

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015, Thursday 20 November 2014
Agriculture Portfolio

Senate No	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written question	Date received
1	ABARES	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _ 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Lease list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or 	Written	

				<p>similar body.</p> <p>9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>		
2	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Cameron	Staff reductions in Climate Change policy area	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have there been any reductions in staff in the climate area?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: The relevant officers may be able to assist you. I do not have any figures with me on that at the moment, but we may be able to provide you with figures.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I can give you the reductions in relation to that particular division, which, as the secretary has pointed out, was Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division. We will just have to take on notice whether there have been specific changes in relation to the climate change policy.</p>	48 20.11.14	
3	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Leyonhjelm	Cost of the Illegal logging prohibition Act regulation	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Do you have an estimate of the cost to the industry of implementing the regulations?</p> <p>Mr Padovan: I do not have that at hand. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	105 20.11.14	
4	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Leyonhjelm	Contribution going back directly to WWF	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: In the countries that only use FSC, I suspect a small importer would have no option but to use those certification schemes, given they would have difficulty investigating the supply chain independently. So they would inevitably be contributing to WWF's coffers, would they?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: FSC international is a separate arm, and I do not know whether or not</p>	109 20.11.14	

				<p>there is a contribution going back directly to WWF as such. I would have to take that on notice, but I do not think that is necessarily the case. Certainly, WWF and a number of other environmental groups promote FSC as a system, but it is the supply chain that has the certification for the legality, and it might not be an importer that has that certification burden. The importer might be purchasing FSC-certified product out of a country. So it might be a business in the country that has decided to have the certification process applied. It is not necessarily that the importer needs to have the certification. It is about buying a product that has that certification attached to it.</p>		
5	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Farm household allowance	<p>Senator STERLE: Thanks. Is it true that farmers can only apply for the Farm Household Allowance online?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: No, that is incorrect. There is also a PDF of the form available on the website that they can print out, fill in and then send in. I understand Centrelink offices can also post the form to them for them to fill in and send back. It is whichever is most convenient.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Is it true that farmers that were originally accessing the Interim Farm Household Allowance were required to reapply for the Farm Household Allowance and that, through this process, farmers were required to provide further information?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Yes, you are correct. There was a requirement that people who had already applied for the Interim Farm Household Allowance also apply for the legislated Farm Household Allowance that is now in place. The</p>	110 20.11.14	

				<p>major reason behind that is the fact that the Farm Household Allowance is a legislated scheme. It provides assistance on the basis of, for example, each member of a couple rather than to a farm family as a whole. The Interim Farm Household Allowance, on the other hand, was an executive scheme that was introduced early by the government in recognition of the difficult circumstances. Although many of the conditions are the same, there is a significant difference in the background.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: How many of them had to go through that process?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: I would have to take on notice the exact number.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Yes, please. And can you do it by state?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Yes, sure.</p>		
6	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Farm household allowance application form	<p>Senator STERLE: I was going to say, if there was a drama doing it online then there would be a drama downloading a PDF. We know a lot of people do not have access to that sort of stuff. But they can contact their local Centrelink and get a hard copy—</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Sent to them. That is correct.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Do we know how many did that?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: No, I do not have that.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Take it on notice.</p>	110 20.11.14	
7	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Processing times	<p>Senator STERLE: Okay. So they are still waiting. They have not been forgotten or anything?</p> <p>Mr Padovan: Most certainly not.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You will get to it</p>	111 20.11.14	

				<p>eventually, but how long will it take to get to them? I know it is coming up to Christmas, and these poor buggers are obviously stressing out—am I allowed to say 'bugger'? I'm not, am I?</p> <p>CHAIR: It is not good language.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Poor devils!</p> <p>Mr Padovan: We do not have details at hand of average processing times.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Okay, but can you give me any light on the hill? Are you going to get to them before Christmas?</p> <p>Mr Padovan: My recollection is that the average processing time is within 30 days. I cannot recall the percentage processed.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Just to add to that, I think that might be something that is better directed to the Department of Human Services. They are the ones that have the responsibility for this.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Sure.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: We can ask them that and get back to you.</p>		
8	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	RBDC	<p>Senator STERLE: What is RBDC?</p> <p>Ms Willock: I will have to look up what the acronym means. They are our delivery agent. Certainly the Western Australian government has been quite active in talking to their constituents. There have been a number of media releases. We also provide funding for communications activities which are generally in the form of ads in the regional and metropolitan newspapers.</p>	113 20.11.14	

9	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Drought package	<p>Senator STERLE: So we have had three parts to the funding?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: How long have they been available for and starting from when?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: The funding was announced in February—I would have to take on notice the exact date that that came online.</p>	113 20.11.14	
10	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Drought package	<p>Senator STERLE: Right. So it has been going since February and some more extra money has been thrown in. So how much money is left? Do we know how much has spent so far?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: I would have to take that on notice, Senator, but I know that the departments involved with the additional funding that has been announced will be in a position to continue that enhanced support until the end of the financial year.</p>	114 20.11.14	
11	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	Forest Industry Advisory Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This effectively replaces the Forest and Wood Products Council (FWPC) as per its role as outlined in the <i>Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002 s11</i> (see subsection 11 of the Act)? 2. There is no representation from Queensland or South Australia on the FIAC? 3. Is the Department or Government aware of any concerns about this? 4. Has there been any other stakeholder concern or feedback received by the Government about the Council or that the Government is aware about? 5. The Council has met only once this year? 	Written	

				<p>6. Was the Minister (Minister Joyce) in attendance at the first meeting of the Council, given the Act says that the Minister is the Chair of the FWPC?</p> <p>7. The Council will meet twice this year so will meet again, given the Act says the FWPC will meet twice every year?</p> <p>8. Will changes to the arrangement for example the Council not being Chaired by the Minister (but rather the Parl.Sec if this is indeed the case) and the Forest Industry Advisory Council replacing the FWPC be confirmed through a Government amendment to the Act?</p> <p>a. If not why not?</p> <p>b. If not, is the Government in compliance with the act?</p>		
12	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>1. Are you aware of the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) Media release of the 18/11/14 on the CHafta which stated the main exports to China were currently Roundwood (\$251 million), Waste Paper (\$151 million) and woodchips (\$150 million) whereas the main imports were over a billion dollars in value and included paper and paperboard, panels and transformed wood products? If not are these figures consistent with your understanding of the two way trade?</p> <p>2. The current trade arrangement currently appears to be that Australia provides raw materials and China provides value added</p>	Written	

				<p>manufactured products- will the FTA exacerbate this, resulting in an even more significant trade deficit for Australia?</p> <p>3. Is there any modelling on the impact on this?</p>		
13	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>Just on the exports of roundwood (or whole logs), this increased dramatically from New Zealand after the New Zealand China FTA- and there were significant occupation health and safety ramifications with a sharp increase in fatalities, if there is a dramatic increase in economic activity in terms of raw material export from Australia due to trade agreements/and or pulp log plantations coming on stream resulting in increased harvesting, is the Government prepared to mitigate the risk of increases in fatalities by learning what happened in New Zealand through appropriate training and skills development?</p>	Written	
14	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>On the imports the AFPA release states that what is needed is continued support for an effective and internationally compliant antidumping and countervailing system to guard against unfair competition.... have paper and paper board, panels (or other engineered wood products) and transformed wood products (like furniture) been subject to Anti-Dumping investigations in the last decade in Australia?</p>	Written	

15	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	Is the Department aware if Anti-Dumping and or countervailing duties for the above products exported from China are subject to any investigation or currently attract duties in other countries, for example the USA?	Written	
16	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>Is the Government aware that the Australian Industry Group in their submission to DFAT stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Australia's rights on anti-dumping and/or countervailing duties should not be diminished by an Australia-China FTA; b. It is important to acknowledge that the rights under the particular "market situation" provisions in Australia's domestic legislation applies to any exporting country which is the subject of an anti-dumping investigation not just China, and reflects the provisions contained within the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement Therefore, as a matter of international consistency, there should be no erosion of these provisions under a possible Australia-China FTA. 	Written	
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18	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>1. On the imports at the 2013 Federal election Liberal Party Director Loughnane in response to a survey from AFPA’ which asked “Do you support strengthening measures to avoid import of sub-standard quality forest products?” responded “The Coalition support the enforcement measures to avoid the importation of sub-standard forest products. If necessary, we will also consider the strengthening of these measures. It is important that materials used in the Australian Construction industry meet Australian Standards”Is the Government aware of any industry advice on whether measures need to be strengthened for any wood products, such as formply and LVL Beams used in construction to support</p>	Written	

				<p>loads during construction pours?</p> <p>2. Was the matter brought up either in the forum or privately with the parl. sec when he spoke at the 'Engineered Wood Products- From here to the future' conference on the Gold Coast held last week where Sen.Colbeck was a speaker?</p>		
19	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	DAFF doesn't ever inspect and test the compliance of any wood products to Australian Standards or whether false and misleading claims are being made about meeting Australian Standards as part of the biosecurity or any other program does it?	Written	
20	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	ChAfta and Forestry Industry	<p>1. Is the Department aware that the Australian Industry Group in their October submission to DFAT about the ChAFTA http://www.aigroup.com.au/portal/binary/com.epicentric.contentmanagement.servlet.ContentDeliveryServlet/LIVE_CONTENT/Policy%2520and%2520Representation/Submissions/Trade%2520and%2520Export/Submission_Australia-China_FTA.pdf stated that:</p> <p>a. Respondents also noted that many manufactured goods imported from China do not meet Australian safety and quality regulations and standards and the removal of tariffs under an Australia-China FTA may exacerbate this situation;</p> <p>b. Related to this are uncertainties about</p>	Written	

				<p>how potential breach of contract and delivery of faulty Chinese products will be properly dealt with, including processes around insurance claims and other legal resolution channels &</p> <p>c. Conformity with Australian safety and quality standards needs to be strengthened and a process developed for legal enforcement of insurance claims and contract breaches?</p>		
21	Agricultural Adaptation and Forestry Division	Sterle	MIS and plantations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Just on the plantations, and I'm talking about short rotation predominately planted under the MiS as part of the plantations 2020 policy, - Is the department aware of industry estimates of what percentage of plantation established are likely to be replanted for a second rotation after harvesting 2. If so what is the percentage? 3. Will this have any implications on meeting the 5% reduction of carbon emissions which the Government is attempting to achieve under direct action? 	Written	
22	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Hope Dairies	<p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, okay. Dr Grimes, obviously people are looking at this investment, from the minerals industry to the milk industry, with some interest. This is a big investment by Hope Dairies and that Rinehart Chinese conglomerate. I am interested as to whether there has been any discussion between anyone in the department and anyone associated with Hope Dairies.</p>	8 20.11.14	

				<p>Dr Grimes: Senator, a question that is so broad I would have to take on notice. I can say that there has been no discussion that I have participated in or that I am aware of. I would have to take the question on notice because it goes to anyone in the department and, obviously, we have to undertake checks.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, and obviously anyone in the Hope Dairies conglomerate.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would have to take that on notice, Senator, but I am personally not aware of any discussions, but I will take that on notice to check.</p>		
23	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Hope Dairies	<p>Senator CAMERON: Given that it is such a big investment, there would be issues the department would be interested in, surely?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I am aware of the fact that the investment proposals are being reported in the press, and obviously we take an interest. Foreign investment has played a very important role in the development of the agriculture sector in Australia. Our job is not to scrutinise. We do not have a regulatory role in relation to investment proposals.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But your job is viability, isn't it?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes, of course, we have an interest in the viability of the agriculture sector, but we simply do not have the resourcing that would have us doing that sort of work individually. We have a free-market economy rather than one where the department is seeking to direct investment in any way. We do not have a role in that sense.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is not what I am</p>	8 20.11.14	

				<p>proposing. I am looking at your responsibilities in terms of sustainability, profitability and competitiveness. That is the key role that the department plays.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Any investment proposal, which then resulted in the development of some sort, would be subject to planning arrangements at the state government level, potentially environmental issues, which could be state government or could be federal government. If it involves investment it might be subject to consideration by the Foreign Investment Review Board. It may be at some points along that continuums there is a point at which other agencies were to consult us, but we do not have direct regulatory roles in relation to these matters.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I do not want to do what you have discussed, what I want to know whether you have discussed this with Minister Joyce?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: No, I have not discussed it with Minister Joyce, and I would have to take on notice whether there had been any other discussions.</p>		
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24	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Hope Dairies	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice this question: has Minister Joyce had any discussions with Mrs Rinehart on this proposal? If so, when did the discussions take place? What was the scope of the discussions? Did Minister Joyce take any actions arising out of those discussions as they took place?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	9 20.11.14	
25	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Advice to the minister re: RDCs	<p>Senator CAMERON: Has that advice been given to the minister?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: That is a point I will have to check. My understanding is that there have been a number of briefing notes, et cetera, provided to the minister over the course of the last few months, but I do not have the specifics.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, I am happy to confirm that there has been advice provided to the minister on these matters. As I said, I would not have specific dates but advice has certainly been provided to the minister.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you could provide me the dates when the advice went to the minister?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be able to see either whether we could have that available today or take it on notice.</p>	13 20.11.14	
26	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Relocation of agencies	<p>Senator CAMERON: How can you provide advice if you do not know what the decision is?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We have provided advice on options. Obviously advice goes before a</p>	14 20.11.14	

				<p>decision is made by the government. Advice has been provided, it is currently under consideration, and a decision will be made one way or another in due course.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Senator Colbeck, what involvement have you had with this relocation?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I have been consulted as part of that process because some of the agencies involved have a direct relationship to the part of the portfolio that I look after.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Will you be involved in the decision making process?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: The minister has asked for my opinion and I have given it to him.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How did you form your opinion?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I have had the opportunity to look at some of the advice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you have seen the advice—</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Some of the advice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When did you get that advice?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I would have to take that on notice. I have seen some of the work around cost-benefit, but I would have to take that on notice.</p>		
27	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Methodology	<p>Senator CAMERON: Mr Glyde, what was the methodology used for this thing? What is it? What did you do?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: We provided advice in relation to the benefits, costs, implications, risks et cetera in relation to the potential move of these organisations. I would have to take it on</p>	15 20.11.14	

				notice—or hopefully my colleagues from the Agriculture Policy Division might have a little bit more detail—to be able to help you answer those questions. As Dr Grimes has pointed out, I have been in this job for a couple of weeks, so I do not actually have the specifics. The best way to answer those questions would be for us to go through these with Agriculture Policy Division in terms of the specifics of what has been done by either the affected RDCs or us in pulling that together and summarising it for minister's consideration.		
28	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Correspondence from FRDC	<p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, but this question I am asking you, the department. You did receive a letter on 27 October, Dr Grimes?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would have to check the records on dates of correspondence</p>	16 20.11.14	
29	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Correspondence from FRDC	<p>Senator CAMERON: Senator Colbeck, you wrote to the Hon. Harry Woods on 27 October, didn't you?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I would have to check that. I have had correspondence with Mr Woods, who is the chair of the FRDC, but I would have to do check the date.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Was it on this issue?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I am aware of correspondence from them but I am not aware of having written back. I would have to check that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can I tell you that you have written to them.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Thank you for that confirmation.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You cannot remember</p>	16 20.11.14	

				<p>what you said?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Not specifically in that letter. I would have to have it in front of me. I do have some correspondence to deal with.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is fair enough. You would confirm, then, that the board had indicated to you that they do not support this move.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I would have to check my correspondence before I confirmed that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Surely you would know that.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Let us put it this way: I am aware of their views, but I do not recall the specific letter. I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You are aware of their views?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What are their views?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: The information they have given me is that they are not keen on the move.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: After the board wrote to you on 27 October, what have you done to contact the board since then to discuss this issue?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I have not had any discussions regarding—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: None?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I have not finished my answer yet. I have not had any discussions regarding this matter with FRDC in that period of time. I have discussed other matters with them but not this one.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When will you discuss their opposition to this move?</p>		
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				<p>Senator Colbeck: I have had a number of meetings with FRDC over a period of time. I would have to check dates on those. We have had a number of general conversations around the operations of the organisation, the government's priorities and a number of other matters. Some of those have been very general conversations around these sorts of matters and, of course, other government priorities for the FRDC.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Surely this is a very significant position where the board says to you as the parliamentary secretary: 'We don't support this policy position.'</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: The government will take that position into account when we make our decision.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What issues will you deliberate on in terms of their view?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: The issues that are provided to us in the advice from both the FRDC and the department.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have there been any other concerns raised with either the department or the minister by any other groups about this policy decision?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I do not know specifically with respect to the department. I have not had a specific conversation with the minister around other concerns that might have been raised with him, so I would have to take that on notice.</p>		
30	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Contract between ACT government and	<p>Senator CAMERON: If there is a legally binding contract in place, that would make this political promise just not a goer, wouldn't it?</p>	27-28 20.11.14	

			<p>department</p> <p>Mr Koval: The promise that has been made is for the government to look at whether agencies should or should not be located at Canberra. I am not aware of any promise made about any agency such as APVMA to be moved out of Canberra.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So how long have your staff been looking for this agreement?</p> <p>Mr Koval: I did not ask that question but I am happy to ask them after this, and, when I come back this afternoon, provide you with an answer.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have they found anything yet?</p> <p>Mr Koval: Not that I am aware of. I have not asked them this week to that extent. But I am not aware of them finding anything as yet.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is this a matter of priority for your department?</p> <p>Mr Koval: It is, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who can I ask questions about this? Who is carrying out the search?</p> <p>Mr Koval: As I mentioned, the search is being carried out in conjunction with people in my division, people within the agvet chemical policy team, and we have been liaising with the legal counsel from APVMA as well.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: We will do our best to give you an answer.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you are talking to APVMA; it is not separate?</p> <p>Mr Koval: They are separate. The advice that Dr Grimes gave, that they are a separate legal team—</p>		
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				<p>Senator CAMERON: But you are talking to them?</p> <p>Mr Koval: We are talking to them.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: My evidence previously was that we work very closely with the APVMA—that was my evidence.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I heard that. Who is the officer that is charged with dealing with this?</p> <p>Mr Koval: People in my division.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Are they here?</p> <p>Mr Koval: No, they are not.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But they would be able to tell the Senate whether they have found the document or not?</p> <p>Mr Koval: I will ask them once I leave here how the search is going, and I will come back after the lunch break this afternoon and let you know</p>		
31	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Lease on current building - RIRDC	<p>Senator CAMERON: Where is RIRDC stationed now?</p> <p>Mr Koval: Canberra.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Ms Evans, how long is their lease in Canberra?</p> <p>Ms Evans: It is in the same question on notice answer, so I can give this to you in hard copy later as well.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That would be good.</p>	28 20.11.14	
32	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Lease arrangements - GRDC	<p>Senator CAMERON: These are, as Senator Sterle reminds me, election promises by the government. The government is saying they are going to do this. I am not asking you to comment on that; I am just thinking out loud. What is the value of the 10-year lease that has just been signed off?</p>	29-30 20.11.14	

			<p>Ms Evans: If I am reading this correctly, the cost in the budget statement for the GRDC in relation to that lease over the period is \$10.5 million.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: It is \$10.5 million for the lease? Where were they previously?</p> <p>Mr Koval: They were in premises in Blackall Street. They moved 500 metres or 600 metres into bigger premises because they had outgrown what they were in.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: They have moved into the bigger premises and they have signed a 10-year lease worth \$10.5 million. When did they sign the lease?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you get me that?</p> <p>Ms Evans: We can find out from the GRDC when they signed the lease.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When did you start discussing the possibility of moving with the Grains Research Development Corporation?</p> <p>Mr Koval: I do not recall the exact date, but we had detailed conversations in June or July of this year. Maybe I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Like Mr Koval, I do not have the specific dates either, but some of the questions relating to this were covered in our last estimates hearing, so certainly these matters were under consideration prior to the last estimates hearing of this committee.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That does not help me much.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: It does give you an indication that it is a date prior to June. It was probably late May.</p>		
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				<p>Senator CAMERON: What I am interest in is when the decision was made to enter into this 10-year lease. You have taken that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When you first started talking to the Grains Research and Development Corporation about packing their bags again and moving, what was the cost of this 500-metre move going to be?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We can take that on notice and find it out from them for you.</p>		
33	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	GRDC staff located in Perth	<p>Senator CAMERON: What about Perth? Tell me about Perth? How many people are stationed in Perth? And I am not holding you to it.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We are just discussing it ourselves.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Roughly.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: We do not really know. We can find out for you.</p>	30 20.11.14	
34	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Potential relocation of APVMA	<p>Senator CAMERON: So you can confirm that Armidale is an option that is being looked at. Is that correct? For the APVMA.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I am aware of public reports in relation to that, but I have not been involved in specific conversations in relation to that, because it is not an area of the portfolio that I have specific responsibility for.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. That would be the minister, would it?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. You represent the minister, so can you take on notice whether</p>	32 20.11.14	

				<p>that has been in the same terms I have asked you about whether you have been involved in discussions?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Yes.</p>		
35	Finance and Business Support Division	Cameron	Cost-benefit analysis – relocation of RDC's	<p>Senator CAMERON: So this will be a government decision based on advice, either yes or no—I cannot put it any higher than advice because we have found that it is not a cost-benefit analysis—and then people will be told, 'You will be required to move.' Is that correct?</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I do not you can classify it that way, Senator. If the government makes a decision that it might like to relocate one of these RDCs, they will not be told that they will be required to move but they would be told that the RDC is going to move and they would be given a range of options, I would have thought. It would not be a dictation that they will move because as has been indicated before there are personal considerations about that potential relocation to be considered as part of this process.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Again, I am not asking you what the advice is that you are going to provide, but how many different areas or different regional towns are being considered for this relocation, in your analysis?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I think a question of that sort would be most appropriate for us to take on notice, to refer to the minister and provide a response to you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I thought it was a fairly simple question, that you have indicated that you are doing what was first described as a</p>	33-34 20.11.14	

				<p>cost-benefit analysis. You pared that back to providing advice. I am not asking you what advice you are going to give to the government but the simple question is: are you considering any locations other than the locations that were mentioned today? That is a simple question. You should not need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be considering a range of locations in any advice we provided to the government.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When you say 'a range' is that Canberra, or one, or more?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: An officer here may be able to provide you with further information but I think it would be most appropriate for us to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I have asked a question about the locations and I am still waiting for the answer that there have been several. Can you provide me with details of all the locations for each agency that has been looked at.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I think that is appropriately something that we take on notice and refer to the minister.</p>		
36	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Western Australia as a base for agencies	<p>Senator CAMERON: Senator Back raised the issue of Western Australia earlier. Are there any plans to analyse Western Australia as a base for any of these agencies?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I might have to take that on notice. What I am aware of is that GRDC has offices in Western Australia, as we heard earlier, and options around that may involve part of the organisation moving or something like that.</p>	55 20.11.14	

				But, other than that, I am not aware of any other aspect to do with Western Australia.		
37	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Agencies relocation	<p>Senator CAMERON: Some of the initial work has been done. Has all of the work been done? Have recommendations been made to the minister?</p> <p>Mr Koval: As mentioned earlier, we have provided advice to government.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you have provided advice. It is done. What has been the cost of providing the advice?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I think we would have to take that on notice. We have not created a particular task force or business unit within Mr Koval's division or within the department to do this, so digging out the costs will require estimating what the time is that Mr Koval and my predecessor spent on it and what other officers have worked on it. It is not necessarily a trivial task to give you an accurate estimate of how many resources we have already put into it.</p>	56 20.11.14	
38	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Portfolio relocation	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me details of meetings that have taken place, how many officers have been involved and an estimate, if you can, of the cost to get to this position? Can you also provide me some details of the management systems that are used to deal with what is millions of dollars of public money and the lives of individual public</p>	57 20.11.14	

				<p>servants and their families being uprooted? These are big decisions. They may not be big decisions in dollar terms for the overall government budget, but they are big decisions in terms of dollars for this department and in relation to individuals. I am trying to get some feel for the robustness of the process that is in place to come to a recommendation going to the minister.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I understand and am happy to provide that on notice.</p>		
39	Agricultural Policy Division	Ludwig	Boards (for departments and agencies with boards)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? 	Written	

				Please break down the cost list.		
40	Agricultural Policy Division	Rhiannon	Australian Animal Welfare Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AusAWAC) I understand made recommendations on animal welfare projects to be funded under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS). Could I have a list of those animal welfare projects in the 2013-14 financial year, prior to the disbanding of this committee and the suspension of the AAWS funding process? 2. Could you detail the subsequent distribution of remaining AAWS funds held by the Department for the 2013-14 financial year in terms of the activities and projects funded, amounts allocated and the organisations responsible for delivering any external projects? 3. Is it correct that Australian Live Export Council received AAWS funding for live export projects? What were these projects and how much did each project receive, and on what date? 4. Is it correct that when AAWS was wound up there were 8 projects that had been approved for funding but that were not funded? 	Written	
41	Agricultural Policy Division	Edwards	GM Food	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noting your answer to Question 6 on Notice by Senator Lines (Proof Hansard 29/5/14 pp-42-43), "<i>The Department of Agriculture understands that the overwhelming majority of scientific evidence world-wide has not identified any safety concerns associated with GM crops and foods</i>", does the APD possess any survey or poll data show 	Written	

				<p>changes, if any, to the perception of GM food products in Australia?</p> <p>2. Given the response to Senator Lines' question, has there been any work done to improve perception to GM foods?</p> <p>3. The South Australian Agriculture Minister has publicly stated that the GM free South Australia enjoys a price premium in the market. Do you have any evidence of this?</p> <p>4. If no, how would the Agriculture minister establish this to ensure his statements are not misleading?</p> <p>5. Is there any quantitative evidence to support the South Australian Agriculture minister's position that "Our GM-free status gives primary producers and food and wine manufacturers a competitive edge in the global marketplace"?</p>		
42	Agricultural Policy Division	Whish-Wilson	Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper	<p>1. How does the Agricultural Competitiveness white paper process interact with the Harper Review?</p> <p>2. Are there meetings between the white paper taskforce and competition policy review secretariat? Can you provide the dates of these meetings and who attended?</p> <p>3. What involvement does the Department of Agriculture have in the in process? Has Agriculture staff been seconded to the Prime Minister's Department to work on the white paper? If yes for how long and what APS level are the staff?</p> <p>4. Were any of the submissions to the Competition Policy Review considered in the writing of the green paper?</p>	Written	

43	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Sterle	Banana freckle	<p>Senator STERLE: So there has been a decision, because you have an eradication plan. You made it very clear, Mr Ritman, that you are going to pull up all the banana trees in Darwin and now on the Tiwi Islands. You said that you chair it and that you have been working with the banana growers' association and grower groups. So how long are these poor devils going to be without any income? By the time it is all ripped up in Darwin, then there is a period where you said it is host-free or no-host—I do not know how long that is, how long is that? Two years? Five years?</p> <p>Dr Ritman: It goes by season.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: How many seasons?</p> <p>Dr Ritman: It is over a period of two years, but I will have to take that on notice for the exact time.</p>	121 20.11.14	
44	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Chair	Compensation due to banana freckle	<p>CHAIR: Will the compensation be adequate as if they still had a crop? Will it match that?</p> <p>Dr Ritman: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	121 20.11.14	
45	Australian Chief Plant Protection Office	Sterle	Remuneration package	<p>Senator STERLE: You cannot tell us, but can the department take it on notice? Can we see what the remuneration package was, or the compensation for the growers? I just have one more. I have gone off freckle, and I want to talk about cucumber green mottle mosaic virus. What can you tell me about the work you are doing in Darwin, or the Northern Territory, about that disease?</p>	122 20.11.14	
46	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Edwards	SA Marine Parks	<p>1. Were you consulted or contacted by the South Australian government when they were formulating their Marine Parks policy?</p>	Written	

				<p>2. Have any community groups contacted you with concerns about the South Australian marine parks and sanctuary zones which came into effect on 1 October 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, what was your response? <p>3. Do you have any modelling on what effect these changes will have on fish stocks in the affected areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, please table the findings <p>4. The South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council has previously noted their concern that exports would be impacted as a result of the introduction of these zones. Does your organisation have any information which might support or refute this claim?</p>		
47	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Fisheries and Climate Change	<p>Has AFMA seen a report titled ‘An updated synthesis of the impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity’ that CSIRO collaborated on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does AFMA agree that rate of ocean acidification is likely to have a severe impact on marine species and ecosystems, with flow-on effects to various industries, communities and food security? b. Does AFMA agree with findings that there may be a substantial reduction in fisheries catch potential under future ocean biogeochemical conditions, affecting the quantity, quality and predictability of future harvests with a potential loss to the world economy of more than US \$1 trillion annually by 	Written	

				<p>2100?</p> <p>c. What research has AFMA done in this area?</p> <p>d. What research does AFMA have planned regarding Climate Change and fisheries in the next two years? What funding has been allocated to these activities?</p> <p>e. What information or briefing has AFMA provided to the industry on climate change?</p>		
48	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Sterle	Overview of work	<p>Senator STERLE: Beauty, I will wrap it up. Could you just give us a quick rundown on the work being undertaken by the Australian Grape and Wine Authority. Through you, Chair, how long have they got? About 15 seconds?</p> <p>CHAIR: About that.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You can take it on notice.</p>	133 20.11.14	
49	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Cameron	APVMA current location – how long	<p>Senator CAMERON: I would like to back to the issue of these agencies being moved around the country. As I understand it, a number of agencies are being considered for moving: the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to Mildura—is that correct, Dr Grimes?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: The Murray-Darling Basin Authority is not in our portfolio, so I do not have direct knowledge of what might be considered around the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. The APVMA to Armidale?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: As Mr Glyde indicated earlier, the APVMA is one of those agencies on which we</p>	23 20.11.14	

				<p>have been asked for provide advice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Where is the APVMA currently?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: It is located here in Canberra, at Fyshwick.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is this in dedicated offices?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: It has a dedicated office. I do not know whether it is technically Narrabundah or Fyshwick. Someone may be able to help me out with that but it is that end of town. Symonston.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How long has it been there?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I will see whether an officer here may be able to answer the question. I do not know how long it has been there.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Does anyone here know?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We will see whether the officers from the Agriculture Policy Division are now here. If they are, they may be able to help you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If I do not get around to that tonight, can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We are certainly happy to take it on notice.</p>		
50	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Cameron	Overview of lease arrangements	<p>Senator CAMERON: If they come I would like to get that, or if someone can tell me I would be interested. Does the government own these offices?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I cannot recall, personally. But there will be an officer who will know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: My understanding is that the</p>	23 20.11.14	

			<p>offices or rented.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Someone must be here who can tell me—</p> <p>Mr Glyde: Senator, I suspect that the people from the Agricultural Policy Division would not know the specific details but the APVMA, who are appearing later on, will have those details.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: This is not an APVMA issue, is it? It is an issue for the department.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: No, but the sort of questions you are asking in relation to location of the offices, what rent they pay—that is the sort of information that I suspect we may not have. The policy about moving the agencies is definitely a responsibility of this department but the questions about specifics of how they currently operate, what their staffing levels are, et cetera, are probably questions that are most accurately answered by the APVMA when they appear later today.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But you have got responsibility for it, ultimately. The hierarchy comes back to you, doesn't it?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: That is true—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So I am asking you. I am not asking—</p> <p>Mr Glyde: What I am saying is that I cannot answer the question. We can take it on notice if you wish.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You must have your finance people here. Where are they?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Yes. We were just looking for the lease arrangements—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: This is an issue for</p>		
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				<p>you. It is not an issue for anyone else, is it?</p> <p>Ms Evans: We obtain this information from the APVMA directly, so the information I have is that the APVMA—this was a response to a question on notice from the last Senate estimates hearing, so it is already on the public record. The APVMA leases one building. That lease has been active from 26 October 2006 and the lease agreement ends on 26 October 2020. As has been said already, it is in Symonston. I can give you the other information in the question or perhaps we can give you a copy of the question on notice.</p>		
51	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Cameron	Refurbishment of current building	<p>Senator CAMERON: Has there been any recent refurbishment in that building—expenditure on refurbishment?</p> <p>Ms Evans: That I do not know. I would have to take it on notice myself, but the APVMA, when they appear, would be able to answer that for you immediately.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If we do not get to them, could you take it on notice—</p> <p>Ms Evans: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: These issue are your responsibility—not just the APVMA—</p> <p>Ms Evans: I am certainly happy to provide the information.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So I am asking you to provide me details. If you could get them now I would be happy: details of any refurbishment costs, any expenses for that building since 2006. How much have we spent on that building since 2006? What is the annual rental cost?</p> <p>Ms Evans: The rental budget for the APVMA</p>	24 20.11.14	

				<p>is \$318,175.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who is it rented from?</p> <p>Ms Evans: That, again, is not something I have with me right now, but we can find that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay, that is good. We have a lease till when? 2020?</p> <p>Ms Evans: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What are the legal implications of breaking that lease—or what are the financial implications of breaking that lease? I am not asking for legal advice.</p> <p>Ms Evans: Again, I do not have that with me now. We certainly have considered that in the context of these relocations, so we can take that on notice too.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Wouldn't you have expected someone to ask that?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: As Ms Evans has indicated, it is a relevant question, but we are able to take it on notice. We are being as helpful as we possibly can. Obviously, it would be a consideration that the government would have to take into account. We would have to take that question on notice. We do not have the details here with us at the moment, to the best of my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is it \$318,000 per annum?</p> <p>Ms Evans: The information I have is that that is the rental budget.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is there a cost escalation on that?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Again, sorry, I do not have that in front of me, but we can find out.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you find that out</p>		
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				<p>for me? Would I be wrong to say that, if it is roughly \$300,000 a year and we are left with five years, it would be over a million and a half dollars that we would have to pay in contractual rent?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I am not familiar with the terms of that particular lease agreement, so I would not want to speculate on exactly what the cost is without looking back.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who can take me to that?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I suspect that is a matter will have to take on notice, consult with the APVMA and then provide you with the information that we can provide.</p>		
52	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Cameron	Lease-break fees	<p>Ms Evans: As I said, APVMA has estimated that the lease-break fee is approximately \$2.6 million over two years, assuming that the building was vacant for that period.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I think the point the chair has made is that, in any full consideration, you would have to consider the likelihood of any leasing of the building in that period.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you take into account the renewal of office furniture and fit out? What are the estimated fit-out fees for a move?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, you are going to very specific costs and, again, that goes to matters that are currently under consideration. I imagine that there would be some consideration given to those matters. As to the amount, the officers concerned would be in a better position than me to respond. In fact, they</p>	34 20.11.14	

				would be in a position to provide specific estimates on those sorts of matters today. Senator CAMERON: All of those issues are on notice.		
53	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Legal advice regarding change of policy	<p>Senator BULLOCK: This is the application of the law, as you say. It was a big decision, because it has had serious consequences. Presumably, given that it is a legal question, you took some legal advice.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Yes. As in nearly everything that we do, we take advice. You are right: this was a big decision.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Quite. Could you produce that advice for the committee?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I will have to talk to my counsel, because it is not usual. I need to ensure that I do not waive privilege.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: It is not normal to release legal advice, so we would have to take that on notice. I am just letting you know that it is not normal to release legal advice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I can understand that, but, when that has resulted in a change of policy like this, I think the committee is entitled to see the advice.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I do not think it is correct to talk about a change in policy. As Ms Arthy said, it is about application of the law.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Exactly. It is a legal question. Given that it is the application of the law, it is a legal topic.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Correct. It is about application of the law, and IP law is not simple law. It is quite complicated.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I dare say. But</p>	129 20.11.14	

				<p>presumably the advice was written in such a way that it was able to be understood and applied.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I can help here.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I put that on notice.</p>		
54	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Leyonhjelm	Section 162	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Section 162 has been in the act, your legislation, for quite a long time—more than a decade, I understand?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice, if you want the exact date.</p>	130 20.11.14	
55	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Possible redundancies stemming from the potential relocation to Armidale	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Take me through a sort of medium line of possible redundancies. How many redundancies did you think you might incur?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, I think this actually does go to matters that are under consideration. I think they can be taken on notice, similar to some of the other elements of this. If Ms Arthy is minded to do so, they can be taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: If she is minded to do so.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: It would be a call for Ms Arthy to make.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I am not sure it would. I think it is a call for us to determine what questions are asked and for you to answer them.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: It would be a question for Ms Arthy as to how she might want to answer those with you.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Directly would be good.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Senator, I will take that on notice. We can come back to you.</p>	132 20.11.14	

56	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Potential effect of any staff losses on the effectiveness of operations	Senator BULLOCK: All right. Could you also, then, consider and respond to the question of what effect any substantial number of staff losses due to redundancy would have on the effectiveness of your operation, if there were to be significant staff losses, and whether or not—as I believe is proposed—the costs associated with any relocation could be met out of your current budget without an additional allocation? If you could take all that on notice and respond, that would be very good, thank you.	132 20.11.14	
57	Biosecurity Animal Division	Cameron	Exotic disease coming into Australia	Senator CAMERON: But this is an overarching question: I want you as the secretary to deal with it in terms of process. What analysis has been done in relation to the possibility of exotic disease coming into Australia with increased imports from Korea or China? Dr Grimes: We would maintain overall ongoing assessments about risks. I would be happy to take on notice whether we have undertaken very specific analysis of the sort that you have suggested. I would not expect that we would actually undertake work at that level. We would not be looking at such an aggregate picture; we would want to actually look at where the key risk drivers might be. But it may be that there are officers who can provide information.	48-49 20.11.14	
58	Biosecurity Animal Division	Cameron	Biosecurity implications with importation of	Senator CAMERON: So the agriculture department did not do any analysis of the financial implications? That is not what I was asking, but that is interesting. What I was	49 20.11.14	

			agricultural good from China	asking was about the biosecurity. Dr Grimes: My understanding is that your question relates to increases in volumes and what the implications of that are for biosecurity. As I indicated before, I would be surprised if we have done the aggregate level analysis in the way that you have suggested. But, as Mr Chapman indicated, looking at trade flows is actually core business for us. I would be surprised if we have undertaken that sort of analysis. I am happy to take it on notice just to check, but I would be surprised if we have done an analysis at that level.		
59	Biosecurity Animal Division	Heffernan	Countries from which we will accept serum	Senator HEFFERNAN: Yes. Would it be possible, on notice, Dr Grimes, for you to give us the list of countries from which we will accept serum?	71 20.11.14	
60	Biosecurity Plant Division	Back	Product storage	Senator BACK: Sure. In terms of storage of the product before it leaves California to come here, can you confirm for me that the protocol states that the rooms that the products are held in for the entire length of the cold disinfestation process are supposed to be kept closed and unavailable to through-traffic? Ms van Meurs: I would have to take that on notice. It is a normal requirement in our import conditions that, when we are exporting product and it needs to be treated, and that product is destined for Australia, it is marked that way.	119 20.11.14	
61	Biosecurity Plant Division	Back	Protocol checks	Senator BACK: Can you tell me who representing the department actually checks to see that the protocol is being respected? Ms van Meurs: The majority of imported	119 20.11.14	

			<p>table grapes are actually inspected by Australian Department of Agriculture officers in California.</p> <p>Senator BACK: The reason I asked the question, Ms van Meurs, is that it was reported to me, last weekend or the weekend before, that a Western Australian grape producer was at one of these facilities and stood by and watched product destined to go to Australia not being held in a closed room, and a continual movement of vehicles, and crates of grapes going in and crates of grapes going out. I was not there so I cannot validate it, but this person's report was: 'There was no awareness at all by the people who operated that facility that these grapes should have been held—should have been closed off.' And he said, 'The capacity for the grapes to be mixed up was so obvious.' And, whilst grapes and voting slips have nothing in common, when I heard this story all I could think about was the situation that occurred in the state and federal elections in WA this last year, when state and federal voting slips, boxes and packages were all in the same building. I was particularly concerned to learn that.</p> <p>I can do nothing other than to ask you to take that on notice and to report back to the committee, to satisfy the committee, that indeed what was reported to me was incorrect, or to report the action that has been taken to correct it. With all of the concern that exists over the actual virus itself, a breakdown of that type would make the so-called quarantining of that fruit a nonsense.</p>		
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62	Biosecurity Plant Division	Back	Vectors in Australia	<p>Senator BACK: You were speaking about UC, Davis, which I know well, having been on the faculty there twice, but not in oenology. It is still unknown, it has been reported to me, what vectors can spread the virus. The Californian industry has spent \$750,000 trying to halt the spread across US grape-growing states, and it is known that the Virginia creeper leafhopper is one vector, however the virus has been found in states where the leafhopper does not exist. Are those two statements known to you? If they are, would they be a cause of concerns in terms of the integrity of this product coming in?</p> <p>Ms van Meurs: As you say, we have had conversations with the University of California. Our view is that there are no potential known vectors in Australia. As you have pointed out, the Virginia creeper leafhopper is not in Australia. I would have to take on notice the issue around the weeds, but our view is that there is no known vectors in Australia.</p>	120 20.11.14	
63	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	National Pineapple Industry Biosecurity Plan	<p>The National Pineapple Industry Biosecurity Plan (2008) allocated the highest level of threat to <i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i> (strain Dickeya sp.), or bacteria fruit collapse, in terms of entry potential, establishment potential, spread potential and economic impact. The Departments report, page 40 'Final import risk analysis report for the importation of fresh decrowned pineapple (<i>Ananas comosus</i> (L.) Merr.) fruit from Malaysia' December 2012, says that there is up to a 2% chance of latent infection of the bacteria <i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i></p>	Written	

				(strain Dickeya sp.), from imported pineapples (or 4t/annum given that Malaysia plans to import 200,000t per annum). On that assessment is it fair to say that the bacteria will enter with Malaysian or Philippine imports at some stage?		
64	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	Bacteria Erwinia chrysanthemi	The consequence impact score is assessed in a geographical context being Local, District, Region and Nation. The consequence for the bacteria Erwinia chrysanthemi (strain Dickeya sp.) was assessed as E meaning that it was significant at a regional (State) scale. In other countries where this bacteria has entered there has been up to a 50% production impact. Given that the department has assessed the risk of establishment and spread as High, was this consequence assessment based on geographic 'coverage' of Australia or the relative impact to the Australian industry (given that nearly all pineapples are in Queensland a 40-50% production impact in this State would be a 40-50% impact to the Australian Industry – which should surely result in a F or G rating)?	Written	
65	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	Ginger from Fiji	Is the science that determined the methyl bromide treatment for ginger from Fiji as an adequate treatment for burrowing nematode Rhadopholus similis available to the public and does the science conclusively determine the depth to which the nematode burrows so that the treatment is 100% effective (given that on occasion 'grocery' ginger is bought and planted in Australian gardens).	Written	

66	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	IRA decisions	There is no public tabling of the science and actual probability results used for IRA decisions, no peer review of the science for IRA decisions or no ability to appeal the science used for IRA decisions. Are there confidentiality issues or risks to National Safety and if not why is this information not made more transparent?	Written	
67	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	Pineapple and Ginger IRAs	The Senate Inquiry has recommended that the pineapple and the ginger IRA's be redone, is the department taking these recommendations seriously?	Written	
68	Biosecurity Plant Division	Canavan	Compensation for growers if IRA is proven incorrect	What compensation is there for growers if the IRA is proven incorrect and a serious disease or pest entry occurs?	Written	
69	Compliance Division	Rhiannon	Staff resources allocated to the Investigations Unit	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay. Could you provide a breakdown of the staff and non-staff resources allocated to the Investigations Unit for the investigation of complaints relating to live exports?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take it on notice. Could you provide the information on staff and non-staff resources overall for the unit and then also for complaints relating to live animal exports, and could that be for the last three years?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: Yes, I will take that on notice. I can give the overall resourcing for the unit, as it currently stands, but I will take that on notice and give you back years as well.</p>	57 20.11.14	

70	Compliance Division	Rhiannon	Statute of limitation	<p>Senator RHIANNON: This might also be for live animals export. Is there a statute of limitations on any of the matters that come to you if they are going to be referred on elsewhere?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I would need to take that on notice.</p>	57 20.11.14	
71	Compliance Division	Back	Importation of Chinese sand	<p>Senator BACK: Regarding the importation of Chinese sand which was supposed to be Chinese fertiliser, can you tell what the resolutions of that investigation were and whether there have been any repeat attempts at similar importations?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: It was not really sand. It was soil and weeds.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Dirt. Okay, you will take that one on notice. The importation of the hides from South America—</p>	58 20.11.14	
72	Compliance Division	Back	Instructional material for new staff	<p>Senator BACK: I am anxious to know about the induction of new staff. The early error occurred when staff at the first point of entry were not sufficiently alerted to the risks of importation of foot and mouth disease products. There were other faults and errors that went on subsequently. Part of the focus of the inspector-general's investigation at that time was their clear lack of knowledge. I got an assurance, I think, that through some form of induction or other process staff at the coalface would actually be trained to be alert to the possibility of any product being imported. Have they been so inducted? Are they now so</p>	58-59 20.11.14	

				<p>competent? If a similar circumstance repeated itself, are you confident they would be alert to such an outcome or eventuality?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: Yes. One of the areas is where we have rolled out instructional material to those people who are involved in doing this work. That is about making them more alert and making them think about and look at those sorts of items when they come in.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Would it be out of order for me to be given a copy of that instructional material?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I am happy to take that on notice.</p>		
73	Compliance Division	Sterle	Date Ombudsman contacted our office	<p>Senator STERLE: May I ask what date it was referred to the Ombudsman.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I do not have that date. I do not believe any officers here would have it.</p> <p>Ms Vivian: The matter was referred to the Ombudsman by Alannah MacTiernan. Then the Ombudsman contacts our office. The next question you may ask is, 'What was the date our office received it?' We would have to take that on notice.</p>	66 20.11.14	
74	Compliance Division	Sterle	Mr Baxter employed by the department	<p>Senator STERLE: In relation to an employee of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry who was responsible for the investigation in this round, a Mr Andrew Baxter, may I ask you how long Mr Baxter has been employed by DAFF.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would not have that information. He is no longer an employee of the department and is in no way related to the matters that we are discussing at the moment. I would have to take on notice the period that he was an</p>	66 20.11.14	

				<p>employee of the department. I do not have that information here.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Can you tell us what positions he held within DAFF?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would not know the formal titles. I do not know whether we would have an officer here who would be able to provide them. Otherwise we can take that on notice</p>		
75	Compliance Division	Sterle	Senior investigating officer	<p>Senator STERLE: And when you say 'senior', was that his title—'senior investigating officer'?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I would need to take that on notice. I apologise, I have been with the department for three months—that is why I cannot just talk about the history there. We will certainly follow it up and get back to you</p>	67 20.11.14	
76	Compliance Division	Sterle	Serana (WA) Pty Ltd	<p>Senator STERLE: And I think I know the answer already but I am saying that that there is confidential information about Serana (WA) Pty Ltd to a number of their suppliers and customers. I will put the question and will give you the opportunity: can you advise which suppliers and customers of Serana did the department contact and when these contacts were made?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Again, although the questions you are asking are of a slightly different nature, I do not have those details with me here and it may well be that we are not in a position to provide information. It may be best for us to take that on notice—</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: and see what we might be able to</p>	68 20.11.14	

				provide you.		
77	Compliance Division	Sterle	Investigating from the department regarding Serana	<p>Senator STERLE: Has there been any form of investigating from the department on this issue regarding Serana?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: If you can just bear for me for just one moment, Senator, just to ensure that we have got the right people answering in the right way at the right time.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, I will say a few words and then hand to Ms Vivian to see if she can provide you with further information. In terms of actions undertaken by the department, there was a complaint made in relation to the performance of an officer which was investigated within the department. As you have alluded to previously, there is an ongoing investigation into a complaint that has been made to us in relation to the handling of confidential information.</p> <p>In addition to that, where there is a serious investigation being undertaken by the department, at various points there will be a review of that investigation, as you might appreciate and expect, to make sure that the investigation has been conducted appropriately. But I am a handover to Ms Vivian to see if she is able to provide any further information to expand on my response.</p> <p>Ms Vivian: Mr Grimes refers to a complaint made by an associate of Serana about the behaviour of one of our investigators. We deal with matters like that. So we had an</p>	69 20.11.14	

				<p>independent officer review it, seek more information on it. At the end of the day the officer was cleared of any misbehaviour. That is the internal investigation that has been undertaken there.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: The officer being Mr Baxter? Is that who you are talking about or is there another officer?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: Yes, I think the officer was Mr Baxter.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Okay, if you can just let us know whatever that cost was in accommodation, airfares, whatever it was—whatever it took.</p> <p>Ms Vivian: The cost of—</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Doing the investigation, yes. I do not expect an answer now. If you could take it on notice.</p>		
78	Compliance Division	Sterle	Cost of the Serana investigation	<p>Senator STERLE: 28 October, thank you. Then can I come back to you, Dr Grimes, and ask about the cost of the Serana investigation. Is anyone able to tell the committee the cost so far in terms of, say, court proceedings, accommodation, airfares? Is that information available?</p> <p>Mr Grimes: We would have to take that on notice. We would not be able to provide it now.</p>	69 20.11.14	
79	Compliance Division	Sterle	Cost and dates for a charter plane	<p>Senator STERLE: All right. I was told about the department was billed for the charter of a plane as part of the investigation from Perth to Bunbury, which, as I say, is 200 kilometres—it is probably not 200k. Is that the case? Does anyone know that? Ms Evans?</p>	69-70 20.11.14	

				<p>Ms Evans: I don't know.</p> <p>Mr Grimes: I have no information on that, but we could take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: If you could, please, on the dates of the charter plane. I drive to Bunbury, Senator Back drives to Bunbury, Senator Siewert drives. What cost that was and when the plane was used?</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I drive to June.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: I used to drive to Darwin, but I would have loved to have flown. If you could take that on notice: the costs, the dates, how many times a plane was chartered to go to Bunbury? Thank you.</p> <p>I want to ask you questions towards the source, if you can tell me. There are a lot of allegations floating around</p>		
80	Compliance Division	Sterle	Serana visited by Mr Baxter and another gentleman	<p>Senator STERLE: Anyway, I am going to show what I know, so you will know as much as I do after this, minister. Can I just come back to you, Mr Grimes? One of the employees of Serana is a person by the name of Ms Jigal Mistry, and she was visited by Mr Baxter and another gentleman. I am led to believe that Ms Mistry identified this person as an employee of a rival firm to Serana. Are you able to tell us who accompanied Mr Baxter when he visited Ms Jigal Mistry?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I am aware of the issue that you are raising. If you would allow me one moment to confer with colleagues and see if we are able to assist you.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Absolutely.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Just to confirm, it was another departmental officer that was with Mr Baxter.</p>	72-73 20.11.14	

				<p>It was only departmental officers. I think it may have been a case of mistaken identity.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: If you could take it on notice to tell us who that other officer was?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We will take that on notice and see if we can provide information.</p>		
81	Compliance Division	Rhiannon	Details of which cases have gone to court	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide the details of which of those cases have gone to court—which ones they were?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: I can provide the ones where the prosecutions have been finalised—not at this point of time, but we can certainly get you that information.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You will take that on notice. Thank you. Dr Cupit, could you provide a breakdown of the staff and non-staff resources allocated to the investigations unit for the investigation of complaints relating to live animal exports?</p>	93 20.11.14	
82	Compliance Division	Rhiannon	Budget of the investigation unit allocated to the investigation of live export related issues	<p>Senator RHIANNON: What actual amount and proportion of the total budget of the investigations unit is allocated to the investigation of live export related issues?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: It is in our investigation and enforcement unit. If it is all right, I will talk not from a budget perspective but from a number-of-staff perspective. We have approximately 41 staff in our investigations unit. As of today, we actually have two staff that are fully dedicated to live export investigations.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Two of the 41?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: Two of the 41.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you also do that in a budget—give it the budget breakdown as</p>	93 20.11.14	

				well—even if you have to take it on notice? Ms Vivian: I could. I will just take that on notice.		
83	Compliance Division	Sterle	Illegal Logging Legislation and Due Diligence Regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Due diligence Regulations under the Act are due to commence on 30th of November? 2. How many DAFF staff are a committed to assessing due diligence and ensuring compliance with the act? 3. How many additional staff will commence in this area on November 30 due to Due Diligence requirements coming into effect? 4. What is the budget to ensure compliance with the act? 5. What is the budget over the forward estimates to ensure compliance with the act? 6. The Parl.Sec has stated that for the first 18 months that the new requirements are in place, the Government's focus will be on awareness and education.... so no convictions are expected to be made in this period unless there is deliberate and reckless breaking of the law in this regards? 7. Will funding and staffing arrangements be amended after the 18 months? 	Written	
84	Exports Division	Rhiannon	LATSA program	<p>Senator RHIANNON: As well as providing what the acronym stands for could also provide details of that program—what it is?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes, I am pretty sure we can.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay, if you could take that on notice please.</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes.</p>	88 20.11.14	

85	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Assessing animals conditions	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Has the department ruled out excessive heat exposure in some way other than the aircraft? Were the animals left on the tarmac from time, for instance?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: No, we are not aware of that. In our investigations we assess the animals and the condition of the animals from the documentation from when the animals were prepared for export right through to the actual export. All of that is included in our investigations to make sure that there were no hiccups in terms of animals being left on the tarmac or anything. I am not aware of that being the case in this particular instance.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Do you need to take it on notice, please, to check it?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes, we can. As I said that case is still under investigation at the moment.</p>	88 20.11.14	
86	Exports Division	Rhiannon	High-mortality live export flights	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for the details of the acronym. It would be good to get details of the program. Thank you for taking that on notice. I notice that the Alison Penfold, CEO of the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council, speaking on the ABC described deaths on export cargo planes as rare. Considering you shared with us that there has been four high-mortality live export flights in the past year, do you call that rare, or how would you describe those four high-mortality live export flights in one year?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: That is a fairly rare occurrence. Basically aeroplanes are actually designed so that they can carry people, cargo and all the rest of it. These are living creatures inside the cargo. They do maintain all of the air packs</p>	88-89 20.11.14	

				and everything on a general case, unless there is something very unusual and it is faulty, they are working. That is what they are actually designed to do. So, it is a very rare occurrence to have a mortality event by air. I do not know if I have the number of consignments by air. We could find that out to say whether it is unusual, but I do not think it is very unusual.		
87	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Number of investigations involving Livestock Shipping Services	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Isn't Livestock Shipping Services under investigation for serious breaches of regulations at the moment?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: There are several investigations underway that LSS have been included in.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Does several mean three?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes, at least three.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you take on notice to advise how many there are?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I will take it on notice.</p>	90 20.11.14	
88	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Livestock Shipping Services	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Does Livestock Shipping Services have a current export permit?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Export permits are consigned to each consignment. Off the top of my head I do not know if they have any shipments on the water. I do not think so. So they would not actually necessarily have an export permit for anything at this particular point in time. They have an export licence.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I thought that the <i>Maysora</i> left Port Adelaide in October.</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: It may have. I do not know. We can check on it.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So that could have an</p>	90 20.11.14	

				<p>export permit.</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes. If there is a vessel on the water at the moment they are exporting under that would be correct.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take that on notice.</p>		
89	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Confirmation of photo of Australian sheep	<p>Senator RHIANNON: It would be helpful for the officials to clarify that. I understood that the reason it was being investigated is that it was recognised that they were Australian sheep.</p> <p>Senator BACK: People may have just taken photographs of them—</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I am not quite sure whether this is the same image that we have received in our complaint. We can confirm that. But that may or may not be the same image we have been investigating.</p>	90 20.11.14	
90	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Live export investigations completed by the department	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many of the live export investigations completed by the department that have resulted in action being required to be taken are currently under consideration by the investigations unit for referral to the Director of Public Prosecutions?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I do not have that information in front of me.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That was the question I asked before, and it was said that I could ask it in this session.</p> <p>Ms Evans: I did say that, and I apologise, but we would not have had the information earlier either. We discussed that amongst ourselves, to</p>	92 20.11.14	

				make sure we would try to have the information. We have not been able to get it to you for this session, but we can take it on notice and get it to you.		
91	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Discussion with Saudi Arabia regarding ESCAS	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Have there been discussions about ESCAS? Dr Cupit used the term 'some form of ESCAS'. Is that what is being discussed with Saudi Arabia—some form of ESCAS?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I am not in a position to go into those matters at the moment, Senator. I could take them on notice. I do not think I could provide further information on that. I can confirm that there are no specific proposals before the department at the moment to approve the export of animals to Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice who is involved in the discussions with Saudi Arabia about some form of ESCAS?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We can take on notice those matters.</p>	94 20.11.14	
92	Exports Division	Back	Feedback from Australians regarding the leakage in general during the festival of Eid	<p>Senator BACK: For the interest of those listening and my colleagues, the term 'leakage' applies to sheep that have in some ways found their way outside the ESCAS-approved supply chain. Did your officer notice any evidence of leakage of sheep from the LSS supply chain in Jordan during the festival of Eid?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I am not aware of what his final report says in terms of specifically LSS sheep. He was able to see a very small number of ship outside supply chains which he suspected were Australian sheep, but they were very small numbers.</p>	95 20.11.14	

				<p>Senator BACK: In general. Since it is Livestock Shipping Services who are the subject of this vitriolic attack, I would be keen to know, on notice, whether or not, in his final report, that was his evidence. Can you tell us, either directly or anecdotally, what the feedback was from Australians regarding the leakage in general during the festival of Eid from the Middle East countries where there are ESCAS approved facilities? Was it high, low, of concern?</p>		
93	Exports Division	Back	Closed-loop facility in Jordan	<p>Senator BACK: I think that is evidence of Australia's influence in improving animal welfare standards. As I understand it, that particular company, LSS, operates only one closed-loop facility in Jordan, and that is in an area controlled by their Ministry of Agriculture's Custom Directorate Free Zone Authority. Is that your understanding as well?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	95 20.11.14	
94	Exports Division	Back	Ismailia reopen date	<p>Senator BACK: The last thing I want to ask specifically about Livestock Shipping Services is its parent company Hijazi and Ghosheh, who operate the Ismailia abattoir in Egypt. We all know that that was the subject, I would say, of spurious allegations on behalf of the Dr Wahad that I have engaged previously with Mr Glyde on this. But as a result of joint investigation by the department and their Egyptian equivalents. Ismailia was reopened—when?—about 12 months ago?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I would have to take them on notice on the exact date on when it was opened</p>	95-96 20.11.14	

				again.		
95	Exports Division	Back	Any abuses occurred since Ismailia abattoir was reopened	<p>Senator BACK: I would be very, very keen, as I am sure the committee would be keen to learn, what if any abuses have occurred in that time or since that Ismailia abattoir was reopened?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Again, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	96 20.11.14	
96	Exports Division	Back	Export of Friesian cattle	<p>Senator BACK: In my experience going back 30 years we have never exported Friesian cattle to the Middle East as feeder cattle or for slaughter. Would you also confirm that to be the case?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: We do not differentiate what the breed is when we are exporting for feed or slaughter.</p> <p>Senator BACK: You might not but you do record the breed, so I would ask if you would take on notice—I do not want you going back too far; but I do want confirmation that no Friesian cattle have been exported from Australia in, say, the last 12 months. Is that too difficult to establish?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: I do not think we actually record that data.</p>	96 20.11.14	
97	Exports Division	Back	Registered owner of A1068	<p>CHAIR: The number A1068 would clearly trace back to the supplier of the beef in Australia?</p> <p>Senator BACK: That is correct.</p> <p>CHAIR: Dr Grimes, you might be able to assist me here. Talking to that producer with</p>	97 20.11.14	

				<p>this photograph would surely confirm whether or not he or she runs Friesians.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We could undertake further inquiries.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you follow up this information with the registered owner of that number—A1068?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I assume that that would be possible for our investigation officers.</p> <p>CHAIR: We would certainly know who the owner would be on the number and registration system that we have. You clearly have them tagged in Friesians.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Chair, a further question is where the photos were taken, so we are clear on that. Can that be supplied?</p> <p>Senator BACK: Yes, all of that information—</p> <p>CHAIR: The more information, the better.</p>		
98	Exports Division	Heffernan	NLIS tags	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I have only just walked in and seen these two papers. Obviously they are either Friesian or Friesian cross; they look a bit heavy for deadset Friesians. Have we changed over from manual reading to electronic?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: In ear tags on cattle exports? No, we rely on the exporter to determine which system they want to use. In some markets they use RFID tags. For example—</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: But, for traceability in Australia, do we rely on electronic tags these days?</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: Yes.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Where are the electronic tag holes on these?</p>	98 20.11.14	

				<p>Dr J Cupit: I cannot see any RFID tags in those animals.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I think there is something wrong with these photos. You would be aware, and I am very aware, because I fought the battle, that in the Northern Territory from property of birth to the boat you did not need to tag them until—how long ago? Do you remember that, Chris?</p> <p>Senator BACK: 2011.</p> <p>Ms Evans: The senator is right. From my recollection also, it was 2011 that that began.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: So when were these photos taken?</p> <p>Senator BACK: That is to be established.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: There is something not ringing right about this.</p> <p>Mr Read: Can we take that on notice? I remember there was an exclusion on NLIS tags in export of live animals for some time, but that may well have changed.</p>		
99	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Trucking of Australian cattle from Israel to Gaza	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I have a question for Dr Grimes. Is it accurate that there is a departmental direction prohibiting exporters from allowing the trucking of Australian cattle from Israel to Gaza, and has it been in place since February 2014?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I might hand over to Dr Cupit on that matter.</p> <p>Dr J Cupit: The suspension that we had in place was for the movement of cattle from Israel to Gaza. That is correct. I will have to have to check the date but I think it was since about February.</p>	101 20.11.14	

100	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Transport voyage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide following details for each air transport voyage for the past 5 years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Species exported b. Mortalities of each of those species c. Departure airport d. Destination airport e. Purpose of export (i.e. breeding or slaughter). f. Type of aircraft used 	Written	
101	Exports Division	Edwards	Australian Exports to Bahrain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How has the decision to reinstate exports to Bahrain impacted on the value and quantity of live exports in the past reporting season? 2. How many infractions under ESCAS of Australian exports after investigation in the past year? 3. What action has been taken, or is likely to be taken, in order to remedy this? 	Written (Transferred in from Department of Industry)	
102	Finance and Business Support Division	Back	Fees associated with export inspections	<p>Senator BACK: Yes, thank you. Secretary, look, I just want to revisit this question of fees associated with export inspections for ESCAS and CRMP et cetera—\$671.80 per hour. Has that been the subject of review and, if so, where are we in the review process?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: That is the subject of review at the moment. We are actually looking closely at our fees and charges. The system that we have had now for a number of years relies on spreading the total costs of the system, largely using the device of hourly charges. And of course those hourly charges are picking up all of the costs of the system, not the direct costs of undertaking a specific service in that period of time.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Can you, on notice, give us</p>	17 20.11.14	

				<p>details as to what those total costs are? For example, executive salaries and on costs, cost of rent of buildings et cetera—is that all factored somewhere in this?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be able to take on notice the costs that go into those calculations.</p>		
103	Finance and Business Support Division	Canavan	Breakdown of costs allocated to Live Animal Exports	<p>Senator CANAVAN: A follow-up question, Senator: I think the last cost recovery bank statement for live animal exports was—the overhead cost \$3.6 million. Can we have a detailed breakdown on what that \$3.6 million in terms of rent, salaries, IT equipment et cetera?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be able to take on notice and see what breakdowns we are able to provide to the committee.</p>	17 20.11.14	
104	Finance and Business Support Division	Canavan	Live animal exports – cost recovery	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I want to ask some follow-up questions to Senator Back's. The review that is ongoing is to cost recovery impacts more generally?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Indeed. We are looking at a whole range of cost recovery arrangements. It is not simply restricted to—</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: live animal exports. How much is the total in your budget that you recover from industry?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I might hand to Mr Ryan, who will be able to give you the relevant figures.</p> <p>Mr Ryan: In 2013-14 the total amount recovered from industry through cost recovery is 335 million, but I will just check that.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: It is in the order of \$300 million, but just take on notice the precise figure.</p>	21 20.11.14	

				Mr Ryan: Yes, I will confirm that.		
105	Finance and Business Support Division	Canavan	Breakdown of costs allocated to live animal exports the meat inspection service	Senator CANAVAN: Senator Back asked for a breakdown of the costs allocated to live animal exports, can I specifically ask that the \$3.6 million for live animal exports be broken down into areas and also for the cost driver assumptions behind that that you use to allocate your indirect costs? I would also like to ask for the meat inspection service break-up as well—I think it was about \$21 million last year. Can I ask for that to be broken down in the same way? If you could take that on notice.	22 20.11.14	
106	Finance and Business Support Division	Cameron	Efficiency dividend	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay, can I come back to your operational budget?</p> <p>Ms Evans: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have an additional 0.5 efficiency dividend—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Berry: It was a 0.25 efficiency dividend.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What are the implications of that for employment?</p> <p>Ms Berry: That specifically did not directly relate to employment. That efficiency dividend actually translates into a \$0.8 million savings in the department. That has been achieved, in the main, through our budgeting process, which includes savings in supplier costs. It has not directly related to the reduced staff.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: If I can be helpful. Effectively, in managing our budget, we really take an overall view. We consider our overall resources and then allocate those accordingly. Over the last year, in our annual report, we report that our</p>	36 20.11.14	

				<p>full-time equivalent staff levels reduced by about 500 over the year.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So down 500?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: There is a variety of things that contribute to that. As Ms Berry indicated, it is not just a matter of adjusting staff; we are also looking at other ways in which we can reduce costs as well.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Of course.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: That was over the course of the last financial year 2013-14 finishing on the 30 June.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So 2013-14 down 500?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: In full-time equivalent terms. You can pick different start and end points, of course, but that is the number that we have in our annual report for the course of the year.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Where is the biggest impact? What part of your operation has had the biggest reduction?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We have officers who will have a breakdown by division who will be able to assist you. I will just see if we can locate them. They might be able to come up to the table.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Maybe that is something you could take on notice—</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would be happy to provide that in detail to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: rather than go through all that detail now. I would rather come to the broader issue of the efficiency of the department. When did these cuts start impeding the efficient operation of the department?</p>		
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107	Finance and Business Support Division	Heffernan	Credit card limits	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: By way of interest, on those trips for the government, is there a limit on the credit cards? Given that we have one guy who is coming before this committee again that has spent \$31,000—</p> <p>CHAIR: It is a straight yes or no answer. Is there a limit on the credit card? We have to move along.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I am not quite sure how to respond to that question.</p> <p>CHAIR: Take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes. I will have to take it on notice.</p>	101 20.11.14	
108	Finance and Business Support Division	Sterle	Discretionary Grants	<p>For each discretionary grant program, please list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total funding for the program 2. The total committed funding for the program 3. The total contracted funding for the program 4. The total uncommitted funding for the program 5. Who has received funding in 2013-14 and the relevant amounts 6. Who will receive the funding over the forward estimates of 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the relevant amounts? 	Written	
109	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Existing resources program	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 		
110	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written	
111	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Savings and efficiency measures	<p>Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued? 2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the timeframe for implementation? b. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks? c. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing 	Written	

				<p>requested by the minister or initiated by the department?</p> <p>d. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?</p>		
112	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>a. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.</p>	Written	
113	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>a. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>ii. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>b. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the</p>	Written	

				<p>reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>c. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>iv. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>d. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>ii. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p> <p>iii. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>e. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</p>		
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114	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Travel costs (department)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? 2. If so, under what policy? 3. Provide a copy of that policy. 4. When was this policy implemented? 5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under. 6. Detail the process. 7. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided? 8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 9. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 10. What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel? 11. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel? 12. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	
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115	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 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. 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. 	Written	
116	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary 	Written	

				<p>Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. 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>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>		
117	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>1. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why were coffee machines purchased? Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? Who has access? Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 		
118	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these printed documents were also published online? Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what companies were used? How were they selected? What was the total cost of this printing by item? 	Written	
119	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where are the cars located? 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? <p>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 		
120	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written	
121	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written	

122	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or 	Written	
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				<p>Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p> <p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>		
123	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is active from. b. Date the lease agreement ends. c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date from which the lease agreement was active. b. Date the lease agreement ended. 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Why was the lease not renewed? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c. Expected location of the building (City and state). d. Expected cost of the lease. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>5. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 		
124	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these changes c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 	Written	

				d. If so, who conducted the works? e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?		
125	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Wine coolers/fridges	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?	Written	
126	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Office plants	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items?	Written	

127	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	
128	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	

129	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Conditions of government contracts and agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change? 7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website? 8. If no consultation has occurred, why not? 	Written	
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				9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?		
130	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Prequalified multi-use list tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel? 6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels? 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels? 	Written	
131	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Contracts for temporary staff	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff? 2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed? 3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 	Written	

				5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?		
132	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Disability access	<p>Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires). What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete. Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being 	Written	

				compliant? If yes, please detail.		
133	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Fee for service	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 	Written	
134	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been 	Written	

				<p>paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</p> <p>7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>		
135	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</p> <p>2. How are grants applied for?</p> <p>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</p> <p>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</p> <p>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</p> <p>6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.</p>	Written	

				<p>a. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>		
136	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and</p>	Written	

				<p>the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose.</p> <p>b. If so, why?</p>		
137	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 7. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Has there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse. 	Written	
138	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or 	Written	

				<p>issued multiple times:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 		
139	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Edwards	Small Pelagic Fisheries Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The issue of small pelagic fish has regained some significance since it gained public attention in 2012. Did members of the FRDC attend the <i>Small Pelagic Fisheries Technical Workshop and Stakeholder Forum</i> held in Adelaide in July this year? What was the contribution of the FRDC in this event? I note that representatives from many countries were in attendance, how does our fisheries management compare to those countries? Has there been any progression in the development of the proposed Australian Standard for fisheries science? What is the current status of the small pelagic fish stocks in the Southern Ocean? Are they being sustainably fished currently? 	Written	
140	Forest and Wood Products Australia	Sterle	Amendments to <i>Forestry Marketing and Research and Development</i>	Have December 2013 Amendments to the <i>Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2007</i> attracted any voluntary payments from industry and resulting matching funds from Government for	Written	

			<i>Services Act 2007</i>	eligible activities to date? a. If so, what? b. Are any expected in the coming financial year?		
141	Governance Branch	Cameron	IT equipment and stationary for an office in Armidale	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you purchased any IT equipment or stationery for an office in Armidale?</p> <p>Ms Cale: To my knowledge we have not purchased anything. I think preparation discussions are starting, but I am not aware of any purchases yet.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When you say 'discussions are starting', where are they up to?</p> <p>Ms Cale: Again, I would not be able to answer that, but I can take that on notice.</p>	9 20.11.14	
142	Governance Branch	Cameron	Armidale ministerial office	<p>Senator CAMERON: On whose instructions did you start this process?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: The order came from the governance group when they alerted us that there would be a new office in Armidale.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: From whom?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: From Lee Cale's group quite some time ago.</p> <p>Ms Cale: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Ms Cale, who gave you the instruction?</p> <p>Ms Cale: We deal with our counterparts in the Department of Finance. We are provided direction from them based on their discussions with the minister and the minister's office.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide all correspondence, including emails, in relation to the establishment of this office as far as it</p>	11 20.11.14	

				<p>relates to—</p> <p>Ms Cale: Our portfolio?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes. That would include when you were told, by whom you are told, what you have done about it, where it is up to and what the cost is.</p> <p>Ms Cale: Yes.</p>		
143	Governance Branch	Sterle	Serana investigation commence	<p>Senator STERLE: It does not stop you asking because, you see, the people in Bunbury who are listening whose jobs are gone, I owe it to them to ask the questions. Okay? That's fine. I understand that. In that case, then, if I can through you, Chair, I will ask on behalf of these people down there about the investigation in relation to the alleged disclosure of confidential information about Serana WA Pty Ltd being provided to third parties. And I will ask you, Mr Grimes, on what date did the current investigation commence?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that date with me.</p>	70 20.11.14	
144	Governance Branch	Sterle	Selection committee	<p>Senator STERLE: Thank you, Mr Walsh. Can you inform the committee of the selection process for appointment of the current board members?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, matters relating to appointments are matters that are handled by the department supporting the minister rather than by the authority.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: So, I can ask you?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: You can ask the department, correct.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Fantastic.</p>	133 20.11.14	

				<p>Ms Cale: I am not sure how in-depth you want to go with the appointment process. There is a selection committee appointed in the first instance.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Who was on the selection committee?</p> <p>Ms Cale: I will have to get that detail for you. Mr Dennis Button was the presiding member and the other members were Mr Brian Englefield, Mr Andrew Weeks, Mr Paul Evans and Ms Alexandra Burt.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Where did this committee come from? Have they always been around, or are they called every time there is an appointment?</p> <p>Ms Cale: The selection committee is appointed by the minister. The general process is that he appoints the presiding member and then, in consultation with the department, the minister himself can suggest a presiding member. The minister appoints the presiding member based on a number of names he may have in front of him.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Was this selection committee appointed since the last election, is that right? Or have they been around for a while?</p> <p>Ms Cale: I will have to find out exactly when they were appointed, but I believe they were appointed by this minister.</p>		
145	Governance Branch	Sterle	Names provided by the selection committee for Australian Wine and Grape	<p>Senator STERLE: Can you tell the committee how many names were provided by the selection committee to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Cale: I do not have that detail.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Does someone else behind</p>	133 20.11.14	

			Authority board to the minister	<p>you have that?</p> <p>Ms Cale: No. The process is an independent process from the department, so the selection committee would be dealing directly with the minister.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Okay, it is independent, but the committee is appointed by the minister and the committee put forward a number of names, but you cannot tell me how many names.</p> <p>Ms Cale: I cannot tell you. I do not have that detail. I know that a number of names go forward, and, obviously, names that the committee nominated, and also names that the committee considered suitable for appointment.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Is that a secret? Is there information about this, which is what I am trying to lead to.</p> <p>Ms Cale: I do not have the information with me.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: That is fine, but you can take it on notice. It is not as if you are not allowed to tell us.</p> <p>Ms Cale: I would have to check, but I do not think there would be a problem.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: If you could do that for us, that would be appreciated</p>		
146	Governance Branch	Chair	Cost of agencies attendance	<p>CHAIR: For the committee, could you do an estimate of the costs of bringing those witnesses here today that did not get a guernsey, did not address the committee? Roughly, their wages, travel, accommodation, et cetera. I know you cannot be precise.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would have to take that on</p>	134 20.11.14	

				<p>notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Absolutely take it on notice. I would like to apologise to those witnesses today that gave up a day to travel and sat here late and did not get called up. It is this crazy new system and I hope it is under review—the Conroy system' as I call it. I do apologise on behalf the committee for the inconvenience we have caused so many people who have not been put to use or put to work here and simply sat around all day, probably bored to tears, et cetera. Dr Grimes, I would like an estimate of the cost of those witnesses who came here, their wages, their accommodation, their travel, et cetera, to see how much it has actually cost the taxpayer.</p>		
147	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Who is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected 	Written	

				<p>costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this 		
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				<p>involvement occur</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Which reviews are on-going? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? If so, when? If not, why not? 		
148	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 	Written	

				4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.		
149	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to the office g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written	
150	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Travel costs (ministerial)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip. 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the 	Written	

				<p>class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>		
151	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Senate Estimates briefing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please break down the hours by officer APS classification Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, when did this occur? How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, when did this occur? What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. When were the changes made? Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder 	Written	

				prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.		
152	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister, include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost. 	Written	
153	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial 	Written	

				<p>staff code of conduct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? How long have they worked for the Minister? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not, on what date did they comply? Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If so, on what date were those disclosure made? By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level 		
154	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the make and model? How much did it cost? When was it provided? Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor 	Written	

				<p>vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</p>		
155	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (non MoPS)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>a. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <p>i. What is the make and model?</p> <p>ii. How much did it cost?</p> <p>iii. When was it provided?</p> <p>iv. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>v. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as</p>	Written	

				<p>maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>vi. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>vii. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>viii. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p> <p>ix. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>b. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p>		
156	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <p>a. What is the make and model?</p> <p>b. How much did it cost?</p> <p>c. When was it provided?</p> <p>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these</p>	Written	

				<p>costs met?</p> <p>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</p>		
157	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:</p> <p>a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</p> <p>b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>e. a list of any entertainment provided at the event</p>	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. the venue of the event, how it was selected, how it was approved and whether any other venue was considered for the event g. a total cost for the function, broken down by venue, food, drinks, entertainment or other cost items h. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost of each beverage 		
158	Governance Branch	Ludwig	G20 - Brisbane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following: 2. How long will the minister be in Brisbane for? 3. Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. 4. Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles. 5. How many ministerial staff will attended with the minister? 6. How many departmental staff attended the G20? 7. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane? 8. For each minister and staff member 	Written	

				<p>attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?</p> <p>9. For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail.</p> <p>10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.</p> <p>11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What will be the scope of the report? When will it be complete? Will it be available to the public? 		
159	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Procedure manuals (ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: When was the manual last updated? Who is responsible for updating the manual? Who is the manual distributed to? Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department? 	Written	
160	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Procedure manuals (departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: When was the manual last updated? Who is responsible for updating the manual? 	Written	

				<p>4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</p> <p>5. Who is the manual distributed to?</p> <p>6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?</p>		
161	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Documents provided to minister	<p>1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature.</p> <p>2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents)</p> <p>3. How are they transmitted to the office?</p> <p>4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?</p> <p>5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?</p>	Written	
162	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?</p> <p>a. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p>	Written	

				3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?		
163	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Minister's Office during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Department/Agency during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c. Itemise these expenses 	Written	
164	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office. b. Please specify how many reams of 	Written	

				<p>paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost. 		
165	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register meetings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 	Written	
166	Governance Branch	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total spending on these services 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e. The names of all service providers engaged f. The location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took 		
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				<p>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>		
167	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Edwards	GRDC - update	<p>1. Can you please inform the committee of any works being commenced in South Australia currently?</p> <p>2. What has been any early estimates of the impact of Beet Western Yellow Virus on canola crops in South Australia's mid-north and lower Eyre region in land area and financial terms?</p>	Written	
168	Information Services Division	Cameron	Armidale ministerial office	<p>Mr Gathercole: I can tell you that all the orders have been placed and, before we move, we are waiting for the offices to be available. When the dates are sorted, we will start the whole process of finalising the procurement and arranging the installation of any equipment.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So orders have been placed?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: Orders are waiting to be placed.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What is the value of those orders?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: I will have to take that question on notice.</p>	10 20.11.14	

169	Information Services Division	Cameron	Phone lines – Armidale office	<p>Senator CAMERON: Thanks. I am also advised that there have to be secured phone lines to a ministerial office, Mr Gathercole. I know there do. There have to be secured phone lines. Is that an issue?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: Those secured phone lines would be a matter for the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Will you be installing phone lines?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: I will be installing phone lines as part of our arrangement.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Will they be secured phone lines?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: They will be Department of Agriculture phone lines, which are not secured.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What is the cost of putting them in?</p> <p>Mr Gathercole: I would have to take that question on notice if you want the exact cost per phone.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If you could give me that as well. So it is just on stand-by? I think that is about it on this one. Thanks, Mr Gathercole.</p>	11 20.11.14	
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170	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment (departmental)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of: 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written	
171	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What is provided? 4. The purchase cost. 5. The ongoing cost. 6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 		
172	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs 	Written	
173	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Domain usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Domain name of the website being 	Written	

				<p>accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).</p> <p>b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.</p> <p>c. Number of times the site was accessed.</p>		
174	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Unallocated equipment	<p>1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</p> <p>2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	Written	
175	Information Services Division	Ludwig	Cloud services and storage	<p>1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:</p> <p>2. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?</p> <p>3. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.</p> <p>4. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.</p> <p>5. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?</p> <p>6. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?</p> <p>7. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?</p> <p>8. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?</p>	Written	

				9. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.		
176	Live Animal Export Reform	Sterle	List of submissions to the review of ESCAS	<p>Senator STERLE: It is a bit disappointing, because of the complexities around the issue. If you cannot tell us what was in the submissions, are we able to have a list of who actually made a submission.</p> <p>Dr Clegg: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You can take it on notice; there's no stress. If you can supply it that would be great.</p>	117-118 20.11.14	
177	Meat & Livestock Australia	Chair	Tender's exact cost	<p>Mr Norton: We are finalising the tender. We went through an exhaustive process so that the peak industry councils, particularly the Cattle Council, were involved in selecting the firm and, ultimately, the successful consultant to do the project—that delayed it. There has been some toing and froing the last two weeks around what the report is going to deliver—the milestones and the expected outcomes in line with the terms of reference agreed to by industry. It will be any day now that we will finalise the consultant who will be commencing work on that tender.</p> <p>CHAIR: Any idea how much it is going to cost?</p> <p>Mr Norton: I would have to take on notice the exact cost. I was not intimately involved in picking the tender or the costing of the—</p>	125 20.11.14	
178	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	Involvement of the Office of the General Counsel in	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can anyone advise me of the contractual arrangement between APVMA and the ACT government?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Again, I suspect that is going to</p>	26 20.11.14	

			<p>looking at the contractual arrangement between APVMA and the ACT government</p>	<p>be a matter that would be best addressed directly by the APVMA.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I do not think so. This is a departmental issue. I am advised that in 1995 there was a legal agreement reached between the ACT government and the Commonwealth in relation to maintaining APVMA in Canberra. Does anyone here know anything about that?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: It is one of the factors that we are investigating.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you are aware of it?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I am aware of it, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay; tell me what it says.</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I am not aware of it to that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who is aware of it to that—</p> <p>Mr Glyde: I am aware that the issue exists.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I would have thought that this was an issue that you would have been aware of, Mr Glyde. If there is a legal contractual arrangement in place between the ACT government and the Commonwealth, then you either breach that contract or you do not move. I thought that would be pretty fundamental, and you are telling me you are not really across it?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: No; I am not saying that at all.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have you had advice?</p> <p>Mr Glyde: The government has indicated that it wants to move in a particular direction and we are investigating the consequences—the costs, the benefits, the risks et cetera—of</p>		
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				<p>moving. With due diligence, these are the sorts of things that we investigate. What I am trying to say is that we are in that process. I am aware of it, but am I personally aware of the specifics of that contract? No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Where is your legal team? Who is here from your legal department?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We have our Office of the General Counsel, but I do not believe this has been a matter involving them. It may have been. We can take that on notice, but we are not aware of our Office of the General Counsel being involved. The APVMA itself has a legal office that can assist in providing advice on legal matters.</p>		
179	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	Freedom of Information applications	<p>Senator CAMERON: Ms Luscombe, how many freedom of information applications are you currently dealing with?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: This financial year to date we have received 22 requests. How many are we dealing with right now? I will take it on notice.</p>	51 20.11.14	
180	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	FOI requests from the minister	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you had processes and procedures in the past where the department deals with freedom of information requests that come through the department to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: I am not aware of any arrangements in the past where the department did accept requests on behalf of the minister. Certainly there have been times when the minister's office has requested the department to assist in the processing of requests, but not</p>	52 20.11.14	

				<p>to accept on its behalf.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have other departments got formal processes in place for when a department gets an FOI request from a minister?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I only have general awareness here but I think there may be other departments where there are established processes in place. As Ms Luscombe has indicated, that is not currently the case with our department.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Ms Luscombe, are you talking from past experience?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: Certainly I am not aware of any previous arrangements. The FOI team, which I have responsibility for, have not made me aware of any arrangements in the past. I do not think it has been the common practice of the department.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How long have you been here?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: Eighteen months.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you would not know. Is there anyone here who can tell me what has happened further into the past than eighteen months?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: There may actually be an officer here who has got longer knowledge of our handling. No. I have looked back to see if there are any officers here who might be able to assist with the longer term perspective. We can take that on notice and provide information to you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I think it came in in 1981—if you can remember that far.</p>		
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				<p>Dr Grimes: I think where Senator Cameron is going is to the processes for having a department handle FOI matters on behalf of the minister and the protocols that are in place to accept FOI requests on behalf of the minister.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I remember the changes we made back in '81 to that effect. Most of you were not born then.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So, Ms Luscombe, you do not know of anything other than the previous 18 months?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: No, I could find out for you if there have been arrangements in the past, but I am not aware of them</p>		
181	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	FOI requests	<p>Senator CAMERON: Are you processing your freedom of information requests in the time that is normally allocated?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: Yes. The record of the agency in timeliness and its response times is very strong.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What is your KPI, to use the jargon?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: We need to report the timeliness of the processing of our requests, and I think we do that annually. So we would have to report if—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But there is a time period that you must deal with them in, isn't there?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: That is right.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So I am asking you: are you dealing with them in the allocated time period?</p> <p>Ms Luscombe: Yes, we are.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Are there any that have</p>	52 20.11.14	

				gone beyond the period? Ms Evans: I am not aware of any and, if there are, I will provide that information.		
182	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	FOI expert allocated to the minister's office	Senator CAMERON: Is there an FOI expert allocated to the minister's office? Ms Luscombe: I am not aware of whether there is or not. Senator CAMERON: Senator Colbeck, how many FOI requests have come to the minister? Senator Colbeck: I would have to take that on notice; I do not know. Senator CAMERON: That is good; take it on notice.	53 20.11.14	
183	Office of the General Counsel	Cameron	FOI processes in the PSO and MO offices	Senator CAMERON: What is the arrangement in your office, Senator Colbeck? Senator Colbeck: I have not had any direct FOIs to my office, so it is not something I have had to contemplate—it may be something I should consider. There have been some FOIs regarding some of my expenses made to the department, which have been responded to, as I understand, it in consultation with my office. I have not had any direct FOIs to my office. Senator CAMERON: Could you then on notice come back to us and let us know if you make any changes to the arrangements so we know what they are. Could you on notice to the minister ask him to outline what the FOI processes in place in his office are. Senator Colbeck: I will take that on notice.	54 20.11.14	
184	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	Statutory review provisions	Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please	Written	

				<p>provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? b. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the review c. When did/will this work begin? d. When is/was the review due to commence. e. What is the expected report date. f. Who is the minister responsible for the review g. What department is responsible for the review h. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. i. List the terms of reference. j. What is the scope of the review. k. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? l. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? m. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? n. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? o. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review p. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 		
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185	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	Sunset provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? 2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? 3. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the sunset provisions becoming active 4. When did/will this work begin? 5. When is/was the review due to commence. 6. What is the expected report date. 7. Who is the minister responsible for the review 8. What department is responsible for the review 9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 10. List the terms of reference. 11. What is the scope of the review. 12. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 13. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 15. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 	Written	
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				<p>16. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>17. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>		
186	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	FOI requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written	
187	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - stats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time? 	Written	

188	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	Freedom of information	<p><u>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Department or Agency which was consulted; b. The document; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; 	Written	
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office. <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE allocated to processing FOI requests? <p><u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <p>For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 		
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				<p>2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? e. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? <p>3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</p> <p>4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; b. The amount charged for each document 		
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				<p>c. The total amount charged;</p> <p>d. What is the highest charge that has been imposed.</p> <p><u>With respect to FOI requests:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt? 2. Of those, how many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Released in full b. Released in part c. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest d. Other (please specify) 		
189	Office of the General Counsel	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written	

190	Plant Health Australia	Ruston	National Fruit Fly Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of 20 November 2014, how many times has the National Fruit Fly Strategy Advisory Committee met? 2. What progress has been made with regard to the review of the 2008 National Fruit Fly Strategy (NFFS)? 3. The committee is supposed to be developing a new implementation plan by the end of the year. Will this deadline be met? What progress has been made? 4. Which industry bodies have attended meetings of the committee and are actively engaged in reviewing the NFFS and developing the new implementation plan? 5. Please provide an update of your progress on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national standards for fruit fly disinfestation treatments; • the national fruit fly information portal – is it complete, who can use it, what is it supposed to be used for, and can a grower use it; • national standards for fruit fly management systems; • development and adoption of systems approaches for market access; and harmonisation of fruit fly interstate certification. 6. What progress has been made on the development of a coordinated national fruit fly awareness and communication strategy? 7. What level or degree of engagement does the committee have with regional groups – defined as groups representing one or more industries within defined regional areas. 	Written	
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191	Service Delivery Division	Cameron	Continuous improvement	<p>Senator CAMERON: I have done a little of this over the years in terms of continuous improvement and its cost is just one aspect— isn't it?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Cost is only one aspect, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have got the quality of the product that you deliver?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have got the management systems in place?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have got the work organisation that is in place?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have got the technology and the infrastructure that you operate in, and you have got logistics—those are massive issues. Are you dealing with all of them?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes, we are dealing with all of those issues.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is there an overview on how you are dealing with them that you could provide us?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We may not have a single overview, but we would have some documents that we could take on notice and provide to you. A big important part of the work that we are doing at the moment is under two umbrellas. One umbrella is known as service delivery modernisation—so modernising the way in which we deliver our services, but also moving to national service delivery as well. Effectively, this is largely in functions that are outside [inaudible] not entirely, largely. We</p>	37 20.11.14	
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				<p>have to look at ways in which we can actually make them more efficient. Service delivery modernisation is largely about smarter use of technology, finding ways of being able to perform our services more efficiently. National service delivery is actually looking at the way in which we join up our functions across the department to build greater critical mass and ensure we have, if you like, centres of expertise or excellence concentrated in a particular area. If there is time, I know that Mr Williamson would be happy to go through some of that in some detail, but maybe sketch it out and we can provide you with further information on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am cognisant that Senator Rhiannon and others are waiting, so it maybe if you could provide some overview, like an executive summary—</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Yes, we would be happy to do that on notice, the delivery modernisation.</p>		
192	Service Delivery Division	Cameron	Under inflation offer	<p>Senator CAMERON: Is the offer an under inflation offer? There is no reason why you cannot tell the Senate this, Dr Grimes.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Senator, I think it would be appropriate for us to take it on notice. I do, because we would have to consider how that relates to the bargaining process that we have underway at the moment—</p>	43-44 20.11.14	
193	Service Delivery Division	Cameron	Actual reduction	<p>Senator CAMERON: I am asking where it is up to now—November. What is the current figure?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I do not have those numbers.</p>	46 20.11.14	

				<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you get those figures for me?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We will have to take those on notice.</p>		
194	Service Delivery Division	Cameron	Job losses in the Department	<p>Senator CAMERON: So up until September it was 111. It could be more than that?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So 111 go. That would be notionally. Subject to Dr Grimes saying that you may have dropped off some delivery—and would you take on notice, Dr Grimes: what delivery issues have you dropped off on?—say those 50 or 60 are gone and there is no delivery and you are doing the same with less, that is an increase in productivity.</p>	46-47 20.11.14	
195	Service Delivery Division	Cameron	Productivity Improvements	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice those issues I have asked on the bargaining, and we will see where we go from there? Can you also take on notice to give me a more detailed explanation of why productivity improvements from July 2014, when the agreement expired, that workers have contributed to cannot be included in an estimate of productivity improvements, and of why, if you delay the bargaining, you can only look forward?</p> <p>If you could explain that in terms of fairness and equity, I would be delighted. I would like you to explain that to me on notice.</p>	47 20.11.14	
196	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Departmental staff misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 	Written	

				<p>2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail. 		
197	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d. How many are graphic designers? e. How many are media managers? f. How many organise events? 	Written	
198	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. Has there been any change to the staffing</p>	Written	

				profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).		
199	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a. What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the	Written	

				packages?		
200	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	
201	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. Where the advertising appeared d. List the approving officer for each item. e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial 	Written	

				<p>staff involvement in the commissioning process.</p> <p>f. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising.</p> <p>2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <p>a. List the total expected cost.</p> <p>b. List each item of expenditure and cost.</p> <p>c. Where the advertising will appear</p> <p>d. List the approving officer for each item.</p> <p>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</p> <p>f. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.</p> <p>3. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.</p>		
202	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?</p> <p>a. List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written	
203	Service Delivery	Ludwig	Ministerial	Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:	Written	

	Division		website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. List each item of expenditure and cost b. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? c. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail. 		
204	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Market research	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost of this research b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c. Who conducted the research? d. How were they identified? e. Where was the research conducted? f. In what way was the research conducted? g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j. What input did the Minister have? k. How was it approved? l. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail. 	Written	
205	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Self-initiated work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc. that are devised by 	Written	

				<p>staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?</p> <p>2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</p> <p>3. When did the project commence?</p> <p>4. When is it expected to conclude?</p> <p>5. What will the total cost of the project be?</p> <p>6. Where did the money for the project come from?</p> <p>7. Where is the project based?</p>		
206	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Graduate intake	<p>1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?</p> <p>2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?</p> <p>3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?</p> <p>4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?</p>	Written	
207	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Enterprise bargaining agreements	<p>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written	
208	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Staff transfers	<p>1. How many people does your department employ?</p> <p>2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>3. What is the number of staff currently</p>	Written	

				<p>employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</p> <p>5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</p> <p>9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>13. For all employees transferred to or from</p>		
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				<p>Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>17. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>		
209	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested this material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the 	Written	

				material?		
210	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Report printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? 2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal 	Written	
211	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Non-conventional therapies	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b. Who are they available to? c. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc) 2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What therapies have been provided? b. What were they used to treat? c. What was the cost of the therapy? 	Written	
212	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of 	Written	

				<p>rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? 3. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. 4. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signage. b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). c. Logos d. Consultancy e. Any relevant IT changes. f. Office reconfiguration. 5. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? 6. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. 		
213	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these 	Written	

				<p>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 For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total amount spent on the service A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The location used The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part 		
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				<p>(provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>		
214	Service Delivery Division	Ludwig	Redundancies	<p>1. How many positions have been made redundant in your Department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>3. How many of these employees were</p>	Written	

				<p>offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a 		
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				<p>description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</p> <p>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.</p> <p>b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</p> <p>c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</p> <p>d. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p>		
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e. Please provide all relevant dates. 		
215	Service Delivery	Ludwig	Hiring	1. How many people are employed in your	Written	

	Division			<p>Department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>2. How many people are employed in your Department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your Department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your Department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons</p>		
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				<p>why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.</p>		
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				<p>9. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>11. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>12. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service</p>		
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				<p>Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>13. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>14. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>15. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>16. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of</p>		
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				<p>their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>17. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>18. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging</p>		
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				this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.		
216	Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division	Sterle	Actual programs or projects funded	<p>Senator STERLE: Mr Thompson, what programs will be funded by the \$1.5 million that has been allocated to New South Wales and the \$3.5 million that has been allocated to Queensland this year, which is the only real money or offer around.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I do not have the exact detail of those programs with me. The payments are being made to the states and the states are delivering the programs. It is work done with local landholders, local government or whoever else is responsible for wild dog management in those states.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Is it all wild dog?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: It is wild dogs; it is feral animals in the broad. If someone has a problem with goats or excessive numbers of kangaroos or if foxes are preying on lambs it can be applied to that as well. A lot is going on wild dogs in those states where that is a problem. We are topping up existing state programs and the programs they are focusing in those drought affected areas. I think there are some courses in that as well.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Has there been any feedback from farmers?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I have not had direct feedback from farmers, but the feedback we had more generally from the farm community and those involved in it is that they have welcomed these. They have been subscribed very quickly and</p>	116 20.11.14	

				<p>the programs are rolling out. It has given farmers who are in drought conditions something to do on their property that is a break from hand feeding and those sorts of things. They can go out and try and do some work which will lower the grazing pressure in the long run.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It is a serious issue for them. Could you provide the committee on notice with what actual programs or projects this money has funded.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We can do that. We will have to get it from the states.</p>		
217	Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division	Back	APVMA legislation	<p>Senator BACK: I know that Senator Leyonhjelm has questions on this, so I will be very quick. When the 1994 code was amended this year, clause 58 of division 2 of part 3, which is the right to compensation, appears to have been totally removed. The clause stated: ... the APVMA may use information obtained by it from any source for the purpose of performing any of its functions ...</p> <p>Can you explain why it was removed, and is it in the context of you coming to the discovery about the anomaly with this particular access?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: We do not actually control the legislation, so questions on the reasons why it was removed would have to be directed to the department.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We would have to see whether there are any officers here who might be able to assist on—</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: We will take that on notice.</p>	130 20.11.14	

218	Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division	Whish-Wilson	Supertrawler/fishery declaration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Borthwick review still under consideration by this Government or is it being implemented? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If it is being implemented Can you outline, in some detail, what has been directly done to implement the recommendation of the Borthwick Review of Commonwealth Fisheries to set an overarching fisheries framework with a new “third pillar” addressing ecosystem impacts in a fisheries context? 2. In the context of the Small Pelagic Fishery can you inform the committee on exactly when you came to agree on a definition of “localised depletion” and what that definition is? 3. Can you outline in detail what conversations, letters, or emails AFMA / the Department has had with Seafish Tasmania Pty Ltd - or any other companies who operate vessels captured by the Small Pelagic Fishery Declaration 2012 - while the Small Pelagic Fishery Expert panel has been conducting its investigations? 4. Can you detail what assistance, if any, has been provided Seafish Tasmania Pty Ltd - or any other companies who operate vessels captured by the Small Pelagic Fishery Declaration 2012 - while the Small Pelagic Fishery Expert panel has been conducting its investigations? 5. What input did AFMA have into the Report of the Expert Panel on a declared 	Written	
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				<p>commercial fishery activity: Final (Small Pelagic Fishery) Declaration 2012?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Did AFMA review the text before it was released? Were AFMA staff involved in conducting research and writing the report? If yes how many and what APS level were they? Were AFMA staff seconded to the Environment Department to assist in writing and researching the report. If yes how many and what APS level were they and how long were they seconded for? 		
219	Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division	Sterle	National Biosecurity Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Given that the COAG Standing Committee on Primary Industries has been abolished, what arrangements are in place to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> coordinate intergovernmental work on biosecurity such as oversight of the National Biosecurity Committee and the work under the Inter-governmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB). publicly report on the work mentioned in a) above In relation to biosecurity, what formal consultation arrangements are there between the environment / community sector and the Federal Government 	Written	
220	Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division	Cameron	Tackling Climate Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$56,967,000 expended in 2013-14 on the Clean Energy Future – Creating Opportunities on the Land – extending the 	Written	

				<p>benefits of the Carbon Farming Initiative.</p> <p>2. In relation to the key performance indicator <i>Filling the Research Gap</i>, please provide details of all research projects supported in 2013-14 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The nature and quantum of the support provided; b. The nature of the project and expected research outcomes; c. The project proponent and who is conducting the project; d. Whether the project has been completed or is ongoing and if ongoing, when it is expected to be completed; e. Whether a project report has been produced. <p>3. In relation to the key performance indicator <i>Integrated scientific and economic research</i>, please provide details of all underpinning research, advice, forecasting, projects, products and data services produced under this key performance indicator.</p>		
221	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	<p>Bilateral preferential deals and Biosecurity implications with importation of agricultural</p>	<p>Senator CAMERON: I should correct myself. They are not free trade agreements; they are bilateral preferential deals. It is not free trade. What is the estimate of increased importation of agricultural goods from China?</p> <p>Mr Chapman: I do not know. Sorry.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Has the department looked at this?</p>	<p>49 20.11.14</p>	

			<p>good from China</p> <p>Dr Grimes: I would have to take it on notice or perhaps raise it when we come to our Trade and Market Access Division. It is probably more likely. There will be increased trade across all dimensions, I am sure, but a large focus in trade from Australia is agricultural products to China—there will be some agricultural products, of course, that come into Australia as well—but also growth in trade of non-agricultural products. Of course, they are relevant to us with our biosecurity responsibilities, because we need to be looking at those as well, including the way in which they come into the country, because we have to make sure that they are checked for pests and diseases.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So the agriculture department did not do any analysis of the financial implications? That is not what I was asking, but that is interesting. What I was asking was about the biosecurity.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: My understanding is that your question relates to increases in volumes and what the implications of that are for biosecurity. As I indicated before, I would be surprised if we have done the aggregate level analysis in the way that you have suggested. But, as Mr Chapman indicated, looking at trade flows is actually core business for us. I would be surprised if we have undertaken that sort of analysis. I am happy to take it on notice just to check, but I would be surprised if we have done an analysis at that level.</p>		
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222	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Percentage of our agricultural exports	<p>Senator CAMERON: What percentage of our agricultural exports do sugar, wheat, cotton, rice, canola and vegetable oils comprise?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: To China or more broadly?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: More broadly and to China?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: It might be easier if I could provide you that on notice. They are significant. Cotton is our second largest export to China at the moment behind wheat.</p>	78 20.11.14	
223	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Analyses that exclude commodities for each trade agreements and behind-the-border barriers	<p>Senator CAMERON: You were discussing the Korean agreement earlier and the Japanese agreement. Could you give the committee a document that analyses the excluded commodities for each of these trade agreements?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: Yes, we could provide that to you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: And could you provide us with details, like you did with China, about what our exports are worth to each of these countries?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So if you could provide us with the details of the excluded areas. Can you also provide details of the behind-the-border barriers for agriculture in each of these areas?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: Can you be a little bit more specific about that?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Well, behind-the-border barriers—if there are customs problems, if there are supply chain issues getting in. Just barriers. You have been on trade negotiations, Mr Murnane, and you do not understand what</p>	78-79 20.11.14	

				<p>behind-the-border barriers are?</p> <p>Ms Evans: I think Mr Murnane well understands what it means. He is just trying to understand what you are asking for terms of product from the department.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If he understands what it means then he can answer.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: The scope of that can be pretty wide.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: No, the behind-the-border barriers for agriculture. That is what I am asking.</p>		
224	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Behind-the-border barriers	<p>Senator CAMERON: It is very simple: tell the committee what the behind-the-border barriers are in those countries that we have signed bilateral free trade agreements. Is that an issue?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: We will take that on notice and see what information we can provide to you.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is the detailed stuff, right? Mr Murnane, tell me some of the big ticket, behind-the-border barriers that you discussed in the negotiations.</p> <p>Mr Murnane: As I say, with the China discussions, the Chinese side focused on the structure of their domestic market and the fact that a lot of very small and often subsistence farmers rely on the on-growing rice or wheat, for example. Therefore, they were not able to liberalise those products because of their concern for the impact.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is not what I am asking you. You have already said that. I have accepted that.</p> <p>Mr Murnane: I can certainly give you that</p>	79 20.11.14	

				<p>sort of information.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: No, I do not want that sort of information. The information that I am asking and that you are going to take on notice is: what are the behind-the-border barriers that are still in place with these bilateral agreements? I am asking you: in the China agreement, what were the big behind-the-border barriers that were identified and not dealt with?</p>		
225	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Analysis of the behind-the-border barriers	<p>Senator CAMERON: I do not know why this is such a hard question. We have just sat down and negotiated a bilateral trade agreement with three major trading partners, and I am simply asking: what was our analysis of the behind-the-border barriers? If you have not done it, then you should just say we were delinquent and we did not do it. But if you have done it, tell us what was found.</p> <p>Mr Murnane: One of the reasons I am struggling is that I am not sure that we did it in the way that you are asking, but I can provide you, on notice, with our analysis of things that make it difficult to get into some of these markets—for example, the fact that some of the imports are dominated by state trading corporations. That can make it difficult. As we were talking about earlier with Japan, there is the network of domestic subsidies. We can certainly provide you with that.</p>	80 20.11.14	
226	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	List of area where there are technical market access	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide a list of the areas where there are technical market access issues where we still have impediments to trade?</p>	81 20.11.14	

			issues	Ms Evans: We can do that at a broad level. Obviously there is a large number of commodities. If we can do it in a way that gives you a sense of what we are dealing with that would work.		
227	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Wording around undertaking relating to the bilateral agreement with Japan	<p>Senator CAMERON: In relation to the Japanese bilateral, the Dairy Industry Council said they were extremely disappointed with the outcome. There were a number of areas where the bilateral did not satisfy people in the agricultural sector. You say that that could change if one of our competitors reaches an agreement. The words you used were that discussions would take place 'with a view' to giving us equal access. I have negotiated a few agreements in my day and I do not think 'with a view' is a very strong set of words.</p> <p>Senator BACK: It might have been your negotiating ability.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: There are always good negotiators around and there is always somebody better than you—and it looks like this is what has happened here. What does 'with a view' mean?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: That was my paraphrasing. I am just seeing if I have the exact wording here. I do not seem to, but I am happy to provide you with the exact wording. What it essentially means is that there is an undertaking that, should another agricultural exporting country—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: New Zealand, for instance?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: Yes, if New Zealand reaches an agreement with Japan to export a particular</p>	82-83 20.11.14	

				<p>agricultural commodity on better terms than Japan agreed to with Australia, there is an undertaking between Australia and Japan that that improved access would then be passed on to us.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is a completely different thing. I would just like to clarify this. I agree that, if that is the case, that is all right. But if it is 'with a view', that means there have to be some negotiations.</p> <p>Mr Murnane: That is why I say that there would need to be further discussions between the parties to make sure that that happens and on the timing of it and those sorts of things.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So it is just not automatic. If New Zealand gets a better deal on a range of dairy or agricultural areas, we do not automatically pick up. Do we have to sit down with Japan again?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: There is the undertaking that we would do that, and the wording around that undertaking is that a better outcome is the presumed result of those discussions. But, as I say, I am happy to provide you with the exact wording.</p>		
228	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Longer term implications if commodities keep missing out on these bilateral agreements	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you sought any advice as to the implications for sugar, wheat, cotton, rice, canola and vegetable oils? Have you, Minister, sought any advice from the department as to the longer term implications if these commodities keep missing out on these bilateral agreements?</p> <p>CHAIR: Minister, could I clarify one thing. With those exports not included in this agreement, we do send 100,000 tonnes of sugar</p>	84 20.11.14	

				<p>a year to China and \$2 billion worth of cotton. We have not sent any rice. I thought I would give you that information.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Chair, I am asking a question—I don't need this.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am just helping the minister.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: I do not think that is something that is in dispute between Senator Cameron and I. Senator Cameron, I personally have not. I would have to take on notice whether—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Whether the minister has.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Yes, whether Senator Joyce has.</p>		
229	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Previous free trade agreements in the agricultural area	<p>Senator CAMERON: Nobody is arguing about that. There has been a figure of 18 billion bandied around in the context of the benefit of this. What has been the outcome? Do you know what the benefits for previous free trade agreements in the agricultural area were estimated at at the time of signing and do you know what we have achieved?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	85 20.11.14	
230	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Analysis promised to the public in terms of the agreements	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you done any analysis of what was promised to the public in terms of the agreements, these managed messages which come out? Have you had a look at what was promised in terms of what the benefits would be to the agricultural sector and what has actually been the result? Some of them have been in for a few years now. We should be able to identify the benefits, surely?</p>	85 20.11.14	

				Mr Murnane: As I say, I will have to take that on notice because I do not have that information off the top of my head.		
231	Trade and Market Access Division	Sterle	Cost of trip to Beijing	Senator STERLE: Could you tell us the cost of the trip, Ms Evans. Ms Evans: I think I might have to take that on notice.	100 20.11.14	
232	Trade and Market Access Division	Sterle	Conversations in Beijing and if commodities were discussed	Senator STERLE: That is all right. No dramas. Could you let us know whether the terms of the free trade agreement were discussed in any of those meetings, Dr Grimes. Dr Grimes: Yes, the free trade agreement was discussed on the trip. Senator STERLE: Are you able to tell us the contents of the conversations? You can take that on notice. Dr Grimes: I will take that on notice. They were ministerial-level discussions. Senator STERLE: Are you able to tell us which commodities were discussed? Dr Grimes: I will take those matters on notice.	100 20.11.14	
233	Trade and Market Access Division	Ludwig	G20 - expenses	Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security. For each item, please provide: 1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The location of the event. 3. The date of the event. 4. The name and ABN of the service provider. 5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. 6. The total value of the contract/invoice. 7. The date the contract was executed by the Department. 8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. 9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. 10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. 11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that the approval was sought and granted. 		
-	Department of Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please 	Written	

				provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment		
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