

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

## Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015, Monday 20 October 2014

### Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio

QoN No.	PDR No.	Division	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page and hearing date or Written Q	Comments
Corporate Services							
1	312	CORP	CONROY	<i>Infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> YouTube Video	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Do you recall the number of views there had been on the YouTube video?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not recall the number.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It was about 2,358 when we last discussed it, back in May. Would you be able to hazard a guess at how many additional hits we have had since May?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No, I do not—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In the five months?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not have that number; I am sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I can probably help you here. It has blown out by another thousand-odd. Now, after nearly six months, there have been 3,452 views in total—as at 16 October. Perhaps you could verify that I have not got those numbers wrong; I am sure that it will not take long.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will check that.</p>	5 20/10/14	
2	311	CORP	CONROY	IA Code of Conduct	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I will take you to the Australian Public Service Values and Code of Conduct. Do you agree that you are bound by those?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> No, I do not believe that I am as CEO of Infrastructure Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You do not think that you are bound by the Australian Public Service Values and Code of Practice? Is that just because you are an independent statutory authority?</p>	74 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> That is right.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I would presume that not all of APLIA staff are APS employees. Some are on secondment from my department. They would certainly, as public servants. I am not too sure that it is all encompassing that the APS values would apply to IA. Most of our statutory bodies and organisations either do apply the APS code or an equivalent. In this circumstance, given how—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Or equivalent.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Given how new Infrastructure Australia is I am not too sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Is it a CAC body? What sort of body is it? Can you help us out here.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It is a PGPA.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It is an authorised authority.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Where should I look for their codes of conduct?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I should seek some guidance for you. I am not clear. I think they are required to prepare some form of guidance material in relation to an equivalent of APS code.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The organisation has only been in existence since 1 September, so I suspect they probably have not had a chance, given the large number of tasks, as yet to put in place that sort of material.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> That does not release them from being bound by some equivalent forms of code of conduct and ethics.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not disagree. I will get some guidance in relation to what the expectations and requirements are under the PGPA.</p>		
3	340	CORP	RICE	Interactions between Government and Private Contractors	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> What would the usual practice or protocols be in terms of interactions between government staff and private contractors undertaking the project?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We receive a range of invitations to events with the private sector. We apply our guidelines in terms of the appropriateness of the attendance at such events. I do not know the circumstances of that invitation or that event so I cannot comment beyond that. We do apply guidelines in terms of our advice for officers attending functions with industry.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Could we get a copy of those guidelines?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly. The normal APS values are applied. I will see what additional guidance we provide. Normally we apply the APS values and I ask my senior officers to apply judgment in relation to attendance at all events.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Specific guidelines; I would like to see that.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will see what we have available.</p>	36 20/10/14	

4	350	CORP	STERLE	Board Representation	I note that, as of 25 September, portfolio Boards consisted of 26% women, but with 17% of positions vacant. Given the Government's 40% target, can you say what percentage of portfolio Board positions will be filled by women by this time next year? [see written Estimates answer 60 from 25 September answers)	Written	
5	351	CORP	STERLE	Staffing Numbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the staff head count within Surface Transport Policy Division broken down into the separate units within that Division? How many redundancies have been made within this Division and the individuals units since 7 September 2013? Can you please provide a breakdown of the numerical number of staff and the APS grade of those staff?</li> <li>2. What is the staff head count within the Office of Transport Security Division broken down into the separate units within that Division? How many redundancies have been made within this Division and the individuals units since 7 September 2013? Can you please provide a breakdown of the numerical number of staff and the APS grade of those staff?</li> <li>3. What is the staff head count within Aviation and Airport Division broken down into the separate units within that Division? How many redundancies have been made within this Division and the individuals units since 7 September 2013? Can you please provide a breakdown of the numerical number of staff and the APS grade of those staff?</li> </ol>	Written	
6	384	CORP	LUDWIG	Graduate Intake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?</li> <li>2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?</li> <li>3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?</li> <li>4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?</li> </ol>	Written	
7	385	CORP	LUDWIG	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>restriction?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</li> <li>Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</li> <li>If no consultation has occurred, why not?</li> <li>Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</li> </ol>		
8	386	CORP	LUDWIG	Non-Conventional Therapies	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?</li> <li>Who are they available to?</li> <li>Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the Department, etc)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Has the Department/Agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What therapies have been provided?</li> <li>What were they used to treat?</li> <li>What was the cost of the therapy?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
9	387	CORP	LUDWIG	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the Department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not?</li> <li>Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the review.</li> <li>When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>What is the expected report date?</li> <li>Who is the Minister responsible for the review?</li> <li>What Department is responsible for the review?</li> <li>List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>statutory provision.</p> <p>9. List the terms of reference.</p> <p>10. What is the scope of the review?</p> <p>11. Who is conducting the review? How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</p> <p>12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</p> <p>13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</p> <p>14. What decision points are upcoming for the Minister on this matter?</p> <p>15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review.</p> <p>16. Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?</p>		
10	388	CORP	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> <p>1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?</p> <p>2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?</p> <p>3. Please provide a schedule or a work plan for the sunset provisions becoming active.</p> <p>4. When did/will this work begin?</p> <p>5. When is/was the review due to commence?</p> <p>6. What is the expected report date?</p> <p>7. Who is the Minister responsible for the review?</p> <p>8. What Department is responsible for the review?</p> <p>9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</p> <p>10. List the terms of reference.</p> <p>11. What is the scope of the review?</p> <p>12. Who is conducting the review? How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</p> <p>13. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</p> <p>14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</p> <p>15. What decision points are upcoming for the Minister on this matter?</p> <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>	Written	

11	389	CORP	LUDWIG	Domain Usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>a. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).</li> <li>b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.</li> <li>c. Number of times the site was accessed.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
12	390	CORP	LUDWIG	Procedure Manual (Departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department have a procedure manual for communication between the Department and the Minister? If yes, please provide a copy; and</li> <li>2. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>4. Has the Minister's Office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</li> <li>5. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the Minister or the Minister's Office?</li> </ol>	Written	
13	391	CORP	LUDWIG	Procedure Manual (Ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Minister's Office have a procedure manual for communication between the Minister's Office and the Department? If yes, please provide a copy; and</li> <li>2. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>4. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the Department?</li> </ol>	Written	
14	392	CORP	LUDWIG	Report Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> <li>2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.</li> </ol>	Written	
15	393	CORP	LUDWIG	G20 Expenses	<p>Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the Department since 7 September 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,</p>	Written	

					<p>merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.</p> <p>For each item, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.</li> <li>2. The location of the event.</li> <li>3. The date of the event.</li> <li>4. The name and ABN of the service provider.</li> <li>5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.</li> <li>6. The total value of the contract/invoice.</li> <li>7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.</li> <li>8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.</li> <li>9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.</li> <li>10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.</li> <li>11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.</li> </ol>		
16	394	CORP	LUDWIG	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the Department.</li> <li>2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.</li> <li>3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</li> </ol>	Written	
17	395	CORP	LUDWIG	Self-initiated Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the Minister's Office or Department management)?</li> <li>2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</li> <li>3. When did the project commence?</li> <li>4. When is it expected to conclude?</li> <li>5. What will the total cost of the project be?</li> <li>6. Where did the money for the project come from?</li> <li>7. Where is the project based?</li> </ol>	Written	
18	396	CORP	LUDWIG	Commissioned Reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, Department or Agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much did each report cost or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ol>		
19	397	CORP	LUDWIG	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much has been spent by each Department and Agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? Detail the items provided to the Minister's Office. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's Office.</li> <li>How much has been spent on departmental stationary requirements to date.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	Written	
20	398	CORP	LUDWIG	Electronic Equipment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's Office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the items.</li> <li>List the items location or normal location.</li> <li>List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level.</li> <li>List the total cost of the items.</li> <li>List an itemised cost breakdown of these items.</li> <li>List the date they were provided to the office.</li> <li>Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the Department</li> </ol>	Written	
21	399	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Subscriptions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What pay TV subscriptions does your Department/Agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	



					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ul> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your Department/Agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ul> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your Department/Agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ul> <p>4. What publications does your Department/Agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the Department and the reason for each.</li> <li>b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ul>		
22	400	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Monitoring	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</li> <li>c. Itemise these expenses.</li> </ul> <p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> </ul>	Written	

					b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c. Itemise these expenses		
23	401	CORP	LUDWIG	G20 Brisbane	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? 3. Please provide a copy of the Minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled. 4. Did the Minister request 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 attend 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 attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane? 9. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail. 10. Has the Department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail. 11. Will the Department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes: a. What will be the scope of the report? b. When will it be complete? c. Will it be available to the public?	Written	
24	402	CORP	LUDWIG	Market Research	Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: List any market research conducted by the Department/Agency: 1. List the total cost of this research. 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program. 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups etc selected? 9. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? 10. What input did the Minister have? 11. How was it approved?	Written	

					12. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.		
25	403	CORP	LUDWIG	FOI Requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</li> <li>Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</li> <li>Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</li> <li>For how many has a redacted document been provided?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
26	404	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>Has the Minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the make and model?</li> <li>How much did it cost?</li> <li>When was it provided?</li> <li>Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a Minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written	
27	405	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the make and model?</li> <li>How much did it cost?</li> <li>When was it provided?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>6. Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>9. 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.</li> <li>10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>		
28	406	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the make and model?</li> <li>2. How much did it cost?</li> <li>3. When was it provided?</li> <li>4. Was the entire cost met by the Department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>6. Are these costs met by the Department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>9. 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.</li> <li>10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written	
29	407	CORP	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>Agency/Department?</p> <p>2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>Cost of the lease.</li> <li>Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Agency/Department.</li> </ol> <p>3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>Date the lease agreement ended.</li> <li>Why was the lease not renewed?</li> <li>Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>Cost of the lease.</li> <li>Why the building was necessary for the operations of the Agency/Department.</li> </ol> <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li> <li>Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li> <li>Expected location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>Expected cost of the lease.</li> <li>Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li> <li>Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Agency/Department.</li> </ol> <p>5. For each building owned or leased by the Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</li> <li>If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</li> </ol>		
30	408	CORP	LUDWIG	Government Advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the total cost</li> <li>List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>Where the advertising appeared</li> <li>List the approving officer for each item.</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</li> <li>f. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising.</li> </ul> <p>2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List the total expected cost.</li> <li>b. List each item of expenditure and cost.</li> <li>c. Where the advertising will appear</li> <li>d. List the approving officer for each item.</li> <li>e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process.</li> <li>f. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising.</li> </ul> <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>		
31	409	CORP	LUDWIG	Workplace Assessments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? List each item of expenditure and cost.</li> <li>2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</li> <li>3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.</li> </ul>	Written	
32	410	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Website	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</li> <li>3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.</li> </ul>	Written	
33	412	CORP	LUDWIG	Multiple Tenders	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</li> <li>2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</li> <li>3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</li> </ul>	Written	
34	413	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or</p>	Written	

					<p>changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these.</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these changes.</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure.</li> <li>4. If so, who conducted the works?</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</li> <li>6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</li> </ol>		
35	414	CORP	LUDWIG	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Has the Department/Agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these.</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items.</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure.</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased?</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased.</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</li> </ol>	Written	
36	415	CORP	LUDWIG	Office Plants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Has the Department/Agency purchased or leased any office plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> </ol>	Written	
37	416	CORP	LUDWIG	Office Recreation Facilities	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Has the Department/Agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</li> </ol>	Written	

38	417	CORP	LUDWIG	Vending Machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Has the Department/Agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, list these</li> <li>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</li> <li>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</li> <li>4. If so, where were these purchased</li> <li>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</li> <li>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</li> <li>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</li> </ol>	Written	
39	418	CORP	LUDWIG	Legal Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all legal costs incurred by the Department or Agency.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.</li> </ol>	Written	
40	419	CORP	LUDWIG	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all interactions between the Department/Agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register.</li> <li>2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> <li>3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> </ol>	Written	
41	420	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For Departments/Agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</li> </ol>	Written	



					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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:</li> <li>What is provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</li> </ol>		
42	421	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary.</li> <li>For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification.</li> <li>For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification.</li> <li>For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification.</li> <li>For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.</li> </ol>	Written	
43	422	CORP	LUDWIG	Unallocated Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the Department/Agency has in storage or unallocated to staff.</li> <li>Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</li> </ol>	Written	
44	423	CORP	LUDWIG	Functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guest list of each function</li> <li>The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</li> <li>The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</li> <li>A list of drinks consumed at the function</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>	Written	

45	424	CORP	LUDWIG	Red Tape Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</li> <li>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</li> <li>3. How have they been recruited?</li> <li>4. What process was used for their appointment?</li> <li>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</li> <li>6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit?</li> <li>7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</li> <li>8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</li> <li>9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</li> </ol>	Written	
46	425	CORP	LUDWIG	Land Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</li> <li>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>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>		
47	426	CORP	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Code	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</li> <li>If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</li> <li>If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</li> <li>How long have they worked for the Minister?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? If not, on what date did they comply?</li> <li>Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</li> <li>By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</li> <li>Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	Written	
48	427	CORP	LUDWIG	Boards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>What travel expenses have been incurred;</li> <li>What has been the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>List each member's attendance at meetings;</li> </ol>	Written	

					5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. What conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. What remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.		
49	428	CORP	LUDWIG	Shared Resources following MOG Changes	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the Department share any goods/services/accommodation with other Departments? 2. What resources/services does the Department share with other Departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the Department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written	
50	429	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	Has the Department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so: 1. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. 2. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: 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. 3. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the Department? a. Who was involved in reaching this decision? b. 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	Written	

					regarding the rename/rebranding.		
51	430	CORP	LUDWIG	Contracts under \$10 000	Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.	Written	
52	431	CORP	LUDWIG	Media Training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each Department/Agency, please provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total spending on these services</li> <li>b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services</li> <li>c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification</li> <li>e. The names of all service providers engaged</li> <li>f. The location that this training was provided</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the Department or Agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d. Any costs the Department or Agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

53	432	CORP	LUDWIG	Prequalified Multiuse List Tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multiuse list panels for tenders?</li> <li>2. Please list all prequalified or multiuse list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the Department/Agency?</li> <li>3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>4. Do any ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>5. Do any ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?</li> <li>6. Have the Minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?</li> <li>7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</li> </ol>	Written	
54	433	CORP	LUDWIG	Credit Cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.</li> <li>2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?</li> <li>4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:</li> <li>5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> <li>7. Have any credit cards been made 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.</li> </ol>	Written	
55	435	CORP	LUDWIG	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</li> <li>2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</li> <li>b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</p>		
56	436	CORP	LUDWIG	Cloud Services and Storage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the Department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:</li> <li>2. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the Department?</li> <li>3. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.</li> <li>4. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.</li> <li>5. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?</li> <li>6. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?</li> <li>7. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?</li> <li>8. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?</li> <li>9. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.</li> </ol>	Written	
57	437	CORP	LUDWIG	Disability Access	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the Department/Agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:</li> <li>2. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).</li> <li>3. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act?</li> <li>4. When will these plans commence and when they are expected to be complete.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.</li> <li>7. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since 7 September 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>how the decision was reached.</p> <p>8. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.</p>		
58	438	CORP	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	
59	439	CORP	LUDWIG	Merchandise or Promotional Material	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <p>1. Has the Department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?</p> <p>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)</p> <p>3. List the cost for each item</p> <p>4. List the quantity of each item</p> <p>5. Who suggested these materials be created?</p> <p>6. Who approved its creation?</p> <p>7. Provide copies of authorisation</p> <p>8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</p> <p>9. Who created the material?</p> <p>10. How was that person selected?</p> <p>11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</p>	Written	
60	440	CORP	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information - Statistics	<p>1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?</p> <p>3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under section 15AA of the FOI Act?</p> <p>4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under section 15AB of the FOI Act?</p> <p>5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?</p>	Written	



61	441	CORP	LUDWIG	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did the Department/Agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</li> <li>2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</li> <li>3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</li> <li>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</li> <li>5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</li> </ol>	Written	
62	442	CORP	LUDWIG	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each Department/Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the Department or Agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The location used</li> <li>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<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>		
63	443	CORP	LUDWIG	Savings and Efficiency Measures	<p>Since the Appropriate Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:</p> <p>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?</p> <p>2. For each measure or task identified in question 1:</p> <p>a. What is the timeframe for implementation?</p> <p>b. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?</p> <p>c. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the Department?</p> <p>d. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?</p>	Written	
64	444	CORP	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment - Departmental	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>2. What has been provided?</p> <p>3. The purchase cost.</p> <p>4. The ongoing cost.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	
65	445	CORP	LUDWIG	Computers	<p>1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Minister's 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</p>	Written	

					<p>currently not being used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location.</li> <li>Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.</li> </ol>		
66	446	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Department	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?</li> <li>If so, under what policy?</li> <li>Provide a copy of that policy.</li> <li>When was this policy implemented?</li> <li>List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.</li> <li>Detail the process.</li> <li>When is the Minister notified, when is approved provided?</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>What date was the Minister or their office was notified of the travel?</li> <li>What date did the Minister or their office approve the travel?</li> <li>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> </ol>	Written	
67	447	CORP	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</li> <li>List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip.</li> <li>List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</li> <li>List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the</li> </ol>	Written	

					Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.		
68	448	CORP	LUDWIG	Grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</li> <li>2. How are grants applied for?</li> <li>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. Can these restrictions be waived? If yes, please detail the process for waiving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waived.</li> <li>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</li> <li>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</li> <li>6. Does the Minister or the Minister's Office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. 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.</li> <li>7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, and intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</li> <li>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, and the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</li> </ol>	Written	
69	449	CORP	LUDWIG	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the average time period for the Department/Agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</li> <li>2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</li> <li>3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</li> <li>4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</li> <li>5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</li> <li>6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>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>		
70	450	CORP	LUDWIG	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</li> <li>Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List each, including name, cost and purpose</li> <li>If so, why?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
71	451	CORP	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p><u>Consultations with Other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</li> <li>If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department/Agency which was consulted;</li> <li>The document;</li> <li>The purpose of the consultation;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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?</li> <li>If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;</li> <li>The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. The purpose of the consultation;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office.</li> </ul> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE allocated to processing FOI requests?</li> </ol> <p><u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department/Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?</li> <li>b. Require individuals to contact the Department/Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?</li> <li>c. Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. If the Department/Agency has moved from a system of meeting its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;</li> <li>c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?</li> <li>d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?</li> <li>e. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Has the Department/Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</li> <li>4. If so, please provide the following information in a table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed;</li> <li>b. The amount charged for each document;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
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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"> <li>1. How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?</li> <li>2. Of those, how many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Released in full</li> <li>b. Released in part</li> <li>c. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest</li> <li>d. Other (please specify)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		
72	452	CORP	LUDWIG	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</li> </ol>	Written	

73	453	CORP	LUDWIG	Senate Estimates Briefing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many officers have been responsible for preparing the Department, Agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</li> <li>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</li> <li>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? If so, when did this occur? How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</li> <li>4. Did the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>2. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</li> <li>3. When were the changes made?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the Department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</li> </ol>	Written	
74	454	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the Department/Agency?</li> <li>2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</li> </ol>	Written	
75	455	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Reductions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? What was the reason for these reductions?</li> <li>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> <li>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What</li> </ol>	Written	



					<p>classification were these staff?</p> <p>7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>10. How is the Department/Agency funding the packages?</p>		
76	456	CORP	LUDWIG	Staffing Recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	
77	457	CORP	LUDWIG	Coffee Machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>Has the Department/Agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?</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 coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>5. Who has access?</p> <p>6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	
78	458	CORP	LUDWIG	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any</p>	Written	

					print jobs? a. If so, what companies were used? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing by item?		
79	459	CORP	LUDWIG	Corporate Cars	Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: 1. How many cars are owned by each Department/Agency? a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 2. How many cars are leased by each Department/Agency? a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?	Written	
80	460	CORP	LUDWIG	Taxi Costs	Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: 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	
81	461	CORP	LUDWIG	Hire Cars	Since Budget Estimates in June 2014: 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	
82	462	CORP	LUDWIG	Communications Staff	1. For all Departments and Agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location 4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake	Written	

					<p>and their location</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>How many are media managers?</li> <li>How many organise events?</li> </ol>		
83	463	CORP	LUDWIG	Meeting Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written	
84	464	CORP	LUDWIG	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>the date they were ordered;</li> <li>the date they commenced;</li> <li>the Minister responsible;</li> <li>the Department responsible;</li> <li>the nature of the review;</li> <li>their terms of reference;</li> <li>the scope of the review;</li> <li>who is conducting the review;</li> <li>the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review;</li> <li>the expected report date;</li> <li>the budgeted, projected or expected costs; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>and any known alias or other trading names;</p> <p>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent;</p> <p>c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item;</p> <p>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement;</p> <p>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details;</p> <p>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them;</p> <p>g. If yes, for each, who selected them;</p> <p>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3. Which reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a. Please list them.</p> <p>b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p> <p>If so, when? If not, why not?</p>		
85	465	CORP	LUDWIG	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <p>2. List each.</p> <p>3. List the staffing assigned to each task.</p>	Written	

					<p>4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</p> <p>5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</p>		
86	466	CORP	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 2014 and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>4. What functions have been 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 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>	Written	

87	467	CORP	LUDWIG	Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many positions have been made redundant in your Department since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these positions were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.</li> <li>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li> <li>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</li> <li>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>7. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.</li> <li>b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</li> <li>c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</li> <li>d. Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul> <p>8. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul> <p>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"> <li>a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</li> <li>b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</li> <li>c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</li> </ul> <p>10. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</li> <li>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</li> <li>d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.</li> <li>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</li> </ul>		
88	468	CORP	LUDWIG	Hiring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people are employed in your Department on non-ongoing contracts?</li> <li>2. How many people are employed in your Department on ongoing</li> </ul>	Written	

					<p>contracts?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. How many non-ongoing contracts has your Department extended since the 2013 federal election?</li> <li>4. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your Department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</li> <li>5. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on</li> </ol>		
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					<p>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 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 their</p>		
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89	469	CORP	LUDWIG	Fee for Service	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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:</li> <li>2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.</li> <li>3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).</li> <li>4. The date the fee came into place.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?</li> <li>7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?</li> <li>8. What justification is there for the fee?</li> </ol>	Written	
90	498	CORP	LUDWIG	Appointments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail any board appointments made to date.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>3. Has the Department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</p> <p>4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</p>		
<b>Infrastructure Investment</b>							
91	499	II	CONROY	WestConnex Traffic Modelling Analysis	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> In the three months to June 2014, the department engaged RB consultants to conduct analysis of WestConnex's traffic modelling at a cost of \$50,000. I think that is from estimates answer 85. Does that ring a bell?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will check that. I will just get my colleague up here.</p>	7 20/10/14	
92	500	II	CONROY	WestConnex	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> When did stage 2 start? Again apologies; I know little about this project. I am just trying to understand this. From the sound of it, the payment is imminent; so I am now just asking when stage 2 starts.</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> On stage 2, there has been a call for expressions of interest for the King Georges Road interchange; that closed on 26 September. The call for expressions of interest for the main works closed on 7 October. Geotechnical work is underway at the moment, including the environmental impact statement, which was expected in late 2014. In terms of actual construction start, it will be early next year—early to mid-2015.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Early to mid?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Yes. We would expect our loan to be available to be called upon at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Before that time?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No, at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So we would not release the funds until about then?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Or later than that, depending on when the actual capital injection is required.</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> The funding will be released during the construction period for the project over a number of years; it will not be up front.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It will not be up front?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> The loan will not, no. It will be called upon when required, according to the construction schedule, when the tenders are signed.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What is the value of stage 1?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> We might come back to you on the breakdown of those three components.</p>	10-11 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> We will come back to you this morning.</p>		
93	501	II	CONROY	WestConnex - Consultancy	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I hope the consultancy is going well. The question is whether or not you are finding that they match the New South Wales government's forecast. But, as you have said, it is premature to say any more and I will not press you on that. Which stage or stages of WestConnex were analysed? You are saying this is just stage 2?</p> <p><b>Mr Danks:</b> Just stage 2. The focus of the consultancy was on the concessional loan. The concessional loan is limited to stage 2.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> RB Consulting was analysing the modelling of the New South Wales government. Who provided that to the New South Wales government? Whose work were you actually looking at?</p> <p><b>Mr Danks:</b> I believe that the New South Wales government have engaged their own consultants. We can take that on notice.</p>	11 20/10/14	
94	502	II	CONROY	WestConnex – Traffic Modelling Report	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ... When the report is finalised, will it be publicly available? That is probably a question to Mr Mrdak.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will have to take that on notice. The negotiations with the state of New South Wales are continuing. They remain commercial-in-confidence at this point. I will take on notice whether the details will be provided.</p>	11 20/10/14	
95	503	II	CONROY	Traffic Modelling – Companies Commissioned	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Those modellings were all commissioned by you, the department—not Infrastructure Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Yes. The department has responsibility for negotiating the terms of the Commonwealth Infrastructure Investment Programme.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> With the first freight link, who was commissioned?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> The consultancy for Perth freight link—to do the traffic modelling?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am interested in who was commissioned for the Perth freight link, the North-South Road. There was not any for that public road?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No; and Toowoomba Second Range.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> And Toowoomba Second Range. I am happy for someone to let us know.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will get that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You may not have it right at your fingertips.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> For both Perth freight link and for Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, a company known as Veitch Lister Consulting was engaged to undertake that work.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much did they cost?</p>	15 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> I do not have those figures.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You can take that on notice or perhaps someone could email them to you.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We can get those back to you today.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Great. Also, when they commenced that work would be good—for both.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> Yes.</p>		
96	504	II	CONROY	Traffic Modelling Reports	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> And when the report was handed to the department.</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> That work is still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> For both Perth and Toowoomba?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Again, Mr Mrdak, are we able to get an indication of the findings of those pieces of work?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will take that on notice. As I said earlier, at the point at which the Commonwealth commits to the projects, we do so with the certainty of that analysis. I will take on notice when those reports will be publicly available.</p>	15 20/10/14	
97	505	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 2	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ... Can you confirm—we had a bit of a discussion on it earlier—that we have already paid \$1 billion to the Victorian government in the last financial year in respect of stage 2 of East West? That is correct, is it not?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> That is correct, Senator.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> That is correct, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What was the date of this payment?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It was late June.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Late June? June 30?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I do not have the exact date, but it was late June.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you get the exact date?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It was in late June.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It was in that last payment that is made by the Treasury.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It would be great if you could confirm the date during the morning...</p>	25 20/10/14	
98	506	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 2 MOU	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> At the time of the payment what was agreed in writing between the Commonwealth and the Victorian government about stage 2?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> There was a memorandum of understanding in place around that payment for East West West.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What are the broad outlines of the MOU?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> The broad outlines of the MOU are that if the project does not proceed the funding is returned, and that the project is to be subject to a</p>	25-26 20/10/14	

					<p>cost/benefit analysis conducted by Infrastructure Australia. They are the broad terms and conditions.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> At the time of payment was there an executed project proposal agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No. There was the MOU in place of an executed project proposal assessment.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can we get a copy of the MOU?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>		
99	507	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 2 Route	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I have mentioned this already, but I think it is fundamental to understand: the Commonwealth government's given a billion dollars, but we do not know the precise route yet, do we?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We have seen the work that has been done to date by the Victorian government in relation to the business case and some initial designs, but we are yet to see any final detailed design.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So there is no precise route yet?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> There is an indicative route, and an indicative design which we are aware of but there is no final design.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are there not options? There is a variety of options for where the tunnel comes up.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> There are options; that is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Do we know where it starts? I think we do. Tell me where it starts.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will get that detail for you.</p>	26 20/10/14	
100	508	II	RICE	Allocation of Project Funds	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I have one last question in terms of that process of having handed the money over. Do you have examples of other projects where funds allocated to a particular project were then subsequently redirected to another project at the request of the funding partner?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly. I think Senator Edwards mentioned a project in South Australia where there was a payment made for which there was recovery action taken. Those funds were subsequently utilised for other Commonwealth purposes. I will take on notice for you other projects.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Could we get a list of all of those circumstances, say, over the last five years?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly, where there have been prepayments. I know, for instance, the Hume Highway was one of those projects where there was substantial payment made to the state of New South Wales which was</p>	29-30 20/10/14	

					subsequently utilised for investment. In some there were savings which were subsequently redirected. I will get you some details of those on notice.		
101	509	II	WHISH-WILSON	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Package	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Lastly, you said that basically less than \$30 million is left to allocate, based on the original numbers. If we take out the regional tourism package and the investment fund, how much is left to allocate then? How many projects have not received their funding? You said there are 27 out of 33—so six left to go.</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Is there a reason why they have not received their funding to date? Are there issues with their projects?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> Four projects are currently under assessment. Basically we actually work with the proponents to get enough information to be able to make a value-for-money assessment on those projects. When they have provided that information we will make a recommendation to government for funding and take it from there.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Can I get on notice what those projects are?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> Certainly.</p>	31 20/10/14	
102	510	II	BROWN	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Package – FC Management Pty Ltd	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> You have got six, I think you said, that are uncontracted—is that right?—and four that you have entered into discussions with the proponents about. When were you looking to have those assessments finalised?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> As soon as the proponent provides the information. As I mentioned, we are actually working with the proponents and asked them for specific information usually relating to financial viability. Once they have provided that we can proceed. Two of the projects will not be proceeding. One has withdrawn. They were unable to get licence requirements.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> What is that project?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> It is the FC Management Pty Ltd's north-east marine engineering dry dock facility.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Where was that? Can you remind where that was located?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> When was that withdrawn? Do you have a date?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> I would have to take that on notice, exactly.</p>	31 20/10/14	
103	511	II	BROWN	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Package – Start	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Of the projects that have been funded, do you have an indication of how many jobs will be created?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> Not in total, those being funded.</p>	32 20/10/14	

				Dates and Job Creation	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> What do you have that you can share with me?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> In each individual application the proponent actually specifies the jobs they expect to be created during the building and also the long-term jobs associated with the project.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Are you able to provide me with a list of the projects and when they will actually commence, when they will start? The \$98 million now, putting aside the two that have moved to other departments, that is over a period of years. How many years is that over?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We require a start date under each agreement. On notice, I am happy to give you the start dates that have been nominated under the agreements for each of those projects.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Okay. If you can indicate job creation alongside each of those projects?</p> <p><b>Mr McCormick:</b> Certainly.</p>		
104	512	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 1	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> At the time of the payment, what was agreed in writing between the Commonwealth and the Victorian government about stage 1?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> A project proposal report was received by the government of Victoria. The project proposal report was assessed by the department. That advice was provided to the government.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are we able to get a copy of the signed project proposal agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Again, I am happy to take that on notice. It is a statutory instrument. I will take it on notice.</p>	33-34 20/10/14	
105	513	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 1	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> At the time of the payment what advice did you receive from IA about the merit of stage 1?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will just check that. I think we were aware of the status that Infrastructure Australia's work had reached.</p>	35 20/10/14	
106	514	II	CONROY	East-West Link – Stage 2 MOU	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> A couple of very quick ones on the MOU you mentioned on East West 2, I think. Why was no public announcement made of the MOU? Were you keeping it a secret? Was it so good you did not want to tell people about it?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It was signed, from recollection, by the Prime Minister. I think it was at a public event, from recollection.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It was announced as part of a public event and the federal government—</p>	35 20/10/14	



					<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> He did not really sign it at the public event, did he? Was there a big contract and a sit-down?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Actually I think it was.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I have done signing ceremonies, so I know what they are. This was a signing ceremony? I know there was a press conference; I don't know if there was a signing ceremony.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> There was a press conference to announce the commitment to the western section.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will check as to whether the MOU was signed at that event.</p>		
107	515	II	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Have you received a comprehensive business case for WestConnex to inform the project's priority ranking by Infrastructure Australia and subsequent financing?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will have my officers give you the details.</p>	36 20/10/14	
108	517	II	CONROY	Freight Road Programs	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are there New South Wales road freight initiatives? By definition, the Victorian road freight one probably will not include anybody else. Is there a similar program that includes any of the other states?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> Certainly there are significant numbers of road projects in other jurisdictions, not with the same title. But we have a number of investments.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What are the equivalent programs in other states?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> We have specific projects—even the Pacific Highway, which is essentially a significant freight route. We have individual projects nominated. In this case there are a number of projects that the Victorian government grouped together to provide as a package. We have done the same thing in the Northern Territory where we have groups of freight projects under a heading of a package. It is not the same for every jurisdiction. In Western Australia we can identify particular—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I might come back with a question on notice and ask you to spell out what equivalent style of packages or programs—whatever generic phrase is used for them—there are from each state. I will come back to that. Where have the federal funds for this program been sourced from?</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> They were announced in the federal budget.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Did they come from existing programs or projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> We might have to take that on notice to indicate where the source of funding was for that. It was certainly in the budget. We will clarify that during one of the breaks.</p>	39-40 20/10/14	
109	518	II	CONROY	Victorian Road Freight Initiatives	<p><b>Mr Jagers:</b> I think we can identify where funding was reallocated within the Victorian program to accommodate these 14 projects and we will be able to give</p>	40-41 20/10/14	

				<p>Program</p> <p>you the detail of that.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> That would be great. 'Reallocated'. I would like to know where they were reallocated from.  <b>Mr Jaggers:</b> Yes, I will indicate the source of that.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> Do you know where the Victorian funds for this program were sourced from? Could you give us the details of whether it was from existing programs or projects? Was it from VicRoads? Do you have any information that you can share with us?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not think we have that information. It is a commitment by the Victorian government.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> I thought Mr Jaggers was flicking his way through some papers there. I thought he might have it handy.  <b>Mr Jaggers:</b> No, I do not, Senator.  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Not the Victorian contribution.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> When was the program established?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> In the budget.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> You can make an announcement in the budget. When did it formally—  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It was negotiated in the lead-up to the budget, so from the period in the months preceding the budget, as is part of the discussions with the Victorian government.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> What agreement underpins it?  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> From memory, it was an exchange of correspondence between senior ministers which underpin the decision to fund this project.  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are they available publicly? Can we see the terms?  Normally, if you are spending public money and there is an announcement, there are guidelines and this sort of stuff. It is not a matter of two ministers writing to each other and saying, 'Hey, slip me 60 million.'  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The projects will be subject to the normal processes we discussed earlier around project proposal reports. The commitment was through an exchange of correspondence between the two governments. I will take on notice whether the minister is prepared to make those publicly available.  ...  <b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am interested to know which projects this money was reallocated from.  <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly, Senator; we will get that detail for you.</p>		
110	519	II	CONROY	<p>Glenrowan Rest Area</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Is there anyone else at the table? Who looks after the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program?  <b>Mr Jaggers:</b> Yes, we do look after the program.</p>	42 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I thought I had the right people at the table. So does this project meet those criteria?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> There were 153 proposals under that program.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> This was not one of them?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> I would have to take on notice or quickly check whether this was one of them. I suspect it was not but I will have to—</p>		
111	520	II	CONROY	Clause 50 – National Partnership Agreement	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Why was clause 50 inserted? It is a new clause, is it not?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Clause 50 of the National Partnership Agreement? Are you referring to the National Partnership Agreement?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Yes—clause 50 inserted into the agreement.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> I am just looking it up.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I can read it out to you:</p> <p>In the event of Project cancellation, the Commonwealth may choose to reallocate its share of any remaining funding to another Project or Projects in the relevant state. In the case of a State, the State may choose to reallocate its share of the funding to other Projects.</p> <p>That's a new clause?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It is from the previous agreement, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It is. So there are no similar provisions in the 2014 Victorian agreement?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> Well, there may have been similar related provisions, but not specifically compared to the other—</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can you tell me what number that provision was, if there was one?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> It would not have been identical to this. This is a new clause.</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I think there was something similar in the MOUs that this National Partnership Agreement replaces. There has always been that notion that, should a project be cancelled or there are savings, that money can be re-allocated. There is certainly a slight difference in this phrasing to the previous version. I am happy to provide those details to you.</p>	44-45 20/10/14	
112	521	II	BROWN	Midland Highway Package	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Has construction started on any of those seven projects that you outline, Mr Jaggers? When will we see construction?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> My understanding is that construction will be starting in coming months. Six of those projects should be completed by May 2015. I am not sure on the timing of the last one, the one that will not be completed by May.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Which work?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> I do not know, sorry. I will have to take that on notice—about the seventh one. But certainly six of those are completing before May. The idea for this package of works is that the projects are approved, and then construction</p>	46 20/10/14	

					work is starting. Now that the National Partnership Agreement has been settled, Tasmania is keen to move forward with all these projects. They will be rolling out over a period of time.		
113	522	II	BROWN	Bell Bay Intermodal Terminal	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> The Bell Bay Intermodal Terminal?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> On the Bell Bay Intermodal Terminal, they have agreed on providing \$5.2 million for this project. It is an \$8 million project.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> I am sorry; did you say \$5.2 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> It is \$5.2 million.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> What is the total cost of that?</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> It is \$8 million. The project has commenced. There have been some delays in awarding the contract, following some changes in design. Construction is expected to commence later this month. I might just ask Mr Wood whether he has any further updates on that.</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> No, that is the latest update I have. I spoke to TasRail last week. The contract was in the final stages of being executed and construction is expected to commence in the near future. It is still expected to be completed this financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Who is undertaking that construction?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> The project is being overseen by TasRail. As to the actual name of the contractor that they appointed, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	48 20/10/14	
114	523	II	PERIS	Assets Recycling Scheme	<p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> A recent suggestion by our Chief Minister is that sale of the Territory insurance office could fund a sporting stadium. Is this the kind of project that the Commonwealth would support under this scheme?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Again, I would have to take that on notice. That is a matter for the Treasurer. We have not received such a proposal as yet. I do not know whether I can give you a definitive answer at this stage. I may take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> You could take it on notice and also: would this be enhancing productivity?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Again, I would have to take it on notice as to what the government's view on that would be.</p>	54 20/10/14	
115	524	II	McLUCAS	Peak Downs Highway	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> ... The other issue that I want to go to is the Peak Downs Highway. There have been some conversations about bringing part of this project forward. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Jaggers:</b> I am just saying that I might need to take that on notice. I can give you the funding profile for the project but I do not have a lot of details on it in front of me.</p>	58-59 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Has it changed since 12 months ago?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> For the current funding commitment for the Peak Downs Highway project the Australian government contribution is capped at \$120 million. I believe that is a project that is proposed to be funded 100 per cent by the Australian government.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Is that 100 per cent by the Australian government?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> As outlined in the program of works and as I think the schedule shows that is now on the department's website, it has funding provided for in 2014-15 of \$18.57 million; 2015-16 of \$56.2 million and 2016-17 of \$36.73 million. That is the profile going forward.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> If you could take that on notice. The question that I am trying to ascertain is: has there been any change to the forward funding profile for this Eaton Range section of the Peak Downs Highway from the 2013-14 to the 2014-15 budget?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will get that quickly and come straight back to you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> I am asking whether there is any acceleration of the project; on whose recommendation was it accelerated but, more importantly, does that affect any other projects, in particular the Mackay Ring Road?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will come back to you with answers on those.</p>		
116	525	II	McLUCAS	Peninsula Development Road	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> How can you confirm that the Cook Shire Council staff who were employed using that \$1.6 million for day labour only did works on the PDR?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I would have to check that.</p>	59 20/10/14	
117	526	II	McLUCAS	Peninsula Development Road	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> How much is the state putting in?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> The state is putting in about \$52 million. Essentially that is on an 80-20 basis.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> What years will the state be putting that \$52 million in?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> I do not have that profile with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Can you get that?</p> <p><b>Mr Pittar:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> You have given me the 2014-15 through to 2018-19 allocation from the Commonwealth, so if you could do the same from the state that would be helpful. ...</p>	59-60 20/10/14	
118	527	II	CONROY	WestConnex - Drilling	<p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> The M4 widening construction contracts are expected to be signed before the end of this calendar year with construction commencing in early</p>	61-62 20/10/14	

					<p>2015. The construction tender process assessment process is currently underway on that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So no-one is drilling at the moment?</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> Geotechnical work has happened across stage 1 and stage 2.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you explain what geotechnical work means for the uninitiated?</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> Geotechnical work is the taking of core samples and going down as far as you need to in order to assess basically the rock structure, the earth structure, and it is valuable to tenderers to understand the tunnelling and other constraints involved in the construction. That is occurring now on stage 2.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How many workers are involved in the drilling?</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> I could not tell you how many workers but I know that they are on schedule on both corridors. I do not know how many.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Foulds:</b> I can. I will have to go to New South Wales.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ... How many workers are involved in drilling?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> We do not have that information.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We undertook to come back to you on that.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> That was on stage 1.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will do the same for stage 2.</p>		
119	528	II	CONROY	Toowoomba Second Range Crossing	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Given that you told estimates that you could not calculate a BCR for this project, could you indicate whether today you have assessed and agreed a BCR?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> There were BCRs available for the project in its business case stage previously, which are available. I can get that information for you.</p>	89 20/10/14	
120	529	II	STERLE	East West Milestones	<p>I refer to 20 October Estimates transcript page 44, where you indicated that there were hundreds of projects and many milestones for payment. You indicated that you could provide milestones as examples for particular projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide detail of all the milestones applicable to payments in respect of East West Stage 1 payments from the Commonwealth.</li> <li>2. Please provide detail of all the milestones applicable to payments in respect of East West Stage 2 payments from the Commonwealth.</li> </ol>	Written	
121	530	II	STERLE	WestConnex Milestones	<p>Please provide detail of all the milestones applicable to payments in respect of Westconnex Stage 1 payments from the Commonwealth.</p>	Written	

122	531	II	STERLE	Perth Freight Link	<p>Under the National Partnership Agreement signed on 10 October 2014, what was the agreed profile for WA Government funding for the Freight Link?</p> <p>Specifically, what has the WA Government agreed for this project for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2014-5</li> <li>2. 2015-6</li> <li>3. 2016-7</li> <li>4. 2017-8</li> <li>5. 2018-9</li> <li>6. Years after that?</li> </ol>	Written	
123	532	II	STERLE	State Funding Profiles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department have, for the States and Territories that have signed the National Partnership Agreement of Land Transport Projects, profile of the States'/Territories' funding contribution profiles for each project?</li> <li>2. Can the Department please provide these in the same format as it has posted Federal profiles on its website?</li> <li>3. Why are these not already available on the website?</li> </ol>	Written	
124	533	II	STERLE	Community Development Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF total funding for projects from the Australian Government cannot exceed 50 per cent of the total project cost and applicants must match the NSRF grant on a dollar for dollar basis. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of what projects would be funded under the CDGs Programme?</li> <li>2. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF projects must contribute to the economic growth in the region. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of what projects would be funded under the CDGs Programme?</li> <li>3. There appears to be under-spend in this programme – the amount of grants announced (\$307 M) compared to the amount of the programme as announced by the Minister (\$342 M) – what is planned for the unspent \$30 million plus of allocated funds? What will be the process for allocating these remaining funds?</li> <li>4. How did the Government make its decisions around which projects would be included in round 1 of CDG?</li> <li>5. Does the Department have any evidence of the Government's rationale?</li> <li>6. What were the two projects initially announced as part of the CDG programme in November that has been transferred in to the TJGP?</li> <li>7. Has this transfer affected the status of the projects that have been</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>announced under the TJGP?</p> <p>8. What were the six projects initially announced as part of the CDG programme in November that has been cut?</p>		
125	534	II	STERLE	National Stronger Regions Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I note that the final decision on projects funded under the NSRF will be made by the Ministerial Panel. I assume that the Department will provide advice to the Minister and/or the panel on what projects are suitable for funding?</li> <li>2. What will be process for the Department providing advice to the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet that is referred to in the NSRF guidelines?</li> <li>3. Will the Ministerial Panel correspond with any other organisation apart from the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet in making its decisions on projects to be funded?</li> <li>4. I note that RDA Committee will be involved in making recommendations to the Department or the Minister on project priorities. So what is the role of the RDA Committee's in the process of funding under the NSRF?</li> <li>5. Can you explain why this change was made? By whom?</li> <li>6. I note that funding will not be made available under the NSRF until 1 July 2015. This means that funding will be made available a year later than funding planned under RDAF, is this correct?</li> <li>7. Do you know if this delay has any kind of impact on regional Australia?</li> <li>8. Do you know if this had any impact on organisations in regional Australia applying for funding?</li> <li>9. The scrapping of RDAF Round 5 and 5b would've put a total of \$350 million back into the Department's budget. Has the Department reallocated these funds? Will these funds be used for the NSRF?</li> <li>10. Can you please outline whether any of the new funding found for the NSRF is from other parts of the Department's Budget?</li> <li>11. Will each Local Government across Australia get a minimum allocation from this fund?</li> <li>12. I note that one assessment criteria for the NSRF is the extent to which projects supports or addresses disadvantage, while one of the eligibility criteria is for applicants to match the NSRF grant on a dollar for dollar basis.</li> <li>13. Do you think the need for applicants to match the NSRF funding on a dollar for dollar basis will discourage groups from applying who do meet the assessment criteria that addresses disadvantage?</li> <li>14. Do you think the eligibility criteria for applicants to match the NSRF</li> </ol>	Written	



					<p>grant on a dollar for dollar basis will discourage smaller community groups who may not have the resources to raise the money required to match funding?</p> <p>15. Is it anticipated there'll be any exemptions for the eligibility criteria for applicants to match the NSRF grant on a dollar for dollar basis?</p> <p>16. Which of the Parliamentary Secretaries to the Prime Minister will be on the Ministerial Panel?</p>		
126	535	II	STERLE	Project Savings	<p>I refer to the Department's answer to written question 147 from the May Estimates hearing – in which savings to projects since the last election are itemised. Can you indicate now or today as to which category these savings occur for each listed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Same scope, came in under budget</li> <li>b. Reduced scope</li> <li>c. Project cancelled</li> </ul>	Written	
127	536	II	STERLE	South Australia Project Reallocation	<p>In written answer 147 in which the Department outlines an \$8 million cut at the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) on South Eastern Freeway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was this project, and what did it involve?</li> <li>2. Given this project involves lower capital cost (not building a new road but better traffic management), these projects have high BCRs – around 8 to 10 in fact. I gather both Governments have agreed to move the funding to one of the South Road projects – is that correct?</li> <li>3. Can you indicate the BCR for the ATMS project and the BCR for the project to which the funds are now being applied?</li> <li>4. How is this shift justified by the Commonwealth?</li> </ul>	Written	
128	537	II	STERLE	Project Payments	<p>Can you indicate what payments to the relevant States had been made in respect of the following projects, as at 18 September 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. East West Stage 1</li> <li>b. East West Stage 2</li> <li>c. Western Sydney Infrastructure Package</li> <li>d. Westconnex Stage 1</li> <li>e. Westconnex Stage 2</li> <li>f. Perth Freight Link</li> <li>g. South Road (Torrens to Torrens)</li> <li>h. South Road (Darlington)</li> </ul>	Written	

					i. Toowoomba Second Range Crossing j. Northern Territory Roads package k. Midland Highway package  Please list (if any), which of these projects had road plant working on construction as at 18 September 2014?		
129	538	II	STERLE	Asset Recycling Initiative	1. What role will the Department have in overseeing new projects to be funded by the proposed 15% Commonwealth incentive payment? 2. For new projects involving over \$100 million in Commonwealth incentive payments under the Asset Recycling Initiative, what guarantee is there that IA will evaluate the project prior to the payment of the incentive? 3. For new projects involving over \$100 million in capital expenditure under the Asset Recycling Initiative, what guarantee is there that IA will evaluate the project prior to the payment of the incentive? 4. What does the Department understand to be the process for evaluating the productivity benefits of new projects proposed for the 15% payment?	Written	
130	541	II	STERLE	Unfunded Projects by BCR	I refer to the IA answer to question 181 from the May Estimates.  1. Please list the “ready to proceed” projects from that list, that have not been funded in the 2014-15 or previous Budgets. 2. Please list the “threshold” projects from that list, that have not been funded in the 2014-15 or previous Budgets.	Written	
131	542	II	STERLE	RDAF	1. Can you please confirm that number of projects from previous RDAF rounds that will not be proceeding? 2. Can you please put on record the projects left over from previous RDAF rounds that will no longer be funded by the Government? 3. I note that some uncontracted projects from RDAF and some of the projects from Round 5 of RDAF have received funding under the Government’s CDG funding programme. What was the process that decided which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme? 4. I note that under the guidelines of the Government’s new NSRF total funding for projects from the Australian Government cannot exceed 50 per cent of the total project cost and applicants must match the NSRF	Written	

					<p>grant on a dollar for dollar basis. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme?</p> <p>5. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF projects must contribute to the economic growth in the region. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme?</p> <p>6. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF projects must support or address disadvantage in a region. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme?</p> <p>7. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF projects must support or address disadvantage in a region. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme?</p> <p>8. I note that under the guidelines of the Government's new NSRF projects must be viable and sustainable. Was a similar requirement applied in the assessment of which uncontracted projects from RDAF and which projects from Round 5 of RDAF found funding in the CDG funding programme?</p>		
132	543	II	STERLE	Aqunta Consulting	<p>I refer to the Aqunta consulting project into "cost estimates of infrastructure projects" that was undertaken between March and June this year, at a cost of \$50K [Estimates written answer 85 dated 25 September 2014]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did Infrastructure Investment or Infrastructure Australia commission this work?</li> <li>2. What was the scope of the work?</li> <li>3. Was it a generic analysis or into specific projects?</li> <li>4. If so, which projects?</li> <li>5. Why was the work commissioned?</li> <li>6. When was the report handed to the Department?</li> <li>7. What were the main findings?</li> <li>8. Can the report be made available to the Committee?</li> <li>9. Has IA seen the report?</li> <li>10. If so, when?</li> </ol>	Written	

133	544	II	EDWARDS	Community Grants Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much of the \$300m available under the Community Grants Program has been spent to date?</li> <li>2. What amount remains to be allocated and what form will the remaining funds take during allocation?</li> <li>3. Of the projects awarded funding, how many noted potential tourism outcomes or revenue generating prospects from the development of the infrastructure?</li> <li>4. How much of the total spend has been awarded to South Australia Infrastructure?</li> <li>5. How many applications have you received in total? How many have you received in South Australia?</li> <li>6. How many successful applications have there been in South Australia?</li> <li>7. Of the unsuccessful applications, what are the total reasons for not awarding the applications (eg, not meeting criteria etc)?</li> <li>8. Can you outline if any application has been made by Weikert Cottage in Sevenhill, SA? If so, can you provide a progress report on its application?</li> </ol>	Written	
134	545	II	LUDWIG	Queensland Infrastructure	<p>Please provide an update on the status of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Second Toowoomba Range Crossing;</li> <li>• Morton Rail Link;</li> <li>• Darra-Ipswich Motorway;</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work or planning for these projects has been commenced by the Department? Please detail, including dates and detail of what work or planning has commenced.</li> <li>2. Please provide a copy of any communication between the Minister's Office and the Department regarding these projects. These communications should include, but not be limited to: emails, letters, fax's, notes and memos.</li> <li>3. How much money is required to complete these projects?</li> <li>4. Is this figure the full amount required to complete the project and has it been allocated and / or budgeted in the forward estimate? If not, why not?</li> <li>5. Are any other sources of funding being considered? Have any other sources of funding already incorporated into this project? If so, please provide a list of these sources including any shared costs with the relevant State/Territories. Please provide dates and other details associated with reaching these agreements.</li> <li>6. Have any spending offsets been discussed to cover the cost of this</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>project? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>7. What consultation or work has been done with the Queensland State Government on these projects?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List all communication between the two governments, including the mode of communication, the level of public service involved.</li> <li>What is the current status of the discussions with the two governments?</li> <li>Has the Federal Minister written to the State Minister or any other member of the State Government or State public service about this project? If so, when? On what matter? What was the outcome of that correspondence?</li> </ol>		
135	552	II	STERLE	Economy-Wide Investment Target	<p>I refer to this statement by the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development from November 2013, in a speech to the IPA.</p> <p>With respect to the then underway PC inquiry into public infrastructure, the Assistant Minister said, back then:</p> <p>“...today I am announcing that my Department will be submitting to the Productivity Commission inquiry a paper that canvasses options on whether we should work towards a target or a benchmark, for combined public and private infrastructure investment”.</p> <p>On October 20 Estimates at page 120-1, there was some discussion of this matter.</p> <p>In addition to that can you now answer this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where, in the Department’s 38-page submission to the PC Inquiry, dated 24 December by the PC, does the Department canvass options on such a target?</li> <li>On what pages are options canvassed?</li> <li>Why, given the Assistant Minister’s statement, didn’t the Department follow through with this?</li> <li>Is the Department currently undertaking work around an investment target?</li> <li>If yes, who is undertaking the work?</li> <li>What type of target is being considered? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy-wide;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					b. Public sector; c. Private sector; d. Other?  7. Has the Department been consulted by other parts of Government on an investment target? 8. If yes, by who? 9. What is being considered?		
136	568	II	STERLE	Toowoomba Second Range	Has the Department had (from its perspective) satisfactory access to the Queensland Government's funding model as at:  (a) September 30, 2014 (b) October 31, 2014 (c) November 30, 2014	Written	
137	572	II	STERLE	Productivity Commission Report	<b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The issue the minister raised about canvassing the need for a national investment target, shall we say, or public and private investment, was canvassed in the department's submission to the Productivity Commission. My understanding is that the Productivity Commission did consider that and did seek views on that. My recollection is that the Productivity Commission did not come to a final view on that matter in relation to its final report. <b>Senator STERLE:</b> It was left out? <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I think it canvassed the issue but did not reach any recommendation in relation to it. The government is currently considering the Productivity Commission report and we anticipate that the government, following consultation with the states and industry, will issue its final response to the PC report in the coming months. <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can I then ask you, Mr Mrdak, if the minister had not made a public statement about that, is it normal that the PC report did not address it? <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The PC report certainly canvassed it. My recollection—I will have to go back and check—is that I do not think there was a specific recommendation in relation to that matter.	120-121 20/10/14	
		II	STERLE	East West Early Payment Costs	What is the cost to the Commonwealth of providing early money – that is payment of funds to Victoria in 2013-14 in advance of actual work done – for (a) stage 1 and (b) stage 2 of East West?	Written	Transferred to Treasury Department
Infrastructure Australia							

138	342	IA	RICE	WestConnex	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I understand that Infrastructure Australia has finally seen the full business case for Stage 1. I think from a question on notice in the budget estimates process that was confirmed. Before you received that final business case how many versions of the business case had been forwarded to Infrastructure Australia, whether they were draft, conceptual, interim or whatever else they were?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> Certainly one prior to that, but there might be more.</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> The project has been assessed by Infrastructure Australia over a few years.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I am interested to know what versions, whether they were interim, draft, conceptual or high level, and how many had been received over those few years.</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> I can take that on notice and get you an exact number. Before the full business case was received the short form business case was provided to Infrastructure Australia.</p>	68 20/10/14	
139	343	IA	CONROY	Consulting Report: <i>Spend More.</i> <i>Waste More.</i>	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> How much did it cost to produce?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are you able to find out, during the course of the afternoon, how much the report cost? I am interested to know.</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> Yes. I will endeavour to find that.</p>	84-85 20/10/14	
140	344	IA	CONROY	Consulting Report: <i>Spend More.</i> <i>Waste More.</i>	<p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> You asked a question about the cost of the Juturna report, which was \$59,400.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> It was \$59,000 for the Juturna report?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> The price of the contract including GST was \$59,400 to write up that report. I will need to get back to you on what it was paid in relation to that. I think that might have been an upper limit.</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> We are still trying to assess.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> The budget was \$59,000?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> But you are not sure of what you actually?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> No. We can find that out. It is only because our financial controller is away ill today.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I understand....</p>	99-100 20/10/14	

141	345	IA	CONROY	Better Systems for Prioritising Road Funding	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ...Has Infrastructure Australia given any presentations or written any papers on better systems for prioritising road funding since its 4 March presentation to ABARES by Rory Brennan?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> Not that I am aware of, but I could take that on notice.</p>	85 20/10/14	
142	346	IA	CONROY	IA Board Remuneration	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What amount is budgeted for board remuneration in 2014-15 as against 2013-14?</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> I am trying to understand what were the costs of running the board before 1 September and the costs since 1 September in terms of budgeting on an annualised basis. That will save you having to do four-twelfths versus three-quarters.</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> All right.</p>	92 20/10/14	
143	347	IA	BROWN	Productivity Commission Report into the Tasmanian Shipping and Freight	<p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Have you had a look at the Productivity Commission report into the Tasmanian shipping and freight?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> No, I have not.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> Has IA?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Mr Fitzgerald:</b> Not that I am aware of but we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAROL BROWN:</b> If you could. I would like to know if you had a look at it and the findings of that report.</p>	99 20/10/14	
144	348	IA	CONROY	Energy Related Projects	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Any energy related projects?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> This calendar year?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> This calendar year will be good. Actually, since the change of government is probably a better way to consider it.</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> There have not been any energy related projects submitted by state governments that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Any federal ones?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> Or the federal government.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> So, councils? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	100 20/10/14	
145	349	IA	CONROY	Projects Currently Assessed by IA	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What projects is IA currently assessing? Could you take that on notice and could you provide us a list?</p> <p><b>Mr Roe:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Thank you.</p>	100 20/10/14	



146	339	IA	RICE	Victorian Regional Rail Link	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> ... As I said, it is a few years back so you probably will not have the information here. What I wanted to know was whether, in the scope of works that Infrastructure Australia assessed, it included the option of a rail connection between Werribee and West Werribee stations, what the cost of that connection was and what your assessment was regarding the desirability of that connection?</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> We will have to take that on notice and provide that information to you.</p>	98 20/10/14	
147	325	IA	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to the information you have received how many jobs do you understand will be created as a result of construction of the WestConnex?</li> <li>2. Have you tested the assumptions behind these figures? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, what were the findings?</li> <li>b. If not, what information have you been supplied with regards to the veracity of the figures?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
148	550	IA	STERLE	East West Statement Context	<p><a href="http://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/media/2014_09_12.aspx">http://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/media/2014_09_12.aspx</a></p> <p>In the statement, IA (via Mr Fitzgerald) made the following comment:</p> <p>“I will certainly monitor any changes to delivery of the East West Road Link very closely, and consider any subsequent changes to investment practices when preparing advice to the IA board on future projects.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does “consider any subsequent changes to investment practices when preparing advice to the IA board on future projects” mean?</li> <li>2. Who chose those words?</li> <li>3. How is that relevant to IA’s work given IA does not make funding decisions?</li> <li>4. Does this mean projects otherwise of merit will lose priority?</li> <li>5. Has the IA Board endorsed the approach outlined in those words?</li> </ol>	Written	
149	551	IA	STERLE	Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the IA Board determined IA’s priorities for the rest of 2014-5?</li> <li>2. If yes, what are they?</li> </ol>	Written	
150	553	IA	STERLE	Juturna Consulting Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did taxpayers pay for the Juturna Consulting report?</li> <li>2. Will IA publish the report and seek stakeholder input on its contents?</li> <li>3. Has the IA Board considered the report?</li> <li>4. If not, why not?</li> </ol>	Written	

151	554	IA	STERLE	Juturna Consulting Report	<a href="http://www.businessspectator.com.au/article/2014/7/28/infrastructure/why-dont-they-do-it-road">http://www.businessspectator.com.au/article/2014/7/28/infrastructure/why-dont-they-do-it-road</a>  Specifically, what is IA's view on the following extracts? 1. Page 6: "The real problem is that road agencies and other road project proponents in industry and the community spend next to no effort examining what problems their projects and plans are trying to solve, other than the perceived problem that they do not have enough road funding. In other words, the answer is almost always 'I just need more money', regardless of the question". 2. Page 8: "Change should involve moving away from blanket averaged truck charges to direct user-pricing of heavy vehicles on at least some major highways which compete with commercial rail. In return, trucking should have legally enforceable rights to improve access and service levels for their vehicles on these routes. This would unlock significant economic value, because it will do much to resolve competitive non-neutrality issues between rail and road freight". 3. Page 9: "One of the major risks ahead for private toll road projects is that there is increasing uncertainty about growth in demand for car use in major cities: despite mainstream media concern presuming unmanageable passenger car growth in Australian capital cities, growth in aggregate car kilometres travelled in recent years has in fact been substantially below forecasts" 4. Page 10 : "Unlike almost every other agency imaginable across all levels of government, road agencies cannot be held to task for not achieving outcomes or meeting standards. None are expected of roads". It is also claimed there is no national data on road condition – is this correct? 5. Page 11: "Continuing to provide funds to road agencies and local governments without any expectation whatever that the condition of their roads will be measured over time and funded to outcomes encourages an extremely inefficient system to perpetuate itself".	Written	
152	555	IA	STERLE	Productivity Commission Inquiry into Public Infrastructure	1. Has the independent IA analysed the findings and recommendations from the PC inquiry into public infrastructure, released on 14 July? 2. If yes, please provide the response. 3. Is IA prepared to publicly release its views on those recommendations ahead of the Government? 4. Has the Government sought IA's views on the recommendations and findings?	Written	

153	556	IA	STERLE	IA Submission on Asset Recycling Bills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you outline the arrangements surrounding the asset sales window under the May 2 Asset Recycling Agreement?</li> <li>2. Does Infrastructure Australia share the concerns of the ACCC, Productivity Commission, Shipping Australia, Asciano and others about the potential for the short window provided under the Asset Recycling Initiative to drive monopoly infrastructure asset sales without adequate consumer protections?</li> <li>3. Why did IA not raise any points about this concern in its 2-page submission to the Senate hearing into the Asset Recycling Bills?</li> <li>4. What role does IA see for itself in advocating for adequate competition and regulatory protections prior to privatisation of infrastructure assets – eg electricity transmission and distribution, water and ports?</li> </ol>	Written	
154	557	IA	STERLE	Asset Recycling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What role will IA have in evaluating new projects to be funded by the proposed 15% Commonwealth incentive payment?</li> <li>2. For new projects involving over \$100 million in Commonwealth incentive payments under the Asset Recycling Initiative, what guarantee is there that IA will evaluate the project prior to the payment of the incentive?</li> <li>3. For new projects involving over \$100 million in capital expenditure under the Asset Recycling Initiative, what guarantee is there that IA will evaluate the project prior to the payment of the incentive?</li> <li>4. What does IA understand to be the process for evaluating the productivity benefits of new projects proposed for the 15% payment?</li> </ol>	Written	
155	558	IA	STERLE	Tasmania Freight Equalisation Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has Infrastructure Australia been consulted on the development of a Tasmanian freight strategy?</li> <li>2. Has IA reviewed the findings of the PC report into Tasmanian shipping and freight?</li> <li>3. Is IA aware of earlier work by IA on issues with the structure and operation of TFES?</li> <li>4. Does IA stand by that earlier work?</li> </ol>	Written	
156	559	IA	STERLE	Projects being assessed	What projects is IA currently assessing? Please provide a list.	Written	
157	560	IA	STERLE	Projects by BCR	Please list all IA assessed projects by IA approved BCR – highest to lowest.	Written	

158	561	IA	STERLE	G20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was IA consulted around the Australian Government's infrastructure agenda for this year's G20 process?</li> <li>2. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who consulted IA?</li> <li>b. Who in IA did they consult?</li> <li>c. What did they seek of IA?</li> <li>d. Did IA provide any advice in respect of the G20?</li> <li>e. If so, covering what areas?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
159	562	IA	STERLE	Evaluation of Proposals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who can submit proposals to IA for evaluation?</li> <li>2. How does IA decide which proposals to evaluate?</li> <li>3. Is there a preference system? That is State/Territory Governments, then private sector infrastructure consortia with unsolicited proposals and so forth – how do you filter and prioritise?</li> <li>4. Given that the Deputy Prime Minister has said that he wants IA to scout about and not just wait for State Governments to lob with a proposal – how does that process occur?</li> <li>5. How does the new Act provide for IA to receive and evaluate proposals?</li> </ol>	Written	
160	563	IA	STERLE	IA Project Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What legislative provision requires <u>all</u> nationally significant projects as defined in the IA Act, to come before IA for assessment?</li> <li>2. Is it possible that projects could bypass IA, and be funded by the Commonwealth?</li> <li>3. Does IA expect to evaluate dams proposals as proposed by the Minister for Agriculture?</li> <li>4. Has IA received any dams proposals since October Estimates (when it said it hadn't received any).</li> </ol>	Written	
<b>Australian Rail Track Corporation</b>							
161	564	ARTC	CANAVAN	Inland Rail	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> There is an existing rail line and a corridor acquired from Inglewood to Toowoomba already that goes through Warwick. What assessment has been done on just using the existing corridor and not creating a new one?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> That assessment was primarily done when the 2010 study was completed when we looked at a multitude of options, particularly in Queensland, and it was deemed that the preferred alignment was the one that was announced from that study.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Can you answer to the committee right now what were the main factors in deciding to do a new route rather than use an existing one?</p>	103-104 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I think one of the key things was the need to bypass Toowoomba.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Sorry, do you mean bypass through the range, not bypass completely?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> Yes, up through—</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> So, does the current proposed route go past the new airport?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I would need to check that.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> Yes, I can take that on notice.</p>		
162	565	ARTC	CANAVAN	Inland Rail	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> In your understanding, what will happen to the existing corridor under the proposed Inland Rail?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I think where there are connections to the main trunk route, which will be the Inland Rail, obviously work will be taken into account in maintaining any freight flows that come into that corridor.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> So, if I am at Allora and I am taking grain to the Brisbane Port, will I be able to take grain from Allora up the existing line and connect into the new line at Toowoomba under the current proposal?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I would imagine that there would be a dual-gauge line that will be running through—</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> The key issue, though, is can I connect? Or do I still have to go down the range at Toowoomba? Can I connect to the bypass or do I have to go—</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I would need to check that.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> Absolutely.</p>	104 20/10/14	
163	566	ARTC	CANAVAN	Inland Rail	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Is the current proposal to then shut down the current range, which is old and a difficult route to run, or will that stay open?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I would imagine that would be shut down.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> So, if that link is not provided, the existing line will basically be a stranded asset?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Have you discussed this issue with Queensland Rail? Are they in the network?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> We have been having detailed discussions with a number of agencies in Queensland. There is a representative, Steve Kanowski, who is a member of the Inland Rail Implementation Group.</p> <p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> Can you just take on notice how many discussions you have had with Queensland Rail in the last year on this issue and when those</p>	104 20/10/14	

					discussions were? <b>Mr Fullerton:</b> Yes.		
164	567	ARTC	RICE	Melbourne-Albury Line	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> You will probably need to take this on notice, but can you give us how many passenger or freight services have been cancelled or have not run in the last 12 months because of the works that have been done?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> That is a difficult question because there have been some services cancelled for a number of reasons. Some of it is to do with the regional rail line project, where there were projects that were cancelled. We did cancel the midday service for about a six-week period to allow some of this work to be done. So, we can come back with those details.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Can you come back to us with it, with the cancellations?</p> <p><b>Mr Fullerton:</b> At the moment, there are no cancellations occurring as a result of the BRP program.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Yes, if you could come back to me with the services that have been cancelled, perhaps in total, and then which ones you think are because of the program. ...</p>	105-106 20/10/14	
165	380	ARTC	STERLE	ATMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When was the ATMS project first commissioned?</li> <li>2. Which financial year?</li> <li>3. What is the BCR of this project?</li> </ol>	Written	
166	381	ARTC	STERLE	Epping Thornleigh Third Track	<p>In reference to the Epping Thornleigh Third Track the train freight demand for the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor included at table 5.3 of the business case says the demand was sourced from ARTC/SAHA modelling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledging that it is not the ARTC's line but it is ARTC data, can the ARTC advise what the actual freight movements were in 2013?</li> <li>2. Are the demand estimates included in that table still accurate?</li> <li>3. Will bulk freight movements be limited to 30 per week?</li> <li>4. To allay resident concerns is it practical to limit bulk freight movements to, say, 30 per week?</li> </ol>	Written	
167	382	ARTC	STERLE	Ballast Rehabilitation Program	<p>At Estimates on 20 October ARTC stated that the Ballast Rehabilitation Program will be completed in December 2016 but the bulk of the work will be completed by March 2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will train services be affected by mud-holes or drainage problems on that section of the line after March 2016?</li> <li>2. Will services be affected by these problems after December 2016?</li> </ol>	Written	

168	383	ARTC	STERLE	Ballast Rehabilitation Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have the travel times of train services from Melbourne to Albury been extended as a consequence of the problems arising from the track standardisation project or the Ballast Rehabilitation Project?</li> <li>2. If yes, at the completion of the Ballast Rehabilitation Project will the condition of the track be good enough to allow operators to return to travel times similar to those in place prior to the track standardisation works?</li> <li>3. Will the condition of the track be good enough for passenger trains to travel 130km/hr as they do on other parts of the Victorian rail network?</li> </ol>	Written	
169	516	ARTC	RICE	Ballast Rehabilitation of Melbourne-Sydney Rail Line	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will the Melbourne-Albury line require more average annual maintenance post-Ballast Rehabilitation Program than other comparable parts of the rail network?</li> <li>2. What are the key performance measures or targets ARTC is required to meet contractually in its management of this line? What changes or adjustments have been made to these measures since the Ballast Rehabilitation Program began in December 2011?</li> <li>3. How much has the BRP cost to date? Is the program proceeding within its projected budget?</li> <li>4. What are the key lessons learnt from the failures in the track standardisation or “revitalisation” project? How has ARTC changed its procedures or standards to ensure that major projects do not repeat these mistakes?</li> <li>5. Following the completion of the BRP, will the quality of train services continue to be affected by problems with the foundation which necessitated the BRP in the first place?</li> <li>6. What are the key lessons learnt from the BRP itself? How has the experience on this line influenced future ballast maintenance procedures or protocols?</li> <li>7. Will the Melbourne-Albury line require more average annual maintenance post-Ballast Rehabilitation Program than other comparable parts of the rail network?</li> </ol>	Written	
170	569	ARTC	STERLE	Inland Rail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent/is projected to be spent on the Inland Rail project in 2014-5, as of the following dates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 30 September 2014?</li> <li>b. 31 October 2014?</li> <li>c. 30 November 2014?</li> <li>d. 31 December 2014?</li> <li>e. 31 January 2015?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>2. How much of the corridor for Inland Rail is currently secured?</p> <p>3. What percentage of the total distance is that?</p> <p>4. What mechanisms are in place to coordinate corridor protection and acquisition with the States?</p>		
			<b>Surface Transport Policy</b>				
171	326	STP	STERLE	Review into the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Has the department provided advice to the Deputy Prime Minister or the parliamentary secretary Jamie Briggs about the findings of the review? Nothing; you have done nothing. Can you tell me how many times the Deputy Prime Minister and/or the parliamentary secretary Jamie Briggs met with representatives of Coles since 7 September, 2013?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We would have to take that on notice. Mr Briggs is the assistant minister.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> What did I call him?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The parliamentary secretary.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> I am sorry. My mistake. Could take on notice, Mr Mrdak, if there was a meeting, what was on the agenda and who was present at those meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly. I will seek advice.</p>	131 20/10/14	
172	327	STP	STERLE	Report – Review into the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal	<p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> My response earlier, saying we had not received a copy of the report, the RSRT, was incorrect. Senator Abetz has written to the Deputy Prime Minister and provided a copy of the report the Deputy Prime Minister. I am sorry; I was not aware of that.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Great. Can you table that for us?</p> <p><b>Ms O’Connell:</b> Chair, we will take it on notice.</p>	133 20/10/14	
173	328	STP	BACK	Trading Vessels on Australian Flagged Register	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> How many major trading vessels are on the Australian flagged register, and how does this compare with 10 years ago? If you cannot answer it now, I am happy to get it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will quickly see what information we have at the table.</p> <p><b>Ms O’Connell:</b> It is probably best if we take that on notice. It will just take some extra time.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> I also want to know how many vessels are on the Australian International Shipping Register</p>	133 20/10/14	
174	329	STP	BACK	Job Figures in the Sector	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> ... Can you tell me what the 2013 industry census shows in terms of job figures in the sector?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> I can assist by saying that of that around 10,000 seafarers, 4,500 are</p>	133-134 20/10/14	



					<p>working for the Australian Navy as well as for Customs and Border Protection—1,500 of them were ratings and 1,000 were engineering officers, and 1,300 were masters and deckhands.</p> <p><b>Senator BACK:</b> In terms of industries not affected by the proposed reform, such as offshore, pilotage, dredging, subsea work, anchor laying et cetera, what numbers are we actually talking about? I understand those I just listed are not contemplated under the reform. What numbers are we looking at? If half are in the Navy, what numbers are we looking at—2,500?</p> <p><b>Ms Zielke:</b> From memory I think it is less than that, but I would need to take that on notice and come back to you.</p>		
175	309	STP	MILNE	Joint Agency Coordination Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When (date and time) was the Chief Coordinator aware that the instances listed below were not from the black box of flight MH370: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two pings observed on 5 April 2014?</li> <li>Two pings observed on 8 April 2014?</li> <li>Those on 10 April 2014?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Did the Chief Coordinator inform the Prime Minister, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, any other Minister, or any Liberal-National Coalition Member of Parliament of this fact prior to the Prime Minister making a speech in China on 11 April 2014? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, when and whom?</li> <li>If not, why not?</li> </ol> </li> <li>When (date and time) did the Chief Coordinator receive the Australian Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre report confirming that the signal reported in the vicinity of the ADF vessel Ocean Shield was unlikely to relate to the aircraft black box?</li> <li>When (date and time) was the first instance in which the Chief Coordinator made a public statement confirming that the pings were not from the black box?</li> <li>At what time on 11 April 2014 did the Chief Commissioner first state that there was no breakthrough in the search for MH370?</li> </ol>	Written	
176	341	STP	STERLE	Support to the Coastal Shipping Industry	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> ...But I want to talk about shipping. Through you, Mr Mrdak, can someone indicate to me how much the Australian government has provided by way of grants to support the coastal shipping industry, including sea ports, in each year since 2000? And can you compare it with grants for either road or rail construction and maintenance?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not have that level of detail for support for the maritime industry. There have been investment projects at a number of ports but it has largely been around the land transport interface, rather than in port</p>	117 20/10/14	

					infrastructure. <b>Senator STERLE:</b> Yes. <b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will take that on notice to get you some further details.		
177	360	STP	STERLE	Consultation – Shipping Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which section of the Division handles shipping reform matters?</li> <li>2. What meetings has the Department had with stakeholders external to Government in relation to coastal shipping reform?</li> <li>3. Can you list the organisations, date of meeting, and matters discussed.</li> <li>4. Has the Department met with Navy on coastal shipping reform since September last year? When were the meetings, and who attended?</li> <li>5. Has the Department met with port authorities on this issue since September last year? When were the meetings, and who attended?</li> <li>6. Has the Department met with the Australian Shipowners' Association on this issue since September last year? How many times?</li> </ol>	Written	
178	361	STP	STERLE	Reducing Regulation and Australian Jobs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does reducing regulation under the options canvassed in the coastal trading review credibly increase Australian jobs in coastal shipping?</li> <li>2. What work has the Department commissioned since September 2013 that directly links reduced regulation with increased Australian jobs in Australian shipping?</li> <li>3. If yes who did the work, and what is the title of the work?</li> <li>4. Is increasing Australian jobs in shipping a policy priority of this Government?</li> <li>5. Given you claimed at October Estimates (p134) that less than 10,000 direct jobs will be affected as a result of coastal trading changes, how many direct jobs do you estimate will be affected?</li> </ol>	Written	
179	362	STP	STERLE	Maritime Workforce Development Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What ongoing audit work is being conducted since the abolition of the Maritime Workforce Development Forum?</li> <li>2. Specifically, what work is currently being undertaken on each of the following Strategy recommendations? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That the Government funds the Forum to conduct a maritime workforce census every two years to build on the 2012 census and enhance the data source as a basis for improved workforce and skill demand predictions.</li> <li>b. That the Government endorses a national maritime training target for each occupational category in the maritime sector, which would be set by the Forum on advice from the national maritime training organisation. The first national training target for endorsement is 545 in</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>year one and 505 a year for the following two years—made up of 225 integrated ratings; 130 for engineer officers, with an aspirational target of 200 engineer officers if training berths can be found; and 120 for deck officers in year one with 80 per annum thereafter.</p> <p>c. That the Government endorses the establishment of a national industry training organisation set up as a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee, with a small independent board drawn from Forum membership. The organisation would be responsible for the development of a national demand aggregation model, management of the national maritime training co-contribution subsidy and the parameters and day to day operations of the training guarantee.</p> <p>d. That the Australian and State Governments endorse the formation of a virtual national maritime college to bring the three AMSA-approved maritime colleges closer together, and support their memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>e. That the maritime industry, AMSA, the maritime training colleges and TLISC continue to collaborate on the continuous improvement in the maritime training package, innovation in the development of training programs based on the package, and on opportunities for increased flexibility in the delivery of training and recruitment of women and Indigenous Australians to the industry.</p> <p>f. That the Australian and State Governments pool resources for VET maritime training and manage the pool through a national industry training organisation as set out in Recommendation 5.</p> <p>g. That the Government introduce a national maritime training co-contribution subsidy of \$10,000 per integrated rating trainee and \$20,000 per deck and engineer officer trainee in order to quickly boost maritime training numbers.</p> <p>h. That the Government provide seed funding of \$1.5 million a year for three years to cover the development costs of the national aggregation model, running future biennial workforce censuses, the establishment and initial operation of a small national industry training body, the engagement of a senior person to facilitate the integration of maritime training colleges under the MOU, and support the Forum's ongoing operations.</p> <p>i. That the Government implement a mandatory training obligation of 2 per cent of payroll for the maritime industry using maritime labour and covering relevant maritime qualified jobs, including those relevant jobs in resource companies in the offshore construction phase, as well as regulators, ports, pilots, towage companies and so on.</p>		
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					<p>j. That the Government consult with resource companies and operational stakeholders, including maritime unions, in the offshore industry to identify gaps, if any, to manage the provision of specialist maritime services with a view to ensuring the smooth delivery of domestic development/construction projects which on occasion require specialist international maritime services which are not available in Australia. The aim would be to deal with such international usage needs objectively whilst ensuring that momentum is maintained on the delivery of domestic skills development against the long term sustainable needs of the Australian offshore and maritime industries.</p> <p>k. That the Government work through Navy and the commercial sector to investigate ways to increase co-operative partnership arrangements between the commercial and naval sectors in areas such as recruitment, training, and training standards, with a report back to the Government....</p> <p>l. That the Government supports the Forum in further work to explore the idea of a 'maritime cluster' to strengthen the shipping reform agenda.</p>		
180	363	STP	STERLE	Minister Truss Coastal Shipping Speech – 18 September	<p>1. Does the Department always check the facts used in Ministerial speeches on shipping policy?</p> <p>2. Did the Department check the facts used in the Minister's 18 September speech to Shipping Australia luncheon?</p> <p>3. Does the Department stand behind all the claims made by the Minister in that speech?</p> <p>4. If not:</p> <p>a. Doesn't the Minister require the Department to check facts in speeches?</p> <p>b. Is this only done partially?</p> <p>c. Do you see this as the Department's responsibility?</p> <p>5. Can I ask you the following:</p> <p>a. Did the Department rely on the accuracy of BITRE supplied data – the report he released in his speech - when checking or preparing facts in the Minister's speech?</p> <p>b. Does the Department stand by the claim that there were 1000 fewer coastal voyages in 2012-3 as against the previous year? Or is relying on BITRE for that information?</p> <p>6. Did the Department check or verify the claim made by the Minister relating to Cristal Mining?</p> <p>7. Does the Department verify that claim?</p> <p>8. Does the Department agree that "coastal shipping is bound by</p>	Written	

					<p>regulations where a ship has to wait idle in port for a day before loading can begin” - why must all ships wait?</p> <p>9. Can the Department indicate how many ships in the coastal trade have in fact loaded immediately or within a day?</p> <p>10. The statement implies all ships must wait 24 hours – that is incorrect isn’t it?</p> <p>11. Did the Department seek to correct this with the Minister’s office?</p> <p>12. Has the Department verified the accuracy of the Bell Bay Aluminium 63% cost increase claim?</p> <p>13. Can the Department confirm that it knows that those costs were in fact never incurred?</p> <p>14. Can the Department confirm that it knew those costs weren’t incurred at the time of the Minister’s speech, given it was party to a court case related to this matter?</p> <p>15. Does the Department accept the findings of the Federal Court (in CSL v Department of Infrastructure and Transport] that the lower comparison rate - \$18.20 per tonne – was a trial offer that in fact lost the Australian shipping company \$300,000 for a single voyage?</p> <p>16. Did the Department point the Minister to Bell Bay Aluminium’s full range of concerns about freight rates as expressed to the Productivity Commission – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. trucking aluminium to a different Tasmanian port at an extra cost of \$4 million?</li> <li>b. Port of Melbourne licence fees rising 50% on 1 July 2012?</li> </ul> <p>17. Does the Department accept that Bell Bay Aluminium expressed these concerns in its PC submission?</p> <p>18. Is it the case that the community can be assured that when the Minister makes comments in a prepared speech on shipping, that factual content has been approved by the Department?</p>		
181	364	STP	STERLE	Shipping – International Vessels	<p>1. What is the definition of a “major coastal trading vessel”?</p> <p>2. Where is this definition from?</p> <p>3. Can the Department indicate how many international-flagged major coastal trading ships crewed by Australians there were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. at 30 June 2012, and</li> <li>b. how many there are today?</li> </ul>	Written	
182	365	STP	STERLE	Regulatory Certainty	<p>1. How does regulatory uncertainty impact on flagging decisions by shipowners?</p> <p>2. Do you agree that flagging decisions are effectively an investment with</p>	Written	

					<p>significant regulatory risks attaching?</p> <p>3. Is there likely to be a connection between flagging decisions and regulatory certainty?</p>		
183	366	STP	STERLE	Second Register	<p>1. Since last Estimates, what actions has the Department taken to promote the second register?</p> <p>2. What discussions have occurred with Austrade since May?</p>	Written	
184	367	STP	STERLE	Cost Benefit Analysis – Coastal Shipping	<p>1. Has the Government received its report into cost benefit analysis on Australian coastal shipping? (see written answer 58 to last Estimates)</p> <p>2. Can you confirm the work cost \$65,000 and that the work was done by Predictive Analytics?</p> <p>3. What other work in the coastal shipping area has this group done? Who for?</p> <p>4. Was the report received by 30 June as indicated?</p> <p>5. Will this report be released publicly in full?</p> <p>6. If not, will this report be selectively quoted from by the Minister?</p> <p>7. Given the Government says it has no plans to release this publicly funded work (see Estimates answer 58), can we ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What cost-benefit method was applied? Did it include wider economic benefits?</li> <li>Can you indicate what the reference case was and what options/scenarios were evaluated?</li> <li>For the favoured option – how many Australian flagged ships does the analysis forecast into the future?</li> <li>To which groups do most of the costs and benefits accrue?</li> <li>How was the labour component (by percentage) of coastal shipping costs derived?</li> <li>Were the productivity improvements arising from implementation of the 2012 Bluewater Labour Relations Compact factored in?</li> <li>What crewing complement for Australian Bluewater ships was used to estimate labour costs?</li> <li>What was the assumed port charge component (by percentage) for coastal shipping costs?</li> <li>What was the assumed fuel cost component (by percentage) for coastal shipping costs?</li> <li>What other components of coastal shipping costs were modelled?</li> <li>What assumptions about impact on manufacturing activity were assumed, and how are they related to coastal shipping policy?</li> <li>Were strategic and national interest issues addressed? How?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>m. What assumptions or findings are made about Australian skills development in harbour management, towage, pilotage, port management and the maritime cluster generally?</li> <li>n. Did the consultant use the findings in the 2012 Maritime Workforce Development Strategy regarding the future training supply requirements? If not, why not?</li> <li>o. What replenishment rate did the consultant use when examining the costs of not having a Bluewater trading ship fleet to provide the berths for trainees and cadets to undertake seetime as required under the Navigation Act and Marine Orders made under that Act?</li> <li>p. Were merchant fleet links to Navy and defence analysed and quantified as benefits?</li> <li>q. Was impact on reliability of coastal freight factored in for each option?</li> <li>r. What assumptions were included about the response of Australian shipping to opening up of the coast?</li> <li>s. How was greater control and reliability of Australian flagged ships in the coastal trade evaluated and quantified?</li> <li>t. How did the modelling take into account the variability of freight rates in the global shipping market? Over what period were these trends measured?</li> <li>u. What assessments were made regarding the different ship types / trades in the global shipping market?</li> <li>v. Were the impacts on intermodal competition and effects on the overall freight system analysed?</li> <li>w. How did the study incorporate the impact of changes to the manufacturing industry?</li> <li>x. Did the study compare the costs of shipping transport to costs in the road and rail industry?</li> <li>y. Was the much higher relative level of Federal subsidy for other freight modes included?</li> <li>z. How does the paper make assumptions about ongoing lack of regulatory certainty and its impact on investment decisions?</li> <li>aa. To what extent do the analysis' findings assume ongoing regulatory certainty?</li> <li>bb. Does the paper assume that implementation of the favoured option will end regulatory uncertainty in this sector?</li> <li>cc. How is cruise shipping evaluated in the analysis?</li> </ul>		
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185	368	STP	STERLE	Seafarer Tax Offset	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was the Department surprised the Budget decision to abolish the Seafarer Tax Offset?</li> <li>2. Last time you indicated that the Department was not aware of the announcement in advance. Can I ask if you received representations from any shipping interest, to the effect that the Offset be abolished?</li> <li>3. Can you speculate as to the motivation for the decision?</li> <li>4. Can I put it to you that the Treasurer abolished a benefit that actually goes to an employer because it had the word “Seafarer” in it.</li> <li>5. Can you articulate the public policy argument for the Offset?</li> </ol>	Written	
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186	369	STP	STERLE	Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When will the Government respond to the Tasmanian Shipping and Freight Productivity Commission report it has had since 7 March 2014?</li> <li>2. Has the Government consulted with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Tasmanian Government,</li> <li>b. the Joint Commonwealth and Tasmania Economic Council or</li> <li>c. stakeholders,</li> </ol> regarding the recommendations of the Productivity Commission Report?</li> <li>3. Has the Department done any work in recent months on changing the scope of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme?</li> <li>4. To what extent is that work guided by the Productivity Commission report?</li> <li>5. How much would it cost to extend the TFES to all northbound non-bulk product (ie including that bound for international export)?</li> <li>6. Has a cost-benefit analysis of this option been undertaken?</li> <li>7. Given that the PC says that there is a strong negative link between subsidising northbound product through to Melbourne destined for international export, and attracting a permanent and direct international container shipping service to and from Tasmania – which option does the Department support? Are there sustainable scenarios where both can occur? Has a cost-benefit analysis of this choice been undertaken?</li> <li>8. How much would it cost to extend TFES to all southbound non-bulk product? Has a cost-benefit analysis of this option been undertaken?</li> <li>9. If the PC recommendation were followed, and northbound-for-export was accommodated within existing funding, how would the TEU rate change?</li> <li>10. What impact would subsidising exports have on Australian international trade agreements?</li> <li>11. Given the PC's recommendation that TFES be “payable only on the basis of evidence of actual wharf to wharf costs” – what changes would need to be made to TFES to implement this?</li> <li>12. The PC calls on the Department to weigh up the costs and benefits of undertaking additional functions with respect to TFES – has the Department commenced any of this work?</li> </ol>	Written	
187	370	STP	STERLE	Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has BITRE or the Department undertaken or continued any work on aspects of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme since the release of the PC Report into Tasmanian shipping?</li> <li>2. Has BITRE or the Department considered or acted on the follow PC</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>recommendation number 2, which reads in part: “The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics should recommend separate dollar amounts per TEU of assistance for the Tasmanian mainland, King Island, and the Furneaux Group of islands, informed by a public consultation process”.</p> <p>3. The PC then lists certain criteria for looking at restructuring TFES. Has BITRE or the Department commenced any work on that?</p> <p>4. If so, what is it examining?</p>		
188	373	STP	STERLE	Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme	<p>1. Is BITRE of the Department doing any work on the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme? If so, what is the work?</p> <p>2. What is the objective of the scheme?</p>	Written	
189	473	STP	XENOPHON	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	<p>In previous Estimates, I have put Questions on Notice regarding the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator’s responsibility for issuing permits for over-dimensional loads since the legislation came into effect on 10 February 2014.</p> <p>Earlier this year, the regulator was unable to cope with the number of permits, having a major effect on the mining and renewable energy industry where permits are often needed to transport parts and equipment.</p> <p>Subsequently, the NHVR delegated authority to state Governments to process new applications for oversize and over mass vehicles, and special purpose vehicles for travel wholly within a state, while interstate applications continue to be managed by NHVR.</p> <p>1. I have been advised the delegation of specific permit issuing responsibilities is a temporary transitional measure, and this responsibility will be taken back by the NHVR when the appropriate systems and processes are in place.</p> <p>a. What are these “systems and processes”?</p> <p>b. When does the NHVR expect that they will retain responsibility for issuing permits?</p> <p>c. What are the barriers to the NHVR resuming responsibility?</p> <p>2. Has the NHVR finalised administrative arrangements with the States and Territories with regards to KPIs for travel wholly within a state?</p> <p>3. Does NHVR have KPIs for processing times yet? If not, why not?</p> <p>4. From 10 February – 19 March 2014, the NHVR received 3,614 access permit applications and the average time taken to process applications,</p>	Written	

					<p>seek and gain road manager consents and issue permits was 12 days – a timeframe that didn’t meet industry standards.</p> <p>a. What is the amount of time for processing application and issuing permits that is expected by industry?</p> <p>5. How will the Access Management Remediation Programme improve processing times?</p> <p>6. Has the rolling out of the one-stop-shop regulator been rushed?</p> <p>7. In response to a previous Question on Notice, I have been advised the one-stop-shop regulator remains important if “predicted improvements to productivity, efficiency and safety are to be delivered to industry”.</p> <p>a. What are the predicted improvements to productivity, efficiency and safety?</p>		
190	547	STP	STERLE	National Rail Regulator	<p>1. At the last hearing you told us that Queensland and WA needed to pass legislation to join the other jurisdictions. Can you advise the status of these two States, and if legislation is not passed, at what stage they are at.</p> <p>2. If still not done: Has either State indicated it will not proceed? What is the delay?</p> <p>3. Given the estimate that the three national regulators will create savings to industry of \$30 billion over twenty years, can you provide an estimate of the monthly costs to industry of these States remaining out?</p>	Written	
191	548	STP	STERLE	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	<p>1. How is the NHVR progressing?</p> <p>2. Are the implementation matters from February under control?</p> <p>3. When will industry be able to say there is a uniform national system (excluding NT and WA) without major glitches?</p>	Written	
192	549	STP	STERLE	Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment	<p>1. Is the NTC or any of its directors aware of any advice being provided to the Prime Minister or his Department to slow down or cease work on heavy vehicle charging reform?</p> <p>2. If yes, what was the tenor of the advice?</p> <p>3. Who provided that advice?</p> <p>4. Has that advice been heeded?</p> <p>5. Are you aware of any communications from the PM or his Department on the progress of heavy vehicle charging reform?</p> <p>6. If yes:</p> <p>a. on what dates did the communications occur, and</p> <p>b. who were the communications between?</p>	Written	

					<p>At the May Ministerial Council, the communique said the following:          “The Council has also agreed that advice be prepared on possible next steps in heavy vehicle charging and investment reform for consideration at the next Council meeting”.</p> <p>At the August meeting, this matter was not discussed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Is it on the agenda for 19 November?</li> <li>8. What is the current status of the Heavy Vehicle Charging &amp; Investment (HVCI) Project? What are the next steps?</li> <li>9. Can you indicate whether any jurisdictions have concerns about this project? What are those concerns?</li> <li>10. Are you aware that some trucking organisations estimate that the current year’s determination is costing the industry \$200 million more than it should?</li> <li>11. What steps are being taken to ensure that this Project materially progresses before the next Determination is rolled over again?</li> <li>12. Are you confident that this project still has momentum?</li> </ol>		
<b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b>							
193	331	AMSA	MILNE	MH 370	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> You were coordinating the surface search at the time, so it is unclear to me how you received the commercial satellite imagery of the objects that led you to tell the Prime Minister that this debris had been found. Did you get it first and then send it to the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation, or was it sent to them and then you got it? What is the sequence of events?</p> <p><b>Mr Young:</b> My recollection is that the sequence was: imagery could come into any of the agencies engaged, but it was all sent to the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation for assessment, and we worked on the basis of those assessments.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Did the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation assessment go any further than saying the imagery was credible; however, it might not be related to the aircraft?</p> <p><b>Mr Young:</b> I do not recall, Senator. I would have to take that on notice. I am sorry, I do not remember the detail.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I am just asking you if there was any more advice than, ‘it’s credible; however, it might not be related to the aircraft’. On the basis of that, the Orion aircraft were all sent to the location. Four aircraft were reorientated to the 23,000 square kilometres, 2,500 kilometres from Perth, on the basis of those two images. Is that correct?</p>	136 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Mr Young:</b> My recollection is that there were a number of images. The AGIO assessed some of them as credible sightings, and on that basis we reoriented the search to that area. We found nothing.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Could you take it on notice how many images that were credible such that the search was sent there, and how long did you search that particular area based on those images?</p> <p><b>Mr Young:</b> Certainly.</p>		
194	570	AMSA	RICE	Underwater Noise and Whale Strike	<p><b>Mr Kinley:</b> I think we say in the plan that median is five to ten years. For us, two of the issues which I think we will both be working on are underwater noise and whale strike, cetacean strike. We will be looking at where the high traffic areas are, where the whales are. Again, we are working with GBRMPA to see what information we can make available to ships through the reef vessel traffic service to say where whales actually are. If you can keep the ships away from the whales, that will reduce the chances of whale strike and also, hopefully, reduce the noise issue.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Are there now staff allocated to be working on both the noise and the whales?</p> <p><b>Mr Kinley:</b> We do have people working on that now.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> How many full-time equivalent people have you got working on those?</p> <p><b>Mr Kinley:</b> It is not a full-time position role for anyone; it is actually part—</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> How much for both of them, then—working on noise or working on the whale strike?</p> <p><b>Mr Kinley:</b> I would have to go away and work that out, Senator.</p>	137-138 20/10/14	
195	378	AMSA	STERLE	Enforcement Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I refer to your answer to question 210 from the last Estimates regarding enforcement action under the Maritime Labour Convention. Can you outline your role under the MLC?</li> <li>2. Can you give a sense of the flag types of ships that are involved in the 1074 deficiencies?</li> <li>3. Can you give a sense of the flag types of ships that are involved in the listed detentions?</li> </ol>	Written	
<b>Policy and Research</b>							
196	333	PAR	STERLE	CIRCLE Program	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Do you know the CIRCLE program: Creating Inspiring Rural Community Leadership and Engagement?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Yes, I know of it.</p>	115-116 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Has the CIRCLE program been run in the past or is this the first year?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> It is my understanding that this is the first program that has been run with the FRRR.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> With who?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Has it been run before with some other mob?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No. That is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> So, to the best of your knowledge, this is the only time it has been run?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> That is my understanding; I will check that. This was a program established before the machinery of government changes. I will take that on notice, if you do not mind, to see if there are any predecessor programs.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> If you can, because we have other questions but if we do not know if it has been run before then I cannot ask them. Will you be able to come back to us tonight?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I will check if we have officers. Senator, we may be able to help you more immediately.</p> <p><b>Ms Fleming:</b> The FRRR organisation in Victoria has previously provided small grants to regional organisations.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> To run this CIRCLE program?</p> <p><b>Ms Fleming:</b> They have just run small regional grant programs but not the CIRCLE program. They have provided funding to regional organisations but not specifically the CIRCLE program.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Okay, so FRRR have now stepped up to the big league and they have got the funding grants for the CIRCLE program.</p> <p><b>Ms Fleming:</b> That is my understanding, but previously they did provide small grants to regional bodies.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> To do what?</p> <p><b>Ms Fleming:</b> Small development projects.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Not this leadership and engagement stuff.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No, this is a new area. The FRRR is a very strong organisation, headed by the honourable Ian Sinclair, which provides small funding grants to communities. It does disaster relief and recovery. It did a terrific job after the Victorian bushfires and also does a range of small community projects—Back to School and the like—for small rural and remote communities. It is a very highly regarded organisation.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> That is tremendous. As I said, I cannot pursue my questioning unless you can come back and you can let me know if they have done any of this or if someone else has done this CIRCLE program work.</p>		
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197	334	PAR	McLUCAS	Projects Winding Down	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Are there any other new initiatives outside the white paper process or the food and fibre supply program work that the office is doing?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> We have done a couple of other pieces of supporting activity, including providing some input working with the CSIRO into the consideration that a number of government ministers have had on water infrastructure. That is another piece of work I will point to. Otherwise, we are largely supporting the white paper process. Obviously, out of that there may be significant work for the office or for a range of other people responsible for delivery of things in Northern Australia. But our suite of activities is largely winding down pending the finalisation of the white paper and a clear direction from government about where they wish to go with that.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> When you say activities are 'winding down', what does that mean?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> It means activities such as what was referred to as the Pentland study and a range of other pieces of activity that have been underway. As they have concluded we have not necessarily had other projects coming in to take their place. We would probably have had more than half-a-dozen discrete areas of project work and activity underway previously. As some of those are winding down, at this point we are not necessarily facilitating or commissioning other projects. It is in that context.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> On notice, you talked about the Pentland study. That is one example that I am aware of. What are the other projects that are 'winding down'?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I can provide you with a detailed list on notice. ...</p>	123 20/10/14	
198	335	PAR	McLUCAS	APS Staff on Commonwealth Payroll in Northern Australia	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> You will have to take this one on notice. Can you find out for us how many Australian Public Service staff were on the Commonwealth payroll in Northern Australia—that is north of the Tropic of Capricorn—on 1 October 2013 and on the 1 October 2014?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	123 20/10/14	
199	336	PAR	McLUCAS	Northern Australia Advisory Group	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Were you asked for any supplementary advice around the composition of the advisory group post it being established?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I do not recall being asked, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Are you aware that there has been an extra member added to the group?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I am aware of that, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> When did that happen?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> It was relatively recently, but I would need to check the exact timing.</p>	124 20/10/14	

					<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Who was it?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> It was Professor Scott Bowman from Central Queensland University.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> And what was his skill set?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I can come back to you on notice with a bio for Professor Bowman, if you like, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> I think the chair's question is a valid one. What was the gap that had to be filled?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I would not want to speak on behalf of either the Prime Minister, who was involved in the appointment, or for the Prime Minister's department, who are involved in considerations for that advisory group. We provided some advice to that taskforce within the Prime Minister's department when it was requested of us, but we do not manage that group or provide the secretariat to it.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> No, I understand.</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I would not want to speak on their behalf, but I am happy on notice to have a discussion with them and come back with some information for the committee.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Did you say a moment ago that the Prime Minister sought that advice or was it the Prime Minister's department?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I would think it was the Prime Minister's department. Since the advisory group are advising the Prime Minister directly, I would image that the Prime Minister and his office may have been involved; but I will have to seek that advice from the Prime Minister's department and come back to you.</p>		
200	337	PAR	McLUCAS	Advisory Group Meetings	<p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> ... You play an observer status role in the advisory group meetings, is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> Yes, we do. That facilitates us being able to assist the taskforce, which is providing the secretariat. Where that group has particular information they are after or research we may be able to assist them with, advice on the government's policy position on particular issues, it allows us to facilitate that.</p> <p><b>Senator McLUCAS:</b> Is it appropriate for me to ask you what the advisory group has in fact requested of this office in terms of research work?</p> <p><b>Mr Collett:</b> I can take that on notice and come back to you. Having not been at the most recent meeting, I would not want to give you an incomplete picture, but I am happy on notice to come back to you with that.</p>	124 20/10/14	
201	571	PAR	STERLE	Coastal Shipping	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> You outline the reasons for the coastal shipping change in domestic share, on your figures, from 27 per cent to 17 per cent as being due 'principally to lower volumes of domestic petroleum and iron ore'.</p>	118 20/10/14	



					<p><b>Dr Dolman:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Can you just elaborate on that? Can you go through it and tell us what that actually means, please?</p> <p><b>Dr Dolman:</b> I think I might need to take that on notice.</p>		
202	356	PAR	STERLE	CIRCLE Program	<p>I note that the Government recently launched the Creating Inspiring Rural Community Leadership and Engagement (CIRCLE) Program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the CIRCLE program been run in the past?</li> <li>2. If yes, has there been any tracking of the participants in the program?</li> <li>3. Has there been any analysis of the outcomes of the CIRCLE program?</li> <li>4. Do you know if any of the previous participants have stood for Parliament?</li> </ol>	Written	
203	357	PAR	STERLE	State of Australian Cities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has work on the state of Australian Cities 2014 been completed?</li> <li>2. When will it be released?</li> <li>3. Will it be as comprehensive as the 2013 report? If not, how will its scope be changed – what is dropped?</li> <li>4. Will there be all the same datasets made available?</li> <li>5. If not, which will not be continued?</li> <li>6. Will there be additional datasets?</li> <li>7. If yes, which areas?</li> <li>8. How many pages is it?</li> <li>9. Does it still look at Australia's 18 biggest cities? Has the list of 18 changed – ie have any cities dropped in or out of the 18?</li> <li>10. Is the 2014 State of the Cities Report linked to the National Urban Policy?</li> <li>11. What is the status of the National Urban Policy? Is that still Government policy?</li> </ol>	Written	
204	359	PAR	STERLE	Australian Sea Freight 2012-13 Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have you reviewed the data that forms the basis of the claim that there were 1000 fewer coastal voyages in 2012-3 as against 2011-2?</li> <li>2. Are any changes proposed to the data as published?</li> <li>3. How does BITRE respond to the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. that in the latter year, voyages without cargo were not counted, but in the former year, they were?</li> <li>b. licences within the transition period were not counted correctly?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Can BITRE explain the discrepancy between the total tonnage of coastal trade reported in Sea Freight 2012-13, compared to the amounts that Fremantle reported in their annual report.</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Do you consider that a decline in tonnages loaded across the period is <u>proof</u> that coastal shipping regulation is responsible for the reduced tonnages?</li> <li>6. What role does the level of the Australian dollar play in impacting coastal shipping volumes?</li> <li>7. What role do port changes play in impacting coastal shipping costs?</li> <li>8. Are you aware of concerns expressed by Shipping Australia, Asciano and Qube re significantly escalating port changes arising from – among other things – the structure of recent port privatisations?</li> <li>9. How do port charges impact on the cost of coastal shipping?</li> </ol>		
205	539	PAR	STERLE	High Speed Rail	<p>On 20 October 2014, the Department indicated that there was a Commonwealth/State group of officials looking at corridor preservation for HSR.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When has that group met in the financial year 2014-5? How many occasions and on what dates?</li> <li>2. Is the group formalised – what is its name and membership?</li> <li>3. Were the following jurisdictions represented at all of these meetings? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Queensland;</li> <li>b. NSW;</li> <li>c. ACT; and</li> <li>d. Victoria.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Is local government represented? How and by who?</li> <li>5. Who was the most senior Commonwealth official to participate in each of these meetings?</li> <li>6. Is the subject corridor identical to that identified by the Phase 2 study from 2013, led by AECOM?</li> <li>7. If not, why not?</li> </ol>	Written	
Office of Transport Security							
206	308	OTS	PERIS	Port on the Tiwi Islands	<p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> A port has been installed on the Tiwi islands, on Melville Island. Are you able to advise on the current status of the port in relation to international accreditation?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Ms O'Connell:</b> No; it might be a state issue—</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Unless it is a security regulation issue. We have a role in port security, but in relation to other matters, I am not familiar. Let me check whether we have anything on that and I will come back to you.</p>	55 20/10/14	

					<p>...</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> So from your understanding, this port, that on its website has been given international accreditation, does not have anything around—</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Not that I and the officers at the table are aware of. I will check. We have our Office of Transport Security officers appearing later in the day. I will take your question on notice and come back either later in the day or as soon as possible with details of any involvement we have.</p>		
207	358	OTS	STERLE	Oil and Gas Security Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the purpose of the OGSF?</li> <li>2. Who determines the make-up of the OGSF?</li> <li>3. Does the support of the workforce aid security of our offshore facilities? Or is it irrelevant?</li> <li>4. Please list all current corporate members of the Forum, and the location of their Head Office?</li> <li>5. Do you acknowledge that union representatives have been attending the Forum since it was formed by John Howard in 2001?</li> <li>6. Have they been good attenders?</li> <li>7. You would be aware that the union representative was advised that he should not continue to attend this forum in July?</li> <li>8. At what date was the decision taken to refuse to allow the union representative to attend?</li> <li>9. Did a representative of the MUA attend that meeting?</li> <li>10. Was the MUA present when this matter of future attendance was discussed?</li> <li>11. Who raised the matter of ongoing involvement of unions? Was it an oil or gas company?</li> <li>12. Is the OTS aware of the MUA paper identifying foreign workers in the oil and gas sectors as a security vulnerability?</li> <li>13. Is the exclusion of unions a direct response to the political lobbying of oil majors like Chevron or because the MUA paper is at odds with government policy?</li> <li>14. Do you accept that there are companies that have robust industrial relations with maritime unions on the Forum?</li> <li>15. Has the Department or OTS had any contact with the Minister's office on this matter?</li> <li>16. How was a vote taken and has there ever been a vote in any of these forum in its history?</li> <li>17. Are there minutes of this meeting? Can you make them available to the Committee?</li> <li>18. Did any public servants cast a vote? How did he/she/they vote?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>19. Did any public servants raise any concerns about the decision to exclude the MUA?</p> <p>20. Can you assure the Senate that the decision on the Forum to exclude the MUA is consistent with Australia's national interest?</p>		
208	470	OTS	BROWN	Aviation Security	Is there a formal process for consultation between the Office of Transport Security and the Australian Federal Police on Aviation Security?	Written	
209	471	OTS	BROWN	Briefings on Security at the Hobart Airport	Has the Office of Transport Security provided any briefings to the Minister on security at the Hobart International Airport? If so, on what date?	Written	
210	472	OTS	BROWN	Staff in Tasmania	Does the Office of Transport Security have any staff located in Tasmania?	Written	
211	495	OTS	XENOPHON	Security Concerns at Australian Airports	In July this year, Channel 7 show Today Tonight aired an episode about security concerns at Australian airports. Is the division familiar with the concerns raised in this program? Does the division have responses to any of the security examples discussed on the program?	Written	
212	497	OTS	XENOPHON	Security Threat Level	<p>1. I believe the AFP is currently undertaking a review of the security threat level at Australian airports and the AFP's role. Does the division have any information on when this review might be completed?</p> <p>a. Has the division made any contribution to the review?</p> <p>b. Will the division have any role in responding to it?</p> <p>2. Is the division aware of any further inquiries or reviews into Australia's airport safety?</p>	Written	
		OTS	XENOPHON	Assessment of Australian Airports	<p>Have Australian airports been recently assessed by ASIO or other relevant bodies in relation to security issues?</p> <p>1. When did these assessments take place?</p> <p>2. Will there be further assessments now that Australia's threat level has increased?</p>	Written	Transferred to AG Department
			<b>Aviation and Airports</b>				
213	313	AAA	HEFFERNAN	On-Airport Planning	<b>CHAIR:</b> I have a brief here on what has happened since World War II, when Commonwealth—only development was on airfields. That has given way now to a lot of private development. What generally are the lease arrangements for	4-5 20/10/14	

					<p>those private developments for the land?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilson:</b> We hold the lease arrangements for 21 of the airports in Australia. The ones you indicated before are ours: Moorabbin, Bankstown, Archerfield and the like. So we both regulate and are the lessee. The private sector leases that land from the Commonwealth.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> What is the tenure on those subleases to the private developer?</p> <p><b>Mr Wilson:</b> It is 49 years, with an option for 50.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> What is the protection for the aviation industry if some of those developments impinge on the safe operating capacity of an airfield? It happens by increments. Do you have the capacity to knock the building down without compensation?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We control the development through the master plans and also the development plans. We are the building regulator on airport. In relation to developments on airport that may impinge on safety, then clearly we and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority have a role. With developments off airport, we are reliant on the powers of the state and local planning authorities in relation to developments that may intrude on some of the surfaces. There are some powers that CASA has in relation to immediate safety risks of certain structures. But largely we are dependent upon the planning and development powers of the state and local governments off airport sites.</p> <p><b>Mr Wilson:</b> We do have additional powers that enable us to ensure that developments around the airport do not impinge on the OLS or on PANS-OPS—so that they do not impinge on the safe operation of aviation around those airports. That provides us with the capacity to restrict developments. The responsibility for undertaking the process in regard to that development sits with the individual airport operator; so they would start the process. We at the end of the day, however, hold the delegation and the decision-making in terms of a development that would impact on aviation services.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> This document has some serious propositions. Obviously it is a temptation for people; it is a lot of land. As long as it is done with maintaining a viable airport, okay; but, where that becomes blurred, it becomes a danger.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We would be happy to provide a briefing to the committee. The on airport planning is a very transparent process, through the master plan process and the building control process. But I am happy to provide further details to the committee.</p>		
214	314	AAA	HEFFERNAN	Bankstown Airport	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> So the building up of a floodplain at Bankstown for a development purpose without an environmental plan was okay?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> That was assessed by our building and environmental assessment</p>	5 20/10/14	

					<p>officers and was found to be consistent with the floodplain management requirements that—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> This is the first time in history I have known of where, if you build up a floodplain, you do not flood someone who would not have got flooded, because you have pushed the water further out. They did not think that?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> My advice is that it was worked through and it was found to be an acceptable development.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That does not really answer the question. It is a known fact that, when you put a levee bank around north Wagga, the flood that goes through Wagga is higher because it has less route to go through. Bankstown airport will be precisely the same—we have blocked some of the floodplains, so obviously someone else is going to get a bigger flood. Anyhow, we will come to that in the briefing.</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> We will come to that. We are happy to provide information.</p>		
215	315	AAA	HEFFERNAN	Archerfield Airport	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> ... My understanding is that there is an appeal coming up with the AAT on the action plan for the Archerfield Airport Master Plan. As I am instructed, if permitted to stand unchallenged by the chamber representing the airport users, the Minister's approval would 'clear the way for Archerfield Airport Corporation to proceed with an irreversible and permanent downgrading of the critical aviation infrastructure that exists at Archerfield Airport. This includes the unacceptable loss of runway complex 04/22, the Archerfield Control Tower, the fuel farms and above all would obliterate many aviation businesses without compensation.' The correspondence I have here goes on about the 'land grab', which we are familiar with around airports. Is the department aware of this coming up as an appeal with the AAT; and is that your view of the consequences if it confirms the master plan, which was set up by a previous government?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> Certainly, we are aware of the AAT appeal against the minister's decision to approve the master plan. Certainly, our view is not—as you have outlined—that that has that impact on the general aviation industry. The master plan has been carefully assessed, and our advice and the advice of the aviation regulatory agency is that the master plan does provide for a continuation of aviation operations. We would not share the view expressed in your correspondence there in relation to the impact on general aviation.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So will the 04/22 runway remain or disappear and not be considered necessary? Is it a cross-wind runway?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I think it refers to the grass strip at the airport, which has very limited occasional use.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Is it cross-wind?</p>	16-17 20/10/14	

					<p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not think—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> We have this problem at Bankstown. If you are a trainee pilot and a cross-wind comes up, you are jagged, because there is no cross-wind runway. We allowed some developer to put things—</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I do not believe this is the circumstance at Archerfield. I think it is a longstanding former grassed area. I do not believe it has that impact in relation to ceasing anyone's access to the site in cross-wind. I will take that on notice and get you some more detail when we come back and do a briefing for you and the committee in relation to Archerfield.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you very much.</p>		
216	316	AAA	CONROY	Victorian Government Aviation Fund	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ... I noted in a report about some Victorian government money used for aviation infrastructure. What I wanted to be absolutely assured of is this: there is absolutely no Commonwealth government funds going into this Victorian government \$20 million regional aviation fund?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> This is the fund where the minister has actually given money to the aero club that he is a member of and he stores his plane at, which is not in regional Victoria under any of the normal definitions, even though it is called a \$20 million regional aviation fund. Are you familiar with this fund?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I am only aware of media reporting in the last few weeks in relation to the issue. We do not have any programs or any funding involved in that Victorian program.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> You can guarantee there is no federal taxpayer money going to the aerodrome that is not even a commercial aerodrome where the minister in Victoria is a member and has his own plane stored?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> I am not aware of it. I will check whether any former regional programs contributed to any Victorian aerodromes. I am not aware of any involvement in that particular fund.</p>	32-33 20/10/14	
217	317	AAA	PERIS	Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program	<p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> Just with what you said, that you have got 42 projects under way, they are out of the 363 communities that the RAS scheme provides two?</p> <p><b>Mr Borthwick:</b> The Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program is broader than just the RAS communities.</p> <p><b>Senator PERIS:</b> I just want to know about the Northern Territory specifically. Out of those 363 communities, how many of them are in the Northern Territory that receive that funding?</p> <p><b>Mr Borthwick:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not have those figures with me.</p>	140 20/10/14	

					Senator PERIS: Okay. Thank you.		
218	374	AAA	STERLE	Minimum Standards – ICAO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you aware that the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is developing a multilateral agreement to liberalise air transport?</li> <li>2. And this is via an Air Transport Regulatory Panel (ATRP), which has Australian involvement?</li> <li>3. What is the nature of any involvement?</li> <li>4. Who is involved?</li> <li>5. Are you aware of concerns about Australian jobs that have been expressed as part of these discussions?</li> <li>6. Is the Government open to considering establishing minimum standards for aviation workers as this process unfolds?</li> <li>7. Is the Government proposing any safeguards or minimum standards in these ICAO discussions in order to protect thousands of Australian jobs in the aviation sector?</li> <li>8. In theory there is no reason why a similar arrangement that is in place for international seafarers via the Maritime Labour Convention couldn't apply to aviation workers too, isn't there?</li> </ol>	Written	
219	485	AAA	XENOPHON	Australian International Airline Licences	<p>In relation to the corporate structures for applicants for Australian International Airline licences, please confirm that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the effective control and foreign ownership tests applied by the Secretary are different from and entirely independent of the tests applied under Australia's Corporations Law and Taxation law;</li> <li>b. that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has no involvement in the application of such tests as may be required by our Air Services agreements, even though they are treaty documents; and</li> <li>c. that there is no requirement for and no policy intention to provide the Australian public with any transparency in regard to applications for, objections to and reasons for granting of Australian International Airline licences?</li> </ol>	Written	
220	486	AAA	XENOPHON	Australian International Airlines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Question 238 from Budget Estimates May 2014, in regard to your response, you mention that "...Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd were assessed by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to have met the tests and criteria" and also that "...Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd and Virgin Australia Airlines (SE Asia) Pty Ltd are</li> </ol>	Written	



					<p>variously designated to bilateral partners under the relevant air services arrangements...". You also set out the tests an entity is required to meet to be designated an Australian International Airline. However, my question was whether an entity that is purely a legal entity - in that it does not have assets or staff, for example - be designated as an Australian International Airline?</p> <p>2. Additionally, in answer to QON 272, CASA advises that "... CASA has not issued an AOC to Virgin Australia (SE Asia) Pty Ltd...", yet the Secretary has designated that entity as an Australian International Airline. Does that mean that an applicant for the grant of an Australian International Airline licence is not required to hold an Australian AOC as prerequisite to exercising Australian air rights?</p>		
221	487	AAA	XENOPHON	Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd	<p>Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd announced on 17 October 14 their intention to "...secure 100 per cent ownership and full control of Tigerair Australia..." and further indicated their intention that "...Virgin Australia Holdings will consider deploying budget arm Tigerair Australia on short-haul international routes to destinations...", as stated in a report in the Sydney Morning Herald. Given that Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd is a majority foreign-owned company without constitutional or legislative limits on the level of foreign ownership, will the Secretary when considering the application for an Australian International Airline licence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. require divestment of around half of the balance sheet valuation; or</li> <li>2. agree to another financial engineering arrangement such as the locking up of the voting rights and share register of Virgin Australia International Holdings Ltd?</li> </ol>	Written	
<b>Airservices Australia</b>							
222	318	AA	XENOPHON	Operations in Melbourne	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Ms Staib, I have a pilot complaint about land and hold short operations at Melbourne. What risk assessment did Airservices undertake when it decided to seek CASA dispensation from requirements of the Aeronautical Information Package, or AIP—1.1 to 10, paragraph 4.5—in order to nominate arrivals into Melbourne runways that exceeded 20 knots or 5 knots downwind? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> Thank you for the question. We will take that on notice.</p>	142 20/10/14	
223	319	AA	XENOPHON	Risk Assessment	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ...Can Airservices provide a copy of the risk assessment it undertook using its safety management system to ascertain that not complying with AIP 1.1 to 10, paragraph 4.5, or any other AIP aspects was safe?</p>	142 20/10/14	

					<b>Ms Staib:</b> We can take that on notice.		
224	320	AA	XENOPHON	Severity Definition Airways System Issues	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> ... My next question goes to answers to questions on notice that I put at budget estimates on Severity Definition Airways System issues, where you describe severity 1 to severity 5. For the categorisation of the severity of an incident, who determines that? Again, I am happy to take this on notice. To what extent is there any independent assessment of the classification of an incident?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> We have definitions in our processes about that. I will ask the executive general manager of projects and engineering to talk to you about that. Otherwise we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> What I want to know is whether it has been subject to any independent audit or assessment.</p> <p><b>Mr Hood:</b> If it is an incident that is either pilot attributed or air traffic control attributed, the air traffic controllers do not undertake that risk assessment. It goes to the Safety, Environment and Assurance Branch, where they review the incident and assign the risk rating.</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> Senator, to clarify: you are referring to the Integrated Tower Automation Suite that we talked about?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Yes, it is in the context of INTAS. I am happy for the rest to be taken on notice.</p>	142-143 20/10/14	
225	574	AA	FAWCETT	Rockhampton NDB Approach	<p><b>Mr Hood:</b> Following the last estimates hearing we had some ongoing discussions with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in relation to the Rockhampton NDB approach. As you would be aware, the problem really lies where the approach does not go outside the airspace so much but the tolerances of the approach do. In discussions with CASA in relation to Rockhampton, CASA have agreed to review the rule set—whether the rule set is really applicable in relation to that, particularly the terminal area instrument flight procedures, the TIFPs—and also the CASR 172 MOS. Also, in discussions with CASA, we have agreed to go back once again and have a look at whether we can generate an airspace change proposal, an ACP, which may amend the airspace slightly and therefore encompass those procedures within the Class D airspace.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I am heartened to hear that. What is your time frame, Mr Hood?</p> <p><b>Mr Hood:</b> I spoke as recently as this morning to CASA. If I could take the time frame on notice I will advise you of that as soon as I can. An airspace change proposal in itself does not take very long to prepare, but obviously it requires us to consult extensively in the Rocky vicinity in terms of the airspace itself.</p>	145 20/10/14	

226	575	AA	HEFFERNAN	Credit Card Misuse	<p><b>Senator STERLE:</b> Ms Staib, you indicated that an employee was dismissed for credit-card misuse in the last few months. Could you tell us the employee's level and how much was involved?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> There was an employee dismissed in the last couple of months for credit-card abuse. The level of that person was middle management, but I do not have the figure at hand for the amount involved.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> It is in the order of about 10,000 to 20,000 dollars and it was around travel, if my memory serves me correctly.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Did the person who defrauded with the credit card make good the fraud amount? Or did you just say, 'You're sacked. See you later'?</p> <p><b>Ms Staib:</b> He has left the organisation. I will have to check whether we have pursued the repayment of the money.</p>	144-146 20/10/14	
227	304	AA	GALLACHER	Remuneration for Directors and Executives	Could you provide the individual remuneration (including Reportable Salary, Contributed Superannuation, Reportable Allowances, Bonus Paid and Total) for each of the current directors (including the CEO) and the current executives of Airservices Australia from your latest financial report?	Written	
228	305	AA	GALLACHER	Medium Works Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When did Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 139 subpart H come into effect?</li> <li>2. When was it subsequently decided to assess airfields around the country for compliance of CAS Regulations?</li> <li>3. When was the need brought to the Board's attention?</li> <li>4. What decisions were made at Board level regarding compliance assessments, builds and refurbishments?</li> <li>5. When did consultation with CASA begin and what was the nature of that negotiation?</li> <li>6. When did consultations with the Pricing Consultative Committee begin and what was the nature of that consultation?</li> <li>7. Who won the successful tender for each of these medium work projects?</li> <li>8. I note that the Airservices Australia Board meeting approved works for Ballina and Coffs Harbour at the September 2013 meeting. At which meetings were the other projects approved?</li> <li>9. Did the Board consider the Newman and Gladstone projects given the tenders closed on the same day (14 June 2014) as the Ballina and Coffs Harbour at this meeting?</li> <li>10. What caused the delay in the execution of the Ballina and Coffs Harbour contracts until March 2014 given the tenders closed on 14 June 2013?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>11. Do the costings include cost of fitouts for projects where it is noted that after the completion date "... this will be followed by a fitout of the structure"?</p> <p>12. Who is the successful tenderer for each project?</p>		
229	306	AA	GALLACHER	Port Hedland Project	<p>1. Why was there an interim and then permanent project?</p> <p>2. Are there any elements of the interim project included in the permanent facility?</p> <p>3. What date did the tender for the interim project close?</p> <p>4. What date was the interim project contract executed?</p>	Written	
230	352	AA	GALLACHER	Corporate Credit Cards	<p>1. How many corporate credit cards have been issued to directors and employees of Airservices Australia?</p> <p>2. What are Airservices Australia's credit limits on these issued credit cards?</p> <p>3. What are Airservices Australia's protocols pertaining to the use of the corporate credit cards?</p> <p>4. What are Airservices Australia's protocols for inadvertent or deliberate misuse of corporate credit cards?</p>	Written	
231	353	AA	GALLACHER	Civil Aviation Regulation Part 139	<p>1. In reference to Civil Aviation Regulation Part 139 Subpart H that came into effect in 2003, what is the date that the 11 projects (discussed in the Senate Estimates Hearings in October 2014) clicked over 350,000 passengers?</p> <p>2. How many of those projects were not completed within the 12 month statutory timeframe?</p>	Written	
232	488	AA	XENOPHON	Infrastructure Consolidation and Contingency Planning	<p>1. In the original decision to consolidate Air Traffic services into two major centres, did the facilities and manpower planning specifically include considerations for the temporary or short term transfer of activities from one centre to the other in the case of a natural or manmade disaster that might render one of the facilities unusable?</p> <p>2. Are there contingency plans in place to reallocate workload with Air Traffic services in the event of a contingency arising that severely impacts on the capability of Brisbane or Melbourne Centres? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How often are the plans exercised?</li> <li>What is the maximum capability transfer that has successfully implemented?</li> <li>Does the plan rely on large scale airspace closures given the limitations of available infrastructure and manpower at</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>each location?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the consolidation of the Terminal Control Units to Brisbane or Melbourne Centres affect the systemic capability to reallocate workload with Air Traffic services in the event of a contingency arising that severely impacts on the capability of Brisbane or Melbourne Centres?</li> <li>If Perth remains as an independent TCU, does it have any reasonable capability to take on additional workload from the East Coast in the event of a contingency arising that severely impacts on the capability of Brisbane or Melbourne Centres?</li> </ol>		
233	489	AA	XENOPHON	ATC Training	In the past, I have received a lot of correspondence in relation to the adequacy of ATC training, both in the class room and on the job. Did the recent benchmarking by NavCanada examine ATC training within Airservices? If so, what did they conclude and what subsequent changes have been implemented?	Written	
234	490	AA	XENOPHON	INTAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of the senior controllers who attended the workshop described in the answer to QoN 245 (Budget Estimates May 2014), how many were non-supervisory or non-management controllers? What percentage of workshop attendees did they comprise?</li> <li>Have any of the workarounds or recovery methods Airservices is using to manage its 'key' INTAS issues as stated in the answer to QoN 245 failed to prevent any incidents within the meaning of the Transport Safety Investigation Regulations 2003 or the Airservices safety management system internal reporting requirements? If so, on how many occasions? What were the consequences &amp; under what circumstances?</li> <li>Is it accurate to describe a Loss of Separation Assurance incident as one where the required separation standards between aircraft have not been infringed but that the positive Air Traffic Control actions needed to assure that was the case had mistakenly not occurred?</li> <li>Was the controller/s involved in the Loss of Separation Assurance (LOSA) noted in the answer to QoN 247 subjected to any form of adverse performance report and/or counselling about their performance regarding the LOSA?</li> <li>Was any other person in the accountability chain that generated the contributory INTAS fault noted in the answer to QoN 247 subjected to any form of adverse performance report and/or counselling about their performance regarding the defective INTAS output provided to the Controller? <i>(Note: other persons include, but are not limited to, system</i></li> </ol>	Written	

					<i>designers, system programmer/s, system testers and/or personnel who approved INTAS to be commissioned.)</i>		
235	491	AA	XENOPHON	Airservices Melbourne Surface Movement Control Report	What were the results of Airservices Melbourne Surface Movement Control Review as recommended by CASA in its response to REPCON AR201300089? Can you provide a copy of the Review?	Written	
236	492	AA	XENOPHON	Gold Coast Incident – 12 October 2014	With regards to the Gold Coast Airport incident on Sunday 12 October 2014, the article in the Courier Mail notes that the Virgin spokesman ‘...was directed to complete a “go around procedure”. However, the Airservices spokeswoman quoted in the article used the term ‘Loss of Separation Assurance’. Was the incident a simple go round or did it involve a Loss of Separation Assurance?	Written	
237	493	AA	XENOPHON	Breakdown of Communication Incident	<p>I refer to the breakdown of communication incident described in REPCON AR201300090.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much time elapsed between the time the breakdown of communication occurred and the time the breakdown was detected and corrected?</li> <li>2. Can Airservices provide a copy of the Airservices Corporate Integrated Reporting and Risk Information System report mentioned in the REPCON?</li> <li>3. Can Airservices provide a copy of the preliminary investigation it conducted into the Incident?</li> <li>4. Can Airservices provide a copy of the radar recording of the Essendon Tower, Melbourne Approach &amp; Melbourne Tower areas of responsibility between the time the breakdown of communication occurred and the time it was detected and corrected?</li> <li>5. Can Airservices provide a copy of the radar recording of the Essendon Tower, Melbourne Approach &amp; Melbourne Tower areas of responsibility between the time the breakdown of communication occurred and the time it was detected and corrected?</li> <li>6. Can Airservices provide a copy of the Essendon Tower, Melbourne Approach &amp; Melbourne Tower Airways Operations Journals for the day of the Incident?</li> <li>7. Can Airservices provide a copy of the Essendon Tower, Melbourne Approach &amp; Melbourne Tower Local Instructions &amp; any associated Letters of Agreement laying out coordination and control responsibilities between those parties?</li> </ol>	Written	

Australian Transport Safety Bureau							
238	307	ATSB	FAWCETT	Safety Related Incidents	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I am happy to put this on notice: in the period since last estimates, how many safety related incidents have there been that ATSB has investigated? As a subset of that, how many, if any, relate to a pilot who had a colour vision deficiency?</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> I am not aware, but I think we can safely say that we have not investigated anything that relates to an occurrence notified to us relating to a colour vision deficiency.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That does not surprise me, but if you could still come back to me with a number that would be great, thank you.</p> <p><b>Mr Dolan:</b> We will confirm that on notice.</p>	146 20/10/14	
239	494	ATSB	XENOPHON	Canadian TSB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the ATSB have a date for the Canadian TSB to complete and table its report? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At what stage is the investigation?</li> <li>Has a draft report been completed?</li> </ol> </li> <li>In response to a question I placed on notice last estimates (Q. 258), the ATSB provided a list of documents that it had given the TSB. Is this a complete list of all documents provided? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the TSB requested any further information since?</li> <li>The response to this question states that the TSB obtained a copy of this committee's inquiry into the Pel-Air incident 'of its own initiative'. Did this occur before or after the ATSB provided documents?</li> <li>Why didn't the ATSB provide the committee report?</li> </ol> </li> <li>In response to a line of questioning from Senator Fawcett in February estimates this year, Mr Dolan stated that three incidents were referred to the TSB as part of its review – the Pel-Air incident, the Canley Vale incident, and the winching accident at Bridal Veil Falls. Why was no documentation relating to the last two incidents included on the list you provided to me on notice? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What documentation relating to these incidents has been provided to the TSB? When did this occur?</li> <li>Why wasn't this information included in the response to my question on notice?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
Civil Aviation Safety Authority							

240	321	CASA	CONROY	Mutual Recognition in relation to Aircraft Airworthiness Engineering and Airworthiness Approvals	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Can I ask which additional countries also are now recognised by Australia for the purpose of mutual recognition in relation to aircraft airworthiness engineering and airworthiness approvals? I am referring to answer 74 from 25 September.</p> <p><b>Ms Spencer:</b> I would need to take that on notice, or alternatively through Civil Aviation Safety Authority.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> For those members of the committee who are not familiar with this, this is about aircraft airworthiness in general. Could you just outline what you have done?</p> <p><b>Ms Spencer:</b> This relates to clarifying a document issued by the European Aviation Safety Agency, which is taken to be a document issued by the national aviation authority of a recognised country, to remove any doubt that CASR can recognise approvals and certificates issued by CASR.</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> Are you able to access, just in the course of the morning, a list of the countries that are now mutually recognised?</p> <p><b>Ms Spencer:</b> We may be able to. We will certainly try.</p>	18 20/10/14	
241	322	CASA	CONROY	Student Pilot Licence and Pilot Proficiency Checks	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ...Could I ask about removing the requirement for a student pilot licence and pilot proficiency checks in certain circumstances, part 61? What is the change there that you have identified?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Spencer:</b> Sorry, there are 160 to go through. Are there any other questions that you wanted to ask whilst I am looking for that particular one?</p> <p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> What are the savings? What is the change? Has a risk assessment been undertaken for this measure?</p> <p><b>Mr Mrdak:</b> The part 61 measures were the subject of many years of consultation and study in terms of the future changes. We will come back to you on notice with some advice from Civil Aviation Safety Authority, if you do not mind, on that one.</p>	19 20/10/14	
242	323	CASA	FAWCETT	CAD Testing	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Mr Farquharson, can you tell me how many pilots who have a colour vision deficiency have lost privileges of their licence as a result of having to sit the CAD test, since the last estimates?</p> <p><b>Mr Farquharson:</b> I cannot directly inform you of that.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I am happy for you to take that on notice. Could you also find out how many initial applicants for an aircrew medical have been required to sit the CAD test as the third level of testing and have subsequently failed and been denied an aircrew medical.</p>	153 20/10/14	



243	324	CASA	CANAVAN	Consultations prior to regulatory changes in 48.1 and/or Part 61	<p><b>Senator CANAVAN:</b> You will probably have to take this on notice, but can you provide a list of the individuals or commercial operators that have direct interest in helicopter mustering that were consulted prior to the regulatory changes in 48.1 and/or part 61?</p> <p><b>Mr Ward:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	153 20/10/14	
244	375	CASA	STERLE	\$12 Million Savings to Industry	<p>I refer to CASA's input to Estimates written answer 74 from May 2014 Estimates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are eight different points outlining savings listed. For each, can you please indicate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the dollar saving,</li> <li>if it is one-off or ongoing,</li> <li>what class of stakeholder will benefit from the savings, and</li> <li>how these will not adversely impact on safety for employees or the travelling public.</li> </ol> </li> <li>What additional savings are identified? Please list these.</li> <li>In respect of those listed in 2 above, can you please indicate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the dollar saving,</li> <li>if it is one-off or ongoing,</li> <li>what class of stakeholder will benefit from the savings, and</li> <li>how these will not adversely impact on safety for employees or the travelling public.</li> </ol> </li> <li>What is the combined estimated savings from these?</li> <li>Could I put to you that the actual driver for these initiatives is that call for \$12M in savings rather than implementing world's best aviation practice?</li> <li>Would these changes be implemented by CASA if it wasn't required to find \$12M in savings to industry?</li> </ol>	Written	
245	376	CASA	STERLE	Regulatory Savings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One change you refer to is changes to permit CASR Part 42 and 145 organisations to manage and maintain public transport aircraft - can you indicate if this will permit, for the first time, unlicensed personnel to certify the airworthiness of their tasks?</li> <li>Is that consistent with making changes that don't potentially compromise safety?</li> <li>Would you have proposed this change if you weren't required to find \$12 million in savings for industry in your agency's areas of responsibility?</li> </ol>	Written	

246	377	CASA	STERLE	Drivers Licence Medical (Aviation) Exemption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you explain what this is, and what changed on 1 September?</li> <li>2. I gather persons in the middle of applying for the old exemption had their processes discontinued and were required to complete an entirely new process requiring a new GP visit – is that correct?</li> <li>3. Would it not have been possible to manage a transition rather than force a restart to the process?</li> </ol>	Written	
247	474	CASA	HEFFERNAN	Definition of Airworthiness	What is CASA's definition of airworthiness?	Written	
248	475	CASA	FAWCETT	Maintenance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Licenced Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (LAME) are employed by CASA?</li> <li>2. How many engineers qualified and experienced in the maintenance, operation and continued assurance of airworthiness of turbine engines does CASA employ or otherwise retain?</li> <li>3. How many turbine engines are in Australia's aviation fleet?</li> <li>4. How many engineers qualified and experienced in the maintenance, operation and continued assurance of airworthiness of piston engines does CASA employ or otherwise retain?</li> <li>5. How many piston engines are in Australia's aviation fleet?</li> <li>6. Does CASA have adequate numbers of qualified and experienced engineers to fulfil its obligation to Government and the public to be assured of the continuing airworthiness of piston engines, including writing regulatory material?</li> </ol>	Written	
249	476	CASA	FAWCETT	Personnel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2010 CASA identified a need for additional funding which was provided for by an increase in the excise on aviation fuel. Part of this funding was for 97 personnel. Taking into consideration that 50 of the 97 positions identified in 2010 were already filled, have all the qualified personnel now been recruited to fill the 97 positions identified in 2010?</li> <li>2. Since July 2010, as at 30 June 2014, CASA has recruited 153 new employees. Why has an additional 106 employees above the 47 identified in 2010 (a 226% increase from that identified in 2010) been recruited by CASA?</li> <li>3. Of the additional 153 employees recruited by CASA since July 2010 at least 91 (59%) of these appear to be in support roles associated to Corporate Services. Why has Corporate Services increased while operational staff has decreased?</li> <li>4. In 2010 CASA indicated that specialists in certain specific areas are difficult to recruit. Is CASA still having problems attracting</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>experienced personnel and if so, for what roles?</p> <p>5. In the Portfolio Budget Statements provided in May 2014 CASA indicated that they are forecasting a \$9.6m loss for the 2013/14 financial year (a net change of 9.8m). On cross referencing the 2014/15 Portfolio Budget Statements with the 2013/14 Portfolio Budget Statements it shows that Employee Benefits have increased by \$7m from that anticipated or 75% of the net \$9.8m change. Why has there been an increase of \$7m for employee benefits to that anticipated last year?</p> <p>6. The 2012/13 annual report for CASA shows that they made a profit last year of \$12m. With the changes now forecast by CASA this will provide a \$21.6m turnaround into the red. Most of this turnaround appears to be due to a \$17.2m increase (80% of the net turnaround) in employee benefits. Taking into consideration that the number of personnel employed by CASA only increased by 5 over the financial year why is there such a significant increase in employee benefits since 30 June 2013?</p>		
250	477	CASA	FAWCETT	Medicals	<p>1. What is CASA's policy on retention of pilots' medical documents? How long are these retained, are any retained for auditing purposes and what is the policy for disposal? Please make particular mention in regard to 162A forms.</p> <p>2. What is CASA's policy for timely responses to correspondence from aviation personnel? Does this policy vary for letters, emails, phone calls?</p> <p>3. Does CASA at times require specialists' reports to support an aviation medical? How many reports does CASA usually require? Does CASA assist in the cost of obtaining these reports?</p> <p>4. Does CASA at times require specialists' reports to support an aviation medical? How many reports does CASA usually require? Does CASA assist in the cost of obtaining these reports?</p>	Written	
251	478	CASA	STERLE	Defect Deferrals	<p>In relation to the defect deferrals that were previously required to have a CASA approval; can CASA provide the following information:</p> <p>1. How many approvals were sought for deferral of these defects per year over the last 3 years prior to the change to Part 21?</p> <p>2. How many of these deferral approvals were issued [approved] by CASA without change to the request being required by CASA?</p> <p>3. How many approvals were issued after CASA required the initial request to be amended?</p> <p>4. How many defect deferral requests were rejected by CASA?</p>	Written	

					5. On average, how much did each previous CASA deferred defect approval cost the industry?		
252	479	CASA	STERLE	Misleading and False Information	If CASA became aware that an Approved Maintenance Organisation has provided misleading and false information to them during an investigation what actions would CASA take?	Written	
253	480	CASA	XENOPHON	Director of Aviation Safety	It has been some time now since Mr McCormick left CASA. Can you update the Committee on what progress has been made in selecting a new Director of Aviation Safety, particularly given the very long lead time from the announcement of Mr McCormick's departure date, and when the Minister may be likely to announce the successful candidate?	Written	
254	481	CASA	XENOPHON	Aviation Safety Regulation Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has CASA formulated a response to the Government's Aviation Safety Regulation Review? Will this be made public?</li> <li>2. The findings of the review were very critical of CASA and its relationship with industry, describing it as 'adversarial'. Does CASA agree with this description, and how will it go about regaining trust from the industry?</li> <li>3. Recommendation 11 relates to redrafting the MoU between CASA and the ATSB. As CASA would recall, this issue was raised as part of the committee inquiry into the Pel-Air ditching. How will CASA respond to this recommendation?</li> <li>4. Recommendation 19 states that the ATSB should transfer information from Mandatory Occurrence Reports to CASA, without redaction or de-identification. As CASA would be aware, this has caused significant concerns that this information could be used to target individuals making or involved in the reports. In turn, there are concerns that this will reduce the rate of reporting, because individuals will be concerned about possible impacts on themselves – including identification to their employer or repercussions from CASA. How will CASA address these concerns?</li> </ol>	Written	
255	482	CASA	XENOPHON	Community Service Flights	<p>I understand that CASA has put forward a discussion paper in relation to community service flights, which cover organisations like Angel Flight and so on.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What prompted the issuing of this paper?</li> <li>2. What concerns have been raised in relation to the safety of these flights?</li> <li>3. How many community service flights have been involved in incidents in the last 12 months?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does CASA have a view on whether people choosing to use community service flights have a full understanding of the safety regulations such flights are required to meet?</li> <li>Depending on the outcome of the discussion paper, is it likely to have an impact on the regulation of medical charter flights?</li> </ol>		
256	483	CASA	XENOPHON	INTAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What experience in the use of fully computerized Tower Air Traffic Control Systems such as INTAS did CASA officers responsible for surveillance of Airservices have when they satisfied themselves that Airservices Safety Management System was adequately dealing with the transition risks of INTAS commissioning at Broome, Rockhampton, Adelaide &amp; Melbourne?</li> <li>Did CASA officers undertake any formal training in the operation of INTAS prior to (or after) its commissioning in Broome, Rockhampton, Adelaide or Melbourne?</li> <li>Can CASA provide copies of general audit and/or specific-to-INTAS reports generated as part of its surveillance activities of Broome, Rockhampton, Adelaide and Melbourne Towers since the beginning of 2011?</li> </ol>	Written	
257	484	CASA	XENOPHON	Airservices Melbourne Surface Movement Control Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When did CASA receive the Airservices Melbourne Surface Movement Control Review it recommended be conducted in its response to REPCON AR201300089?</li> <li>Was CASA satisfied with the Review? If not, why not?</li> </ol>	Written	
<b>Local Government and Territories</b>							
258	354	LGT	STERLE	Regional Development Australia Committees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I note that the Guidelines make no mention of a direct role between the RDA Committees and the Ministerial Panel that will ultimately decide the projects to be funded under the NSRF. Will the RDA Committees be able to make recommendations to the Ministerial Panel?</li> <li>Will the RDA Committees correspond with the Ministerial Panel in any capacity?</li> <li>I note that the NSRF guidelines only mention briefly the new role of the RDA Committees in the regional funding process, in particular that the Committees will not play a role in the appraisal or prioritisation of projects. Are there going to be any structural changes to the RDA Committees after the announcement of the NSRF guidelines?</li> <li>Will the reduced role of the RDA Committees in the decision making process mean any change to their funding?</li> </ol>	Written	

					<p>5. I note that the Government has recently undertaken a review into the RDA Committees coinciding with the release of the new NSRF guidelines. Can you explain the new structure of RDA Committees and the administrative changes the Government is making to the RDA Committees?</p> <p>6. Can you put on record the exact changes that are being made to the RDA Committees?</p> <p>7. I note that the Government has indicated it will again review the functions of RDA Committees in two years, which coincides with the current contracts for funding the majority of the committees running out. Is this timing coincidental? What will be the process for this review?</p>		
259	546	LGT	LUDWIG	Riverwalk Brisbane	<p>1. What was the total cost of rebuilding Brisbane's Riverwalk?</p> <p>2. What was the breakdown for the commonwealth, state and local governments?</p> <p>3. Was any private money raised to help meet the costs? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>4. Initial costing was expected to be \$72 million; reports suggest that the total will be higher than this figure. Can you please provide a breakdown of the extra cost?</p> <p>5. What reasons were provided by the contractor for the extra costs? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the contractor, the minister and the department.</p> <p>6. Are there any plans to recoup the costs? Please detail.</p> <p>7. Were any studies or reports commissioned to assess the cost increase? If yes:</p> <p>d. Please provide a copy of the studies or reports.</p> <p>e. When were they requested?</p> <p>f. When were they complete?</p> <p>g. Please provide a cost breakdown of the studies or reports.</p> <p>h. Who requested that the studies or reports be commissioned?</p>	Written	
Western Sydney Unit							
260	332	WSU	CONROY	South West Rail Link Extension	<p><b>Senator CONROY:</b> ... what is the current thinking about the timing of this extension?</p> <p><b>Mr McRandle:</b> The timing of this extension is really one for the New South Wales government. But they are actually doing the work now to look at reserving a fairly tight corridor. I am not sure; I would have to take on notice the</p>	109 20/10/14	

					timing for that corridor definition work.		
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