

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**Questions on Notice  
Supplementary Budget Estimates, Tuesday 20 October 2015**

**Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio**

<b>Senate No</b>	<b>Program/ Division or Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Proof Hansard page &amp; hearing date or Written question</b>	<b>Date received</b>
1	ABARES	Heffernan	Regulatory impact statement on performance standards for sheep and goats	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can I plead with you: if there are discussions going on, is there some way I could be included? I declare an interest. I have scattered properties and I am very acquainted with this. I am pleased to hear you say that the present system in New South Wales works well. If we go to electronic tags, it will be not only expensive but also a nightmare.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> What we could possibly do—you might recall at the time that ABARES did a regulatory impact statement and looked at the costs and benefits of different ways in which you might achieve the performance standards for sheep and goats. We can certainly provide you with that. As far as I am aware, there is certainly no consultation going on at the moment in relation to the efficacy of either scheme, but it will be coming back on to the AGMIN agenda in due course.</p>	070 20-10-15	
2	ABARES	Siewert	Ongoing role – two white papers	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I just want to check if you have an ongoing role now or had a role but have an ongoing role—and we have two white papers—in the Developing Northern Australia white paper?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We provided a document on the</p>	089-90 20-10-15	

				<p>white papers earlier on. If you have a look at the end of it you will see those elements of the northern Australia white paper where this department has an ongoing activity.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> There is nothing that ABARES is likely to be doing, then?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> That is right. Nothing in the long-game nature. That does not mean that they will not be asked to do further work on northern Australia issues of course.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> What is the likelihood of that happening?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> It will just be an ad hoc thing as the need arises. Obviously there will be a continuing policy agenda and series of programs in northern Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Did you have a role in the development of the paper?</p> <p><b>Ms Schneider:</b> We would have provided some comments from time to time on issues. We perhaps provided some data. We have provided a list in response to a requirement from last estimates on the input we provided to the Agricultural Competitiveness white paper, but we have not done that for the one on northern Australia. There probably were some things that came to us for comment or provision of data.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Are you able to take that on notice as to what input you had into the northern Australia white paper?</p> <p><b>Ms Schneider:</b> I think it was significantly less than into the Agriculture Competitiveness white paper, but we can do that.</p>		
3	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Extracts from notebook	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Ms Freeman, can you table extracts from your notebook in relation to this issue?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Certainly. There is no issue with</p>	024 20-10-15	

				<p>that. I think the other point, which I will also check, is that I had staff with me from my R&amp;D governance area who might also have appropriate notes for this.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is R&amp;D governance internal to the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes, it is.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can I just bring the meeting to order. If there are notes in a notebook that might be subject to an order from the court as evidence, my view is that you should withdraw that request, Senator Cameron.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> No, I will not.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> As the chair, my advice to the department is that you would be encroaching, possibly, on legal proceedings—and there is a political purpose here.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> That is a technical question, Chair, and a good one, so in taking this on notice and considering a response, we will take advice.</p>		
4	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Department became aware of HIAL fraud	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am well aware of that. I am interested in the department at the moment, not the authority. When did the department first know about this?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I would have to check my diary but I understand it was the day after the matter came to the attention of HIA. Again, I would be confirming the dates in my diary.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You don't have your diary with you?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> No, I do not, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, Mr Quinlivan, when were you advised—do you remember?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I recall the conversation but not the precise date.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> It was the same day.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> It will be reflected in the advice.</p>	025 20-10-15	

				<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can we check your diary during the break and get the date for that?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> It would be in a cupboard in my office down at the department, because I have moved onto another one. Realistically—</p>		
5	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	HIAL fraud	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide us with copies of those updates? Can you provide us with copies of all correspondence, file notes and details of telephone discussions on this issue.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Subject to the caveat previously about the relationship with the prosecution</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR (Senator Gallacher):</b> The chair has just stepped out, but I think that is an entirely different issue. This is a process about public funds under the purview of the department. There has been some corruption, a misappropriation or embezzlement, and we are talking about protocol and procedure about your department.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> No, we are not. I am agreeing with you.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> We are; I do not know what you are talking about.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I am agreeing with you that it is an important matter and I am saying that we will provide the documents providing they do not create any difficulties for the prosecution. Surely, that is how you would want us to handle the issue.</p>	025-26 20-10-15	
6	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Statutory funding agreement - HIAL	<p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> We have a statutory funding agreement with them, and we are happy to provide you with a copy of that. It would outline all of their relevant responsibilities under that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Okay, could do that. Could you also advise me of their financial management obligations to the department?</p>	027 20-10-15	

				<p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I should say at the outset that as a company they are driven by the Corporations Act, so that would be guiding that oversight, but I will include all the details.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Ms Freeman, it is not as simple as that. You deal with corporations all the time. If they get grants from the department they are subject to checks and balances and oversight and rules from the department. What are the checks and balances and oversight and rules relating to this private company? What are their obligations on financial accountability to the department? That is the question I am asking.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes, and they are detailed in the statutory funding agreement.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But you are telling me about them now.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I do not have a copy of it in front of me, but I am happy to—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You do not know.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> They are wide and varied, Senator, and I am happy to provide you with a copy of that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can anyone sitting at the table give me any indication about what this corporation's responsibilities are to the department in relation to financial accountability? I cannot believe that nobody can.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We do not have the service level agreement here with us, but we will have later and we can go through them then.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> When will we have that?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We will get a copy of it as soon as we can, and we are happy to take you through the obligations of that.</p>		
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7	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Changes to secure levy funds and public money	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That is fine, but I just find it, again, a bit disconcerting that the department would know that there has been a fraud in the company that you have got a stake in basically. And nothing has changed from the department in terms of oversight. You cannot tell me whether you have asked for any changes. Let me ask: Have you asked for any changes to secure levy money and to secure public money arising from this fraud?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Ms Freeman has taken you through some of the changes, the generality of the changes, that HIAL itself has made to try to make sure it tightens up its own procedures, and we have been satisfied with those.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Have they provided you in writing what changes they are instigating to secure levy funds and public money?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I would take the specifics on notice, Senator. We have a regular catch up with the chairman and the CEO of HIA, and that would be included in those matters for discussion, which are scheduled in a matter of weeks. I also understand from talking to the CEO that they have done a number of things to tighten their fraud measures and we may have the informed in writing by my staff, I can check that. They are aware that they need to tighten the matters, they have done that and we are seeking details of that. We can provide you with that when we have them.</p>	028 20-10-15	
8	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	HIAL changes	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I just want to alert you that, when a public servant tells me that they understand something, the next question I always ask is: what do you understand? What do you know about the changes?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Basically, what we know</p>	028 20-10-15	

				<p>regarding what HIA did under their existing arrangements in response to the alleged fraudulent activity is that they dismissed the employee on the same day that the forgery of invoices was confirmed; they undertook an internal audit investigation; they implemented their internal interim audit measures whereby authorisation of invoices greater than \$10,000 required two executive signatures; they briefed the board of HIA and officers of the Department of Agriculture, who immediately informed staff of the Minister for Agriculture's office; they notified their insurer; they briefed senior counsel and external lawyers to put on an urgent application for freezing orders over the assets of the dismissed employee; they notified the fraud squad of the New South Wales Police; they undertook further internal investigations by way of random auditing of invoices not involving the dismissed employee; and they met with their appointed forensic accountants to proceed to further investigate the dismissed employee's actions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you table that document?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> That is fine. I do not think there is any element with providing that in terms of the investigation.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is that document based on a written report from the corporation to you?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So can you table the written report?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So you will table the written report and you will table that shorthand outcome from the written report. Can we get that as soon as practicable? We should certainly be</p>		
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				<p>about to get that document now. We want to be able to deal with this issue with HIA this afternoon.</p> <p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> The document that you just read out deals with the instance of the fraud and outlines actions appropriate to the instance of the fraud.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes.</p>		
9	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Statutory funding agreement - HIAL	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I do not like the big cover-ups on this, let me tell you. The statutory funding agreement that you have, did it have a fraud plan prior to this money going missing?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> The only reason I am hesitating is that HIA was established late last year. It is in the process of transforming from Horticulture Australia Limited to HIA Limited, so I am just taking the status of the fraud control plan for HIA Limited and we will advise you of that. There are a number of conditions that they would have meet in terms of having fraud control plans, et cetera. I do not have their latest version with me, but that would be a fundamental part of their responsibilities.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Whether it is HIA or a previous incarnation.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> No. What I am saying is that they are obligated under statutory funding agreements to have those elements. At the moment they have transformed from HIAL from December last year to November this year, so they are literally transforming as we speak. I am just checking on the status of the document for HIA Limited.</p>	030 20-10-15	
10	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Minster became aware of this fraud	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> When did the minister become aware of this fraud?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> You are probably not surprised that I would be unaware of that given my recent</p>	032 20-10-15	



				<p>appointment, but I am certainly happy to take it up with the minister and get a response for you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, when did the department advise the minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>		
11	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Advice to the minister regarding HIAL	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I did ask: when did you advise the minister of this?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think Ms Freeman said on the day we were informed, which was 10 July, we informed the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So the minister was aware of this on 10 July?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> No. We are not saying that. We are saying we informed the minister's office on 10 July.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Who did you inform in the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> One of his advisers.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> One of his advisers. Did you provide a file note for the minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> A file note? No, I did not provide a file note.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Was this another verbal job?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What was it?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I would have to take on notice what was provided to the minister's office and the minister. I know I verbally advised the minister's office on 10 July, and I can confirm that. The rest I will take on notice.</p>	033 20-10-15	
12	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Documents between the department and the minister's office	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is there a file note or a note about your exchanges between the department and the minister's office on this?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I will take on notice any exchange I had, email or otherwise.</p>	033 20-10-15	

				<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you also table any documents from the department to the minister on this issue?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I am happy to consider that, provided there are no legal implications.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Happy to consider it?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Provide it subject to any relevant legal provisions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Minister, what has the minister's office done on this issue?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> As I said to you previously, I will speak to the minister's office and I will provide you with a response to that. Obviously this has occurred before my time as the assistant minister.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Did you speak to the minister's office during the break on this issue?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> No, I have not spoken to the minister's office during the break. The minister is actually in the party room at the moment and not available to speak.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, the minister is new and I accept that. Are you aware of any correspondence back from the minister's office to the department asking for the department to take any action arising from this fraud?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> No, I am not.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You have provided advice to the minister's office on this issue?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We have taken on notice to see what we have provided. What we are certain about is that we provided verbal advice to the minister's office on 10 July.</p>		
13	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Changes between round 1 and round 2	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you take it on notice and provide details of the changes between round 1 and round 2, the reason for the changes, and how the priorities were determined?</p>	066 20-10-15	

				<p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> They are on our website, but we are certainly happy to pull those together to show you the differences between the round 1 priorities and the round 2 priorities.</p>		
14	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Statutory funding agreement	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> It is from the white paper. I said it states that farmers will benefit from a greater focus on extending outcomes to the farm gate.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I think they were the issues that Ms Freeman ran through earlier on in relation to the efficiencies that we would be looking for. So, in some ways we have answered that question.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Has this measure then been discussed with the research and development corporations?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes, as we progress, we are discussing it actively with them.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, you have discussed it or it will be progressively done?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Informally we talk to them all the time. Formally through our statutory funding agreement discussions we have strategic conversations that would include the adoption of these priorities and the specifics of these different measures.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are there minutes of these meetings?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Yes, there are.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you provide the minutes so we see how these things are working?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	066 20-10-15	
15	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	From paddock to plant, how food prices are determined in Australia report	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Has the department received a copy of the report <i>From paddock to plate; how food prices are determined in Australia</i>?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I think we have. I think I received it</p>	071 20-10-15	

				<p>as part of the taskforce, so I guess I am answering on behalf of myself rather than necessarily the department. We could check with others in the department whether they received a copy of that report.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not very confident in your memory, Mr Morris. You cannot remember those brilliant dinners. When did you receive the copy of that report?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> We would have to check. We have received so much material during the white paper process.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, will you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> Yes.</p>		
16	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Relocation	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What was the previous advice on the cost?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I can go back and check that. It is probably safe to say though that the discussion has moved on, so I would imagine I can get you the number, and I am very happy to, but it is probably likely to be less.</p> <p>With the APVMA and that cost, because they are still determining whether that will go to either Armidale or Toowoomba there has been no costing done until the decision is made on that. I do not have a current estimate at the moment of the costs.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Minister, when do we expect a decision on this long, long-running fiasco?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> I would first of all dispute that it is a long, long running fiasco. I would say that in the interests of our regional communities across all of Australia it is a very sensible thing for us to be looking at because, despite the fact that you live in the city, many of us live in rural</p>	073-74 20-10-15	

				<p>and regional areas and outside of Sydney and Melbourne, and we would see this as a very positive move on behalf of government to simulate our economies outside of Sydney and Melbourne.</p> <p>As to the decisions on the four agencies that are up for possible relocation, I will take that on notice and speak to the minister to get you an answer.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the estimate of the economic stimulation in each area?</p> <p><b>Senator Ruston:</b> I am certainly happy to take that on notice as well. As you have acknowledged before, I have only recently joined this portfolio but I can certainly assure you that, coming from a regional community, the stimulus that would be generated by these sorts of activities outside of the main areas would be significant and I, too, will look forward to seeing what the economic stimulus of these relocations is likely to be estimated at.</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Some of the numbers that we provided previously on this estimate were depending on the structure that would be adopted by the portfolio agencies moving them. The estimates previously were contributing \$13 million a year for the RDCs and moving the APVMA could contribute up to \$16 million a year. They were based on the previous estimates. Currently the RDCs have come back with a revised model and structure, so obviously those numbers would need to be recalculated once their locations have been determined.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, \$13 million and \$16 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> Per year, yes, in those regions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Who did the analysis?</p> <p><b>Ms Freeman:</b> I can take that on notice, but the</p>		
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				department worked with ABARES in the calculation of that.		
17	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Relocation of RDCs	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am just about finished. I will just go back to one issue. Can you provide some updated costings in terms of the minister's pet regionalisation of these various RDCs? Can you give us an update on what the costs are?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Yes. On notice?</p>	080 20-10-15	
18	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Rural Research and Development Legislation amendment Bill 2014	<p>Provide an update on the 2014 budget measure – Rural Research and Development Legislation amendment Bill 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department taken made changes to enact this measure?</li> <li>• If so, isn't this a breach of the current legislative requirement?</li> <li>• When will the bill be brought back into the Senate</li> </ul>	Written	
19	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Pilot program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the pilot program to provide farmers with training courses and material on cooperatives, collective bargaining and innovation business models be implemented? \$13.8 million for two years (2015-16) to RIRDC to work with other RDCs to develop and deliver training and materials.</li> <li>2. Will this funding provide for additional staff to provide training courses?</li> <li>3. How will the pilot program be assessed post the pilot program?</li> </ol>	Written	
20	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Rural R&D for Profit program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will the extension of Rural R&amp;D for Profit program \$100 million to 2021-22 be administered in the same way the current program is being administered?</li> </ol>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Has round two of the current program opened yet? Is this program running on schedule?</li> <li>3. How will efficiency of RDCs be undertaken by improving governance. White Paper states that "Farmers will benefit from a greater focus on extending outcomes to the farm gate. Reduced administration costs will leave more money for RD&amp;E"</li> <li>4. Has this measure been discussed with the Research and Development Corporations?</li> </ol>		
21	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Rural Research and Development for Profit programme open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When will round two of the Rural Research and Development for Profit programme open</li> <li>2. What work has been undertaken to support the implementation of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy</li> <li>3. Provide a list of grant funding for domestic and international animal welfare projects</li> <li>4. Have the Australian animal welfare standards and guidelines for cattle and sheep, saleyards and depots and exhibited animals been implemented</li> <li>5. Provide an update of the work undertaken to implement all actions in rural research and development strategy</li> <li>6. Why were key performance indicators only partially met in delivering the Agricultural productivity work plan</li> <li>7. Provide a copy of the Agricultural productivity work plan</li> </ol>	Written	
22	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Lifting of night fishing ban for <i>Geelong Star</i>	<b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Did AFMA have any discussions with the Department of Environment when you lifted the night-fishing	140 20-10-15	

				<p>ban for the <i>Geelong Star</i>?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> Yes. They were made aware of our intention to do so, and the basis for it.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> But the one-dolphin-kill policy still remains in place?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> That is correct. It does.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Has there been any mortality since you have lifted—</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> Of dolphins?</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> No, there has not. And if there were then under the current arrangement it would lead to the closure of another area of the fishery.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> What about seals?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> There has been one additional seal mortality.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> When the boat came to Albany it then fished and travelled to Geelong. After it left Geelong there were other issues with dolphin mortality and the seal-exclusion device. Did the operator send away for equipment from Holland?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> I think they may have done. I would have to check, but I know they have experts on board of their own who are net makers and gear designers, and they may well have sought advice and they may well have sought gear from overseas, yes. I would like to take it on notice just to check, but I know that part of their strategy was to help them improve the gear they were using.</p>		
23	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Small pelagic catch	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Could you give us an idea of the small pelagic catch? What has happened to that?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> From the <i>Geelong Star</i>?</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> From the <i>Geelong Star</i>, yes. I think last time I asked you this</p>	140-141 20-10-15	



				<p>question you said it was in cold storage. Do you know what has happened</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> What has happened to the catch since it has come ashore?</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> As far as I know, I am not sure it has travelled anywhere yet. I am not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> When would you be sure of that?</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> I will have to take on notice what has happened with that fish—whether it is still in cold storage in Australia or whether it has gone to markets overseas.</p>		
24	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Geelong star	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> What about offshore recreational fishing competitions? Were the locations of fishing competitions discussed between the <i>Geelong Star</i> crew and AFMA personnel as well, as areas to be avoided in case of bad publicity or perhaps interactions, if you do not mind me using that word, between rec fishermen and—</p> <p><b>Dr Rayns:</b> The vast majority of those competitions had finished by the time the <i>Geelong Star</i> started activities this year, so I doubt those communications have gone on, but I would have to take that on notice.</p>	141-142 20-10-15	
25	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Bullock	Costs in the Federal Court – Abbey Laboratories	<p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> Can you tell us what the total cost was in defending and settling the action in the Federal Court brought by ABIC Laboratories?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> I am going to have to take that on notice, because I do not have that information in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> By all means, take it on notice. Do you want to hazard a guess?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> No, I could not give a guess.</p>	130 20-10-15	

26	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Bullock	Breakdown of registrations under item 6 and item 7	<p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> In the past I have asked you for a breakdown of registrations from new applicants in six-monthly blocks, as I recall. Now having looked further at this distinction between item 6 and item 7—and I do not imagine that this would be much work because you would have done it in answer to previous questions—could you go back to the January to June 2013 period and the following six-monthly periods and give me a breakdown of those items that have been registered under item 6 and item 7?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> I will take that on notice. I definitely have not got that here.</p>	132 20-10-15	
27	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Bullock & Gallacher	Letter and survey – proposed relocation	<p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> One more question on this transfer: have you sought legal advice on this matter?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> The only legal advice I sought was in the very early stages, about my roles and responsibilities under the act. There has been no further legal advice, to my knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> So there was not a great deal of cost incurred in that process, I would imagine.</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> On notice, could we have a copy of the letter and the survey that you have mentioned?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	134-135 20-10-15	
28	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Siewert	New data sets	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> You mentioned new data sets since the last assessment. What are they likely to be?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> I cannot give you specifically what the new data sets are. We can take that question on notice. What we are looking at is other information that has been published in the public domain that we may not have looked at as part of</p>	135 20-10-15	

				<p>our previous regulatory assessments.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That is not part of the IARC process?</p> <p><b>Dr Bhula:</b> The epidemiological studies that the IARC looked at as part of their process.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could take that on notice that would be great. I have one other question that, I must admit, may provoke another. The \$20.4 million to further streamline the approval of agricultural and vet chemicals—I understand that the implementing agency is the Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries Division. I just wonder how you relate to that process.</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> We have not been formally involved in that process, so the questions will have to go to the department.</p>		
29	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Bullock	Proprietary rights	<p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> Fair enough. I am sure it is keenly anticipated. I just want to go to the proprietary rights to the data legislation. If that legislation was withdrawn, could we expect to see a large number of generic applications received by the APVMA from multinationals rather than Australian companies?</p> <p><b>Ms Arthy:</b> The proprietary rights? I am not aware of that. We would have to take that one on notice, because I do not know.</p>	137 20-10-15	
30	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority	Sterle	APVMA relocation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide update on the status of the Minister's determination to relocate APVMA</li> <li>2. Has the Minister sought sought additional information regardng the relocations?</li> <li>3. Has the Minister wrote to APVMA seeking a decision by the end of June 2015? - has the Minister been provided with answers?</li> <li>4. If no, has the Minister written to the APVMA seeking their final answer?</li> <li>5. Does the Minister have the power to forcibly</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>move APVMA out of Canberra if they choose not to move?</p> <p>6. Has the APVMA sought legal advice regarding the Minister's request for relocation?</p> <p>7. What has been the cost associated with seeking legal advice and the time spent by the APVMA in dealing with the matter?</p> <p>8. Has the Minister sought to meet with APVMA in person to discuss the relocation?</p> <p>9. Can you update the committee on the Hendra Virus</p> <p>10. Is it true that since the introduction of 'Proprietary rights to Data' was introduced the generic registration submissions have fallen by over 50%</p> <p>11. Is it true that APVMA because of systems implementation issues and staff problems has limited the number of submissions from the largest registration submission operations from 32 submissions to 2 per month?</p> <p>12. If the Proprietary rights to Data legislation was withdrawn we could expect to see a large number generic applications received by the APVMA from both the Multinational and smaller Australian based manufactures. Providing the APVMA can access the original data package we could see these applications rise by 50-60 per cent. Export dollars would increase by over 50% in some cases double in eighteen months.</p> <p>13. With less and less products being brought to market from original research companies the future of both the local Australian manufactures and now in some cases even the Multinationals is dependent on the legislation being removed?</p> <p>14. If Australia is to become one of the major</p>		
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				food producers in the western world then the industry needs the APVMA to be active in helping registrant's gain registration of their products in a safe and efficient way.		
31	Biosecurity Animal Division	Sterle	Exercise Odysseus	<p>Provide detail of Exercise Odysseus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the cost</li> <li>• Provide a list of the more than 40 discussions exercises and field based activities</li> <li>• Outcomes of the exercise</li> </ul> <p>Provide detail of the Marine pest review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost associated with the review</li> <li>• List of stakeholders who were engaged in the review</li> <li>• Outcomes of the review</li> </ul> <p>Does animal health have a deregulation agenda? If so, provide a copy of the agenda's outcome</p>	Written	
32	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Gallacher	Risk profile on biosecurity	<p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Do you have a risk profile on biosecurity?</p> <p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> We work our whole operations based around assessing risk.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Do you know where your major risks are in biosecurity?</p> <p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> We certainly do.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Does the \$200 million investment address those major risks?</p> <p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Can you table the risk profile?.....</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> What we would like you to table is a risk profile in biosecurity, which the department must have.</p>	067 20-10-15	

33	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Gallacher	Biosecurity risk matrix	<p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> We have a risk matrix that the committee has seen many times.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> The committee has seen the risk matrix.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR:</b> I am asking you for it now. Can we have the biosecurity risk matrix?</p> <p><b>Mr Williamson:</b> We can provide the risk matrix that we assess risks against.</p>	068 20-10-15	
34	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Siewert	Biosecurity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the status of the Panama outbreak in Queensland?</li> <li>2. What is the status of the cucumber green mottle mosaic virus in Queensland?</li> </ol>	Written	
35	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Sterle	Biosecurity surveillance	How will the \$200 million to improve biosecurity surveillance and analysis to better target critical biosecurity risks, including in northern Australia?	Written	
36	Compliance Division	Williams	Honey Testing	I commend the announcement of the 100% testing of Turkish honey. However, will the Department explain why it will no longer test for anti-microbials and other inputs which for me sounds a backward step.	Written	
37	Compliance Division	William	Honey testing	<p>Turkish honey has been the problem and 100% of Turkish honey will now be tested, but only 5% of other honey imports from countries like Croatia, Egypt, Thailand and Vietnam will be tested. This is only a 1 in 20 chance of finding a contamination problem. The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council has checked honey from Egypt and found antibiotics in it but it escaped detection when it entered Australia. The honey was removed from supermarket shelves.</p> <p>Isn't the 5% testing leaving the door open for more "Turkish-style" honey entering Australia,</p>	Written	

				and what is to stop a Turkish exporter mis-labelling their product to that of a country whose product is subject to the far less stringent testing?		
38	Compliance Division	Siewert	Food standards Australia New Zealand and Biosecurity	How have processes changed in relation to advice from Food Standards Australia New Zealand and their extended risk evaluation, since the frozen berries incident?	Written	
39	Compliance Division	Siewert	Charter Flights	How many items have been seized from passengers on charter flights since last estimates? If so what items have been seized?	Written	
40	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	FOI review	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have the document with the recommendations? Can you table it?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I think we would certainly have the document. I would just have to confirm whether or not there is any problem with tabling. I do not imagine there would be, but if I could take that on notice to consider the document and certainly look to be able to table it if we can.</p>	008 20-10-15	
41	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	FOI review	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> As a result of that review and \$80,000 to get some slight changes, have you advised the minister's office about how FOI requests should be handled?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Yes, I think we have.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You think you have or you have?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to check. I am pretty sure that we have. We have certainly discussed the outcomes of the review with the minister's office.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You have discussed, or you have provided? What have you done?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I will have to take that on notice and check exactly what—</p>	008 20-10-15	

42	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	FOI review	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Again, can you table the correspondence between the department and the minister's office on any procedural changes.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> That might take some time if we are going to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That is okay. You can come back and tell me what amount of time that is . What are the main issues that you have raised for change with the minister's office?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> What I would prefer to do is just talk about what the recommendations were.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I would prefer you talked about how the relationships operate and, after you have spent \$80,000 of public money and made some slight changes, what those changes are that you have made and how that relates to your relationship with the minister's office. It is a simple question.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> As I said, I would have to take on notice what we have done in relation to communicating with the minister's office. What is easy for me to talk about now is what the recommendations were.</p>	008-9 20-10-15	
43	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	FOI review	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What expertise did Ernst &amp; Young bring to this freedom of information area?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to take on notice the specifics in terms of the claims.</p>	009 20-10-15	
44	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	FOI review	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So Ernst &amp; Young have freedom of information experts, have they?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Yes. In terms of what their offer was, we went out to the market, so to speak, and we got a number of bids, and we—it was not me but the selection panel—judged that Ernst &amp; Young had the best expertise in this particular area.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you table the tender</p>	010 20-10-15	



				document? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I will. We would need to just confirm that it is not commercially confidential, but I cannot see why not.		
45	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Responsibility for FOI within the minister's office	<b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think we have clarity about the roles and responsibilities now, which was one of the critical issues from the Ernst & Young report. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And you can table any documentation that outlines those roles and responsibilities so that the opposition understands how it works as well. <b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We will endeavour to do what we can over the course of the morning.	010 20-10-15	
46	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Dr Grimes	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are there any file notes in relation to this interaction? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> Not that I am aware of. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you check? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I am happy to check. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And can you provide any file notes, details of phone calls and correspondence in relation to this matter, that you claim Dr Grimes requested the deletion of that email? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I am happy to do that. I would point out that this has been the subject of FOI requests. We have searched our records in relation to this, in relation to written records. So the information in relation to this—the published information, the written information, records, if you like—has been the subject of FOI requests. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> This is a new revelation. When were you advised that Dr Grimes had sought that the email be deleted? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to check that, Senator. I do not know the timing. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you check that for	011 20-10-15	

				me? <b>Mr Glyde:</b> Sure.		
47	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many people attended? Do you know? <b>Mr Morris:</b> How many people in terms of the council members, or departmental? <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Council members and associated support staff. <b>Mr Morris:</b> I will need to take that on notice.	015 20-10-15	
48	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide details of all minutes of these meetings? <b>Mr Morris:</b> The minister chairs the council. We will need to check with him about that. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You have copies of them, have you? <b>Senator Ruston:</b> Senator Cameron, is there something you particularly want out of the minutes or do you just want all of the minutes? I would suggest that, given that it is an advisory council to the minister, the minutes of those meetings probably will not be public. So is there something particular that you want? <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> There may or not be. I am asking for them to be made public. <b>Senator Ruston:</b> We will certainly find out for you, but I would suggest that they are. We will certainly find out for you on notice.	016 20-10-15	
49	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council discussed climate change	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> The advisory council for the industry has never dealt with climate change, has it? <b>Mr Morris:</b> I would have to check that. To the extent that they dealt with drought—to the extent that drought is related to climate change—then you could say there was a connection there.	016 20-10-15	

50	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council discussed climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So we are now getting a concession at last that drought could be related to climate change? Is that your position?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> If you are asking whether there was an explicit discussion about climate change and it appeared on the agenda at one or more of these council meetings, then I think we will have to take that on notice and check.</p>	016 20-10-15	
51	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	White Paper meetings	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Morris, in relation to the advisory council: how many have you attended?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I attended the meetings not in my current role, but as the head of the task force dealing with the agricultural competitiveness white paper. I attended the one in Rutherglen in April and the meeting in August in Darwin.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> And I think the one in October in Sydney. I might need to double-check my records. We had extensive stakeholder consultations during the white paper, and they are starting to merge together in my brain. But I think those are the three that I have attended.</p>	017 20-10-15	
52	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council in Darwin	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> On notice, can you advise me whether you did attend the dinner in Darwin?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> Sure.</p>	018 20-10-15	
53	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council in Sydney	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many people attended the dinner in Sydney?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> We do not have that information. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	018 20-10-15	
54	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council in Sydney	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You cannot even give us a rough idea? Was it 10? Was it 20? I will not hold you to any figure. I am wanting a rough idea. Did</p>	018 20-10-15	

				<p>you have one table? Did you have two tables?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I will have to take it on notice. I do not know for sure. It is something we would have to check.</p>		
55	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council in Darwin	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am just trying to—Mr Morris, you are not sure whether you attended the one in Darwin—</p> <p><b>Senator EDWARDS:</b> He goes to dinner every night, you know.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You do not go for dinner with the agricultural advisory council every day, do you, Mr Morris?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> No. We will have to check. We have some—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many were at this dinner? Can anyone tell me how many attended the dinner?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think we have already established that we do not have a document here which answers the specific question about attendance at these dinners.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> So you will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Mr Morris has said that he will see what information we have for you but we do not have it here at the table.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, I appreciate your commitment to try to help Mr Morris. But surely, Mr Morris, you can remember whether there were two people at the dinner or five, or 10 or scores of people. How many tables—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Would you like to take that on notice, Mr Morris?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I have already taken it on notice.</p>	018 20-10-15	

56	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Itemised bill for Agricultural Industry Advisory Council dinner	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, does the department have access to the itemised bill for these dinners that take place?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I do not know the answer to that question but we will endeavour to find out.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide details of the itemised bills for the Darwin dinner, which cost \$1,806 in meals and \$912 in drinks? Can you provide details, if you have them, on the pre-meeting dinner for this advisory council in Sydney on 30 or 31 October, where meals were \$1,776 and drinks were \$1,291.40?</p>	018 20-10-15	
57	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Overnight allowance	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you also advise whether there was an overnight allowance for the delegates to these dinners, whether they were paid an overnight allowance, whether they had a meal component in the overnight allowance or whether that is separate from the overnight allowance, and whether the participants at the dinner claimed an overnight allowance in addition to the expenditure on drink and booze at these pre-dinner meetings? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We will endeavour to answer those questions. The information that we have now got available to us at the table is not consistent with a number of your questions. It looks as if, for most of the functions that you have talked about, the alcohol component is a relatively small part of the total cost— notwithstanding the fact that a number of the functions were meetings with member of the local agricultural community and so on, which did not involve a meal but did involve appropriate hospitality. They were an important networking function for the minister and the members of the council, in which case you would expect there to</p>	019 20-10-15	

				<p>be a relatively high alcohol proportion—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Would you?  <b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> because that is how Australians provide hospitality.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is it?  <b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think that is perfectly appropriate. But we will come back to you with responses to those questions.</p>		
58	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Cameron	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> For the Devonport meeting, Mr Quinlivan, it is getting better: \$1,651 on meals—this is the pre-meeting dinner—and \$1,770 on drinks. Could we get details of all the expenditure in relation to these meetings. This advisory council comes under the auspices of the department, doesn't it? You are responsible for this, aren't you?  <b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> It is an advisory group to the minister. Obviously we cover the expenses of the operations of the council.</p>	019 20-10-15	
59	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Agricultural Industry Advisory Council members	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> This is the document that talks about dinner and catering for the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council members prior to their third meeting. This specifically says the purpose of the function is for the members of the council. I want to know how many members attended and how many additional people attended. Maybe the minister can take it on notice. If there were more than the members attending, why did the minister's office narrow this response down to members? I need to know</p>	020-21 20-10-15	

				<p>who was there, because obviously Mr Morris thinks he might have been there. So we need to know who was there. That might account for some of the costs that people are talking about. In Darwin—you did not quite make a thousand dollars on booze at that one. The next one that I have in this response says, '30-31 October, dinner and catering for the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council members'—specifically members—'prior to their fourth meeting'. If that is true, there are 10 members and we can add a few ministerial people on, but then meals were \$1,776 and drinks nearly \$1,300. That specifically says 'members', so we need to clarify who was there. How many people were there and, if more than the members were there, why did the minister not advise Mr Conroy about who was there? On the Devonport meeting it talks about dinner, catering and then 'networking'. There is a specific difference in that response in the third question, where it talks about networking for the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council. The response for meals was \$1,651 and \$1,770. So you are talking about nearly \$4,000 for that one prior to the meeting. That includes networking. The other two—one is just over \$3,000 and one is \$3,800-plus, with no networking. I understand the arguments that have been put but, given that the minister has been very specific in his response, I would like the department to clarify exactly who was there, what was spent, itemised accounts and all the other questions that I have asked in relation to those issues.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> As in the earlier conversation, we do not have that specific information about attendance here. We will take that on notice.</p>		
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60	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Devonport meeting	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you delineate, Mr Glyde, in relation to the Devonport meeting, the amount that was spent on the networking and what was spent at that networking approach, how much was spent on the dinner and itemised accounts of the dinner, both food and alcohol; and again, whether claims were made for meal allowances from the participants in addition to them being provided meals at each one of these forums? Is there any other catering—lunches, for example—associated with this advisory council that we are not aware of?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> There would be morning teas, afternoon teas and possibly lunches.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide details of all expenditure on all of the lunches?...</p>	021 20-10-15	
61	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	PQoN 1463	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, can you also provide details of the document that you are reading from, compare that to the documents that we have on question No. 1463 and advise us what the discrepancies are?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We will do that.</p>	022 20-10-15	
62	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Siewert	Council agenda regarding climate change	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Has climate change been raised in the past? If so, has there been a brief prepared? Is it discussed regularly?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> We would have to check the agendas for those various meetings. I have not been to them all, so I could not say for sure. I would have to check.</p>	022 20-10-15	
63	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Council meetings	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just before I do move on, can we get a list of all the meetings the council has had with the agricultural sector? I would like to know what they are actually doing.</p>	023 20-10-15	



64	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Function and organisation chart	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have a schematic of how it works now?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Those functions are all now in our organisation chart, which is on our website. It is as good a description as any of the functions that have been transferred to the department.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have a copy of that there? Can you take us through how this works?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I do not, but you have an internet enabled document in front of you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So where is it?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes, it is. Broadly speaking, David Parker, who was here earlier, is deputy secretary. He has joined the executive of the department. Below him is a water division headed by Tony Slatyer.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just take me through it. So who is it?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> David Parker is the deputy secretary.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> He is the deputy secretary, is he?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes, he is the deputy secretary.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can you table the document just to make it easier?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes. If you have it, you can table it so we can have a look at it.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> This is all very repetitive. I have been hearing this repeated for the last 19 years, but for newcomers and interlopers it is new.</p>	034 20-10-15	
65	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Request on the issue of climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> As I understand it and as I read it, ABARES got no request on the issue of climate change from the taskforce. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> It is probably correct, yes. I would have to check. We asked a range of requests, including across the broad range of policies that</p>	045 20-10-15	

				we were looking into.		
66	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Cameron	Consultation with stakeholders on the white paper	<p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I think what Mr Morris is saying is that we have been consulting with the relevant stakeholders in the implementation of these measures. I have certainly been personally involved in one of them. We are talking to the states and territories about future loan products. There is consultation going on. It is quite different in each of the different measures, as you would expect.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not going to ask every person that you think I should ask. I think I am entitled. Tell me if you say I am not entitled to do this. I would like to hear your answer. I am asking the department, at the cross-departmental level, to provide me with information with the consultations that have taken place with stakeholders across the department on the white paper. Can you give me that detail?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> On notice we can.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, I do not need to go, as I was just told, to each one?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I thought you were asking us to give it to you now.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> No.</p>	046 20-10-15	
67	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Siewert	Productivity Commission and Agriculture White Paper	The Agricultural White Paper included statements in relation to Productivity Commission reviews into reducing regulation in Australia agriculture, marine fishers and aquaculture industries. What is the status of those items? Has the Department provided any advice to the Minister on drafting the Terms of Reference for those inquiries?	Written	

68	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	<p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the leadership change in September, 2015? If so:</p> <p>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>i. Signage.</p> <p>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>iii. Logos</p> <p>iv. Consultancy</p> <p>v. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>vi. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>i. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p> <p>2. Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>3. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans</p>	Written	
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				<p>to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>4. 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?</p>		
69	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Staffing – employment of non-Australian citizens	<p>I refer you to section 22 (8) of the Public Service Act 1999 which says:</p> <p>"An Agency Head must not engage, as an APS employee, a person who is not an Australian citizen, unless the Agency Head considers it appropriate to do so."</p> <p>1. Does the department have guidelines or similar to assist Agency Heads to assess when it is appropriate to hire non-Australian citizens? If no, do individual agencies have their own guidelines? If yes to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide a copy.</li> <li>When did they come into effect?</li> <li>Can Agency Heads decide to go against the advice? If yes, under what circumstances?</li> </ol> <p>2. Are Agency Heads required to provide a reason to anyone for hiring non-Australian citizens? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who are they required to report the reason to?</li> <li>Does this reporting happen before or after the hire has been made?</li> <li>Is this reason provided in writing? If no, how is it provided?</li> <li>Can you please provide a list of reasons that have been used since the Federal</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>election in September, 2013.</p> <p>3. Are there any provisions to over-rule a Head of Agency's decision to hire a non-Australian citizen? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who can over-rule this decision?</li> <li>Under what circumstances can it be over-ruled?</li> <li>How many times has this occurred since the Federal election in September, 2013.</li> </ol>		
70	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Ministerial personalised stationery	Since the leadership change in September, 2015, how much has been spent by the Ministerial office on personalised stationery for the Minister and the Minister's staff? Please provide a cost breakdown by type of stationery purchased and the quantity of each and whether it was for the Minister or for staff.	Written	
71	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	White Paper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Minister met with the department to discuss details of the implementation of the White paper initiatives?</li> <li>Provide details of the meetings?</li> <li>What advice did the department provide to the Minister regarding the impact of the changing climate on Agricultural Competitiveness?</li> <li>During previous estimates ABARES provided an answer that "the Minister's office and other divisions within the department have not specifically requested additional advice on the major risks of climate change on agriculture production from ABARES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you provide details as to why this was not a major consideration during the development of the White Paper?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>5. ABARES also provided a list of requests from the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper Taskforce - not one request related to the impact of climate change? Why wasn't any information requested relating to climate change?</p> <p>6. Who did provide the taskforce and the Minister's office with information relating to climate change?</p> <p>7. Has the department met with industry stakeholders to discuss the detail of the White Paper initiatives?</p> <p>8. How many times?</p> <p>9. Provide a list of stakeholders that the department has met with?</p> <p>10. Has the department undertaken a cost-benefit analysis of each of the funding initiatives? Example: what is the reality of the \$250 million dollars allocated for 10 years totaling 2.5 billion dollars being taken up by drought-affected farmers?</p>		
72	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bilyk	Secretary's speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings in 2015 please be provided?	Written	
73	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bilyk	Ministerial function	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by current or former Ministers in the portfolio in 2015, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</li> </ul>	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>		
74	Export Division	Sterle	Agricultural White Paper - Australia's traceability system	How will the \$12.4 million to modernise Australia's traceability systems to verify produce integrity and secure access to overseas markets be undertaken and administered.	Written	
75	Export Division	Sterle	Greyhound "passport" system	<p>Provide detail of work undertaken to improve the transparency and accountability of the exporting of greyhounds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Department aware of the "Passport" system and the difficulty in covering those who are not members of the peak body?</li> <li>Can a break-down be given of the number of greyhounds being exported and where to?</li> <li>How many of these are using the "Passport" system?</li> <li>Is there the provision of the Greyhound Export Declaration for providing a Passport number?</li> <li>Is the department considering making the "Passport" system mandatory with the Department approving and auditing the passport system, funded by an industry levy on the passport application fee.</li> </ol>	written	
76	Exports Division	Rhiannon	ESCAS breaches in Kuwait	1. On July 17 the Department of Agriculture was notified of recurring ESCAS breaches in Kuwait – with Australian sheep continuing to	Written	

				<p>be sold in breach of ESCAS in the Al Rai market – the 6<sup>th</sup> such complaint in 3 years. With the Eid al Adha approaching – the high risk period for animals in the Middle East- the Department provided export permits for 3 further shipments to Kuwait.</p> <p>On what basis the Department was satisfied that exporters to Kuwait would meet their legal obligations under ESCAS to keep sheep within approved supply chains?</p> <p>2. What additional conditions did the Department put on the two exporters to Kuwait AND were these conditions different to any other additional conditions the Department put on them previously given ongoing non-compliance in that market?</p> <p>3. Do these additional conditions worked to protect Australian sheep from private sale and slaughter in the lead up to and during the Eid al Adha?</p> <p>4. On September 24<sup>th</sup> the Department of Agriculture was notified of ongoing ESCAS non-compliance in Kuwait, with around 3,000 Australian sheep being sold through the Al Rai Market. Despite this further evidence of non-compliance in Kuwait, the Department of Agriculture has since granted two further export permits to exporters to send two further shipments into Kuwait.</p> <p>What additional conditions has the Department now put on the two exporters to</p>		
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				<p>Kuwait AND are these conditions different to any other additional conditions you'd put on them previously?</p> <p>5. Is an exporter's previous record of compliance with ESCAS taken into account prior to the granting of each export permit? If not, why not? How does it change the permit conditions?</p> <p>6. Is an exporter's previous record of compliance with ESCAS is an important consideration in determining whether or not to grant that exporter an export permit?</p> <p>7. Are Australian sheep currently for sale in the Al Rai market in Kuwait?</p>		
77	Exports Division	Rhiannon	ESCAS breaches in Oman	<p>1. The Department was notified by export company Wellard of total non-compliance of the Emanuel supply chain during Eid al Adha in Oman - yet the Department subsequently granted Emanuel Exports a further export permit to Oman for that same supply chain. Considering the blatant and deliberate ESCAS breach notified to the Department, how could the Secretary reach the appropriate level of assurance that ESCAS would be complied with regarding this subsequent shipment?</p> <p>2. Wellard Rural Exports has stated publicly that those exporters and importers complying with ESCAS are being penalised as importers' competitors are selling sheep in breach of ESCAS to a broader market at a higher profit. This also serves to undermine the willingness</p>	Written	

				<p>of importers to comply with ESCAS on an ongoing basis, because those parties who aren't complying are continuing to receive sheep.</p> <p>3. Does the regulator take such information into account - considering the failure to implement appropriate consequences on wrong-doers is serving to actively discourage cooperation from other importers?_ _How?</p>		
78	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Contamination testing of kangaroo meat	<p>With regard to the contamination testing of kangaroo carcasses for export markets:</p> <p>a. What proportion of both incoming (<i>unprocessed</i>) and of skinned kangaroo carcasses is subject to microbial screening?</p> <p>i. How many numbers of carcasses does this represent out of what total carcasses?</p> <p>b. What proportion of tested carcasses are swabbed <u>from the gut cavity</u> – which is where the contamination occurs?</p> <p>i. What does this represent in actual numbers out of what total?</p> <p>c. What proportion of packed meats is subject to microbial screening?</p> <p>i. What does this represent in actual numerical terms out of what total measurement (quantity or weight) of meat?</p> <p>d. May I please have a copy of the current protocols overseas governments require for exported kangaroo meat?</p>	Written	

				<p>e. May I have updated list from 2013 to current of concerns received from importing countries about maximum residue limit breaches of kangaroo meat: by country, with details of what contaminants breached limits, levels of contaminants, and outcomes for each country.</p>		
79	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Acetic Acid use on kangaroo carcasses	<p>1. In May 2015 Budget Estimates Exports Division confirmed that kangaroo carcasses and meat for export is treated with acetic acid <i>“where use is permitted by the importing country”</i></p> <p>a. Which countries <u>do not permit</u> the use of acetic acid on kangaroo carcasses and meat?</p> <p>2. Exports Division also confirmed that <i>“exported kangaroo meat is not tested for acetic acid”</i> pre-export in Australia, and that it is expected that kangaroo meat <u>will</u> be treated with acetic acid on a regular basis because <i>“the use of acetic acid in Australia is permitted under the Australian Food Standards Code.”</i></p> <p>a. Do importing countries know that ascetic acid is used on kangaroo carcasses as a matter of course in Australia?</p> <p>b. Is it still the case that shot kangaroos can spend up to 2 weeks in a field chiller parked in rural or remote areas before being delivered to a processor?</p> <p>c. Macro Meats, the biggest exporter of kangaroo meat, instructs its shooters to</p>	Written	

				<p>routinely spray shot kangaroos with acetic acid infield and supplies its shooters with 20L drums of “Processing aid”: Can it be assumed that kangaroo meat exported to the UK will have been doused in acetic acid?</p> <p>d. Is the use of acetic acid on meat allowed in the UK?</p> <p>e. Are shot kangaroos also doused in acetic acid within processing plants?</p>		
80	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Contamination	<p>1. In February Estimates this year (2015) I was informed that the EU had raised concerns about unsatisfactory bacterial contamination of kangaroo meat. Please provide details about this:</p> <p>a. What was the kangaroo product to which those concerns referred?</p> <p>b. What was the contaminant and its levels detected?</p> <p>c. Which country or countries in the EU raised this concern?</p> <p>2. Have there been any other concerns expressed by any importing countries this year since February? If yes, may I have the above-listed details please?</p>	Written	
81	Exports Division	Back	Rosselkhoznadzor	<p>1. What is the date of the latest application forwarded to Rosselkhoznadzor (this is the Russian Food Health Department equivalent to AQIS Australia) for the removal of the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 restrictions of Australian abattoirs?</p> <p>2. Time required for reissue of a new application</p>	Written	

				to Rosselkhoznadzor? 3. When can the Department of Agriculture and AQIS reissue new documents to start the application procedure?		
82	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Exports permits for kangaroo products	<p>1. I understand earlier this year (2015) there were 6 current export permits for kangaroo products, with 2 operational or “live:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many export permits, both single use and multiple use have been issued for the export of kangaroo and wallaby products in the last 12 months?</li> <li>b. How many businesses does this represent, that is, how many businesses currently hold export permits for kangaroo products?</li> <li>c. How many of those permits are currently being used – or are “live”?</li> </ul> <p>2. May I please have a spreadsheet indicating current single use and multiple use export permits for kangaroo and wallaby products, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Country of destination</li> <li>b. Quantity of specimens and unit</li> <li>c. Value</li> </ul>	Written	
83	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Kangaroo meat contamination messaging	<p>1. DAFF Quarantine and Export Services provided an “ad-hoc, one-off” grant of \$220,000 to the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia, to fund a project “Residue and Contaminant Management Frameworks for the Kangaroo Industry” (the NRS project).</p>	Written	

				<p>Exports Division advised that the NRS project outputs include regular reports to update progress against agreed milestones, annual project review meetings between the KIAA and the NRS, and a final report approved by the KIAA board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will those reports be publically available or available to MPs at their request?</li> <li>One of the aims of the NRS project is to “<i>inform messaging about residues and contaminants in kangaroo meat</i>”: Please detail what this means?</li> <li>Is this market research to inform how to manipulate messaging about the residues, diseases and contaminants found in kangaroo meat, and to contain the damage by these contaminants?</li> <li>What are the agreed milestones please?</li> </ol>		
84	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Contamination of kangaroo meat	<p>The Minister, Barnaby Joyce, last month announced \$350,000 funding to kangaroo exporters, including a “\$67,122 grant for <i>Vanderlinde Consulting to develop an EU submission on lactic acid decontamination in kangaroo meat</i>”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was the Minister referring to treating ropy slime-producing lactic acid bacteria contamination <i>of</i> kangaroo meat or to the <i>use</i> of lactic acid to treat contaminated kangaroo meat?</li> <li>Please give details on <i>why</i> there is a EU</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>submission on this issue being developed?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the context of this submissions and why it has come about?</li> <li>ii. Has the EU requested this submission?</li> <li>iii. It has been previously confirmed that the EU raised concerns about the contamination of imported kangaroo meat: specifically what was that contaminant and its levels; to which country; in what kangaroo products?</li> <li>iv. What specific types of contamination is the lactic acid used to treat?</li> <li>v. Does the industry use lactic acid to decontaminate kangaroo meat? Where in the process is it used and please provide the guidelines to using it.</li> </ol>		
85	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Updated Kangaroo export data	<p>Please provide the most current export data for kangaroo products for the financial years 2013-14, and 2014-15, and up to current.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Including for each referenced period above: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. By export commodity classification, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. product description including raw skins/hides (Code 41039020);</li> <li>ii. meat and meat offal products (Code 2089011);</li> <li>iii. meat unfit for human consumption</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>(Code 5119920);</p> <p>iv. raw hides and skins (Code 41039020);</p> <p>v. Leather products (Code 41139020);</p> <p>b. By country</p> <p>c. By quantity/volume/weight</p> <p>d. By Gross or unit value for each kangaroo product details including:</p> <p>2. Does the above data exist for the US State of California?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the same for the same time period for California – in a separate table.</p> <p>3. Can you confirm the above data is provided directly from exporters or their agents?</p>		
86	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Meetings on white paper regarding the impact of climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide details of the meetings that you have had with the minister on this white paper issue?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I can certainly provide some details on the first of those three. I am not sure about the second two, whether that is a practical matter or not.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not asking you what the advice was. Have you provided advice to the minister regarding the impact of climate change on agricultural competitiveness?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Framed in those specific terms, I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure that we have in recent times.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Framed in what terms?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> The explicit terms around climate change rather than the practical formulation that we were discussing earlier about its impact on</p>	042 20-10-15	



				temperature, rainfall and run-off, which are the three practical ways in which those influences are exerted.		
87	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Risk of climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Has the minister's office or others asked for any advice on the major risks of climate change?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Over the course of the last two years?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to take on notice in terms of what we might have provided over that time.</p>	042-43 20-10-15	
88	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Implication of climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> 'It sits behind the work that we do. Other than that, no.' Have you had any written requests from the minister's office for advice on the implications of climate change?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I will have to check that, in terms of over the last—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Two years.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to check that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You would not be aware?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> No.</p>	043 20-10-15	
89	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Farm sector	<p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> There are costs in terms of the administration of it and, of course, the capital is tied up in the farm sector. In terms of what appears on the government's books, you do not see \$250 million a year in expenditure.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How much are you seeing?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I think what you probably see would be what are the actual costs of running this program, our costs of running that program.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How much is that over the 10 years?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	049 20-10-15	

				We could ask the Farm Support Division when they appear to see if they have that data. I just do not have it		
90	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Rural Adjustment Authorities	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just following on from that, is this \$2.5 billion only for family farms or could a medium sized or large agribusiness seek support through this as well?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> That is a good question that I do not know the answer to. I would have to defer to my colleagues who are coming later on. They will be able to answer that question.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> If they are listening in. The other question that I would ask to give some thought to as well is: if there is a group of family farmers or a family farmer and an agribusiness, on the other hand, and they both make applications for a loan in the same regional area, who makes the assessment about who can get the loan? The family business may be less viable than the agribusiness in the longer term. I think we have canvassed something like this in estimates before. That is the fundamental question for the future of agriculture in this country.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> The only thing I can add—and I certainly cannot answer the breadth of that question—is that the assessments are done by the rural adjustment authorities that are in each of the states and territories for which we have these loan arrangements. For example, in Queensland there is the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority. They are the agents who follow the guidelines</p>	051 20-10-15	

				and make the decisions about who to loan to and for what. As I said, I do not know the specifics of the particular circumstance that you are talking about and I hope we will be in a position to answer that later on this afternoon		
91	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Williams	Loans	<p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Is it the case that these are 5 and 10 year loans, interest only, so if you lend it out for five years it is going to be interest only coming back, with no principal coming back for at least five years and in some cases 10 years? Is that the case?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> Again, you are getting into the details. I suggest we ask our colleagues. We will take that question, and when our colleagues are on later on today we can put that specifically to them in terms of the operation of the loans.</p>	052 20-10-15	
92	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Methodology in preparing for drought	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide details of the methodology that was used to come up with the \$2.5 billion figure?</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> As I said, it was based on past experience. That is the methodology.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You did not sit down and go, 'Well, on past experience we'll put \$2.5 billion in here.' There must have been a proper methodology to come up with this figure, otherwise it is a scandal that such an amount is being put up without any methodology or analytical approach to it.</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> We will take that on notice in terms of what is available to provide but note that—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> There is probably not much.</p> <p><b>Mr Morris:</b> I note that it is a provision. It depends on demand for the program as to whether it is taken up or not.</p>	054 20-10-15	

93	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Uptake of current drought concessional loans	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide us with an update on the uptake of the current drought concessional loans that you are basing your projections on?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> Yes. Not right now but, yes, we can do that</p>	055 20-10-15	
94	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Siewert	Impact on forestry and fishing	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I understand what you said about that association there, but what about all the research? Where is the thinking going on now around climate change? Surely your whole focus on climate change is not just about individual farm support?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> The thinking more broadly within the Commonwealth is done in the Environment Department in relation to the broad impacts of climate change and the economy-wide type response in relation to climate change. That is all in that department. Our focus has been on the consequences of climate change for the farm sector, the fisheries and forestry sector as well. That is why we deal with it in the section that it is in.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> When you are dealing with it for fisheries and forestry, where do you do it there? They are not farms.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> No, but that is where it used to be, in that area. It is really a question of just balancing up the workloads and that is why it has moved around. There has not been any ulterior motive in relation to moving it. It is more just that it has bounced around between different divisions from time to time.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Are they still doing impact on forestry and fishing?</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not know exactly how much we are doing in that regard.</p>	056 20-10-15	

95	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Drought concessional loans	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many farmers have claimed who do not have the demonstrated viability under the guidelines?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> I can certainly read that out for New South Wales, if you would like, or are you looking at the national figure?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes. I am looking nationally, but if you have New South Wales there that would be handy.</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> In New South Wales there were 240 applications received for farm finance over a two-year period, and of those 112 were approved. In the case of the drought concessional loans in 2014-15, there were 155 applications received, of which 112 were approved.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have the rest of the country?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> Certainly. At a national level for the drought concessional loans, 508 were received nationally with 297 approved. In the case of farm finance, 1,009 received and 389 approved. I will clarify that in that with an application not all applicants followed through with the process. As banks matched commercial rates, as new schemes came on board, some of those applicants will have moved to other schemes or other commercial arrangements.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have a document with those figures that you can table? It would save me going through each one with you. If you could table the figures for both the schemes we can move on to somewhere else.</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> We can certainly get a document today. I just need to check that there is nothing in here that—</p>	059 20-10-15	
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96	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	ATO with taxpayers in drought affected communities	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What has been done with the ATO with taxpayers in drought affected communities? Is part of the process that the ATO would be involved in this?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> The ATO has set up a farmer assistance hotline. One of the things that the government sought to ensure was that there was an effective engagement with the ATO and those in drought affected communities. I think a rural assistance hotline was established. We can give you the details. I think it is around 6,000 calls to that hotline to date. The ATO is in the process of also doing rural engagement tours—actually getting out there and engaging with the rural community and making sure that people are aware of what options are available to them when they are suffering the impacts of drought.</p>	060 20-10-15	
97	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Cameron	Shovel-ready schemes	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes, thanks for that. How many shovel-ready schemes are there in the shovel-ready list?</p> <p><b>Mr Padovan:</b> Ms Kennedy can walk you through which projects have been approved and which LGAs are eligible.</p> <p><b>Ms Kennedy:</b> In terms of the 17 LGAs that are currently eligible, they are in Queensland and New South Wales; so Balonne, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Bulloo, Burke, Diamantina, Flinders, Longreach, McKinlay, Murweh, Paroo, Winton, Barcoo and Richmond in Queensland, and Brewarrina, Walgett and Coonamble in New South Wales. I understand that 23 proposals from seven of those councils have been received so far. Proposals from two of the LGAs have been approved. There is \$276,000 and \$354,000 for Bulloo and \$1.5 million, which is the total amount that you can be eligible for, for Balonne.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What are those projects?</p>	146 20-10-15	

				<b>Ms Kennedy:</b> I would probably best to take that level of detail on notice, and either we or our colleagues at Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development could give you that information.		
98	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Rice	Senator Colbeck trip to Japan and China	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who are the members of the trade delegation to Japan and China 19 to 22 April 2015 to promote the Australian forest industries, led by Senator Richard Colbeck?</li> <li>2. What companies and organisations do they represent?</li> <li>3. What was the total cost of the mission? How much of the cost was borne by the federal Government, under what program and how much was paid by participants?</li> <li>4. What are the trade outcomes for the forestry industry?</li> <li>5. Where some of the discussions related specifically to wood waste or woodchips export?</li> </ol>	Written	
99	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Rice	Forest industries advisory council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current status of the development of a forestry industry strategy through the Forest Industries Advisory Council? Is such a strategy likely to be complete prior to the federal election?</li> <li>2. What is the expected release date of the final report from the Strategic Directions Issues Paper?</li> <li>3. What was the cost of the production of the report “A Strategic Directions Issues Paper” released by the Forest Industry Advisory Council in March 2015?</li> </ol>	Written	
100	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Rice	Regional Forest Agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current progress of Commonwealth and State discussions regarding the replacement or renewal of each</li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>Regional Forest Agreement, being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmania</li> <li>East Gippsland</li> <li>Gippsland</li> <li>Central Highlands</li> <li>North East Victoria</li> <li>West Victoria</li> <li>Eden</li> <li>Southern NSW</li> <li>North East NSW</li> <li>Western Australia</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specifically, have discussions commenced? Have formal review processes been agreed? Have reviews commenced? If so, what stage are they at?</li> <li>What is the government's current intention with regard to roll-over of existing Regional Forest Agreements?</li> </ol>		
101	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	Concessional loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will the drought concessional loans be administered? Pg 87 White Paper</li> <li>Have all States and Territories signed up to administer the drought concessional loans over the next 10 years?</li> <li>What is the projected uptake of the drought concessional loans over the next 10 years? Methodology</li> <li>How can a drought concessional loan be described as an investment?</li> <li>What will happen to drought concessional loans funds not taken up by farmers?</li> </ol>	Written	
102	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	farm insurance advice and risk assessment grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will farm insurance advice and risk assessment grants be administered? \$29 million dollars over four years</li> <li>Which commodities will be able to apply for assessment grants?</li> </ol>	Written	



				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will matching funding be provided by the State and Territory for the assessment grants?</li> <li>As this measure falls in under the drought and risk management section of the White Paper – are there regional limitations as to who can apply for farm insurance advice and risk assessment grants?</li> </ol>		
103	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	drought concessional applications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide detail on how many drought concessional applications were received, rejected and approved during 2014-15</li> <li>Which jurisdictions will be eligible for the scheme in 2015-16</li> <li>Provide detail on how many drought recovery concessional loans were received, rejected and approved during 2014-15</li> <li>Which jurisdictions will be eligible for the scheme in 2015-16</li> </ol>	Written	
104	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	National Rural Advisory Committee	Is the Government planning on abolishing the National Rural Advisory Committee	Written	
105	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	Advice and assistance from Australian Taxation Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What work has commenced on advice and assistance from the Australian Taxation Office to taxpayers in drought-affected communities? White Paper claims that “the ATO will work with the Department of Agriculture to identify taxpayers.</li> <li>How will the Department work with the ATO to identify drought affected farmers?</li> <li>What privacy considerations will be undertaken so that information is kept confidential?</li> </ol>	Written	

				4. Has the Department undertaken consultation with drought-affected farmers regarding this measure?		
106	Farm Support and Forestry Division	Sterle	Farm Household Allowance	As of 30 June 2015 how many recipients were denied assistance under the Farm Household Allowance scheme	Written	
107	Finance and Business Support Division	Siewert	Staffing resources	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That is what I am trying to get to: what people are picking up on top of their existing work or to replace existing work, and what new resources have been contributed. From what I can gather from what you have just said, biosecurity has new resources.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We may be able to give you an estimate of the additional staffing resources that were part of the policy decisions taken during the white paper. We will just see whether we can organise that answer for you over the next little while.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Thank you.</p>	014 20-10-15	
108	Finance and Business Support Division	Cameron	Cost to the department in the water division transition	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What can I say? I will come back to this. What has been the cost to the department in the transition of Water to the Department of Agriculture?</p> <p><b>Ms Evans:</b> I may have to take that question on notice. Obviously we are only partway through the transition. We are tracking those costs so I should be able to give you a sense of it by next estimates or on notice. It is just that we are not finished. I am sorry. I am not meaning to be difficult. The move of the people occurs tomorrow. We are still negotiating through the details of the financial transfer and so on, so we really are only partway through the move and we will be able to tell you at the end.</p>	039 20-10-15	

109	Finance and Business Support Division	Sterle	Cost recovery issues	<p>Cost recovery issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide detail about the status of the redesign of the cost-recovery fees</li> <li>• How has transparency and consistency in how fees and levies are applied been achieved</li> <li>• How did the department consult with the more than 240 organisations across the import and export activities on the redesign</li> <li>• What is the timeframe for further consultations</li> <li>• When will the changes come into effect</li> <li>• Why was the departments key performance indicator for improving cost-recovery only partially met</li> <li>• When will the government finalise its consideration of Import Risk analysis review's recommendations for improvement to parts of the IRA process?</li> <li>• Provide detail as to who was consulted during the consultation phase of the cost recovery review.</li> </ul>	Written	
110	Finance and Business Support Division	Bilyk	Secretary's office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office been upgraded in 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written	
111	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Gallacher	Cost seeking legal advice	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just on that issue have you taken legal advice and what are the costs associated with seeking legal advice and the time that you spent in dealing with this matter?</p> <p><b>Dr Hone:</b> I think we might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Have you taken legal advice?</p> <p><b>Dr Hone:</b> We have taken legal advice and I</p>	085 20-10-15	

				cannot tell you that cost here. Obviously with the time, that is a very difficult one because partitioning this between business of actually improving services, there is so much overlap. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You can take that on notice. You have taken legal advice? <b>Dr Hone:</b> Yes.		
112	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Gallacher	Legal advice	<b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So you have taken legal advice as to whether the minister can require you to do this? <b>Dr Hone:</b> We have taken legal advice as well, yes. <b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can you provide, on notice, the cost of that? <b>Dr Hone:</b> Yes.	085 20-10-15	
113	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Business plan	<b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is this a new business plan that you have? <b>Mr Harvey:</b> It is a model that we have been working on over the last 12 months. GRDC has grown over the last five years from a \$140 million spend to \$200 million. We have needed to adapt and we needed to get better regional engagement, which that means getting closer to growers and hence the— <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Harvey, is this a new business plan you are developing? <b>Mr Harvey:</b> Yes. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is that business plan available? <b>Mr Harvey:</b> We can certainly make it available. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide copies of the business plan? Is this the hub and spoke business plan? <b>Mr Harvey:</b> Yes. <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide copies to the committee of that hub and spoke business	077 20-10-15	

				plan? <b>Mr Harvey:</b> Yes		
114	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Voluntary redundancies	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What was the cost of the voluntary redundancies?</p> <p><b>Ms Howitt:</b> I am sorry, I do not have that with me. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You can tell me every other cost but you cannot tell me about the 12. You have actually paid this out and you cannot tell me.</p> <p><b>Ms Howitt:</b> I do not have that on me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator BULLOCK:</b> Can you find it? Can you ring someone and get it?</p> <p><b>Ms Howitt:</b> I am sorry but my HR manager is actually unwell and he is out of the office for the rest of this week. We only have one person who is available in that area.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> There is obviously a cost and I assume you will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Howitt:</b> Yes.</p>	078 20-10-15	
115	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	GRDC restructure documentation (hub and spoke)	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So you are going to give us your business plan?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you also give us documentation, all internal emails in relation to the hub and spoke and any details of meetings that you have had in relation to the hub and spoke issue internally? I am trying to figure out whether this was in response to the minister or whether you were genuinely dealing with it prior to that?</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> As I said—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You can just tell me the answer, if you like.</p> <p><b>Mr Harvey:</b> We will see what we can get out for</p>	081 20-10-15	

				you.		
116	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Gallacher	Annual General Meeting	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I will ask the questions. I do not need you to pre-empt them. When was your last AGM?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Our last AGM?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Presumably it is annually so it would have been this year.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> We are a new company so we have not had an AGM. Our new AGM is on 27 November. Our last AGM was to wind up the previous company. I have to get the date for you on that but it was mid-last year.</p>	093 20-10-15	
117	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Gallacher	Authorisation of expenditure	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Now, we just want to touch on the matter that the chair has indicated that there needs to be some caution on. These are generic questions. Responsible officers would have a level of expenditure which they are authorised to action. Do you know what that is?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> We have various delegations of authority inside the organisation. It depends on what activity it is or who are the employees.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In most organisation it would be an arbitrary figure of under \$10,000 or over \$10,000.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So, there would be an authority signed and then there would be an authorised officer to process the payment?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Presumably there would be two people doing an electronic transaction or a cheque?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Do you want to just</p>	093-94 20-10-15	

				<p>outline those things for us?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> In our organisation now, as anticipated in the statutory funding agreement, we are instituting or have now instituted—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What have you got prior to what you are instituting? You are a new organisation. You have wound another organisation up.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So, presumably you had company rules.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes. That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What would a single officer be able to authorise in payment?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I will have to take this on notice for R&amp;D but I think in the case of R&amp;D, if it was consistent with the approved project inside R&amp;D, then an authorised officer could sign off I think on about \$50,000 for an R&amp;D project.</p>		
118	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Cameron	Employment of officer	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Lloyd, I do not want to go into any details of the case or any of that, but did you employ the individual who committed the fraud?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I did not employ him directly. He was employed by management about three or four years prior.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Have you had a look at how that process was undertaken?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I thought you might have. Were there any issues arising from that?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> No, there were not. We have had two forensic examinations. We have done our own forensic examination back to 2011 and we have had an external firm to do a forensic examination to both confirm the size of the fraud and to isolate the extent of it. In doing so there was no evidence</p>	096 20-10-15	

				<p>that there was any fraud in those prior years. This particular individual, as is in the civil court case, has admitted that he indulged in this in the last 12 months.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, what was he employed as?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Marketing manager for one of our commodities.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, what experience did he have prior to that?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I cannot be fully certain, but I do know that he had worked in the South Australian fresh produce industry.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> As a marketing manager?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes, I believe so.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you get me some details of his previous occupations?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you outline for the committee the procedure that was undertaken to employ this person?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And what qualifications he had?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes.</p>		
119	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Cameron	Qualifications and process	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you get me the details of his qualifications and the process that was undertaken to employ the person?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And who his referees were and all of that. Thank you.</p>	096 20-10-15	
120	Landcare Australia Limited	Siewert	Green army and funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What Green Army projects does Landcare currently have underway?</li> <li>2. Has Landcare's funding commitment been extended beyond 2017?</li> </ol>	Written	



121	Meat and Livestock Australia	Rhiannon	AI Rai market in Kuwait	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> How many times have MLA personnel visited the AI Rai market in Kuwait over the past month for September?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> I do not have exact details. I can give you names of all MLA people that are employed under the live exporters program and contractors that visit the facility if required.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So, you could give us that detail?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> We would have movement of all personnel.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you give September and up to now?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When would that be available?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> I can have that quite quickly. We would have movements of staff that are employed under the LEP program.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> That would be the details of when they visited that marketplace?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Both contractors and employees?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Yes. I am assuming that they have, so I can certainly get the detail.</p>	097 20-10-15	
122	Meat and Livestock Australia	Rhiannon	Employees in the Middle East – Eid al-Adha	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> The first you have heard of it. How many employees did MLA have in the Middle East in the lead-up to and during the Eid al-Adha issue?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> I can get you the exact details. Again, we sent a lot of resources to help industry work through what is the major festival, but we have 23 staff under the LE program across six countries. A number of Australian staff were sent across to help the process of what is a major festival and a major logistics operation during</p>	098-99 20-10-15	

				<p>that time.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you supply details of the number of staff and what their positions were?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Also, what countries they were in and what markets they worked at?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> You may have this, otherwise it can come with that information I just asked for. I am interested in what countries MLA had representatives in for this current round of festivals?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely. In Kuwait we had 11 staff during the Eid festival: six in Oman, three in Bahrain, three in Jordan, four in Qatar, and seven in UAE. That would be a mix of MLA employees who are engaged under the LEP program and contractors.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Again, maybe you need to come back with the numbers when the big festivals are not on.</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> It is significantly less. Those numbers demonstrate the matter of importance and the matter of urgency we place around such a festival.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If you could also supply details of how you step that up and what it is at other times please?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you provide the dates that each representative was in each country including their location? I think we have got this. I will just see if it captures everything. Can you provide the dates that each representative was in each country, including the locations and facilities that each representative visited and the time and the date of those visits? I am asking for</p>		
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				<p>a little bit more information there, including the location and the dates that they went to these different sites.</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Are you right to come back to me on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely.</p>		
123	Meat and Livestock Australia	Rhiannon	Reports provided	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do they report daily and do those people on the ground put in a written report?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> I suspect that during Eid it would be quite difficult to report daily but there would certainly be a wrap-up of the festival, what happened and what could happen differently, understanding that, even going back two to three years, what processes keep evolving year by year have been significant to reduce any leakage.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If you have not got the details now could you come back to us about how frequently the reports are made by people on the ground?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you provide the daily reports that you receive?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> In any reporting systems that we receive, that the department or industry would allow us to distribute, then I am more than happy to distribute, so whatever reports are available. We obviously track staff. We track what they are doing. We have their reports and I am more than happy to share those reports.</p>	099 20-10-15	
124	Meat and Livestock Australia	Rhiannon	ESCAS breaches	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> How many breaches of ESCAS did MLA notify the department of over the past two months?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Again, I will take that on notice because they are detailed. MLA, again, has taken</p>	099 20-10-15	

				<p>the view that within 24 hours all leakages are reported to the exporter and then reported to the department. We obviously run a log of what those breaches are under the ESCAS system.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When you supply that information can you include the time and date when those breaches were observed and what time and date the department was notified?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Yes.</p>		
125	Meat and Livestock Australia	Back	Festival of Eid activities	<p><b>Senator BACK:</b> From a welfare point of view, do we have any evidence at all in the markets where your staff or associates were overseeing the festival of Eid activities where sheep other than Australian livestock were actually put through the chain in the way that Australian sheep were?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> I would have to take that on notice but, given that Australia has changed a lot of the processes within country and in destination markets, I would suspect at a high level from what I have seen that the rest of the world's inventory in terms of sheep are slaughtered in the same facilities that the Australian sheep are and under the same conditions.</p>	101 20-10-15	
126	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Analysis of carrying capacity and climate change	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Has any analysis been done, that you are aware of, of carrying capacity and climate change?</p> <p><b>Mr Norton:</b> Not that I am aware of from MLA. I can quickly find out and put it in on notice if there has been any work done.</p>	105 20-10-15	
127	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Chair	Declining run-off and increasing rainfall – Murray Darling Basin Plan	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> You are the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Last night I got out of the environmental water holder that of the 17,000 gigs of water there are 560 gigs of supplementary water which, as you know, used to be off-</p>	114-115 20-10-15	

				<p>allocation water, which then became supplementary water. It was the cheap buy because you could buy supplementary water and put it in the book as a buyback, which Katrina Hodgkinson did in New South Wales for the likes of Tandou. That 230 gigs that she bought back for \$23 million was the equivalent of 11 gigs at the mouth of the Darling where it meets the Murray. Can you run us through the science of what the task of the system is now in terms of allocation?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> I am not entirely sure I understand the question. Basically, if I can put it this way, the basin plan is concerned with the overall amount of water that is taken out of the system and, by implication, how much is left in the system. Of the water that is available for use, each state government has its own arrangements for how it allocates that water. So the mix in one state to another between the different classes of entitlement, whether it is general or high security or whatever, is a matter for them, and we really do not—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I do not expect you to know the answer. What is the science—it is 30-year science—saying about the declining run-off in the south and the increasing rainfall and the increasing run-off in the northern part of the Murray-Darling Basin?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> We can perhaps provide more detail on notice, but if you look, for example, at the forecast that the CSIRO made about different—</p>		
128	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Chair	Percentage of allocations versus the sustainable limit on rivers in the Murray Darling	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can you give us the percentage of allocations versus the sustainable limit on those rivers in the Murray-Darling? Do you want to take that on notice to make it easier for you?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> Sure.</p>	115-116 20-10-15	

129	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Chair	Long term forecast for the run-off from the snow	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I want to come to the aspirations and expectations of a set of politicians who are doing a tour round on a select committee who think they are going to promise free beer to the irrigators against the background of reality. What is the long-term forecast for the run-off from the snow? How many days of snow are in the long-term forecast?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It is under a week. You needn't knock your head back there. How many is it now? What is the average annual snowfall?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> In terms of days? Sorry, but we will have to take that on notice.</p>	116 20-10-15	
130	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Chair	Median flow of the Warrego	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Anyhow, it is just over three weeks and it is going to go back to under a week. At the 40th percentile of the science for the Murray-Darling Basin—and that includes the percentile where maybe they are right or wrong about the increasing rainfall in the top. You would understand the Warrego river? You are familiar with it?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> I know where it is, yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Do you know what the median flow is?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> No, I simply do not walk around with those numbers in my head. I am sorry. I can take it on notice if you want an answer.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Sadly, I do. When they decided to buy the Toorale water to send more water down the system, some of that water they bought was Darling water. As soon as they did it, the sleeper licences just up the river were woken up and they gained nothing. Are you familiar with the Tandou buyback?</p>	116 20-10-15	

131	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Cameron	Costs associated with move to Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Okay. Mr James, what are the key issues that have affected the Murray-Darling Basin Authority by the responsibility for water being moved from the Department of the Environment to Agriculture?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> We simply report now to a new minister. In terms of our day-to-day operations and what we are doing and so on and so forth, there is no change.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Were there any financial costs to the authority with the change?</p> <p><b>Mr James:</b> My understanding is there are some very minor costs associated with the changes, which go to some very simple things like who mans the front desk and that sort of stuff because we had a shared arrangement with the environment department on some of those things. But those costs are very minor. If you like, I can take the precise figure on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That would be helpful, thank you. In relation to the department, have you costed these changes?</p>	120 20-10-15	
132	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Cameron	Staff employed in IT area	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am asking how many are employed in your IT area.</p> <p><b>Ms Schumann:</b> We have four staff who provide a help desk service. We have about four other staff who provide technical support services—maintaining our system architecture and the like. They are directly involved in IT service provision.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So that is four and four?</p> <p><b>Ms Schumann:</b> Correct, but we have a large number of other staff who are involved in the maintenance of our databases.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is that large number?</p> <p><b>Ms Schumann:</b> It is a reasonably large number. I</p>	121 20-10-15	

				would have to give you the exact number on notice.		
133	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	<p>I refer to a recent ABC News Article where the Water Minister Barnaby Joyce is quoted as considering the reinstatement of the Sustainable Rivers Audit (SRA) which found in its most recent survey that in 2001, 21 of the 23 valleys in the basin were in a poor, very poor or extremely poor condition.</p> <p>I understand the MDBA and state governments track and monitor some areas of the basin including water quality, salinity and waterbirds.</p> <p>Does the MDBA monitor other areas?</p>	Written	
134	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	Was there a replacement audit for the SRA?	Written	
135	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	Are the current monitoring areas adequate to determine whether the MDB Plan is working as intended?	Written	
136	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	Would the MDBA support the reinstatement of the audit?	Written	
137	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	<p>How much funding is currently allocated to monitoring the MDB?</p> <p>- Can you provide a breakdown of this by area?</p>	Written	
138	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Health audit	Does the MDBA have in operation long-term monitoring of environmental outcomes? Is there long-term funding for these outcomes?	Written	



139	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Xenophon	Buybacks	<p>I asked about the amount of GL to be recovered so that we meet the target and was informed that the amount would be dependent on the outcome of the operation of the Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism in 2016.</p> <p>Has the MDBA conducted any estimates of the likely amount of GL to be recovered and the cost? If not, why not?</p>	Written	
140	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	From paddock to plant, how food prices are determined in Australia report	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can anyone tell me if the report has been sent to the minister's office?</p> <p><b>Mr Burns:</b> The minister's office has received a copy of it.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you know when the minister received the copy?</p> <p><b>Mr Burns:</b> I would have to check the date. I cannot remember.</p>	071 20-10-15	
141	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Rhiannon	KIAC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2013 I asked how there is no conflict of interest in the KIAA awarding its own CEO and international spokesperson (John Kelly) over \$800,000 worth of contracts.</li> <li>2. The RIRDC advised that the KIAA <i>“plays no role in the recommendation or selection of research projects.”</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does the RIRDC still advise the KIAA <i>“plays no role in the recommendation or selection of research projects”</i>?</li> <li>b. Is it still the case that the KIAA chooses the Chair of the RIRDC Kangaroo Industry Advisory Council (KIAC), which recommends the contracts the RIRDC should select for funding - as described in the KIAA’s (then) 2013 Draft Kangaroo Industry Statutory R&amp;D Levy Proposal? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is it still the case that the Advisory</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

				<p>Council usually meets once a year “<i>in conjunction with the KIAA AGM, to assess full applications and recommend on project funding</i>”? Again as described in the proposal?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please provide details on the years the KIAC has had its annual meeting in conjunction with the KIAA AGM.</li> <li>b. Is it still the case that the KIAA’s own annual membership levy is forwarded to the RIRDC to attract commensurate government funding for RIRDC projects?</li> <li>c. The KIAC was to include a representative from each of the 3 major sectors of the commercial kangaroo industry, the RIRDC Manager for the New Animal Products Program (under which kangaroos sit) and one further industry representative from any sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please advise how many of the commercial kangaroo industry representatives on the KIAC are <i>not</i> members of the KIAA.</li> <li>ii. Please advise how many previous members of the KIAC have not been members of the KIAA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In June this year I lodged a Senate Motion ordering that the RIRDC market research report about messaging to different audiences, <i>Characterising the Australian public and communicating about kangaroo management</i> (Project ID: PRJ-008967).</p> <p>Whilst I am aware that RIRDC research agreements state that the RIRDC may choose to “not publish” any report as it chooses, I am reliably informed it was the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia (the KIAA) who</p>		
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				<p>refused to publically release the report.</p> <p>Please explain how the KIAA, which represents private business, can refuse to publically release a publically funded report which is about growing an industry that profits out of the shooting of native wildlife?</p>		
142	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Rhiannon	RIRDC KIAC Minutes	May I, how do I, have access to RIRDC Kangaroo Industry Advisory Committee minutes?	Written	
143	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Rhiannon	Funded projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. May I please have an updated list of all kangaroo-related research projects since May 2014 involving the RIRDC, either as a funder, a major contributor or partner or supporter: including the authors, cost of each project, dates, aims and Objectives Summary.</li> <li>2. May I please have a list of all RIRDC kangaroo associated reports or projects that have been contracted to (Dr) Rosie Cooney, or where Rosie Cooney has been an author or associate with the project: Please include the aim and cost of each project.</li> <li>3. Are there any current or planned projects that are part of an effort to lift California's ban on the importation of kangaroo products? May I please have the researcher details, Objectives and cost?</li> <li>4. The RIRDC report, "<i>Characterising the Australian public and communicating about kangaroo management</i>" sits in the R&amp;D priority of "Reinforcing the license to operate". Its research details as listed on the RIRDC website<sup>1</sup> says it aims to "<i>provide practical information on how to design</i></li> </ol>	Written	

<sup>1</sup> [http://devweb.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10\\_KAN/PRJ-008967](http://devweb.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_KAN/PRJ-008967)

				<p><i>specific communications relating to the management of kangaroos”.</i></p> <p>The example given is that the kangaroo industry provides targeted messaging and, I emphasise, <b>“a government environmental/conservation agency could present information on a specific culling program in order to gain more public acceptance”</b>.</p> <p>Social license market research is about how to manipulate information to targeted decision-makers to accept your product or actions, and grow your market:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please explain how the manipulation of information (“how to design specific communications”) to ensure government environmental agencies, or NGO conservation agencies become industry messengers “to gain more public acceptance” for shooting kangaroos, is an exercise in transparency and independent advice?</li> <li>b. <i>“Designing specific communications ... to gain more public acceptance”</i> for the shooting of kangaroos for profit, seems antithesis to the conservation of native wildlife (kangaroos) based on independent and scientifically robust data and research. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please provide more details about government departments and agencies are doing the industry’s messaging?</li> <li>ii. and NGO conservation agencies?</li> <li>iii. Is there any requirement to inform government agencies and representatives or conservation agencies that the “designed specific</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		
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				<p>communications” being presented to them are designed to have them do the social license marketing for the industry?</p> <p>iv. Are there any RIRDC protocols around transparency of intent in such communications?</p>		
144	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Rhiannon	KIAA CEO conflicts of interests funding	<p><b><u>KIAA CEO Conflicts of interest funding</u></b></p> <p>1. In February 2013 Senate Estimates I was advised that from 2000 to 2011, the RIRDC had awarded \$800,312 worth of contracts to John Kelly, CEO of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia and owner of the commercial wallaby meat, fur and skins processor and exporter Lenah Game Meats, for 11 RIRDC reports to grow the sales of products made from commercially shot kangaroos.</p> <p>I note also Mr Kelly currently has an application with the Department of Environment to export up to 60,000 Bennett’s wallaby skins per year.</p> <p>a. How many RIRDC kangaroo projects have been awarded to Lenah Consulting or John Kelly since 2010:? If any:</p> <p>i. what was/is the aim of each project</p> <p>ii. what was the value of funding/cost?</p> <p>b. The RIRDC funded Mr Kelly \$236,664 for “<i>Research to assist market development for kangaroo products in California &amp; New York</i>” from 2008 to 2011.This included Kelly’s report “<i>California, New York, the World and Kangaroos</i>”.</p> <p>c. Please provide a detailed breakdown of</p>	Written	

				how that \$236,664 was spent.		
145	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Siewert	Agriculture White Paper commitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There was a \$13.8 million commitment related to the Agriculture White Paper for the RIRDC to 'provide farmers with knowledge and materials on cooperatives, collective bargaining and innovative business models'. What has the progress been on that?</li> <li>2. How much of the funding allocated has been received by the RIRDC?</li> <li>3. How much has been spent?</li> <li>4. What are the concrete outcomes to date?</li> <li>5. What is planned with the remaining funds?</li> </ol>	Written	
146	Service Division	Bilyk	Visit to Torres Strait	<p>Did any of the former or current Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries/Assistant Ministers in the portfolio , their personal staff or the Department participate in the former Prime Minister's trip to the Torres Strait?</p> <p>If so-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the duration of the visit to Torres Strait?</li> <li>b. Which locations did the Minister/his Department travel to?</li> <li>c. Which communities did the Minister/his Department engage with?</li> <li>d. What type of activities did they undertake?</li> <li>e. What were the outcomes of the trip?</li> <li>f. Was an official report or communique or similar published in relation to the trip?</li> <li>g. Are you able to please provide an itinerary for the A Minister/his Department's trip?</li> </ol>	written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Which hotel or hotels did the Minister/his Department stay in?</li> <li>i. Could you please provide an itemised cost breakdown in relation to the Minister/his Department's involvement in this trip? This should be broken down into categories such as accommodation, ground transport, meals, incidentals etc.</li> <li>j. How many members of the Minister's staff participated in the trip?</li> <li>k. Could you please advise the number of staff, their title and staffing classification under the MOPS Enterprise Agreement?</li> <li>l. In terms of departmental officials from the Department, could you please advise the names and roles of each departmental official in attendance?</li> <li>m. Could you also please provide an itemised list of costs for departmental officials in terms of flights, accommodation, ground transport, meals and other incidentals? This should specify the officials which travelled in business class and those that travelled in economy, the hotels they stayed in and which businesses supplied ground transport.</li> </ul>		
147	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	Cameron	Reduce industry and user costs	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Is this another thought bubble in progress? Do not answer that. As I understand it, you are saying there will be \$20.4 million to reduce industry and user costs by \$68 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> Yes, that is right.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the methodology for that figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> I cannot tell you that level of detail, I am afraid, but we have staff coming up under Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries who will be</p>	062 20-10-15	

				<p>able to provide that level of detail.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, they can provide me the methodology?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> If I do not get to them, Secretary, can we have that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Okay</p>		
148	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	Whish-Wilson	Quota system	<p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> But do you know, under that licence regime before the quota system, roughly what tonnages were being caught? Was that recorded?</p> <p><b>Mr Neil:</b> They would have recorded it. We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WHISH-WILSON:</b> Yes. I am just interested in that.</p> <p><b>Dr Hone:</b> When the quota came in it went to 5,265. The previous years it was around about 18,000 to 20,000. This is back in the mid-80s, so the data is not as good. It was pretty clear that when I was in the South Australia Fisheries at the time working in the precursor to AFMA, when we started to get that original data that is why the CCSBT quota fishery came in. It was one of the first quota fisheries in Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Glyde:</b> We can provide you with the catch going back 30 or 40 years. It is an established chart which we are happy to provide to you on notice.</p>	087-88 20-10-15	
149	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	McKim	Update – progress of all 10 RFAs	<p><b>Senator McKIM:</b> Just because of the time of night, a quarter to 11, could I ask you to take a question on notice just to provide a brief update on where you are in the progress of all 10 RFAs. I will place that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Ruscoe:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	147 20-10-15	



150	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	Sterle	Sustainable Natural Resource management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide detail on what is the department doing to strengthen the capacity for primary producers to use sustainable natural resource management practices in increase their on-farm profitability and competitiveness, above and beyond the white paper</li> <li>2. What is the department doing to strengthen the national approach to weed and pest animal management to reduce the impact of invasive species on agricultural production</li> <li>3. Provide detail on what consultations the department has undertaken with stakeholders and Industry groups to reduce weed and pest animals</li> <li>4. Providing funding detail regarding programmes and projects that have been undertaken to strengthen the national approach to weed and pest animal management</li> <li>5. What is the cost for support the national soils policy</li> <li>6. Provide information as to who is on the CSIRO implementation committee</li> <li>7. How many times have they met</li> <li>8. What was the cost of the International Year of Soils Magazine</li> <li>9. What was the distribution list for the magazine</li> <li>10. Was only one volume of the soils magazine produced, if not, how many volumes were produced</li> <li>11. How was the \$13.2 million to supplement government emergency water infrastructure programme managed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Guidelines released</li> <li>b. Application process opened</li> <li>c. How many applications were received</li> <li>d. How many were applications declined</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
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				<p>12. What was the cost for supporting the Water Infrastructure Ministerial Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who was on the Ministerial working group</li> <li>How many times did the Ministerial working group meet</li> <li>Where and when did they meet</li> <li>Was hospitality provided during the meetings</li> <li>Provide a list of the 63 potential projects</li> <li>What barriers were identified to water infrastructure development</li> </ol>		
151	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	Sterle	Streamline the approval of agricultural and veterinary chemicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What processes will be undertaken to streamline the approval of agricultural and veterinary chemicals (red tape reduction)? \$20.4 million to reduce industry and user costs by around \$68 million.</li> <li>How was the figure of around \$68 million dollars calculated?</li> <li>Will legislative changes be required to achieve the proposed saving of around \$68 million dollars</li> </ol>	Written	
152	Sustainable Agriculture & Fisheries Division	Sterle	Carbon Farming Futures	<p>Provide detail of the programmes under the Carbon Farming Futures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many</li> <li>Cost</li> <li>What work is the department undertaken to assist drought affected farmers with regards to programmes under the Carbon Farming Futures</li> <li>How has this program supported the development of technological and management options to increase adaptive capacity of Australian farms – especially farming families</li> </ol>	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. List the trial research approaches to reducing agricultural emissions in real farm operations</li> <li>f. What have been the outcomes</li> <li>g. List the 24 projects supported to deliver current and consistent information to farmers , land managers and their key influencers about land sector emissions management</li> <li>h. Detail what are the key influencers</li> <li>i. What are the three projects that have been completed</li> <li>j. Detail what are actions the department is undertaking to build capacity of existing national extensions networks to deliver information through these networks</li> <li>k. Detail what information will be provided through these networks</li> <li>l. What will be the cost of this information</li> <li>m. How many clients are currently accessing the Farm House Hold allowance</li> <li>n. How many applications have been received</li> <li>o. Provide a list of which Carbon farming Initiatives were affect by the fold into the Emissions Reduction Fund</li> <li>p. Provide detail as to what additional information was provided</li> <li>q. What did this additional information cost</li> <li>r. Is it still the case, that there has not been economic modelling conducted on the possible impact of ChAFTA on trade in wood and paper products between Australia and China?</li> <li>s. Is the Department aware that the proposed ChAFTA, according to the Australian Forests Products Association delivers an inequitable tariff outcome for paper products which will have an adverse impact</li> </ul>		
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				<p>on investment and trade in the Australian paper industry?</p> <p>t. Is the department aware of how many wood or paper products China do not commit to reduce tariffs for on potential Australia exports of wood and paper products under the terms of the agreement?</p> <p>u. What are they, are the manufactured products?</p> <p>v. What are the tariff rates for these products respectively?</p> <p>w. Provide detail about the four projects approved under the regional capacity-building illegal logging programme</p> <p>x. When will future regional funding rounds be available</p> <p>y. What were the outcomes of the review into the impact of the illegal logging requirements on small business</p> <p>z. Provide detail as to what support was provided by the department to establish the Australian Government's Forest Industry Advisory Council</p> <p>aa. What did it cost</p> <p>bb. Where and when did the council meet</p> <p>cc. Did departmental staff attend these meetings</p>		
153	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Minister Joyce trip to Indonesia	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Quinlivan, can you provide the dates when the minister travelled to Indonesia in early October?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> From memory, it was 3 to 8 October.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Who travelled with the minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I accompanied the minister along with an adviser from his office.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So three?</p>	079 20-10-15	

				<p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes, and there was an additional person from our Trade and Market Access area in the department, so there were four of us travelling from Canberra.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Did you travel business class to Indonesia?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> We did.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have an itemised cost of the trip?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I do not have one now but I think it is a matter of public record.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide that?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes</p>		
154	Trade and Market Access Division	Cameron	Schedule of meetings for Minister Joyce's Indonesia trip	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you provide a copy of the schedule of meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes. I think we can do that to the extent it is available for public release.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Will that include which government officials the minister met with?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Yes. I am not sure what the protocol is in releasing these things but, assuming that there are no major protocol problems, I think all of this information is available for release.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I do not know what the protocol issue is.</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> Meeting with foreign ministers in foreign countries. Assuming there is no problem we will provide it.</p>	079 20-10-15	
155	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	California and kangaroo products	<p>1. In February Estimates it was confirmed that <i>“The Australian Government, through the Department of Agriculture [has] allocated \$143,000 to the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia, towards funding the Californian legal firm Manatt, Phelps and Phillips to provide resources, expertise and contacts in support of government action in</i></p>	Written	

				<p><i>California to lift this ban”.</i></p> <p>Noting that then Secretary for the Environment Sen Birmingham made representations in California regarding kangaroo products in December 2014 and our Prime Minister, then Minister for Communications, Malcolm Turnbull made representations in January 2015.</p> <p>Did the Australian government advise any Californian lawmakers that this payment had been made to influence Californian legislative action?</p> <p>2. Please provide specific details about Australian resources and funding, personnel and government representations to Californian legislators, or other interests in previous attempts to lift the Californian ban on the import of kangaroo products:</p> <p>a. As part of the 2007 lifting of the ban</p> <p>b. As part of the 2010 lifting of the ban.</p> <p>3. The Californian Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water chose to not deal with the bill that would have permanently lifted the ban, with the result the ban comes into effect from 1 January 2016.</p> <p>Please provide details about Australian resources and funding, personnel and government representations to Californian legislators that is happening now or planned to happen - to try to have ban lifted next year, in 2016.</p> <p>4. It is a legal requirement for entities paying more than \$5,000 to lobbyists to register as a lobbyist employer in California. A complaint has been lodged with the Californian Fair Political Practices Commission about this</p>		
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				<p>legal violation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has the Australian government consequently registered as a lobbyist employer in California?</li> <li>b. Has it previously registered as a lobbyist employer in California, with the previous efforts to lift the ban in 2007 and 2010?</li> <li>c. Has the Australian Government consequently submitted expenditure reports on their \$143,000 funding towards lobbyists? If yes, please provide the date.</li> </ul> <p>5. The Australian government knowingly and specifically funded the Californian legal lobbying firm Manatt, Phelps &amp; Phillips to influence the Californian government and individual lawmakers to repeal a necessary animal statute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Was the Australian government ever advised or did it ask about the legal requirements to register as a lobbyist employer?</li> </ul> <p>6. It was reported in California that 14 Californian lawmakers received money from the lobbying firm the Australian government funded, including \$1,000 to freshman lawmaker, Mike Gipson, who ended up sponsoring the Australian industry's bill to permanently lift California's the ban on kangaroo imports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Did the Australian government and the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia know of any payments lawmakers to make legislative decisions to support kangaroo corporations?</li> </ul> <p>7. Please provide details of any other monies the Australian Government has paid to influence any other government through lobbyists or overseas advisers to effect the importation of</p>		
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				<p>kangaroo products – any time.</p> <p>8. Please supply the name of lobbyists or any other commercial entity that have received Australian government funding to help effect the importation of kangaroo products to the EU?</p> <p>a. To China?</p> <p>b. To Russia?</p> <p>c. To Peru?</p> <p>9. The only reporting requirement that the Californian government has required as a condition of lifting the ban was that the Australian Government report on whether the shooting quotas were reached.</p> <p>a. Does any other country importing kangaroo products require any reporting on numbers of kangaroos shot under shooting quotas?</p> <p>b. Please provide the reporting requirements of each country as a condition of that country's continued allowing of kangaroo imports?</p> <p>10. Given that kangaroo surveys are not done for conservation purposes but to extract shooting quotas; and if California is the only country that has required reporting on shooting quotas:</p> <p>a. If the Australian government and KIAA partnership succeeded in permanently lifting the Californian ban, does this then mean there would be no need for kangaroo surveys anymore?</p> <p>b. Has there been any discussion about this? Please provide details.</p>		
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156	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Countries and kangaroo exports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide an updated list of all countries currently importing kangaroo products, those that have recently agreed to import kangaroo products, and those currently being lobbied to import products made from shot kangaroos. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For recently agreed kangaroo markets, please advise of the agreed quantities or volumes of kangaroo products to be imported into that countries.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please advise details of the opening up the Chinese market to kangaroo imports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please advise of the details where kangaroos are referred to in the recent TPP.</li> <li>b. What is the quantity of each type of kangaroo product agreed to be imported into China?</li> <li>c. May I please have copies of any protocols including contaminant testing protocols that the Chinese have agreed to.</li> <li>d. Please advise of the outstanding issues raised by the Chinese regarding the export of kangaroo products to that country.</li> <li>e. When has the KIAA's John Kelly or Ray Borda accompanied any Australian government officials to lobby Chinese decision-makers to open up kangaroo imports?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The Russians banned the importation of kangaroo meat by Macro Meats due to the continuing contamination of its shipments of kangaroo meat for the third time in 2014. Unlike other importing countries, Russia carries out its own contamination testing: Please update re what is happening with efforts to reopen the Russian market.</li> </ol>	Written	
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157	Trade and Market Access Division	Siewert	Agriculture white paper commitment	Please provide an update on the \$30.8 million funding for breaking down 'technical barriers to trade'. What has occurred thus far? Are the five new 'agriculture counsellors' on track? What processes will occur before they take up their roles in January 2016? What else will the funding provide for?	Written	
158	Trade and Market Access Division	Bilyk	Ministerial international travel	<p>In relation to any international travel undertaken in 2015 by current or former Ministers in the portfolio, can the following please be provided to the Senate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip;</li> <li>2. An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights;</li> <li>3. Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;</li> <li>4. Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip;</li> <li>5. Copies of receipts for any other ground transport;</li> <li>6. Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation; and</li> <li>7. Details of any spouse travel.</li> </ol>	Written	
159	Water Division	Cameron	Meetings with the Minister on water	<b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> I think we have traversed in varying levels of detail just about everything associated with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, the current priorities in the Murray-Darling governance arrangements, seasonal conditions and what they are meaning for operations of the water market over the next 12 to 18 months. Current issues, the water recovery plans, progress on the water infrastructure program, the operations and decision-making framework for	037 20-10-15	

				<p>the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder—in fact, pretty much the full suite of contemporary water issues.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many briefings had the minister had?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> It has been an almost daily event since then. There have been some conversations about water at least once week or more often.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can you give us dates and how often did these meetings last for?</p> <p><b>Mr Quinlivan:</b> That varies. Some have been an hour long, some 5 or 10 minutes depending on the nature of the issue.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I think I have a lot of this stuff. In having another look at that, if you have missed any of the issues could you on notice provide details of when you met the minister, what the issues were that were discussed and how long the meetings took place. That would be helpful. In those issues that you have raised, was the issue of climate change and the issue of water discussed?</p>		
160	Water Division	Siewert	Program design and implementation plan	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I will go back to the design and implementation. The full program design and proposed implementation will be part of that plan that is released in a couple of weeks?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> No, not necessarily. The program design definitely will be released on the website. We probably would not put the implementation plan on the website, because it is a lot of guff and process as well, so we would put a summarised version of that on the web.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So would it be publicly available if somebody wanted it?</p> <p><b>Ms Lauder:</b> I do not know. I have not discussed that with anyone.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Maybe you could take that</p>	114 20-10-15	

				on notice for me.		
161	Water Division	Williams	Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative funding	<p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Let's move to the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative funding. Where is the government up to in the implementation of this next phase—I think it is GABSI 4, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> That is correct. This phase has recently commenced with a project starting in Queensland—</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> When these bores are capped, the landowner puts money in as well as the state government and the federal government. Is that the way it works?</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> It varies from state to state.</p> <p><b>Senator WILLIAMS:</b> Let's go to Queensland. Do landowners put money in up there? I believe they do.</p> <p><b>Mr Slatyer:</b> I cannot give you an answer, but all landholders do in all circumstances. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	129 20-10-15	
162	Water Division	Xenophon	Water licensing	<p>Does the Department have any concerns about water becoming a commodity owned and traded by private investors resulting in higher prices for farmers?</p> <p>I refer to an article published in the Advertiser on Tuesday 13 October, titled <i>Local grower says rising water prices... 'Nail in the coffin'</i>. My constituent, Sam Koutouzis, claims that:</p> <p>“Water has become a commodity owned and traded by private investors, such as banks and superannuation companies at a high return”, And,</p>	Written	

				(for farmers with a permanent allocation of water) “some growers could be financially better off selling or leasing their water allocations, rather than attempting to grow crops that cost money to water, and may yield historically low returns”.		
163	Water Division	Xenophon	Water licensing	What measures are in place to ensure that water does not become a commodity owned and traded by private investors and unaffordable for farmers?	Written	
164	Water Division	Xenophon	Water licensing	Does the Department and or Minister have any concerns about farmers selling or leasing water allocations rather than using the water to grow crops?	Written	
165	Water Division	Xenophon	Buybacks	<p>In the Additional Estimates hearings in February I put questions on notice regarding water purchasing.</p> <p>I was told that as at 31 January 2015, a total of 1,951.1 GL in long term annual average yield had been recovered – or 71 per cent of the target.</p> <p>Can you provide the latest figures on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How much water has been recovered?</li> <li>- How much has been recovered through buy-backs?</li> <li>- Total cost of buy-backs and per GL cost</li> </ul>	Written	
166	Water Division	Xenophon	Buybacks	<p>I was informed that at this time, a total of 1,162.3 GL had been recovered through water purchasing initiatives.</p> <p>Can you provide a breakdown of figures by type of water purchasing initiative?</p>	Written	
167	Water Division	Xenophon	Buybacks	In answers to my questions, I note that the MDBA highlighted the priority for future	Written	

				<p>recovery of gap bridging water will be through infrastructure investment.</p> <p>How much funding is currently allocated to infrastructure projects?</p> <p>What percentage is allocated to projects in South Australia? Can you provide a breakdown of funding per state?</p>		
168	Water Division	Xenophon	Water purchase	<p>In answer to my previous questions I was also advised that the Government will continue to evaluate opportunities for strategic purchase opportunities up to the cap of 1,500 GL.</p> <p>Does this mean the MDBA won't be making decisions on future buybacks?</p>	Written	