue detection at a time when fenthion was being applied at around twice the current permit for nectarines and plums and 5-7 times the current permit for peaches and apricots, does the APVMA concede that it has overreacted and been unfairly harsh and contributing to the annihilation of the Australian peach and apricot industry in issuing a permit with only 1 application for these 2 fruits?		
94	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA generate any of its own data in regards to the various requirements of making calculations during the risk assessment process?	Written	09/01/2014
95	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Is it fair to say that the assessment on the risks of illness to a child in the 2-6 year old age bracket is based on the APVMA collecting a series of data generated through external sources and organisations and then crunching them through a mathematical algorithm which then spits out a rigid and inflexible response? If this is the case, why has the APVMA flip-flopped on fenthion regulation 4 times between Sept 2012-Oct2013?	Written	09/01/2014
96	Agricultural Productivity	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA take into account any real world data, for example, that fenthion has been used worldwide for over 50 years and there has	Written	09/01/2014

	Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority			not been one documented case of illness from any age bracket from the consumption of fresh produce in that period?		
97	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	As a scientific organisation, the APVMA would be familiar with the oft quoted scientific principle that 'Observation always trumps prediction'. Would the APVMA, being a scientifically-based body, agree that physical evidence should have a greater weighting than a mathematical prediction when making decisions that affect every Australian resident?	Written	09/01/2014
98	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Australian grown produce is subject to random sample testing for 135 different residues as part of producers' Quality Assurance programs, imported produce is subject to only 50 residues when tested. Does the APVMA show any concern for the residues that are on imported produce, or do foreign residues not pose any risk to Australian consumers?	Written	
99	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	In its role as a public safety regulator relating to chemical residue risk and as the current situation lies before us, would the APVMA consider locally grown produce or imported produce to be the greater risk to the 2-6 year old category?	Written	09/01/2014
100	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Has the APVMA latest Residues and Dietary Exposure Assessment, released on October 16th 2013, been independently peer reviewed and if so how many peer reviews did the assessment undergo?	Written	

101	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	If the document was peer reviewed, does the APVMA have any ongoing ties or relationship with the body/bodies that peer reviewed the document? If the document was not peer reviewed, why was it not?	Written	09/01/2014
102	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Will the APVMA submit their latest Residues and Dietary Exposure Assessment for a peer review by a body with which they have had no previous contact?	Written	09/01/2014
103	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	The APVMA promised HOIG that they would have 2 weeks to review and respond to the APVMA's latest Residues and Dietary Exposure Assessment prior to it being made public. Why did the APVMA only give HOIG 1 hour's notice via teleconference before making the assessment public on its website?	Written	09/01/2014
104	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Given the events of the previous year in which the APVMA was under immense public scrutiny, did the APVMA go back on its promise of 2 weeks' notice to avoid the same public pressures?	Written	09/01/2014
105	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine	Senator Back	Fenthion	Did the APVMA act in a tactical manner by only giving HOIG 1 hour's notice of public posting so that HOIG would be unable to mount a defence?	Written	09/01/2014



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106	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	In 2012 the APVMA waited until 6 weeks before the commencement of harvest before announcing the suspension of fenthion for usage on stone fruit and in 2013 the APVMA acted to suspend fenthion for usage on peaches and apricots only 3 weeks before the commencement of harvest. On both occasions, why has the APVMA waited until the eve of harvest before throwing the stone fruit industry into turmoil by removing fenthion from usage against fruit fly?	Written	09/01/2014
107	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA acknowledge that 11 months' work have gone into raising stone fruit crops to the point of harvest and to remove fenthion from usage caused great trauma and crop losses to stone fruit growers?	Written	
108	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	Does the APVMA concede that in future it would be fair to industry to consider the timing of suspensions/bans so that growers have time to implement other strategies or can decide whether they wish to commit 11 months' work and tens-to-hundreds of thousands of dollars to raising their crops to point of harvest?	Written	09/01/2014
109	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Back	Fenthion	The APVMA's latest Residues and Dietary Exposure Assessment has been independently reviewed by Mark Imisides Phd (Chem), and I ask the following questions; 1 The APVMA's conclusions of an unacceptable risk hazard to children aged 2-6 years old are all based on an ArfD (Acute Reference Dose) of 0.007mg/kg body weight. Fenthion is one of the few pesticides for which human data is available, and the NOEL (No Observable Effect Limit) is 10 times that – at 0.07mg/kg. That is, clinical data says that you can have 0.07mg/kg of fenthion in your blood and there is no observable effect. Not only is there no	Written	

				<p>observable health effect, but there is no effect whatsoever. Why has the APVMA applied a 10 fold safety factor in using the ArfD, when there is clear evidence of no effect in humans whatsoever (in health or otherwise) at the NOEL level of 0.07mg/kg?</p> <p>2 Is it common practice for 10 fold safety margins to be implemented in cases where there is no human data available?</p> <p>3 Has the APVMA deliberately applied an unnecessary ten fold safety margin on a nil effect NOEL in order to highly reduce the probability of fenthion to be able to be used against Med Fly and still remain under the MRL during random sample testing?</p> <p>4 In the APVMA's Residues and Dietary Exposure Assessment, the onus of proof is backwards. The report is written as though fenthion is a new product seeking registration. This can be the only possible interpretation of a report which contains the word 'likely'. If there is over 50 years of data regarding the public health of the use of this product available, as well as human testing data, no speculation is required. The history of the product should be the final arbiter in terms of health effects. The definition of proof is 'evidence or argument establishing a fact or the truth of a statement'. Has the APVMA been able to prove anything in this report regarding the risks of adverse health or is the report based solely on a mathematical calculation of supposed risk?</p> <p>5 As the APVMA are unable to prove any element of risk and there is no statistical analysis of risk, the APVMA's approach is thoroughly inconsistent with their complete reliance upon physical statistical information to generate their mathematical prediction. Armed with all statistical information the APVMA should be able to predict the rate at which people will get sick, eg what number in every 1000 peaches will cause a child aged 2-6 years old a health problem. The APVMA claim, rightfully, that this is not part of their charter to conduct statistical analysis. However, given the public controversy and doubt surrounding this APVMA's claims regarding risk of harm, will the APVMA conduct a statistical analysis of risk to help add clarity to the fenthion issue and assist in proving the APVMA's claims?</p> <p>6 If not, why not?</p> <p>7 Does the APVMA believe that a statistical analysis would strengthen or weaken their claim?</p>		
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				8 (If the answer is strengthen) Will the APVMA conduct a statistical analysis of risk and open their process and data of risk calculation to public scrutiny?		
110	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Ian Macdonald	Diuron	<p>In answer to questions during Budget Estimates hearings in May 2013 regarding the restrictions placed on the use of Diuron – and the resulting requirement for Canegrowers to use more expensive alternatives – the Department indicated that it would reconsider the restrictions if it was warranted by future monitoring and data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the restriction on the use of Diuron remain in place?</li> <li>2. Has the agency investigated the previous findings?</li> <li>3. Has any new evidence been presented since May 2013?</li> <li>4. Has the Department made any internal or independent investigations into the data?</li> <li>5. Has there been any change to the previous position on Diuron?</li> </ol>	Written	
111	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Sterle	Fenthion	How did the decision to restrict the use of Fenthion come about?	Written	
112	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Sterle	Restrictions reduced to allow one spray	Why were the restrictions reduced to allow one spray between 29 October and the end of April (2014?)	Written	09/01/2014
113	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australian Pesticide	Senator Sterle	Exploration for use of any other pesticides	Are any other pesticide (or other) treatments being explored for use (or expanded use) in Australia?	Written	09/01/2014

	Veterinary Medicine Authority					
114	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Sterle	Reinstate Fenthion	Prior to the election, the coalition pledged to reinstate Fenthion. Has Minister Joyce now followed the advice of the APVMA?	Written	
115	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Sterle	Minister to follow advice of the APVMA	Is it standard practice for the Minister to follow the advice of the APVMA in such circumstances?	Written	09/01/2014
116	Agricultural Productivity Division/Australia n Pesticide Veterinary Medicine Authority	Senator Rhannon	Pesticides in Forestry operations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What testing has been done regarding pesticide runoff from forestry plantations under RFAs? Particularly atrazine runoff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What communities have been impacted? What were the results?</li> <li>b) What information is available regarding rumoured cancer clusters in SE NSW associated with plantation development? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Have any samples been taken; if so when, where and in what quantity?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Victorian EPA recently published a report looking at pesticide detections in two sub catchments of the Latrobe River. Traces of simazine were found some 9 years after it was last used in the catchment at Middle Creek. Trans-chlordane was also detected almost 20 years since last used in forestry operations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How widely are these chemicals still used in forestry operations? In which states has the use thereof been discontinued? Does the FSC allow the use of these chemicals?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The longest event of pesticide run-off data in Victoria seems to have been associated with the pine plantation herbicide</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014

				<p>hexazinone, from an FSC certified plantation – how widely used is this chemical?</p> <p>4. Simazine was placed on the APVMA Priority Candidate Review List as a priority 2 chemical in the mid 1990s. Where is this review up to? What are the results? What are other comparable countries’</p> <p>5. Recognising that responsibility for water supplies lies with various agencies including local government, what information is available indicating which communities, both via town supplies or drawing directly from water sources downstream from plantations and intensive agriculture?</p>		
117	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Industry levies	Provide detail of the total amount of received industry levies.	Written	09/01/2014
118	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	R&D expenditure	Can you provide a list of eligible R&D expenditure	Written	09/01/2014
119	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Dairy Australia review	<p>1. What is the status of the Dairy Australia review of its constitution?</p> <p>2. What work is government doing to support that review?</p> <p>3. When will the Minister receive that work?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
120	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	National communication strategy	Dairy Australia received \$5, 000 under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy through the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee. This was to develop a national communication strategy. Please update the committee on that project.	Written	09/01/2014
121	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Status of future projects	<p>1. Given the abolishment of the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, what will be the status of future projects?</p> <p>2. Have you been engaged by the department to discuss how to manage future projects without the committee?</p>	Written	09/01/2014

				<p>3. Will the department be providing you with similar funding into the future?</p> <p>4. Have you met with the Minister? If so, when, where?</p>		
122	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Dairy Australia goals	What are your goals for Dairy Australia?	Written	09/01/2014
123	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Minister outline any of his goals	Did the Minister outline any of his goals for Dairy Australia?	Written	09/01/2014
124	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Dairy Australia funding	I understand that Dairy Australia was budgeted to receive \$19,075,000 for matching R&D funding in 2013-14. Is that continuing funding?	Written	09/01/2014
125	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	R&D funding	Have you received any advice or engagement from government about the coalition policy to increase R&D funding by \$100 million?	Written	09/01/2014
126	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Extra funding	<p>1. Will you be bidding for the extra \$100m? How will that extra funding work?</p> <p>2. What have you been told by the department or minister?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
127	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Status of funding under the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program	<p>1. You received a grant of \$1m under the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program under round one of that program. What is the status of that funding?</p> <p>2. What have you been told by the new department about future rounds of this grant, given a second round was expected to be released?</p>	Written	
128	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary	Senator Sterle	Outstanding grant applications	Do you have any outstanding grant applications with government that you have not heard back from?	Written	

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129	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Grants that funding have closed	Have you applied for any grants that funding rounds have closed but not announced?	Written	09/01/2014
130	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Outcomes of grants	1. Have you been informed of being successful of any grants of which you haven't signed a funding contract with government? 2. If so, what has government told you about those grants?	Written	09/01/2014
131	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Marketing and R&D services	Can you update the committee on work undertaken by Dairy Australia in the area of marketing and R&D services for the benefit of the dairy industry?	Written	09/01/2014
132	Agricultural Productivity Division/Diary Australia	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape impact to Dairy Australia	Will the Government's commitment to reduce red and green tape impact on the work being undertaken by Dairy Australia?	Written	09/01/2014
133	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	Revenue	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How does that compare to the previous financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> He knows his way through it better than I do.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Sorry—I am asking the wrong official.</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Revenue last year from both levy and from the federal government was 196.4 million combined.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can you explain that for me. I just want to see whether there is a trend there. There is obviously a trend.</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> In 2012-13, it was 196.4 million combined.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What does that break up to? I am interested in research and development.</p>	66	

				<b>Mr Harvey:</b> I do not have that in front of me. I can take it on notice.		
134	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Heffernan	Advisory Committees	<p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> Our structure is both top down and bottom up. We have a board that identifies, at the most strategic level, how much we might want to spend in our western region, which is essentially Western Australia; how much we might want to spend in the southern region, which is from the Lachlan in New South Wales around to the Eyre Peninsula; and how much we spend in the northern region, which is obviously the Lachlan north. We are moving to a system where we will also dice it in different ways and say how much we want to spend in a particular area of research according to the themes that John mentioned earlier.</p> <p>From the bottom up we have regional cropping solution groups, which are groups of farmers and their advisers who will identify that they have a crisis in their local district this year that they need solved. We fund small, effectively grower-initiated projects to solve that problem straightaway. We have three panels—one in the west, one in the south and one in the north—who do more strategic prioritisation of research topics, and they work with the regional cropping solution groups. They identify the medium- and long-term issues that each district is having problems with, and they will allocate funds according to the consensus of the priorities that they arrive at on a regional basis.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could you table those advisory committees.</p> <p><b>Mr R Clark:</b> Yes, we can do that. On top of that—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Do you know them?</p>	66-67	
135	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	R&D funding	Have you received any advice or engagement from government about the coalition policy to increase R&D funding by \$100 million?	Written	
136	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grains	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape reductions	Will the Government's commitment to reduce red and green tape impact on the work being undertaken by the GRDC?	Written	



	Research and Development Corporation					
137	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	Stakeholders priorities	<p>Have you been working with the government in relation to your major stakeholders priorities in the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reinvest in research and Development</li> <li>b) Rebuild and Reskill Labour</li> <li>c) Improve Trade &amp; Market Access</li> <li>d) Implement Wheat Taskforce Recommendation.</li> </ul>	Written	
138	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	Creation of Australian Grape and Wine Authority	<p>1. The Minister reintroduced Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013 to create the Australian Grape and Wine Authority. Has the Legislation been amended in anyway?</p> <p>2. Will the new authority still commence its operation on 1 July 2014?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
139	Agricultural Productivity Division/Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	Funding	Grape and wine was budgeted to receive \$11.6m in 13/14. Is that continuing funding?	Written	09/01/2014
140	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticult	Senator Siewert	Expenditure on various industries	<b>Mr Lloyd:</b> By various industries we can measure things like water efficiency, reduction in chemical use and there are some soil studies as well—but they are specific to individual industries.	20	09/01/2014

	ure Australia Limited		programs	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> How much do you spend on those programs? <b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I would have to take that on notice but it would probably be in the order of about \$15 million a year. That would be out of a total budget of about \$80 million a year, in various ways, shapes and forms.		
141	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Xenophon	Export markets	Can the Horticulture Australia witnesses please elaborate on recent programs funded through Horticulture Australia Limited to encourage export activity, especially in relation to developing export markets in Asia for the Australian horticulture industry.	Written	09/01/2014
142	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	HAL called ombudsman	HAL has called for an ombudsman to oversee the supermarket code of conduct; do you still hold those views? a) Has government spoken to you about the code?	Written	
143	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Horticulture Australia Limited's peak industry body members	How many of HAL's peak industry body members are also engaged as research, development and extension service providers?	Written	09/01/2014
144	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Ombudsman to oversee the supermarket code of conduct	HAL has called for an ombudsman to oversee the supermarket code of conduct; do you still hold those views? a) Has government spoken to you about the code?	Written	
145	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	R&D investment	Will HAL be bidding for a slice of the coalition's \$100m R&D investment promise? a) Has HAL been engaged by DAFF to discuss the \$100m boost? b) Has HAL been asked to provide any info to the commission of audit? c) if so, what?	Written	09/01/2014

146	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Work undertaken by Horticulture Australia Limited	Can you update the committee on work being undertaken by HAL regarding levies and rural research and development?	Written	09/01/2014
147	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Current terms of reference	Can you update the committee on the current terms of reference for the HAL review and what work has been undertaken post-election?	Written	09/01/2014
148	Agricultural Productivity Division/Horticulture Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Horticulture Australia Limited review	<p>1. Can you update the committee as to who will conduct the HAL review and the composition of the steering committee?</p> <p>2. Will HAL meet the review deadline of 3rd May 2014?</p> <p>3. How will this information be reported to the public?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
149	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Work done with LSS	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What about the LSS? Do you have anything to do with them?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> The supply chain LSS is one of the major exporters out of Australia and as such have had—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Have you guys had any involvement with them?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> Over a long period of time.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So how did they break down? What happened?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> Again, I might go to the department in terms of the investigation that they are undertaking.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> No, I am asking you. You have delivered the training. You have just sat there and told us how great MLA is, and that is fantastic, but you are working with that mob over there and something went wrong.</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> What I said was that we come in when we are invited by supply chains to do gap analyses to identify—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Well there is a gap there. Have you been invited in</p>	42	09/01/2014

				<p>there?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> I would have to take on notice the question of what specific work we have done with LSS. Dr Barnard might have the answer. Alternatively, our co-partners may—</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> It would be good to know, because the more times we have Animals Australia providing that sort of footage—I do not know how much it is going to take for the industry to realise. All it does is damage the poor growers and producers.</p>		
150	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Assisting LSS	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Has LSS asked you to come in to assist with their gap?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> We have certainly done some work with LSS. I can, on notice, provide you with details.</p>	42	09/01/2014
151	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Invitations by supply chains	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> This is since October or is it since 1 June—the problem we had then?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> We worked in Jordan during Eid, so that was October.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So you have come in after the second drama. You were not asked, Dr Barnard, by LSS—</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> We are always invited in by supply chains.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So we had the first issue in Jordan with LSS but they did not invite you in until the second issue—or just before the second?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	42	09/01/2014
152	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	Current work with LSS	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can you bring us up to speed with where you are with LSS? Are you still working with them?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> We work with supply chains on an invitation basis. Again, I will take on notice what current work we are doing in these markets. I just do not have the details of current work we are doing with LSS.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take on notice, specifically, LSS?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> Yes, definitely.</p>	42-43	09/01/2014

153	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Specific breakdown of the work with LSS	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> You told me you work in three areas—supply chains was one, and looking at gap analysis and training. What is the third?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> The provision of technical assistance—not necessarily training—when asked for from the trade. Different supply chains ask for differing degrees of information. They will ask for differing information or differing assistance at different times throughout the year. All of our in-field activities are co-funded activities through the Livestock Export program with LiveCorp. I do not know whether Sam has, at his fingertips, our work with LSS, or the joint program's work with LSS—otherwise we will just take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I am sorry, I do not have the specific breakdown of the work with LSS. As Scott has mentioned, we work with all our members.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> But you can provide that? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> Yes, it is not a problem.</p>	43	09/01/2014
154	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Lines	Aboriginal Australians working as stockmen or stockwomen	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> What proportion of those stockmen and stockwomen are Aboriginal Australians? Is that a statistic you collect?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> It is not and it is not one I would have off the top of my head. Again, we could take that on notice, but I do not know that off the top of my head.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Does your department have a particular percentage of Aboriginal Australians whom you would encourage to work as stockmen or stockwomen?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> Again, I would have to take that on notice as to whether the company has any targets or any set programs around that area.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Does anybody else know? It seems extraordinary that nobody knows whether you have employment targets or not.</p> <p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> Without having those details, I know that on previous occasions there have been Indigenous specific courses run in Broome for Indigenous stockmen et cetera, with the final outcome being for them to participate in the trade. But I do not have any of those firm details.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> But that is an initiative of the WA ag department, isn't it?</p>	43	09/01/2014

				<p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> I think it is a combined initiative. LiveCorp was running those courses out there, so—</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Sorry, just to be clear if you are taking my question on notice, what I wanted to know was what percentage of Aboriginal Australians you employ as trainers.</p>		
155	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	Leakage had occurred from Jordan to Lebanon	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So you are stating that David Beatty did not tell you or that you are not aware of what he saw?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I can only answer this question honestly and I can only say that, to my knowledge and memory, David Beatty supplied no information of a conclusive nature that leakage had occurred from Jordan to Lebanon.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can we just unpackage that. You said 'to your memory'; does that mean you need to take that on notice so you can check?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> I think I have answered the question adequately, Senator. I am happy to take it on notice and supply you with further information, but I have in all honesty and to the best of my ability answered the question honestly.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you.</p>	44-45	09/01/2014
156	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	Festival of Sacrifice	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Did MLA instruct consultant Blythe Calnan to depart Kuwait the day prior to the Festival of Sacrifice?</p> <p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> Blythe was, as she was a year before, allocated to Qatar, where she has done a magnificent job. I was there with her on both occasions. She is a credit to young Australian rural people. I think she won the Cattle Council Young Australian of the Year. She was tasked to Qatar.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So are you are saying that she had nothing to do with Kuwait?</p> <p><b>Mr Galvin:</b> I do not know. I was only in Qatar. I was with her in Qatar.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do I need to put it on notice, if you are not aware if she is working in Kuwait.</p>	46	09/01/2014

				<p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> We will take it on notice. Blythe works regularly across the Middle East. We can look at where she was at what stage.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you add this to take on notice, please? If she was removed, why would you remove a consultant the day prior to when animals were at greatest risk?</p> <p><b>Dr Barnard:</b> It was a matter of assigning resources across a region, Senator. We had resources assigned to Kuwait, resources assigned to Qatar, resources assigned to other areas of the Middle East during Eid. My LiveCorp colleagues were across there during Eid, so could provide you with details of the assignment of those resources.</p>		
157	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	ESCAS auditing system	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take on notice: in these festivals, what MLA and LiveCorp staff are located where and for what periods—just for this year? And then a Turkey question: did the MLA receive a letter from an MLA consultant in 2012 refusing to work in Turkey due to the corruption of the ESCAS auditing system by parties connected to Livestock Shipping Services or their parent company Hijazi and Ghosheh?</p> <p><b>Mr Hansen:</b> Certainly not that I have seen. We can take that on notice as well.</p>	46	09/01/2014
158	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Funds spent by MLA	How much levy payer and Government funds has the MLA spent since it was incorporated in 1998?	Written	09/01/2014
159	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Real cattle prices	What was the average percentage of annual decline in real cattle prices in the decade before the MLA was incorporated	Written	09/01/2014
160	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Annual decline in real cattle prices	What has been the average percentage of annual decline in real cattle prices since the MLA was incorporated?	Written	09/01/2014

161	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Cattle prices	Were cattle prices in real terms received by cattle producers worse in 2013 than during the cattle price crash of 1974?	Written	09/01/2014
162	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Expenditure on MSA	How much has the MLA spent on MSA since 1998?	Written	09/01/2014
163	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Decline in Australian beef consumption	What was the average annual percentage of decline in Australian beef consumption per capita between 1980 and 1996?	Written	09/01/2014
164	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Decline in Australian beef consumption	What has been the average annual percentage of decline in Australian beef consumption since MSA was launched in 1999?	Written	09/01/2014
165	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Lowest cattle prices	Which country (or countries) out of Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Japan and the European Union has the lowest cattle prices?	Written	
166	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Lowest price per beast	Which country (or countries) out of Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Japan or the European Union has the lowest price per beast as a percentage of the nation's minimum wage?	Written	09/01/2014
167	Agricultural Productivity	Senator Williams	Australian beef producing	Has the profitability of the Australian beef producing industry improved since the MLA was incorporated in 1998? Please provide	Written	09/01/2014



	Division/Meat and Livestock Australia		industry	figures.		
168	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Williams	Beef producer debt	What has the percentage rise in beef producer debt as a percentage of gross production value been since the MLA was incorporated in 1998?	Written	09/01/2014
169	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Xenophon	Data sharing	<p>It was reported in <i>The Australian</i> in late October that MLA is considering selling data collected through the National Livestock Identification System. MLA has since stated that it will not sell information without the express permission of the farmer involved. Can the MLA advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Whether any of the information already collected through the NLIS has been passed on or sold to any other entity or organisation?</li> <li>○ Whether there are plans to get the express permission of farmers so that information can be sold?</li> <li>○ Whether there will be benefits (financial or otherwise) provided to farmers who agree to the sale of their data?</li> </ul>	Written	09/01/2014
170	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Update on work undertaken to establish ESCAS	Can you update the committee on the work being undertaken by MLA to establish ESCAS in overseas markets?	Written	09/01/2014
171	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Operational ESCAS exporter	Has MLA identified any gaps or potential shortcomings with operational ESCAS exporter?	Written	09/01/2014
172	Agricultural Productivity	Senator Sterle	Processing skills	Detail of the training and technical advice, procedures relating to infrastructure design, animal handling and animal processing skills.	Written	09/01/2014

	Division/Meat and Livestock Australia					
173	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	ESCAS compliant supply chains	Provide information about risk analyses on operational ESCAS-compliant supply chains to identify and address problems before non-compliances occur.	Written	09/01/2014
174	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Countries which have officers or consultants	Which countries does MLA have officers or consultants in?	Written	09/01/2014
175	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Sterle	Deficiencies in supply chains	If Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) officers or their consultants observe deficiencies in supply chains they should report this to ESCAS and encourage immediate rectification and reporting.	Written	09/01/2014
176	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	ESCAS compliance reporting and training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did MLA report to the Department of Agriculture that it was aware of widespread and systemic breaches of ESCAS relating to on-selling of animals occurring in Jordan?</li> <li>2. Has MLA viewed the approved abattoir in Palestine? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has MLA been requested to provide any training in this facility?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many days training have MLA consultants undertaken in importing markets over 2013 AND which countries have MLA consultants travelled to in order to undertake training or gap analysis?</li> <li>4. I understand that MLA has been reticent to report non-compliances within approved supply chains on the basis of believing action can be taken through training to address them. But where MLA becomes aware of Australian animals being sold outside of approved supply chains - will you commit to reporting these matters to the Department to ensure that action is taken to address</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014

				<p>this situation? If not, why not?</p>		
177	Agricultural Productivity Division/Meat and Livestock Australia	Senator Rhiannon	Research and development	<p>1. May I please have the following information regarding the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The total government funds budgeted for payment to match funding for levy investment in Meat &amp; Livestock Australia (MLA) Research &amp; Development projects?</li> <li>b) How many projects have been funded to date?</li> <li>c) How many projects have been published in peer reviewed scientific journals?</li> <li>d) How many projects had the welfare of livestock as a primary aim?</li> </ul> <p>What input does the Government have into the selection of R&amp;D projects by MLA?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
178	Agricultural Productivity Division/Wine Australia	Senator Edwards	Global presence in our key markets	<p><b>Mr A Clark:</b> We worked with key in-market representatives. We have a global presence in our key markets, such as the UK, China and the USA. So, working with our regional directors there—</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> So your field operators made recommendations.</p> <p><b>Mr A Clark:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> So was there a black list of people you did not invite or that did not make the cut or that you refused?</p> <p><b>Mr A Clark:</b> I am not aware of a black list.</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> Were there requests to attend from people in media that were refused?</p> <p><b>Mr A Clark:</b> Not to my knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> Can you take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr A Clark:</b> Sure.</p>	57	09/01/2014
179	Agricultural Productivity Division/Wine	Senator Edwards	Savour Australia	<p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> How quickly was the media pass allocation exhausted?</p>	57	09/01/2014

	Australia			<b>Mr A Clark:</b> In terms of a specific date when we filled the places, I would have to take that on notice.		
180	Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics & Sciences	Senator Sterle	Data that shows hard ship experienced by farmers	Did ABARES provide any data to show that hard ship being experienced by farmers wasn't as acute in Western Australia and South Australia as the rest of the country?	Written	
181	Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics & Sciences	Senator Sterle	Cuts to ABARES	1. Where will the ABARES cuts be made? 2. How will these cuts impact on the scientific research currently being done? 3. Will these cuts impact on the work being undertaken to establish a national Foreign Ownership register?	Written	
182	Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics & Sciences	Senator Sterle	Cuts to frontline services and ABARES	Can you guarantee the Department will be able to deliver professional and high standards of work with further cuts to frontline services and ABARES?	Written	
183	Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics & Sciences	Senator Sterle	Support to assess recreational catch of southern blue fin tuna	What support is AFMA giving to the department or ABARES to assess the recreational catch of southern blue fin tuna, nationally or in Victoria?	Written	09/01/2014
184	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<b>Senator RUSTON:</b> What would you need to be able to take on the overall, overarching responsibility for the National Fruit Fly Strategy and the ongoing operation? You do not have to do it now, but if you could tell me what you think you would need, that would be great.	19	

				<p><b>Mr Fraser:</b> We currently—</p> <p><b>Senator RUSTON:</b> You can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You can take it on notice.</p>		
185	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Xenophon	Training for Chinese farmers	Can the Minister elaborate on recent proposals from the Department's Chief Plant Protection Officer to cooperate with China by establishing training programs here in Australia for Chinese foreign farmers. Further to this can the Minister elaborate if there will be a tendering process for this skills training program.	Written	09/01/2014
186	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Xenophon	Import fresh potatoes from New Zealand	Can the Minister please clarify the advice that has been provided by the Department's Chief Plant Protection Officer over the request to import fresh potatoes from New Zealand for processing. It is understood that the Chief Plant Protection Officer has refused to answer industry questions about whether the Department will respect the request of the Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee and delay its decision until the Committee has tabled its report into the matter. Can the Minister advise if the department will be respecting the request from the Committee Chairman?	Written	
187	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Sterle	Fruit fly in stone fruit	Is the Minister concerned about fruit fly in our stone fruit?	Written	
188	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Sterle	Fruit fly blight	The growers suggest that hundreds of thousands of fruit would need to be destroyed if there was fruit fly blight – can the Minister confirm those figures?	Written	
189	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Senator Sterle	Fruit fly infestation	If a fruit fly infestation did ruin Australia's crop and destroy the livelihood of Australian fruit growers, what mechanisms for compensation or support would be available to the farmers – Does this fit under "Exceptional Circumstances" funding guidelines?	Written	
190	Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer	Senator Sterle	Work being undertaken	Provide the committee with an update of the work being undertaken by the Australian Chief Plant Protection officer	Written	

191	Australian Chief Veterinary Office	Senator Hefferenan	On farm quarantine and restocking of chickens	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> What is the restart period for the people of Young, for instance, where hundreds of thousands of chickens were knocked over? How long until they can restart their processes? And in the meantime, are they eligible for assistance?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> That question is probably best directed to the Chief Veterinary Officer.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It begs the question, does it not?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> Certainly the on-farm quarantine period and the restocking and so forth would be a question better put to the CVO.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> It depends to what extent there are agreements in place for the various industries about this to encourage people to declare they have an issue, then there is funding provided for the affected farms. I do not think the right people are at the table.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think it would inform the committee if you were to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> It certainly has been a feature of the recent response.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> If you could respond to that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We would be happy to do that.</p>	52	
192	Australian Chief Veterinary Office	Senator Rhiannon	Avian Influenza in Young NSW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister recently stated in the media that the outbreak of avian influenza in flock of layer hens in Young, which resulted in the destruction of over 400,000 hens, was caused by free range hens. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there any scientific evidence exists that the outbreak of bird flu in Young was a result of direct contact between the hens and wildlife or aquatic birds that may have carried the virus?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Considering water on the Young farm in question is also collected from the poultry shed roofing was this water supply tested as a possible source of the virus? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not, why not?</li> <li>If yes, what were the results? May I have a copy?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Of the approximate 400,000 hens that were culled, how many of those birds were from the caged production facilities on the property?</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>4. What was the stocking density for hens in the free range production area of the Young farm?</p> <p>5. If the density is over 1,500 per hectare and given the accepted public understanding that free-range densities are 1,500 per hectare, what considerations were given in the planning approval process to approve the stocking rates for hens as "free range"?</p> <p>6. Did the Young farm have any current industry recognised quality assurance program in place, for example the Egg Corp Assured?</p> <p>a) Is stocking density recognised as a factor of risk for presence and for the spread of avian influenza? May I have details please?</p> <p>7. Was the Young farm labelled by Australian Egg Corporation (Egg Corp Assured) as a free range farm in any way?</p>		
193	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhianoon	AusAWAC	<p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> The work on transforming the model codes of practice into standards and guidelines, which is a shared responsibility with the states and territories, is continuing. That work is under way. There are a number of codes of practice that are going through that process. There are a number of regulatory impact statements out there. We could provide you with that information, I think, in terms of where we are up to. It is probably quicker for us to take it on notice, but it is up to you.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will ask you about the domestic poultry one. But could you take on notice as to where the development of the model code is up to when it actually moves over to the standards. I am interested in that in terms of the timeline, the staffing, the funding and the resources that are provided. Could we have some details about the model code for domestic poultry and where it is up to? Maybe we could start with the timeline process.</p>	32-33	09/01/2014
194	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	Given the abolishment of the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, what will be the status of future projects?	Written	09/01/2014

195	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Australia Livestock Exporters Council's Protocol Committee	<p>1. Has the Australian Livestock Exporters Council's Protocol Committee met this year?</p> <p>2. Did departmental officials attend this meeting?</p> <p>3. Can you please list which trading partners are key priorities?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
196	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Animal welfare legislation	Can you update the committee on any developments with Macau authorities with relations to animal welfare legislation and associated programs, including re-housing strategies?	Written	09/01/2014
197	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhiannon	CCTV in abattoirs	<p>There have been calls from various quarters for mandatory CCTV in all Australian meat processing facilities (including abattoirs) as a matter of good quality and hygiene control, as well as in regards to animal welfare oversight, including from industry representatives.</p> <p>a) What consideration has been given to this matter?</p> <p>b) What are the barriers to this being applied nationally, and what discussions are being had with stakeholders and states to address these barriers?</p> <p>c) Which offshore abattoirs have introduced CCTV in response to animal welfare abuses in those abattoirs? What consideration of CCTV in abattoirs within the ESCAS chain has been made? May I have the details please?</p> <p>What are the prospects for introducing such requirements in onshore and offshore facilities?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
198	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhiannon	AusAWAC	<p>1. The Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AusAWAC) represented a wide range of stakeholders with knowledge and expertise across key animal welfare issues. It advised the Minister for Agriculture and drove the implementation of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy.</p> <p>a) Given the importance of the AusAWAC's expertise and independence to producers, welfare advocates and expert advice to the Minister, what equivalent source of information and expert advice will replace the AusAWAC?</p> <p>b) May I have a list of the tasks and responsibilities the AusAWAC carried out, and where those tasks and responsibilities will be taken up in other agencies?</p>	Written	09/01/2014



				<p>c) What gaps in animal welfare processes and advice to the Minister have been identified as resulting from these changes?</p> <p>d) What concerns have been expressed about the disbanding of the AusAWAC and the freezing of funding for AAWS programs?</p> <p>e) The AusAWAC partnered and coordinated its efforts with a number of state agencies regarding domestic animal welfare issues. What processes or agency will pick up this national linkage role with specific regard to domestic animal welfare issues?</p> <p>2. May I have details of each of the projects that have been suspended as a result of the freeze on AAWS programs, including where those projects were up to, the aims, expected outcomes and value of each of those projects?</p> <p>Will those projects be funded in the future? When?</p>		
199	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Importation of eggs	What is a recent example of a risk assessment process - such as the importation of hatching eggs - and how was science used in that process?	Written	
200	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Abolishing the Australian Animals Welfare Advisory Committee	Can the Minister explain to the Committee the Government's decision to abolish the Australian Animals Welfare Advisory Committee?	Written	09/01/2014
201	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhiannon	Live export industry public image	<p>What projects or workshops has the Department or any of its agencies funded to help the live export industry improve its image and to address domestic public concerns about cruelty in the live export trade?</p> <p>May I have details of those projects, and funding amounts please?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
202	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Boswell	Importing bananas applications	Have there been any applications to import bananas into Australia?	Written	

203	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Sterle	Summer stone fruit	How many jobs would be affected if Australia's summer stone fruit growers were to shut their orchards down?	Written	09/01/2014
204	Biosecurity Plant Division	Senator Sterle	Stone Fruits	1. What is the attitude of Biosecurity Australia to the import of stone fruits? 2. How much stone fruit is imported each year?	Written	
205	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Lines	Duck industry levy	<p><b>Senator LINES:</b> Following on from the question that Senator Farrell had: you referred to the duck industry and that you were looking at a levy. Can you tell me what work you have done, how a levy would be applied and what the cost of that levy would be.</p> <p><b>Ms Plowman:</b> The duck industry is a more unusual industry, in that I think essentially some 90 per cent of its production is dominated by two processing firms. So the approach to a levy is a more challenging one. That is because they have a lot of contract growers. So the duck industry, as with any livestock industry who is wishing to put in a levy, needs to meet the levy guidelines and principles. What we have established, with the assistance of the levy unit in the Department of Agriculture, is the nature of that levy, how much it would actually cost to implement for the industry and whether there is actually a business case for that levy. Then it is a matter of assisting the duck industry in their consultations with their contract growers and producers about their willingness to commit to that. A levy is important because part of the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement is that each affected industry party must be able to show how it will meet the funding of that response.</p> <p><b>Senator LINES:</b> So what are the sorts of costs that might be impacted upon duck growers?</p> <p><b>Ms Plowman:</b> I would have to come back to you with the specific details around that.</p>	48	
206	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Biosecurity flying squad	1. The policy also proposes the establishment of the Biosecurity Flying Squad as a first response unit for urgent biosecurity issues. 2. Has the unit now been established? If not, when will it be established? a) If yes, how many people are in the flying squad?	Written	

				<p>3. Where did these people come from, what are their qualifications and level and are they new employees or simply employees transferred to these positions?</p> <p>4. Where is the squad located – or will be located?</p> <p>5. How will this squad operate?</p> <p>6. The title suggests it will be able to get to a quarantine breach quickly and get the situation under control – is that correct?</p> <p>7. If there was a plant disease outbreak in north Queensland how would this squad respond?</p> <p>8. What is the current response to such an outbreak across state and commonwealth agencies – how will the squad contribute.</p> <p>9. How will this Canberra based squad get to an outbreak quickly that a Queensland Departmental team based in Cairns?</p> <p>10. What is the annual cost of the flying squad?</p> <p>11. The policy says that the squad will travel overseas – what funding has been allocated for that purpose?</p> <p>12. The policy commits the government to strengthening biosecurity and quarantine containment, how will that be done and at what cost?</p> <p>13. The policy also commits the Government to focussing on import risk analysis and quarantine arrangements that better integrate science in quarantine decisions to minimise the risk of exotic pest and disease incursions.</p> <p>14. How much of the \$20 million will be spent on this commitment?</p>		
207	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Quarantine decisions	How is science currently integrated into quarantine decisions?	Written	
208	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	New system proposed by the Government	How will that change under the new system proposed by the Government?	Written	
209	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	IRA workload	<p>1. The policy commits the government to reviewing the IRA workload. How does the system work now – is it based on when an application is made by a country for access for a product.</p> <p>2. How will it work under this new system?</p>	Written	

210	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Import Risk Analysis process	The policy commits the Government to reconsider the Import risk Analysis process – what does that mean?	Written	
211	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Work undertaken by Animal Health Australia	Provide the committee with an update of the work being undertaken by Animal Health Australia?	Written	
212	Biosecurity Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Work being undertaken by Plant Health Australia	Provide the Committee with an update on work being undertaken by Plant Health Australia.	Written	
213	Border Compliance Division	Senator Rhiannon	Location of Enforcement and Investigation	<p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> The area that does investigations in the department does investigations that may lead to prosecutions.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> How many of these people are there, please?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Well, that is the 21 investigators.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So they are—</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> It is an area called Enforcement and Investigation, it is located in the Border Compliance Division and, on behalf of the department, it conducts work for quarantine, live animal exports and illegal logging.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take it on notice and tell us where they are located, please?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> I certainly can.</p>	35	
214	Border Compliance Division	Senator Sterle	Biosecurity risks	Explain how staffing reductions on frontline services will strengthen the Department's ability to manage biosecurity risks effectively.	Written	
215	Border Compliance Division	Senator Sterle	Reduction for 220 frontline services	Can the Minister Guarantee that reduction for 220 frontline services will not impact or jeopardise Australia's strong reputation of safe, clean food?	Written	

216	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	R&D levy collection	<p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> The levy collection service itself collects some \$23 million of levies, I think. That is for R&amp;D levies. That is from about 26 industries. Then there are probably another 10 or 15 industries that have statutory marketing levies.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is that per annum?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We will check on that figure. As Mr Lloyd said a moment ago, HAL does not collect the levies; the levies are collected through the department and passed back to HAL for their expenditure. But that figure sounds about right. If it is a different figure, we will advise the committee.</p>	22	09/01/2014
217	Finance and Business Support Division	Chair	Levy cost	<p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We certainly collect our costs. We take out costs of collection, as we do for all levy collections across all industries. It does vary, but we can provide that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Is it roughly five per cent? Ten per cent?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> I would not like to try my arm on that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> On notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I could give guidance there. It was a standard 1.5 per cent, but industry then wanted to go to individual cost recovery, and of course that was a difficult one for small industries because they ended up getting charged more.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you for that explanation, Mr Lloyd.</p>	23	
218	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Ludwig	Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	
219	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> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered?</p> <p>e) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>f) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>		
220	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Grants programs	<p>1. How many discretionary grants programs are managed by this portfolio?</p> <p>a) Can you provide us with a list of those programs please?</p> <p>2. In each case how are they administered? Who is the decision maker – I assume the minister – and I assume the minister’s decision is based on the advice of the department?</p> <p>3. In relation to each of these programs in there an industry advisory body – or some other form of advisory body – that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications?</p> <p>4. Were these bodies in place before the election – have there been any changes since the election?</p>	Written	
221	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Pause in the release of funding for grants	<p>1. Has there also been a pause in the release of funding for grants under these programs – if so, what are the details.</p> <p>a) What advice has been provided to stakeholders about the nature and purpose of the pause?</p> <p>b) Did this pause include grants that had been advertised but not yet finalised?</p> <p>c) Did this pause include grants where decisions had been finalised but recipients had not yet been notified</p> <p>d) If so, is there an indicative timeline as to when successful recipients of grants can expect to hear from the Government?</p> <p>e) Since the election has there been any change to these assessment processes and decision making arrangements.</p> <p>f) Where did the initiative to make these changes come from – was it from the department to the minister, from the minister, or his staff, to the department.</p> <p>g) Or did it come from the Prime Minister or his office via Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p>	Written	

				<p>2. Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause?</p> <p>3. Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program?</p> <p>a) If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions?</p> <p>4. How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted?</p> <p>a) What are the details?</p> <p>5. What was the process used to identify a grant or a program that would be excluded from the pause.</p> <p>6. Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause?</p> <p>7. In relation to exemptions what role did the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet play?</p> <p>8. Where did the initiative for an exemption for the pause come from in each case?</p>		
222	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Reduced funding and staffing	<p>How will the Government achieve the following outcomes with reduced funding and staffing: modernising and improving service delivery, invest in better systems, prioritising work, continuing to implement risk based interventions while reducing employee numbers. The Coalition policy states that the Government will strengthen Australia's biosecurity and quarantine capacities with an investment of an additional \$20 million in three areas.</p> <p>a) Can you confirm that funding commitment?</p>	Written	
223	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	FTE for the department	<p>1. What was the FTE staff establishment for the department – That is, what was the establishment as at the 2013/14 budget?</p> <p>2. Can you provide those FTE numbers by division?</p>	Written	
224	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Sterle	Staffing levels in each division	Can you also provide the actual staffing levels in each division?	Written	
225	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Ludwig	Coffee Machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of</p>	Written	

				<p>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?</p> <p>2. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>3. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>a) Who has access?</p> <p>b) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>c) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>4. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why 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?</p> <p>How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.</p> <p>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>		
226	Finance and Business Support	Senator Ludwig	Corporate Cars	1. How cars are owned by each department/agency?	Written	



	Division			2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?		
227	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Ludwig	Taxi Costs	1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	
228	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Ludwig	Hire Cars	1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	
229	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Ludwig	Electricity Purchasing	1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	
230	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 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.	Written	

231	Finance and Business Services 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 7 September 2013 to date?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol 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 7 September 2013 to date?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol 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 7 September 2013 to date?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol 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 7 September 2013 to date?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
232	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the financial year to date, please 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).</li> <li>2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>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 year from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>4. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>5. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>6. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>7. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>		
233	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>3. Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>	Written	

234	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</li> <li>2. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</li> <li>3. 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>4. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written	
235	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 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 7 September 2013 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 catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written	
236	Finance and Business Services	Senator Ludwig	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written	

	Division			<p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date.</p> <p>a) Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date.</p> <p>a) Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>a) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>		
237	Finance and Business Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Public Service Efficiencies	<p>1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and</p>	Written	

				<p>contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?</p> <p>5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>		
238	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo meat diseases	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take on notice and supply us with the tests that Russia and China require—for what diseases and what the actual tests are?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> We do not yet have a certificate agreed with China so I cannot respond to that question, but we can do it for Russia.</p>	50	09/01/2014
239	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo meat – extend the trade with China	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What is the current status of negotiations and lobbying to extend the trade with China, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> We are currently meeting with technical officials in China to progress some remaining points prior to hopefully commencing the trade into China.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What is the time line on your hopes to commence the trade?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> It is very difficult to foreshadow a time line with China but—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What are you working towards? What is the—</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> I would hope months. That would be my sense, but that is about as specific as I can be.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What amount of public funding has gone into</p>	50	09/01/2014

				supporting this process? <b>Mr Read:</b> I will have to take that on notice.		
240	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia – Involvement in consultation	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> As well as being consulted, are they part of the delegations to China to negotiate this? <b>Mr Read:</b> The Chinese meetings are government to government but they are thoroughly involved in the preparation for those meetings and post-meeting assessments. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I did just ask about the delegations, which can be taken as wider than just who goes to the meetings. Have representatives of that body accompanied delegations to China for these negotiations? <b>Mr Read:</b> They have not accompanied me but I will take it on notice and check whether they have been with other trade delegations.	50	09/01/2014
241	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia involvement in negotiations	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take on notice whether the government has paid for any of the KIAA involvement in these overseas delegations? <b>Mr Read:</b> Yes.	50-51	09/01/2014
242	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Zoonotic disease in kangaroos	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Has Russia or any other country raised concerns about zoonotic diseases that are known to be rife in kangaroo populations? <b>Mr Read:</b> No. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So are there any concerns raised about toxoplasmosis generally? <b>Mr Read:</b> Not to my recollection. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do you need to take that on notice so you can check? <b>Mr Read:</b> Sure.	51	09/01/2014
243	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo Industry Association of	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What is the involvement of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia with these negotiations? <b>Mr Read:</b> As before, they are consulted as part of those negotiations.	51	09/01/2014

			Australia – negotiations	<p>They are kept informed of the status of access into those markets.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Again, have they been part of delegations to those countries for these negotiations?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> I will take that on notice, to be absolutely sure.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take on notice whether they have participated and, if they have, how much that has cost.</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> Yes.</p>		
244	Food Division	Senator Farrell	Exportation of chicken product	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> How much chicken product are we exporting?</p> <p><b>Mr Read:</b> I do not have that with me but we will take it on notice.</p>	52	09/01/2014
245	Food Division	Senator Sterle	Chicken exports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Avian Influenza outbreak caused any markets to shut out chicken exports?</li> <li>2. We export very little chicken meat are there any other chicken related products?</li> <li>3. If so, what are the products and what are markets that are affected.</li> <li>4. When are these markets likely to reopen and what resources are being applied to get them opened?</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014
246	Food Division	Senator Sterle	Red tape affect in export certification	Explain the coalition's commitment to improve performance efficiency and reducing unnecessary red tape in export certification	Written	09/01/2014
247	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo Export Countries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide an update of the markets to which Australia imports kangaroo skins, and kangaroo meat for both human and pet consumption. Including quantities for each of the kangaroo products supplied to each country?</li> <li>2. Specifically, which countries import kangaroo meat as unidentified meat protein?</li> <li>3. What work is being undertaken to expand the trade in each country?</li> <li>4. What are the barriers to growing the trade in each country that have been identified? What action is being taken to overcome these barriers?</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014
248	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo Industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What tax concessions or other government support does the kangaroo industry receive at federal level, including representation</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014



			Support	<p>of the industry's interests by government officials or MPs to overseas Trade or Foreign Affairs delegates?</p> <p>2. Has the government funded any kangaroo industry representatives to join overseas delegations to open up or maintain export markets in the last 5 years? May I have details please?</p>		
249	Food Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroo meat for human consumption	<p>1. I've been previously advised in Senate Estimates that kangaroo meat for human consumption is not tested for food-borne pathogens like Salmonella spp or Toxoplasma gondii, both of which are zoonotic agents causing serious health risks in humans:</p> <p>a) Are countries importing kangaroo meat informed of these health risks? Particularly with reference to Toxoplasma gondii which is rife in kangaroo populations?</p> <p>b) Which countries importing kangaroo meat products request testing for these specific two zoonotic agents?</p> <p>c) Does Russia request such testing for either T.gondii or Salmonella sp? Has Russia ever raised concerns about these agents or diseases?</p> <p>d) Which importing countries have raised concerns about these zoonotic agents?</p> <p>2. With regards to each category of kangaroo food products exported, may I have a list of which specific food safety tests each importing country requires?</p> <p>3. With regards to food safety levels, please list the concerns or outcomes by each country in the last 10 years.</p> <p>a) May I have details of all instances where any country's Maximum Residue Limits have been breached</p> <p>What are the remaining barriers to opening up the trade for kangaroo products into China? What are the concerns raised?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
250	Food Division	Senator Sterle	Chinese accreditation	<p>1. Where is the process of Chinese accreditation of Australian meatworks and cold stores up to?</p> <p>2. How many facilities have been ticked off and how many are still seeking to get ticked off by the Chinese?</p> <p>3. Chilled beef exports into China were suspended some time ago. What was the basis for the suspension? What action has been taken to correct the problems that caused the suspension and when will that trade resume – if it has not already?</p>	Written	09/01/2014

251	Governance Division	Senator Siewert	Inspector-General review	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Have you got terms of reference for that review and are they public?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> I am not sure. I can check whether they are public.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I apologise if I have missed them. If they are public, tell me where to go to find them; if not, why and can we have them?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> We will get you that information.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You will come back with that later today?</p> <p><b>Ms Mellor:</b> Yes.</p>	15	
252	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What about ministerial staff?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Brien:</b> Ministerial staff are not on our organisation structure.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> But maybe your officers have been seconded to the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> This is under the current government—yes, we have had officers seconded to the office. In the initial establishment of the office, officers were seconded to the office.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> How many, Dr Grimes?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> I do not have the specific number in front of me, but there may be an officer here who has got that number. If not, we would certainly be able to get that number for you in a few minutes.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> And could you also provide us with the resources they are provided with.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> These staff who have been seconded to the minister's office were seconded there for just an initial period of time. So there is not necessarily a specific figure that they have been given as dedicated resources. They would operate within the overall budget of the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Please let us know the length of time they are expected to be in the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> Yes, we would be happy to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That would be very helpful. Please also find out</p>	7-8	

				<p>for us what travel has occurred to date.</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> We will provide as much information to you as possible. Some of that we may have to take on notice—to check travel records and so forth.</p>		
253	Governance Division	Senator Farrell	Inspector General of Biosecurity Bill	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Before we move on, I wonder whether the minister could answer the question as to whether the government intends on proceeding with the Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill.</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Can I take that on notice?</p>	69	
254	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The guest list of each function</li> <li>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</li> </ol>	Written	
255	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? 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 Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</li> </ol>	Written	
256	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p>	Written	

				<p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>		
257	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written	
258	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and</p>	Written	

				<p>members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>		
259	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Stationery	<p>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written	
260	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial Office security Classifications	<p>1. What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2. How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a) At what level?</p> <p>b) If not, why not?</p> <p>3. How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a) At what level?</p> <p>b) If not, why not</p>	Written	
261	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Ministerial Briefings	<p>1. Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister?</p> <p>2. In what form does that occur?</p> <p>3. On what basis it that provided?</p> <p>4. What title is this briefing given?</p>	Written	

262	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</li> <li>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>b) How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</li> <li>c) When were the changes made?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
263	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</li> <li>3. How have they been recruited?</li> <li>4. What process was used for their appointment?</li> <li>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</li> <li>6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</li> <li>7. 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.</li> </ol>	Written	

264	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	IIGB considered red tape	<p>1. Is biosecurity funding quarantined from the Commission of Audit?</p> <p>a) Does the department consider the IIGB to be red tape?</p> <p>2. Were those policies costed by the PBO, were those costing submitted to the department?</p>	Written	
265	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Departmental officer in the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary offices	<p>Have any departmental officers been seconded to the Minister's office or the office of the Parliamentary Secretary?</p> <p>a) If so, what are the details of those appointments and how were they made?</p> <p>b) Are they temporary or permanent?</p> <p>c) Who is paying for them – are they on the department's books or have them been engaged under the MOPS Act and are therefore on the minister's books?</p>	Written	
266	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Current allocation of ministerial staff	<p>What is the current allocation of ministerial staff, how many are seconded from the department? what resources are they provided? what travel has the minister done to date? what costs are associated with that travel? what mobile phone costs have been incurred by ministerial staff?</p>	Written	
267	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Charter Letter	<p>1. Has the Minister received a charter letter from the Prime Minister or is it expected that a charter letter will be received by the Minister?</p> <p>2. Can you detail the division of responsibilities between the Minister, assistant Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary (ies)?</p> <p>3. Are those arrangements finalised or could they change on receipt of a charter letter from the Prime Minister?</p> <p>4. Where are these arrangements recorded – where can we find them?</p>	Written	
268	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape cuts	<p>Can you provide detail how the government will cut the cost of red and green tape and by how much?</p>	Written	
269	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Reducing red tape	<p>Explain the Government's commitment to improve performance efficiency and reducing unnecessary red tape in export certification, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority chemical registration and the Live Export Supply Chain Assurance Scheme ESCAS</p>	Written	
270	Governance	Senator	Media	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press</p>	Written	

	Division	Ludwig	monitoring	<p>clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>		
271	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 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) 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)</p> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete</p>	Written	



				<p>package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>		
272	Governance 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>By Department or agency:</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 undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p>	Written	
273	Governance Division	Senator Ludwig	Media studios	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written	
274	Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape reductions impact on Plant Health Australia	How will the red and green tape reductions impact on the work of Plant Health Australia?	Written	
275	Governance Division/Interim	Senator Sterle	Inspector-General of	Does the Government intend on proceeding with Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill?	Written	

	Inspector General of Biosecurity		Biosecurity Bill			
276	Governance Division/Interim Inspector General of Biosecurity	Senator Sterle	Update of activities undertaken by IIGB	Can you update the committee on activities undertaken by the IIGB during 2012-13 including changes in service delivery resulting from the department's move towards a risk return approach to its investment in resources across its biosecurity responsibilities?	Written	
277	Information Services Division	Senator Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</li> <li>2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</li> <li>3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</li> <li>4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</li> </ol>	Written	
278	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Gallacher	Live animal export – Australian wide totals	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I am pleased that we have your chart here. What percentage of the total export do live animal exports represent? What is the percentage for the live versus the boxed?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> That would depend on the particular market that you were looking at. In some markets there will be a higher percentage of live</p>	41	09/01/2014

				<p>exports rather than boxed.</p> <p><b>Senator Abetz:</b> I think you are asking for Australia-wide totals.</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I can give a rough answer. It is roughly 700 million for live and about six billion for meat. I will confirm that and come back to you.</p>		
279	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Farrell	Indonesian quota	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> But the game has changed in boxes, hasn't it, in recent months?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> For the export of live cattle to Indonesia over the last year, as you would appreciate, Indonesia has historically had a quota system for live exports. For 2013, the quota for live cattle exports to Indonesia was 267,000 head of cattle. In October this year Indonesia announced new regulations for the export of cattle, which would move to a price based mechanism to determine exports. What I can advise the committee is that for the year to date, in 2013, feeder cattle exported to Indonesia is on the order of 217,000 cattle. And for the year to date, 2013, slaughter cattle exported to Indonesia is on the order of 20,000.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Is that a reduction or an increase on the previous year?</p> <p><b>Ms Irwin:</b> The Indonesian quota is partly driven by Indonesia's broader goal of self-sufficiency in agriculture. I would have to check the exact figure, but I think the quota for 2013 of 267,000 was slightly down from the 2014 quota. The move to the price based mechanism is potentially a way for Indonesia to better meet domestic demand for beef supplies. And the anticipation is that it may allow more exports from Australia over coming months.</p>	37	09/01/2014
280	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Xenophon	Bahrain MOUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you advise of the current progress of negotiations with Bahrain in regard to a new MOU and thus when exports may be expected to again be permitted to Bahrain?</li> <li>2. How does this new animal health protocol differ from the previous arrangements - given that scabby mouth was already <b>not a notifiable</b> disease in relation to exports to Bahrain - however scabby mouth was last year used by Bahrain as an excuse to not offload Australian sheep?</li> <li>3. How does the new MOU provide any greater surety than the</li> </ol>	Written	26/11/13

				<p>previous MOU with Bahrain in relation to the offloading of animals within 36 hours even where there is a suspected disease or other dispute?</p> <p>4. Why does the Department believe it is now safe to export sheep (or other animals) to Bahrain? What has altered that would give the public any confidence that a similar rejection may not occur?</p>		
281	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Proposal to buy 100 000 head of cattle	In May, then-Senator Joyce expressed support for a proposal for the fed government to buy 100,000 head of cattle at a guaranteed minimum price (\$150 million). What work has the department done given the Minister's support? has a brief been supplied?	Written	
282	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	ESCAS System	Are there any plans to review, refine or change the ESCAS system? In what way was the Inspector-General of Animal Welfare considered red tape? did the department provide advice before it was cut? Is ESCAS exempt from the commission of audit?	Written	
283	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Independent audit of ESCAS	Has there been a third party independent audit of ESCAS? If not, are there plans for a third party independent audit of ESCAS? Is this a priority for the government?	Written	
284	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	100 000 head of cattle	In May, then-Senator Joyce expressed support for a proposal for the fed government to buy 100,000 head of cattle at a guaranteed minimum price (\$150 million). What work has the department done given the Minister's support?	Written	
285	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. May I please have an update on where implementation of the Farmer Review and the Review of Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) is up to?</li> <li>2. When is the reporting date?</li> <li>3. What funding has been allocated for implementation of both the Farmer Review and the ASEL review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What has been spent to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Have the amounts originally allocated changed, or are expected to change, and if so how?</li> </ol>	Written	
286	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Scrap plans to establish an	1. Can the Minister explain his decision to scrap plans to establish an Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports?	Written	09/01/2014

			Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports	2. Does the Minister see these actions as threatening public confidence in the live exports system?		
287	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Live exports systems	Does the Government believe it must do everything it can to protect the integrity of our live exports system, in the interest of farmers, exporters and the welfare of animals.	Written	
288	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Self-regulation for the live animal exports industry	Does the Minister plan on moving to industry self-regulation for the live animal exports industry?	Written	
289	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Chinese interested in live cattle	<p>There were reports in the press recently that the Chinese were interested in importing live cattle from Western Australia. This followed a visit by the Western Australian Premier to China. I understand that there was an agreement between the Western Australian Government and one of the provincial governments in China to undertake a feasibility study into the viability of developing the live trade.</p> <p>a) Has this department been involved in any discussions with WA officials of Chinese officials about the live trade generally or this feasibility study in particular?</p>	Written	
290	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Live Animal Exports	What is your view about the causes of the decreases in quota in previous years, noting into self-sufficiency?	Written	09/01/2014
291	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Live exports consultations	<p>1. According to DoA's 2012-13 Annual Report, the Live Animal Exports Division established in November 2012 consults broadly with Australian governments, industry representatives and animal welfare groups.</p> <p>a) May I have details of which animal welfare groups were consulted by the division and about what specifically?</p> <p>b) What is the current membership on the relevant consultation committee?</p> <p>c) What is the process of determining membership?</p>	Written	

				2. Which members represent animal welfare interests, and what is the process to ensure animal welfare organisations and specialists are consulted ?		
292	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	ESCAS Breaches	<p>1. Out of the 22 official complaints of alleged ESCAS breaches, how many have resulted in penalties imposed on the exporter?</p> <p>a) What accountability and deterrence measures are available to impose on exporters?</p> <p>b) What such penalties have been imposed on which exporters?</p> <p>2. May I have an update of what in-country partnership processes or programs that enhance welfare of animals overseas are being developed in each country to which we export livestock?</p> <p>3. How much Australian funding is being provided to each of these projects, and from which budget?</p> <p>4. According to DoA's 2012-13 Annual Report, the Live Animal Exports Division consults broadly with Australian governments, industry representatives and animal welfare groups. Which animal welfare groups are or have been consulted by the division? May I have a current list of which industry and animal welfare representatives sit on the consultation committee?</p>	Written	
293	Live Animal Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Burden for farmers	Did the department draft the media release for former Agriculture Minister Fitzgibbon that said the inspector-general would "not create additional red tape or regulatory burden for farmers or the broader industry?"	Written	Senator
294	Live Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Funding for the inspector-general	What work had the department done to progress the announcement for the inspector-general prior to the start of caretaker? Was funding allocated? had drafting work begun?	Written	
295	Office of the Chief Lawyer	Senator Ludwig	FOI request on incoming government brief	<p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> There are FOI requests that are currently under consideration in relation to that.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> And they have not been finalised?</p> <p><b>Dr Grimes:</b> To the best of my knowledge they have not been finalised, but there are decisions that are pending. If there is any</p>	9	

				update to that we will provide it to you tomorrow.		
296	Office of the Chief Lawyer	Senator Ludwig	Freedom of Information requests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests?</li> <li>2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, when?</li> <li>b) If so, how does this occur?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, which departments or agencies?</li> <li>b) If so, when?</li> <li>c) If so, how does this occur?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, when?</li> <li>b) If so, how does this occur?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, which departments or agencies?</li> <li>b) If so, when?</li> <li>c) If so, how does this occur?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
297	Office of the Chief Lawyer	Senator Ludwig	Resources for Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</li> <li>2. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</li> <li>3. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</li> <li>4. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>a) If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>5. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>6. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>7. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p>		
298	Office of the Chief Lawyer	Senator Ludwig	Training for Freedom of Information decision makers with the department	<p>What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d) What did the training involve?</p> <p>e) How long was the training?</p> <p>f) By whom was the training conducted?</p>	Written	
299	Office of the Chief Lawyer	Senator Ludwig	Training for Freedom of Information decision makers within the Minister's Office	<p>What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p>	Written	



				b) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d) What did the training involve? e) How long was the training? f) By whom was the training conducted?		
300	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Ludwig	Staffing reductions	1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.	Written	
301	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	1. How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	

302	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Organisation Chart on website	Can you confirm that the organisational chart on your website is up to date and reflects the current structure of the department? If there have been changes since the election can you detail exactly what those changes are?	Written	
303	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Fixed term contracts	I am also interested in the number of staff that are employed on fixed term contracts or are employed on a temporary basis?	Written	
304	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Appointments to the department	Have there been any appointments to the department since the election? a) Who was appointed? what position were they appointed? what was the process followed and are they permanent or fixed term appointments?	Written	
305	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Reduction of reducing staff numbers	Does the Department have a target reduction number for reducing staff numbers in addition to the 220 VRs? a) Is that target based on actual staff numbers or is it based on a savings target?	Written	
306	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Governments job cuts target	What are the mechanisms this department will employ to meet the Government's job cuts target? a) Will the target be met through voluntary redundancies or will there be some compulsory redundancies as well – if so how many job cuts will come via compulsory redundancies? b) Has this department offered any packages to staff as a means of achieving the job cuts target?	Written	
307	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Information provided to staff affected by VRs	1. Can you provide detail of the information provided by the People Services Branch Transition team to affected staff regarding VRs? 2. Have staff been given support and employment options information about who will be offered VRs and how the process will be conducted in addition to the email sent on Friday 8 November 2013 by Dr Paul Grimes?	Written	
308	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Sterle	Forced redundancies	If there aren't sufficient EOI for VRs will the department undertake forced redundancies.	Written	

309	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Ludwig	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>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)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	
310	People and Service Delivery Division	Senator Ludwig	Staffing cessations	<p>1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	

				2. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?		
311	Post Entry Quarantine Division	Senator Sterle	Work being undertaken on the new post entry quarantine facility	Can you provide an update to the committee on the work being undertaken on the new post entry quarantine facility for high risk plant and animal imports?	Written	
312	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Farrell	Caring for our Country Innovation grant recipients	<p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Mr Tucker, can I go back to some of the questions you were answering for Senator Siewert. You talked about a figure of \$17 million. Do I take it that that would have been under the discretionary grants program?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Some of those, yes, were discretionary grants. They had been out for proposals to come in. They had come in but just the timing of it around the election meant that they were not completed—</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> When you say not completed, contracts weren't signed—</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> Contracts were not signed.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> but offers had been made to—</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> For some.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Yes, okay. How many of the \$17 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Barbour:</b> Thirty-one.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thirty-one projects. Are you able to identify those projects for us?</p> <p><b>Mr Tucker:</b> We would have to take it on notice. I don't think we would have the list of every project here this evening.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Nobody here has got the list of all of those projects?</p> <p><b>Ms Barbour:</b> Not with us this evening, sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Not with us. How quickly can you get us that</p>	122	09/01/2014

				list of 31 projects? <b>Ms Barbour:</b> We can provide it tomorrow? <b>Senator FARRELL:</b> Thank you.		
313	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Chair	Grant programs administration costs	<b>CHAIR:</b> So the grant program does not get rated by the bureaucracy? <b>Ms Green:</b> Okay, I may have misunderstood that. The 10 per cent that I was talking about was actually for the applicant and their project— <b>CHAIR:</b> So where does the bureaucracy feed itself from—that administers all this? <b>Senator Abetz:</b> From its departmental allocation. <b>CHAIR:</b> Just from its departmental allocation—nothing to do with the grant system? <b>Dr Grimes:</b> There have been some allocations out of administered funding for years, but they have been— <b>CHAIR:</b> Could you take that on notice? <b>Dr Grimes:</b> We could take it on notice. They are actually fixed amounts. There is not just a general bucket there that departments can dip into.	124	09/01/2014
314	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Edwards	Feral camels	<b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> What a hospital pass you have logged. How do you know that is right given that you have been so wildly and spectacularly wrong on these numbers for 4½ years. Can you tell me that we have extinguished 160,000 camels out of the centre of Australia? <b>Mr Talbot:</b> I will have to take that on notice as to how good the techniques are that they have used.	127	
315	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Edwards	Feral camels	<b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> Dr Grimes, you have inherited this as well. I get it: it all happened on a different watch. Are you likely to launch an investigation into the practices of this campaign using \$16.6 million worth of taxpayers' money and we have no idea? <b>Dr Grimes:</b> As a first step, the processes that Mr Talbot indicated still are to occur—that is, the reporting of the provider. I think the appropriate thing is to allow that to play itself out first. <b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> But you would be cross, Dr Grimes. This is not representing that well. <b>CHAIR:</b> Obviously you have got some work to do on camels. Do they	127	

				<p>get so much a head?</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> It worked out to be \$104 a head if you divide \$16.6 million by 160,000.</p> <p><b>Mr Talbot:</b> With commercial removal, I have got here in my notes, around \$40 per head.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So they do not have to provide you with a scalp or a tail like a fox?</p> <p><b>Mr Talbot:</b> With non-commercial removal it is around \$25 to \$40 per head depending on size.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> But how do they confirm to you, 'I went out and shot 300 camels'?</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> I think I just asked that question.</p> <p><b>Mr Talbot:</b> I will provide further information on notice.</p>		
316	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Rhiannon	Australian camel feral management project	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you for the new figure, but the question was that you have a company that makes an estimation on the numbers, and then the contract is awarded on the basis of that figure to the very company that has made the estimation.</p> <p><b>Mr Talbot:</b> I would have to take that on notice, because I do not know the exact details of how the contract was originally negotiated.</p>	127	09/01/2014
317	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Rhiannon	Ngaanyatjarra camel company	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Okay, if you could take it on notice, thank you. Were you aware of any warnings made by organisations such as the Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company about the overstating of the feral camel problem?</p> <p><b>Mr Talbot:</b> I would have to take that on notice, because I would really have to check with other departmental officers. I am certainly not aware.</p>	127	09/01/2014
318	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Rhiannon	Feral camels	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take on notice whether any organisations, including the one that I have mentioned, raised concerns about an overstating of the figures. Mr Tucker, you made an earlier comment that these figures were not an estimate by the government, but surely you agree that the whole basis of this program is you accepting those figures from the Australian Feral Camel Management Project. So you may not have made the estimations but you have</p>	128	

				accepted the figures as the premise for going ahead with this work. <b>Dr Grimes:</b> Again, I think we are now going into levels of detail that it would probably be best for us to take on notice.		
319	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Rhiannon	Overstating of the feral camel problem	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I heard you say that the costs were about \$40 a head, and for the non-commercial I think you said they were \$25 to \$40 a head. I would have to revise that, because I have the final cost here as \$15 million for the culling of 140,000 camels. That comes in at \$103 per camel. So isn't the figure of \$40 a head that you are giving based on the inflated figure of the number of camels to be culled, not the actual number that were culled? <b>Mr Talbot:</b> I will have to take that on notice in terms of doing the maths. Also, I have a subnote here that, where there were very small culls, it could be up to \$120 per head. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> That is even higher than my figure. <b>Mr Talbot:</b> So I will take that away and do the maths on that.	128	09/01/2014
320	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Heffernan	Caring For Our Country Grant – between Bathurst and Mudgee	<b>CHAIR:</b> I ran into the guy who made the assessment. He said it would cost \$400,000, I think it was, just to spray the blackberries. And we locked the bloody joint up to save 200 acres of gummy grass country for \$890,000 or whatever it was. It was a con, and someone should go to jail. Can you take it on, because you share the responsibility— <b>Mr Tucker:</b> We will check with Environment. <b>CHAIR:</b> Can you check with them and come back to this committee with what has happened to that investigation? I want to see every word of it. <b>Dr Grimes:</b> We would be happy to forward that to Environment.	128	09/01/2014
321	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Chair	Caring for Our Country grant and R.M Williams property	<b>CHAIR:</b> Also, what eventually happened to the millions of dollars we spent on the R. M. Williams property in Central Australia? <b>Dr Grimes:</b> Again, that is a matter for the environment department. <b>CHAIR:</b> But it is the same sort of money. You might also get the details for me and save me yelling at everyone. <b>Dr Grimes:</b> Okay; we will pass that on.	129	09/01/2014
322	Sustainable Resource	Senator Siewert	Drought Relief Program	What specifically will the recently announced Drought Relief project fund? How many bores does this project plan to construct?	Written	

	Management Division			<p>What proportion of drought affected farmers in Queensland and NSW will this Drought Relief project support?</p> <p>Who will be doing the Drought Relief project implementation and assessment of applications?</p> <p>Is the Drought Relief project intending to pay for associated infrastructure (ie pipes, pumps and troughs)?</p> <p>What level of co-investment is required from landholders?</p> <p>What public benefits are being sought for this Drought Relief project investment and how will these public benefits be measured?</p>		
323	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Siewert	Regional Group Funding	<p>Does the Federal Government intend to provide funding to the new NSW Local Land Services as part of the regional allocation from July onwards this year? Has a contract been signed? Is it at the same level as the 1 year contract issued to NSW CMAs as part of the transition? Will this include as in all the other regional allocations, funding for Regional Landcare Facilitators?</p>	Written	
324	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Siewert	Drought relief funding	<p>Why was it considered appropriate to use funds allocated to important NRM and agricultural productivity and sustainability to fund this drought relief program?</p>	Written	
325	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Siewert	Funding for Queensland and NSW water infrastructure grants	<p>From where specifically is the funding for the newly announced Queensland and NSW water infrastructure grants coming from?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
326	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Siewert	Innovation in Agriculture grant round	<p>Some organisations in the Innovation in Agriculture grant round have received letters indicating grant success, but no contracts yet. Do you intend to follow through with projects approved but not-yet-contracted under grant rounds managed under the previous government?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
327	Sustainable Resource Management	Senator Siewert	Caring for our Country	<p>Are there any other plans to reduce the size of existing allocations for the Caring for our Country program or redirect funds to other non-</p>	Written	09/01/2014



	Division			NRM related projects or 'NRM' projects that were not intended to be resourced from this pool? Is the Caring for our Country program subject to recommendations from the Commission of Audit given that there was an election commitment to maintain the current funding levels?		
328	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Merging Caring for our Country and Landcare	Can you update the committee on the decision process for merging Caring for our Country and Landcare Programs?	Written	09/01/2014
329	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	National Landcare Program	Can you provide further information about the National Landcare Programme?	Written	
330	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Pre-election grants	Can you update the committee on pre-election grants that were announced and approved and whether they will be honored even if the contracts weren't signed off on?	Written	09/01/2014
331	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Advisory committees or programs be cut	Will any advisory committees or programs within this division be cut by the government?	Written	09/01/2014
332	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Impact to division on red and green tape cuts	How will the government's plan to cut red and green tape impact on this division?	Written	
333	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Red and green tape cuts for fisheries sector	How will the Government cut the cost of red and green tape for businesses in the fisheries sector?	Written	09/01/2014
334	Sustainable Resource	Senator Sterle	Update on Recreational	Can you provide the committee with an update on the establishment of the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee?	Written	09/01/2014

	Management Division		Fishing Advisory Committee			
335	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Contact with Mr Allan Hansard	Has the Department contacted Mr Allan Hansard to discuss this matter?	Written	09/01/2014
336	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Secretary briefed on investigations of AFMA	<p>1. Has the secretary been briefed on the department's investigation of AFMA conducted at the end of last year and completed in the beginning of this year?</p> <p>2. Are there any plans to review AFMA in the future?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
337	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Landcare	Can the Minister explain how Landcare will be “back at the centre of our land management programs” (statement made by Environment Minister Hunt) when its budget is being raided?	Written	
338	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Projects	What sort of projects will not go ahead because of this cut?	Written	09/01/2014
339	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Governments commitments to policies	<p>Can you provide the committee with detail about the governments commitments in this policy area and what has been done or will be done to implement the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Marine Bioregional Planning Process</li> <li>b) Review and Streamline Regulations</li> <li>c) Australia’s Seafood Task – National Aquaculture Strategy</li> <li>d) Improve Engagement with Indigenous Communities</li> <li>e) Improve the Connection between Science and fishing</li> <li>f) Reinvigorate a Representative Body for Recreational Fishers</li> <li>g) Conduct Recreation Fishing surveys every five years</li> <li>h) Recognise Ocean Watch as a Natural Resource Management Group</li> </ul>	Written	09/01/2014

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Target Invasive Marine Species</li> <li>j) Assist Commercial and Recreational Organisations Adapt to National Maritime Safety Standards</li> <li>k) Work to develop Sustainable Mechanisms for Strong Representative Recreational and Commercial Fishing Bodies</li> <li>l) Commit to Fighting Illegal Foreign Fishing</li> </ul>		
340	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Stereo-video monitoring system for Southern Blue Fin Tuna industry	<p>What is the current status of the stereo-video monitoring system for the Southern Blue Fin Tuna industry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If it has been cut, who made the decision to scrap stereo-video monitoring?</li> <li>b) Did the Minister or Parl Sec speak to Japan or any other member of the CCSBT before making that decision?</li> <li>c) What was the reaction of the Japanese or other members of that commission?</li> <li>d) What interactions or briefings has AFMA provided to the minister or Parl sec on making that decision?</li> <li>e) What was the cost for stereo video monitoring to date? What cost would it have required to complete the job? Could this have ben cost recovered from industry?</li> <li>f) What representations did industry make to the Parl sec or minister before the decision to scrap stereo-video monitoring?</li> <li>g) Could the government have used part of its \$100m boost to R&amp;D funding to provide support for the industry to adjust to the monitoring?</li> </ul>	Written	09/01/2014
341	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Briefing to the minister or Parl sec regarding southern blue fin tuna quota	Have you briefed the minister or Parl sec on the incorporation of the recreational catch into the southern blue fin tuna quota?	Written	09/01/2014
342	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel reviewed AFMA	Has the Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel reviewed any AFMA decisions recently? If so, what?	Written	09/01/2014

			decisions			
343	Sustainable Resource Management Division	Senator Sterle	Sea fish or Sea fish pelagic discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has AFMA spoken to intends to speak to the company Sea Fish or Sea Fish pelagic since the last estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is so, can you provide details</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Was the Parl sec or minister briefed on this?</li> <li>3. Has the Parliamentary secretary or Minister spoken to or intends to speak to the company Sea Fish or Sea Fish pelagic? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide details</li> <li>b) Can you provide the meeting brief</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014
344	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Southern Ocean surveillance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What co-operation has AFMA undertaken with New Zealand in regards to surveillance and enforcement of IUU activities in the Southern Ocean?</li> <li>2. What co-operation has AFMA undertaken with France in regards to surveillance and enforcement of IUU activities in the Southern Ocean?</li> <li>3. What multi-lateral co-operation has AFMA undertaken in regards to surveillance and enforcement of IUU activities in the Southern Ocean?</li> <li>4. What international cooperation is planned for the upcoming Summer in regards to surveillance and enforcement of IUU activities in the Southern Ocean?</li> <li>5. What surveillance activity has AFMA carried out in the Southern Ocean over the current and immediately previous financial year?</li> <li>6. How many days surveillance did the Ocean Protector carry out in the Southern Ocean for the 2012-13 financial year?</li> <li>7. When does the ADV Ocean Shield become available for Southern Ocean surveillance efforts?</li> <li>8. What is the AFMA total budget for Southern Ocean surveillance for</li> </ol>	<p>Written</p> <p>Questions 7, 10, 12,14 and 15 have been transferred to Department of Customs and Border Protection.</p>	09/01/2014

				<p>the 2012-13 financial year?</p> <p>9. How many staff does AFMA have working on Southern Ocean surveillance and enforcement?</p> <p>10. What level of reimbursement did AFMA or the Australian government provide the French Government for surveillance carried out on the Australian government's behalf in the Southern Ocean?</p> <p>11. What treaties or agreements does Australia have with other nations in regards to Southern Ocean surveillance and enforcement of fisheries activities?</p> <p>12. When will the Ocean Protector begin its surveillance activities in the Southern Ocean over the coming Summer?</p> <p>13. What and how many IUU activities has Australia detected in the Southern Ocean for each of the last five financial years?</p> <p>14. What and how many IUU activities have other National Government's informed us about IUU in our Southern Ocean territorial waters or EEZs for each of the past 5 financial years?</p> <p>15. What cooperation is planned between Australian Customs, the Australian Defence Force and AFMA in regards to ongoing surveillance in the Southern Ocean?</p>		
345	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Whish-Wilson	Patagonian toothfish	How many tonnes of Patagonian toothfish been harvested from Australian fisheries from each of the last 5 financial years?	Written	09/01/2014
346	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Whish-Wilson	Antarctic krill fisheries	What studies have AFMA undertaken into the sustainability of the Antarctic Krill fisheries?	Written	09/01/2014

347	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Reporting to parliamentary secretary or the minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you report to the parliamentary secretary or to the Minister?</li> <li>2. How do you brief the Parl sec or Minister?</li> <li>3. Do your briefings go through the department to direct to the Parliamentary secretary or Minister?</li> </ol>	Written	
348	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Next review of fees and levies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When is the next review of fees and levies due?</li> <li>2. What consultation has AFMA conducted on the next review of fees and charges?</li> <li>3. Has the Parliamentary secretary or Minister been briefed on those changes?</li> <li>4. Will those fees and charges changes ultimately be required to be signed by the Parliamentary secretary or Minister?</li> </ol>	Written	
349	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Changes to small pelagic fishery total	Has there been any change to the small pelagic fishery total allowable catch? How does this differ to the TAC of 12 months ago?	Written	
350	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Commission of audit	What information has AFMA provided to the department for the commission of audit?	Written	
351	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management	Senator Sterle	Location of AFMA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current status of the property rented by AFMA?</li> <li>2. What is the annual rent paid by AFMA?</li> <li>3. What considerations have been made to consolidate the property owned or rented by AFMA?</li> </ol>	Written	09/01/2014

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352	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	CEO travel	<p>1. What travel has the CEO of AFMA conducted in the past twelve months?</p> <p>a) What overseas travel has the CEO of AFMA conducted in the past twelve months?</p> <p>b) What was the cost of this travel?</p>	Written	09/01/2014
353	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Functions to the department	Has AFMA considered allowing or incorporating its 'back-end' or secretariat functions into the department?	Written	09/01/2014
354	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Speak to industry about domestic fishing industry	Does AFMA encourage or speak to industry about supporting the expansion of the domestic fishing industry?	Written	09/01/2014
355	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Status of sea lion interactions	What is the current status of sea lion interactions in the gillnet sector of the Southern and Eastern Scale fish and Shark Fishery?	Written	09/01/2014

356	Sustainable Resource Management Division/Landcare Australia Limited	Senator Siewert	National Landcare network program	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, thank you. I want to ask around whether you were consulted at all about the announcement that they were going to join together the various programs to now have the National Landcare Network program?</p> <p><b>Ms Jakszewicz:</b> I might need to take that on notice, only because I have only been in the role for about six months. I cannot say that we would have been consulted <i>per se</i>. We may have contributed to some discussions, but I am not sure whether our approval was asked for.</p>	91	09/01/2014
357	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Update on work undertaken on the Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Forum	Can you provide the committee with an update on any work undertaken on the Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Forum post 7 September 2013?	Written	09/01/2014
358	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	USA seek access for a product	If the USA seeks access for a product is it possible that the Australian government will determine that that application goes to the back of the queue? What are the trade consequences of such an approach?	Written	09/01/2014
359	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Overseas agricultural specialists	<p>1. How many overseas agricultural specialists does the department currently employ?</p> <p>a) For how long is that funding committed?</p> <p>b) What markets are they deployed in</p>	Written	
360	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Departmental staff living in key markets affected by staff reductions	Will departmental staff living in key markets be affected by the Government staff reductions or stop on recruitment?	Written	
361	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Australia-Indonesia working group	<p>1. Has the Minister been briefed on the Australia-Indonesia Working Group on Agriculture, Food and Forestry?</p> <p>2. When is the next Australia – Indonesia Ministerial Forum? Will the</p>	Written	09/01/2014



				Minister be attending? 3. What o/s travel has The Minister done to support the trade? What travel will he do? What ambassadors has he spoken too?		
362	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Work program relating to market access matters	1. Can you take the committee through your current work program on matters relating to market access matters? 2. Which are the key markets you are focussing on and in each case what are the matters you are seeking to resolve?	Written	09/01/2014
363	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	MOU with China	I understand there is a MOU being negotiated with China. Can you take the committee through the detail of that MOU? Once agreed what will the MOU mean for access to this important market?	Written	09/01/2014