

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2014

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1	1.1: BCD	Pratt	Biodiversity Fund - Project not proceeding	<p>Senator PRATT: I want to begin by asking some questions about the land sector initiatives. Are you able to tell the committee where the \$1.4 million cut from the Biodiversity Fund in MYEFO will come from?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I am wracking my brain trying to think where the figure of \$1.4 million came from.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I can give you a little bit of the history. There was the \$1 billion Biodiversity Fund over six years; it had been previously reduced. In MYEFO it was cut by a further \$1.4 million over four years.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: Thanks, Senator. I have done the figures now. That was a project that was previously approved. My recollection is that it was a project in South Australia. It was selected on the basis of significant co-investment and partnerships, which did not eventuate. Because of those partnerships not being forthcoming, the project could not proceed. That individual line which appears in the agency additional estimates statement reflects that project that had previously been approved.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So it was funding from a project previously committed in the second round but not contracted—is that right?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: No, it had been contracted. Through the contract negotiations, it became evident that the project partners that had been put in place as part of the</p>	117	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>project bid could not fulfil their part of the commitments. These projects often rely on co-investment, both in kind and financial contributions. So, based on the contract negotiations, it was deemed that the project was not viable given the changes in circumstances.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Are you able to tell us what that project was?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I would have to take that on notice. My recollection is that it was in South Australia, but I am happy to take that on notice and give you the details.</p>			
2	1.1: BCD	Ruston	Green Army – State Projects	<p>Senator RUSTON: I am interested in the Green Army projects that have been committed to in the states—and I am sure there is a piece of paper somewhere that says what they are. I am particularly interested in the South Australian projects. You can take that on notice. I do not expect you to sit here and list every one of them.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: We can take that on notice.</p>	112	1/5/14	15/5/14
3	1.1: BCD	Siewert	NHT Funds	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I specifically want to know: is this money coming out of the NHT fund? And I am sure Mr Thompson and Mr Sullivan know why I am asking that question.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think that question was actually answered.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Was the NHT ministerial board consulted over that decision?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I would have to check the records in terms of the meetings of the ministerial board that have taken</p>	108	28/4/14	15/5/14

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				place since the election. I am happy to take that on notice.			
4	1.1: BCD	Stephens	Green Army	<p>Senator STEPHENS: If you could provide on notice any more detail about the scope and the arrangements of that program, that would be very helpful for the committee, particularly in relation to what additional training will be part of the green army beyond things like occupational health and safety.</p> <p>Ms Lane: Sure. There is quite a bit more detail than what I have just given to you outlined in the draft statement of requirements, which we circulated in January for consultation. That does give quite a lot of detail around how the program is proposed to be operationalised and does include some information about training. That is probably the best document to look at.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: If you could provide just the details to the committee around the time frames, that would be helpful. Is that publicly available?</p> <p>Ms Lane: Yes.</p>	113	16/4/14	15/5/14
5	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army – Participants	<p>Senator URQUHART: Is the department or the government intending to count the Green Army in its one million new jobs commitment?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I will take that on notice.</p>	102	16/4/14	15/5/14
6	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army – Participants	<p>Senator URQUHART: Would there be any penalty time, or would they go directly back onto Newstart?</p> <p>Ms Lane: I will take that on notice.</p>	103	16/4/14	15/5/14

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7	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Green Army – Participants	<p>Senator URQUHART: What to industry projections say about the number of available jobs over the life of the deed? With 2,500 participants in year what pathways would be put in place to ensure that they would be able to find work?</p> <p>Ms Lane: I might take that on notice. I re-emphasise that the program is not an employment program, per se. It is not designed to find permanent employment for young people. There is obviously a focus on the program preparing young people for the transition from school to work or from unemployment to work but, because it is not an employment program, I do not have the details and we have not done the projections that you are talking about. I would have to take it on notice.</p>	104	16/4/14	15/5/14
8	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Reef Trust	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide details of the planned on-farm improvements and systems repair, which I believe had a value of \$58 million over the forwards?</p> <p>Ms Lane: I do not have the detail of the projects that we have funded through that component of the previous program, but I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Are you able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Lane: Yes.</p>	105	22/4/14	15/5/14
9	1.1: BCD	Urquhart	Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental	<p>Senator URQUHART: Before the election, the government stated that it would honour existing and committed contracts under the Tasmanian Forests</p>	106	6/5/14	15/5/14

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			Agreement	Intergovernmental Agreement. Can you update the committee on whether all these contracts have been honoured—more broadly, spending the \$330 million under the 2013 IGA on track as budgeted? Mr Thompson: We might take on the notice the particulars of whether those individual commitments are still being honoured. But you are right, Senator, in saying that the government did commit to honour existing commitments. The reason I am taking it on notice is that, as I have indicated before, under the intergovernmental agreement there is a whole series of lines of different commitments. Could I answer that properly on notice? Senator URQUHART: If you can take that on notice, that would be great.			
10	1.1: BCD	Waters	Reef Rescue Programme	The 2014 State Party Report states Australia has committed more than \$140 million through the second phase (2013–14 to 2017–18) of Reef Rescue. 1. What is the federal Government's total commitment to the second phase of Reef Rescue? 2. Has funding been cut to the Reef Rescue Program since September 2013?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
11	1.1: WHMD	Whish- Wilson	Supertrawler Expert Panel	1. With regard to the work being done by the Expert Panel on the Declared Commercial Fishing Activity that is the subject of the Final (Small Pelagic Fishery) Declaration 2012: a. What proportion of the total funding for the expert	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>panel, its' activities, and data needs is coming from internal departmental funding?</p> <p>b. For this non-internal funding what are the sources and what proportion of this non-internal funding is connected with industry and what proportion is independent of industry?</p> <p>c. Have there been any changes to the composition of the expert panel since it was announced?</p> <p>d. What progress has been made by the Expert Panel review?</p> <p>e. Has there been any correspondence between Parliamentary Secretary Richard Colbeck and the Expert Panel or regarding the Expert Panel and its activities via the Department?</p> <p>2. Has there been any correspondence with other Departments, agencies, stakeholders, or businesses including with the Hong Kong-based Pacific Andes Corp regarding its factory freezer vessel Lafayette?</p>			
12	1.2: SPAD	Urquhart	National Environmental Research Programme	<p>Senator URQUHART: I would like to ask a question on the National Environmental Research Program. Can you confirm that the National Environmental Research Program has 107 projects?</p> <p>Mr Flanigan: The environmental research program funds five research hubs around the country: one in North Queensland, one in Darwin, another one based mostly out of Brisbane in Queensland, and two based out of Tasmania in partnership with the Tasmanian</p>	115	28/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>university. Each of those hubs has a program of work that they are contracted to deliver. I am afraid I do not have the details before me that would confirm, but there are 107 individual projects. As I say, each hub has a number of programs and projects that they run with individual researchers and scientists operating each of those projects.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Would you be able to take on notice and confirm the number of projects but also a full list of those projects? Could you provide that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Flanigan: I think we could do that.</p>			
13	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Tyre Stewardship Scheme	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So how many operators are there yet to sign up to this? If you could give me a statistical breakdown.</p> <p>Mr Edwards: I would have to take that on notice. Just to clarify, though, this scheme is open to everyone in the tyre supply chain. So everyone from the manufacturers to the recyclers to handlers</p>	15	1/5/14	15/5/14
14	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Tyre Stewardship Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is on the board of the Tyre Stewardship Scheme? 2. Were the Department or the Minister's office involved in appointing members to the board? 3. When was the board appointed? 4. How much ongoing funding is the Government providing to the scheme? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the spend over the forward estimates? 5. Has the Minister or his office requested a briefing 	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>regarding the Tyre Stewardship scheme?</p> <p>6. Has the Minister or his office requested a briefing on the issue of the disposal of existing tyres?</p> <p>7. Does the Department know how many discarded tyres are sitting in tyre stacks around the country?</p> <p>8. Has any work been done with state and territory counterparts to try and clarify this number?</p> <p>9. Does the Department track the number of tyre fires that occur around Australia every year?</p> <p>a. If yes can a breakdown be provided over the past decade of tyre fires?</p>			
15	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	Container Deposit Scheme	<p>1. How many staff in the Department are currently working on the container deposit scheme regulatory impact statement process? (on a full time equivalent basis)</p> <p>a. What classification level are they ?</p> <p>2. How many staff did you have working on this immediately prior to the last Federal election?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
16	2.2: SPAD	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3. How have they been recruited?</p> <p>4. What process was used for their appointment?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>7. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>8. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>			
17	3.1: AAD	Waters	Wilkes Station legacy waste	<p>Senator WATERS: But that there was also build-up in local plants and animals. That is incredibly alarming and I am disturbed that funding is not being provided to address those effects, at least to monitor them and to turbo charge that scientific remediation program such that you can actually stop those environmental effects.</p> <p>Dr Fleming: We have been looking at the sediments. I cannot provide the detail of that sediment analysis. I could provide it in due course.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. If you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p>	23	1/5/14	15/5/14
18	4.1: WED	Xenophon	PIIPSA	<p>1. When was the PIIP-SA fund established? How much of the \$110 million fund has been allocated, for each financial year, and for how many projects each financial year?</p> <p>2. How many further rounds of PIIP-SA funding will occur?</p>	Written		

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				<p>3. What do you consider to be the basis of the low take up rate for the PIIP-SA fund?</p> <p>4. Is the Department still committed to allocating these fund? If so, in what timeframe?</p> <p>5. Has the Department received feedback over the nature of the current guidelines? Can it describe what that feedback has been? How has the Department responded to the feedback?</p> <p>6. Is the Department and/or the Government still committed to spending this on irrigation programs for South Australia?</p> <p>7. Is there any proposal to change the guidelines for the PIIP-SA fund to allow easier access for SA irrigators?</p>			
19	4.1: WRD	Xenophon	Parrakie Wetlands	<p>1. I understand there is currently an application before the department to have the pipeline project at the Parrakie Wetlands, the South-East Flows Restoration Project in South Australia, recognised with major project status. Can the department advise of the progress of this application?</p> <p>2. What are the implications for the project if it is granted major project status?</p> <p>3. Is the department aware of the significant environmental concerns regarding this project, including the fact that a similar project in Bald Hills as resulted in increased salinity and high PH levels in that area?</p> <p>a. Are these concerns being taken into account as the project is being assessed?</p>	Written	16/5/14	

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				<p>4. What auditing or assessment processed does the department following when determining major project status?</p> <p>a) Does the department rely on independent information, or information provided by the state government?</p> <p>b) Have these processes been followed for this project?</p> <p>c) Are any of the assessments or audits publicly available?</p>			
20	5.1: WHMD	Milne	World Heritage Area boundary adjustment	<p>Senator MILNE: Have you set up an interdepartmental committee to progress this boundary adjustment? Does it involve the department of foreign affairs? Have you had any meetings? How many meetings have taken place?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: We have not formally set up an interdepartmental committee meeting, but we have certainly had discussions to advise the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, about what the government's decision was in our discussions and proposals that went to the World Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: How many of those meetings have you had?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	70	22/4/14	15/5/14
21	5.1: WHMD	Pratt	World Heritage Area boundary	<p>Senator PRATT: Of the 74,000 hectares identified for delisting, how many have been previously logged, how many of the original 170,000-hectare extension have</p>	71	1/5/14	15/5/14

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			adjustment	<p>been logged and what are these figures in percentage terms? You might need to take the percentages question on notice, but do you have a general view of the 74,000 hectares that are being delisted?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: We will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So you did not know, of that 74,000, even roughly what proportion has been logged previously?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: We will have to take the question on notice</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: And for completeness, ensure that other economic activities, like quarrying or minerals exploration, is added to that information.</p>			
22	5.1: WHMD	Pratt	World Heritage Area boundary adjustment	<p>Senator PRATT: In the original nomination for the boundary extension, what criteria were deemed to be met by the extension area, including those areas previously logged?</p> <p>Mr Routh: The values related to tall forests, in particular. There are also some areas of karst, which are limestone caves. I think they were the two pre-eminent values that were identified last year.</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We can take on notice to match those with World Heritage criteria for listing, and we would also draw to your attention, Senator, that of course these values are not present uniformly across the entire site. Some of the values are concentrated in particular areas, so when a property is listed on the World Heritage List it is listed for a range of values—four, five,</p>	71	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				three—across the entire site, but that does not mean that those values exist in every single area.			
23	5.1: WHMD	Pratt	World Heritage Area boundary adjustment	<p>Senator PRATT: Have Senator Colbeck's photos been formally provided as part of this process?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The department reviews a range of different materials on all of the policy matters that we are working on. So, in the same way that we viewed the Wilderness Society's photos we have also viewed Senator Colbeck's photos.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I ask that Senator Colbeck's photos be provided as a question on notice.</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We can provide you with a link to his website.</p>	72	1/5/14	15/5/14
24	5.1: WHMD	Pratt	Listing of Cape York	<p>Senator PRATT: Can I ask for an update on the progress of the community consultations for the listing of Cape York as a world heritage area?</p> <p>Mr Routh: There are a number of projects that were previously funded that are still ongoing, which we are hoping will come to a conclusion this financial year. There was some funding provided to traditional owner groups.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That is right. Can you give me an update on that.</p> <p>Mr Routh: I could take on notice the exact details of where, the funding amounts and where those are up to.</p>	73	22/4/14	15/5/14
25	5.1:	Pratt	Listing of Cape York	<p>Senator PRATT: Has the minister met with traditional owners to discuss the listing since the election? If so,</p>	73	1/5/14	15/5/14

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	WHMD			<p>which groups and when?</p> <p>Ms Rankin: I would have to take on notice the specific details. I know he has had some conversations about the issue while he has been talking to Indigenous groups on the cape on a range of other matters, including the dugong and turtle election commitment. This issue has come up, but I am not sure if he has had specific consultations on it.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The point is that we all know that the listing needs to be progressed with that work having been done by the traditional owners. I want to make sure that the government is not standing behind a lack of progress with them in order to oppose the listing in some way. So I am keen to see how that engagement and consultation to resolve those issues is being progressed.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: We will happily take that on notice and advise in terms of the consultation that has occurred.</p>			
26	5.1: WHMD	Rhiannon	Royal National Park World Heritage Nomination	Last year in a Senate motion the government affirmed its commitment to supporting the nomination of the Royal National Park to the World Heritage list, and to "a thorough investigation of the park's potential for inclusion on the World Heritage List". Given that places to be nominated to the World Heritage list must be included in that country's Tentative List at least one year prior to the Nomination being submitted in order to	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>be considered the following year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Royal National Park been submitted to the Tentative List yet? 2. If not why not – especially given the Tentative List "should not be considered exhaustive" and is non-binding? 3. If not, is there still a commitment to submitting the Royal National Park and its surrounds to the Tentative List? 4. Will the three associated areas - Garawarra State Conservation Area, Heathcote National Park and the Royal Reserves – be included on the Tentative List? If not, why not? 5. What are the steps in the process to advance this nomination for World Heritage listing, and what has the government done in each step so far, detailing milestones and dates? 6. May I be reassured that the community group driving this project, First National Park, is kept informed and that their queries be answered, as has not been happening? 			
27	5.1: WHMD	Waters	Emergency Application – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage	<p>Senator WATERS:..... Apparently on 4 November, some of the traditional owners submitted emergency applications for the protection of heritage sites that would be affected by that coal mine. My understanding is that, as of a few days ago, those applications still had not been processed. I also understand that, sadly, on</p>	90/91	22/4/14	15/5/14

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			Protection Act	<p>10 February, there was some evidence with aerial photographs that the sites identified in the applications had been bulldozed. Is the department aware of that? What is taking so long and what can be done to stop any further destruction of these sites before they are even assessed?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: If you are referring to the application under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act, that is managed by a different area of the department. They are not here at the moment. As you would be aware, the administration of that act requires extensive recourse to natural justice for all the parties involved, which can unfortunately, in some cases, result in quite a delay in the administration of the act.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It does not seem like there is much natural justice if the site has been bulldozed already. When can I re-ask those questions? What session does that fall under?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We can take that question on notice. It is covered by the heritage area.</p>			
28	5.1: WHMD	Waters	World Heritage Committee - representations	<p>In relation to representations made by the Australian Government to relating to the June 2014 meeting of the World Heritage Committee (WHC),</p> <p>1. How many Departmental officials have been involved in formal and informal meetings with representatives of the WHC Secretariat and/ or representatives of WHC</p>	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>members to date in the lead up to this meeting?</p> <p>2. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the World Heritage Centre? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates.</p> <p>3. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the International Union for Conservation of Nature? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates.</p> <p>4. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the International Council on Monuments and Sites? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates.</p> <p>5. How does the current advocacy effort compare to the 2013 and 2012 meetings of the Committee? Please provide a breakdown of resources committed including staff and expenditure.</p> <p>6. Please provide a breakdown of the number of meetings held between Departmental and Ministerial staff and foreign representatives in relation to the Committee's deliberations in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date.</p>			
29	5.1: WHMD	Waters	World Heritage Committee - representations	In relation to representations made by the Australian Government to relating to the June 2014 meeting of the World Heritage Committee (WHC),	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>1. Will the Minister be participating in the delegation to the meeting in June?</p> <p>2. Will any Ministerial staff be participating in the delegation to the meeting in June?</p> <p>3. Can a breakdown be provided of how many staff attending are anticipated to be involved in the June meeting delegation, including,</p> <p>a) technical staff,</p> <p>b) other staff?</p> <p>4. Which Government official will lead the delegation in June? If this is not settled, which APS level would they hold?</p> <p>5. Will any industry, community, scientific or other non-Government representatives form part of the Australian Government delegation in June? If yes, please provide details.</p> <p>6. Have any Government Ministers been involved in making representations to the WHC Secretariat and/ or representatives of WHC members in the past six months? Please provide details.</p>			
30	5.1: WHMD	Waters	Cape York Peninsula World Heritage listing	The government has recently missed the deadline for applications for World Heritage listing to UNESCO in relation to Cape York. In a letter to the editor in the Australian on 25 January 2014, Minister Hunt claimed that the Abbott government hasn't abandoned the World Heritage assessment process for the Cape York. Minister Hunt says that the government is continuing	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>the assessment process. Please advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The details of the assessment process that the Commonwealth is undertaking? How is it different from the process under the previous government? 2. Who from the Department is leading this process? Is it the same official as under the previous government? 3. Have there been any change in the FTE staffing or resources allocated to the assessment process? 4. Since September 2013, have any Traditional Owners received correspondence of any kind from the Department to indicate the government's commitment to the process or about the timelines for the process out to 1 February 2015? Please provide details of which 			
31	5.1: WHMD	Waters	Cape York Peninsula World Heritage listing	<p>Traditional Owners have received that correspondence, and when that correspondence was dispatched? Please provide examples of that correspondence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since September 2013, what consultation has occurred between the Department and Traditional Owner groups on Cape York, particularly those involved in the Country Based Planning process? 2. What is the status of the assessment of natural values against the World Heritage criteria? 3. What is the status of the assessment of cultural values and cultural landscapes against the World Heritage criteria? 	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
32	5.1:	Waters	Maules Creek Aboriginal Heritage	On the 4th of November 2013 a number of Gomeroi Traditional Owners submitted to the Department	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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	WHMD		Protection applications	<p>emergency applications for the protection of heritage sites at risk from the Maules Creek development, including sacred burial and ceremonial sites. As at 13 February 2014 the applications had not been processed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has assessment of this emergency application taken over 100 days, and is still not resolved? 2. When does the Department expect to make its decision? 3. What is the average timeframe for assessing applications under section 9 and section 10 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984? 4. It is my understanding that as of Monday 10 February 2014 members of the community have evidence from aerial photographs that sites that sites identified in those emergency applications have been bulldozed already. Is the Department aware whether that is true? 5. Please detail how many FTE staff are responsible for managing the Department's responsibilities under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984, and how many of these staff were responsible for managing the assessment of the emergency applications. 6. Please detail all contact (dates, and persons contacted) the Department has had with the applicants 			

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				and the proponents regarding this emergency application since it was received. 7. Will the Department review its internal processes to eliminate this kind of delay for assessment of emergency applications?			
33	5.2 EACD	Pratt	Coal exports from Ports in the Great Barrier Reef	Senator PRATT: This is probably outside your remit, but what is the economic contribution of coal exports from ports in the Great Barrier Reef and how does that compare to tourism? Dr Dripps : I will take that question on notice. However, I can indicate from discussions with the Queensland government as recently as last week that it is higher than the contribution of the tourism industry.	74	1/5/14	15/5/14
34	5.2 EACD	Pratt	Coal exports from Ports in the Great Barrier Reef	Senator PRATT: How much do both of these industries contribute to the economy in terms of taxes and royalties? And what is the likely life span of both the coal and the tourism industries? Dr Dripps : We will have to take all of those questions on notice. Dr de Brouwer: Some of those questions are probably better directed at the Department of Industry. We are not well placed to make a long-term call about the nature of tourism or the coal industry in Australia. That is not really our remit. Senator Birmingham: Dr Dripps has taken on notice that if there is information relevant and if the department has it then it can be provided. It is likely, of	74	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>course, to be information that is being provided by others, because this is a new Department of the Environment; it is not an economic modelling agency. It simply would have—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes, but nevertheless, as regulators and custodians, you have to balance out the environmental and the economic, which is why you clearly have access to at least some of this information.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: And obviously what is available and relevant to the questions you have asked will be provided.</p>			
35	5.2: EACD	Bilateral agreements - general	Waters	<p>I understand that the deadline for a hand-off of Commonwealth environmental approvals powers is November.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under the proposed approvals bilateral agreements, which level of government carries the legal risk if a decision is challenged in a court or tribunal? 2. Does the Department anticipate that Commonwealth officers will be embedded in State environmental regulators? 3. If so, how many staff are proposed to be embedded? 4. How long will those staff remain with State regulators? 5. Is it anticipated that redundancies and job losses will affect the assessment and compliance divisions of the Department before the November deadline? 6. How does the Department propose to maintain 	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>environmental standards if Commonwealth staff are subject to redundancies and job cuts?</p> <p>7. Have any States been asked to amend their environmental laws? Please provide details of proposed amendments.</p> <p>8. Have any States been asked to amend their environmental policies, for instance, offset policies? Please provide details of proposed amendments.</p> <p>9. How does the Commonwealth Department propose to maintain environmental standards in the absence of any amendment of State environmental laws or policies?</p> <p>10. Under the proposed approvals bilateral agreements, will Commonwealth or State offsets policy be used to assess the adequacy of offsets?</p>			
36	5.2: EACD	Ludlam	Toro Energy	<p>Senator LUDLAM: My second question goes to a very different part of the world: up in the north-east goldfields. What progress has Toro Energy achieved towards realising the 35 outstanding conditions placed on their federal environmental approval, if they have made any progress? What can you tell us about the company's recent purchase of Mega Uranium and the Lake Maitland deposit? They have greatly expanded the scope of the project. How does that sit in terms of the Commonwealth environmental assessment frame?</p> <p>Dr Knudson: I do not have the information at hand with</p>	92	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				respect to that specific question. If it is agreeable I would like to take that on notice.			
37	5.2: EACD	Pratt	Projects approved under the EPBC Act	<p>Senator PRATT: Okay. I have two last questions. There has been a great deal of mining development in the Galilee Basin in recent years. We know this has coincided with construction and expansions of ports and that coalmining operations must have a limited life span. Can you tell the committee what that life span is and how it compares to the expected health of the reef over the same period? Will the reef continue to deteriorate over the lifetime of the mines, and how will it look at the end of that period?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: As the secretary has indicated, information about the life span of mines is beyond the scope of the portfolio generally, but we will take on notice answering that question for the specific approved projects that have been approved under the EPBC Act. In terms of your questions about the future trajectory of the health of the reef, I suggest they are best asked of Dr Reichelt.</p>	74	1/5/14	15/5/14
38	5.2: EACD	Rhiannon	EPBC Act - threatened bats	<p>1. How many referrals to the EPBC Act that have impacts on threatened species of bats have been approved?</p> <p>a) For each of those referrals to the EPBC Act please supply details of each bat species, the numbers for each species, the locations/localities, and the outcomes.</p> <p>b) Are there publicly available reports about each</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>referral and if so could you provide links to those reports or details on where they can be obtained?</p> <p>2. May I have the details of the amount of money/funding spent on initiatives to specifically recover threatened species of bats, including:</p> <p>a) The stated aim of each initiative/program - including the species and numbers of bats, location, and project design/description</p> <p>b) The outcomes of each initiative/program, and if not yet complete, details of where each of the initiatives is up to and where the outcomes are up to</p> <p>c) The amount of funding allocated to each initiative; the amount of funding spent so far; advice about future funding of the initiative.</p>			
39	5.2: EACD	Ruston	Approvals under the EPBC Act	<p>Senator RUSTON: So there is a significant reduction. How many approvals have you made under the EPBC Act since September 2013?</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I do not have those figures at hand, unfortunately.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: That is okay. I would be interested to know the number of projects and the value of those projects—I understand if you do not want to give me individual values—and also the number of projects that have progressed under the water trigger and similarly the value of those projects.</p>	91	14/4/14	
40	5.2: EACD	Urquhart	Timeframe for	<p>Senator URQUHART: What is the average time frame for assessment processes in each state?</p>	78	1/5/14	15/5/14

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			assessment process	<p>Dr Bacon: I am not sure that we have that information to hand.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: If you need to take it on notice, that is fine.</p> <p>Dr Bacon: We can check to see if we have the information about the time it might take. Do you mean for state assessment processes, Senator?</p>			
41	5.2: EACD	Urquhart	NOPSEMA Strategic Assessment	As part of the NOPSEMA strategic assessment, a new mechanism, an Offshore Project Proposal is to be created, seeks to broadly mirror Environmental Impact Assessment process for controlled actions under the EPBC Act. Yet OPPs will only be mandatory for offshore oil and gas production, not exploration activities like exploratory drilling and seismic surveys. Given that the Department has made a number of these exploration activities controlled actions in past decisions, how does the strategic assessment process ensure that an equivalent standard of consultation, scrutiny, transparency and protection is provided for these kinds of activities?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
42	5.2: EACD	Urquhart	NOPSEMA Strategic Assessment	Can you inform the Committee of any concerns raised in feedback on the Exposure Draft of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Amendment Regulation 2014 regarding threatened or migratory species? Have these concerns been addressed?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				Are these the kind of areas the Environment Department will be assessing when evaluating the strategic assessment?			
43	5.2: EACD	Waters	Approvals under the EPBC Act climate considerations	<p>Senator WATERS: When those coalmines are approved, can you advise whether the emissions from the burning of that coal are considered in that approval process and whether or not the climate change impacts under the EPBC Act are considered?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: Under the EPBC Act, there are specific requirements on the minister and us in relation to matters of national environmental significance. I do not think that is one of them, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I think you are right. So there is no climate consideration in the EPBC Act?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: Under the EPBC Act.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is there any consideration in domestic decision making of the climate effect of burning the coal from those mines?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you could. Again, I suspect the answer is no. What I am trying to establish is how a government factors in the climate effects of these mega mines when making its decisions. I am keen to be reassured that there is some process or some person somewhere that does think about that. My understanding is that the national environmental laws do not require that and nor do our national inventory</p>	48	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				targets, given that it is a scope 3 emission. But I am really eager to be disavowed of that.			
44	5.2: EACD	Waters	EPBC approval – fit and proper person	<p>Senator WATERS: My question goes to what criteria you use to determine whether a person is a fit and proper person to hold an EPBC approval as you are required to determine under the act.</p> <p>Mr Knudson: I think what Mr Gaddes was pointing out was that there are a couple of places where we look explicitly: are there any particular compliance or enforcement actions that have been undertaken against the individual or his entity, and is there any knowledge that we would have with regard to state-level actions. But I suggest that, to make sure we give you as fulsome an answer as possible, we come back to you with a more detailed explanation of how that is taken into account.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. I would appreciate that, because they seem to be fairly gross breaches and, if that does not meet the criteria, I am interested in what those criteria are. Thanks for taking that on notice.</p>	87/88	22/4/14	15/5/14
45	5.2: EACD	Waters	Staff in EPBC compliance and enforcement	<p>Senator WATERS: How many full-time equivalent staff work in compliance and enforcement across the full spectrum of the department?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I would have to take that on notice. We do not classify staffing in to those functional areas. We would have to do a bit of a review of our divisional structures and which sections make that up, because</p>	6	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>the compliance and enforcement function is quite widespread across the department.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would it be possible at present to just do the EPBC compliance and enforcement section?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I can certainly give you FTE for the EPBC division. The paid FTE at the end of January was 212. That is all activities in that division.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: It is not just the compliance. We might come back, if we can, during the day with the size of that branch.</p>			
46	5.2: EACD	Waters	EACD - Staffing	Please advise the average number of FTE staff working on EPBC compliance, monitoring and enforcement in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14 (to date).	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
47	5.2: EACD	Waters	Audits of compliance	Are there any provisions for audits of compliance with EPBC approval conditions without the project proponents being given prior notice of the audit? If so please outline how these take place, and advise how many such 'spot audits' were undertaken in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13?	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
48	5.2: EACD	Waters	Self reporting of non-compliance	The Department appears to rely heavily on self-reporting of non-compliance issues by project proponents, or on issues of non-compliance being brought to the Department's attention by concerned community members. Please provide details of any internally initiated audits undertaken by the Department in the last two years. Please specify the relevant State or Territory, and industry. Please detail the resources	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				allocated to undertake the audit, including staffing hours and any external resourcing.			
49	5.2: EACD	Waters	Environmental Impact Assessment	The Department's website includes a Environmental Impact Assessment Service Charter relating to environmental impact assessment under the EPBC Act, where the Department refers to project proponents like Santos and Whitehaven Coal as 'clients'. The Department is the environmental regulator with obligations under the EPBC Act to protect matters of national environmental significance – why should the community not be concerned that there may be a conflict of interest between the Department's obligations to act in the public interest as regulator, while it is referring to the regulated entities as its clients?	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
50	5.2: EACD	Waters	Regulatory capture	Some experts raise concerns that depending on how institutions are set up, regulators are at risk of "regulatory capture" over time, where their institutional interests and organisational culture align more with the interests of the entities they are meant to regulate, than with the public interest, as set out, in the instance of the EPBC Act, in the objects of the Act. What work has the Department in the last ten years to specifically assess the risks of regulatory capture in administering its responsibilities under the EPBC Act? Please advise each body of work undertaken, year undertaken, who undertook it, who was privy to the findings, and whether	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				any changes were made in response.			
51	5.2: EACD	Waters	Yabulu – Nickel Refinery	<p>1. Are you aware that the environmental authority given by the Queensland State government in late 2013 includes standards for the quality of water released that are less stringent than those of the previous authority, and identifies two creek mouths on the north Queensland coast from which wastewater disposal can occur?</p> <p>2. If this is the situation, how does that sit with the Environment Department's commitment to improve water quality in the GBRWHA?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
52	5.2: EACD	Waters	Waratah Coal Approval (China First – EPBC 2009/4737 Dec 2013)	<p>1. When the Department briefed the Minister on the Waratah Coal's China First project approval (EPBC 2009/4737) did that briefing advise the Minister with regard to:</p> <p>a) the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's Environmental Protection Order (EPO) issued against Waratah Coal in relation to the drilling exploration holes at the Galilee site; and</p> <p>b) Mr Palmer's other company, Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd's history of dumping toxic waste on the Reef without permission on two occasions?</p> <p>2. Did the Department advise the Minister to approve the mine while it had an outstanding EPO against it and when Mr Palmer had become known for his disregard for environmental protections?</p> <p>3. What criteria does the Department use to assess</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>whether a proponent is a fit and proper person to hold an EPBC approval?</p> <p>4. Has there been any structured review of the criteria for assessing whether a proponent is a fit and proper person?</p> <p>5. Have these criteria changed since the 2013 election?</p> <p>6. Does the Department still believe that Mr Palmer or companies he controls are fit and proper persons to hold an EPBC approval?</p>			
53	5.2: EACD	Waters	Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment Submissions – Terrestrial Assessment	<p>With regard to the Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment undertaken by the Queensland Government and supervised by the federal Environment Department,</p> <p>1. The Australian newspaper reported on 2 February 2014 about the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) submission to the Strategic Assessment calling for weaker sea dumping laws. Can the Department provide a copy of that submission?</p> <p>2. Is the Department intending to ensure that submissions to the Strategic Assessment are made public?</p> <p>3. Has the Department written to the submitters to ask their permission to publicise their submissions?</p> <p>4. How many submissions were received on each of the GBR Strategic Assessments? How many substantive submissions were received?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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54	5.2: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek (EPBC 2009/5566)	<p>On 27 December 2013 the Department was provided with the independent review of offsets for the Maules Creek coal mine which was required under Condition 10 of the EPBC approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's a requirement that the proponent to publish the independent review. However given their delay and the Department's inability to require them to publish it in a timely manner due to poorly drafted approval conditions, coupled with the considerable public interest in the contents of this independent review, why will the Department not publish this review of its own accord? 2. What if any legal grounds prevent the Department from publishing this review? 3. Please provide a summary of the key issues and findings of the independent review? 4. What is the Department's understanding of the proportion of Whitebox Gum Woodland contained in the Maules Creek offsets? 5. Would a project which wipes out hundreds of hectares of nationally significant habitat without any genuine offsets be likely to comply with the National Offsets Policy? Would it be likely to obtain an approval under the EPBC Act? 6. In his comments in the Federal Court judicial review of the Maules Creek mine approval Justice Cordroy, at paragraph 39, stated that if adequate offset areas cannot be found, "the offset conditions will necessarily 	Written		

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				<p>be breached". In that case, the Minister's power to vary the conditions, or suspend or revoke the entire approval of the project would also be enlivened. Does the Department agree with those statements?</p> <p>7. What is the Department intending to do if it is found that there is insufficient Whitebox remaining in the world to offset the mine?</p> <p>8. What was the process undertaken for selecting the independent reviewers?</p> <p>9. Who selected the reviewers and what was the criteria used for selecting each reviewer?</p> <p>10. Did the proponents have any input into the criteria, decision-making process or the selection of the reviewers?</p> <p>11. Is the Department aware of any communication between Alison Martin, the independent reviewer, and Cumberland Ecology, and if so, what is the nature of that communication?</p>			
55	5.2: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek EPBC compliance	<p>1. In the ordinary course of events, would a company that supplied false or misleading information to the Department in order to obtain an EPBC approval be entitled to retain that approval?</p> <p>2. Has the Department considered what kind of signal it would send to proponents if a company was allowed to keep its approval gained on the basis of false information?</p>	Written		

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56	5.2: EACD	Waters	Bilateral agreements – timeframes	<p>According to the Memorandums of Understanding and the later Joint Statements signed by various States and the Commonwealth, each of the approval bilateral agreements are to be agreed in principle by the end of April 2014 and concluded by 18 September 2014.</p> <p>1. When does the Government intend to conclude the approval bilateral agreements with state governments? Does it intend to conclude all agreements at the same time or progressively?</p> <p>2. I understand that under EPBC Act s46, State processes including management arrangements and authorisation processes must be accredited by the Commonwealth Minister. When will the accreditation process for State processes start?</p> <p>3. Does the Department anticipate that State management arrangements and authorisation processes will be accredited quickly after the approvals bilateral agreements have been concluded?</p> <p>4. It is my understanding that Ministerial accreditations of State processes under approval bilateral agreements must be tabled in Parliament in accordance with s46(3) and s46(4) EPBC Act. When should we expect that to occur? Will it be before or after the agreements are concluded?</p> <p>5. Does the Department know whether any draft accreditations of State management arrangements or authorisation processes currently exist?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				6. Since November 2013, has the Department briefed the Minister or Cabinet on any proposed amendments to the EPBC Act provisions relating to bilateral agreements, particularly Chapter 3, Part 5? 7. Does the Department know of any plans to amend Chapter 3, Part 5 of the EPBC Act?			
57	5.2: EACD	Waters	Seagrass offsets	1. How many environmental approvals issued by the Department have included conditions requiring offsets for damage to seagrasses in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and/ or the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area? 2. For each permit, please describe: a) The project name and reference number b) The year(s) the offset was implemented (or is due to be implemented) c) The year the damaging activity commenced (or is due to commence) d) The nature of the offset (ie what is being offset and how it is being offset) e) The monitoring or auditing of the offset/s that has taken place to date. f) The extent to which any of these offsets has resulted in rehabilitation of seagrasses or protection of seagrasses	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
58	5.2: EACD	Waters	Molongolo EPBC Strategic	1. Did the proponent undertake the relevant assessments, and did the Federal Government also undertake these assessments?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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			Assessment	<p>2. How did these assessments differ?</p> <p>3. Were there any issues raised in the Strategic Assessment about which the Department specifically followed up with the proponent?</p> <p>4. Were there species or habitats which triggered the EPBC Act's application which weren't captured under ACT environmental protection laws?</p> <p>5. Were there changes made to the development as a result of the Strategic Assessment carried out by the Commonwealth? What were they?</p> <p>6. Is the Department aware of any evidence that would suggest that the ACT Government would have undertaken the changes identified in question 5 if the Commonwealth had not undertaken its assessment?</p> <p>7. Was the ACT Government, as the proponent, planning to realign John Gorton Drive before contact with the Department, or was that done at the request of the Department?</p> <p>8. Is the Department aware of any instances where the community or experts have expressed concern directly to the Department about the ACT Government's approach to implementing appropriate offsets in the context of projects which destroy habitat?</p> <p>9. Has the Department ever investigated any alleged impropriety in relation to the ACT Government's implementation of biodiversity offsets?</p> <p>10. Does the Department share any of the concerns</p>			

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				which have been raised by ecologists and community stakeholders in relation to sites nominated by the ACT Government as offsets for development proposals?			
59	5.2: EACD	Waters	Stradbroke Island Enterprise Mine	<p>1. There are allegations from the community dating from September 2012 that the existing Enterprise Mine has been operating without EPBC approval and therefore illegally since 2004. What is the status of the investigation into those allegations?</p> <p>2. Why is the investigation taking so long?</p> <p>3. Has the Minister instructed this investigation to be prioritised? Or that other work be prioritised above it?</p> <p>4. To the best of your knowledge, has the issue of the company's links (including election campaign expenditure) to Premier Newman ever been mentioned by the Minister or his office either verbally or in writing to any member of the Department?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
60	5.2: EACD	Waters	Environment Legislation Amendment Bill procedure	<p>1. Why hasn't Minister Hunt responded to a request from the Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee for evidence that the Enviro Legislation Amendment Bill is needed for business certainty?</p> <p>2. What evidence does the Minister have that the Federal Court's Tarkine case had created any business uncertainty?</p> <p>3. When will the Government respond to the Committee's request?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
61	5.2: EACD	Waters	CSG well failures	Referring to public comments by John Fenton published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 28 February 2014,	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>1. Are you aware of a 2003 Schlumberger oilfield review, 5 per cent of well bores fail immediately and, over a 30-year time frame, failure rates exceed 50 per cent?</p> <p>2. Have you briefed the Minister on this report?</p> <p>3. Has industry lobbied you about this report?</p> <p>4. What is the Department's understanding of this issue in the Australian context?</p> <p>5. Have there been any independent Australian reports that look at this issue of bore well failure? Please provide details, including citations.</p> <p>6. Failure to seal CSG wells risks contaminating overlying aquifers and dropping the groundwater table. How else is the Govt trying to discern whether CSG well holes are properly sealed?</p>			
62	5.2: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek – Notification of further MNES	<p>1. To the best of the Department's understanding, has Whitehaven Coal notified the Department of the existence of Tylophora Linearis, the Pale-Headed Snake, the Long-Eared Pied Bat or other newly recorded matters of national environmental significance within 14 days of these being recorded in accordance with section 32 of their conditions?</p> <p>2. Has the Department received any reports from members of the community or through the ATLAS about records of these species in the Leard State Forest? Please provide details of when, and an overview of what information has been received by the Department.</p>	Written	7/5/14	15/5/14

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				3. What action is the Department intending to take on these reports in accordance with condition 32 of the EPBC approval?			
63	7.1: ILD	Waters	Galilee Basin – climate impacts	<p>Senator WATERS: I want to ask now about the Galilee Basin coal deposits and the recent approval of mega coalmines there as well as, frankly, coalmines everywhere else. Is your section advising the minister of the climate impacts of coal mining and export of this scale and of the fact that keeping that coal in the ground in the Galilee is a huge opportunity to protect Australia from the impacts of further extreme weather events—bushfires and constraints on agricultural productivity and things that I would think we are all concerned about? Is anybody advising the minister on that?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: We provide a range of advice to the minister. On the specific content, a lot of that would be largely deliberative material, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I do not quite know what you mean by that.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: We do not normally talk about the content of our advice. We provide advice across a wide range of climate change relevant material.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Including on that matter?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: That would be going to the specific content of the advice that we would be providing to the minister.</p>	48	10/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Senator WATERS: Well, I do not think it is going to its existence as opposed to its content.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: We provide advice to the minister around climate change policy. But I do not want to go into the specific content of all the elements of that. That would be going into advice that we provide the government for its deliberative purposes or for deliberation.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will assist you, Senator Waters. We might take that on notice. If Minister Hunt feels that he can add to that answer, we will provide you with an answer.</p>			
64	6.1:CEWO	Rhiannon	Sale of Gwydir Valley water	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the recent trade of some 10 billion litres of environmental water in the Gwydir Valley : What exactly were the circumstances or criteria that drove the sale of environmental water in the Gwydir Valley? 2. Surely some additional environmental benefits could have been gained by using the water in the area – why were they not pursued? 3. What constraints to environmental water use and delivery prevented use of the additional water for environmental purposes? 4. Are the constraints to environmental water use or delivery in the Gwydir Valley mostly of a physical nature or are they rules based or related to the culture of water use in the area? 5. Are these constraints well recognised and 	Written	16/5/14	

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				<p>understood in the local area? How can this be quantified or demonstrated?</p> <p>6. Are these constraints well recognised and understood by the MDBA who are engaged in developing a 'Constraints Management Strategy'?</p> <p>7. Are these constraints being actively considered by the MDBA as part of the 'Constraints Management Strategy'? How?</p> <p>8. Are they being actively considered by any local or regional bodies in terms of addressing or mitigating their effects on the ability to use or deliver environmental water? If not, why not?</p> <p>9. What would be the estimated cost of addressing these constraints?</p> <p>10. Exactly how much water was sold, at what price, where from, by what process and to whom?</p> <p>11. Exactly who made the decision to sell the water? Was there any consultation with any stakeholders involved in advance of the decision to sell the water?</p> <p>12. Was the CEWH under any pressure from anyone in any government, any government department, any water users / irrigators or their representative bodies to sell the water?</p> <p>13. What will the proceeds be used for? Who will make the final decision about how to use the proceeds? When will a decision be made about how to use the proceeds? Will there be a consultation process about</p>			

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				<p>how and where to use the proceeds of the sale?</p> <p>14. What or who will be the main sources of advice to the CEWH about using the proceeds?</p> <p>15. Beyond the Gwydir Valley and the context of the sold environmental water, what is considered to be the biggest or most significant constraints to environmental water use and delivery in the MDB?</p> <p>16. How are these constraints being actively considered by the MDBA as part of the 'Constraints Management Strategy'?</p> <p>17. What are the key additions that would be made to the existing 'Constraints Management Strategy' to optimise the effective and efficient use of environmental water?</p> <p>18. What are the other priorities for optimising the use of environmental water?</p>			
65	7.1 ILD	Milne	Hazelwood Mine fires emissions	<p>Senator MILNE: Can you indicate whether the emissions from the Hazelwood mine site will be included in the national greenhouse inventory? Take that on notice too. Under what category would it be classed? What are you going to do about a methodology in relation to that? I will leave that on notice with you.</p> <p>Mr Carter: Yes. Some of those questions would be best addressed to the department, but we will sort that out.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: We will take the questions about the effect on the inventory and your question about the</p>	55	3/4/14	15/5/14

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				classification of mine fires as well.			
66	7.1 RPGD	Urquhart	One million solar roofs	Can you explain where the funding for the 'one million solar roofs', 'solar schools' and 'solar towns' programs will come from? What will be the involvement of the Department in the design and delivery of these programs?	Written	3/4/14	15/5/14
67	7.1: ILD	Waters	Climate Change mitigation	Stopping the development of the Galilee Basin is an opportunity to protect Australia from the diverse threats of climate change. Has the Department advised the government of, or done any analysis pertaining to: 1. The climate risks associated with allowing the Galilee Basin to be developed? 2. The opportunity to protect Australia by reducing or stopping development of the Galilee Basin 3. The legal options available to this Government to stop the development of this huge climate damaging development?	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
68	7.1: RPGD	Ruston	Carbon Tax – Repeal delay costs	Senator RUSTON: Back on the line of the cost and benefit of the carbon tax, but most particularly in light of the fact that there was a hope or expectation that the carbon tax would be able to be repealed sooner rather than later, obviously we now know that it is not going to be able to be repealed in this current term of government, unless some common sense prevails. Have you got any understanding of the cost of delaying the repeal of the carbon tax from when it could possibly have gone through in November now possibly not being	45	4/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>repealable until after 1 July or subsequently if it goes any longer? Do we have a quantum of the cost to government, business and the community?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: I do not have those quantums in front of me. I am happy to outline the issues and potential costs associated with delayed repeal that have come forward from submissions around repeal. I am happy to take on notice estimates around ongoing administration that would be associated with delayed repeal. That would be related to my earlier question about the obligations that bodies would face until the repeal takes place.....</p>			
69	7.1: RPGD	Ruston	Carbon Tax – Heavy Vehicles and Assistance Package	<p>Senator RUSTON: Okay. One of the things I am particularly interested in and was of great concern when it was announced by the former government was the suggestion that, if the carbon tax were to be retained, it would in due course be applied to heavy road vehicles. Do you have any figures around the costs to transport should the carbon tax apply to heavy vehicle use?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: I do not in front of me. Again, I am very happy to take that on notice. It is a matter of public record that it was the previous government's policy to extend coverage to heavy vehicles.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Okay. I ask only because it continues to resonate out in the community because the carbon tax has not been repealed. Do you have the figures for the total costs of the financial grants and</p>	46	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>assistance programs that were introduced by the previous government—the compensation package that sat alongside the carbon tax?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: I do not. Apologies for not having that information with me. Those programs were across government, so I would need to talk to colleagues in the minister's department about bringing together a table that showed the costs of all the programs across government. But certainly that information is available, and I apologise for not having it here. I can bring it together for you. Within our own department the main conversation mechanisms involved the issue of free permits for emissions-intensive trade-exposed firms, for example, and compensation for emissions-intensive generators—payments that have already been paid and which, of course, will cease once repeal takes effect. But there were many other programs. From memory, the initial clean energy plan had around 43 separate elements administered by 12 different departments and agencies. I can bring that together for you.</p>			
70	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Review of the Renewable Energy Target	<p>On the review of the Renewable Energy Target, what work has been done to date by the Department on the progress and success of the RET?</p> <p>Reports from the AEMC and state regulators show that the impact of the RET is very small, at around 3-4% for households and falling. Can you confirm that this is the case?</p>	Written	3/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Has the Department provided any advice to the Government on the impact on investment in renewables of removing or watering down the RET? If so, what was this advice?</p> <p>Have you looked into the potential cumulative impact of potential changes to the RET, cuts to ARENA and the abolition of the CEFC on investment in renewables in Australia?</p> <p>What will be the role of this Department in the RET review process?</p> <p>Prior to - and following - the election last September, the Government announced its support for the RET. We've recently heard about how bad the RET is for driving up electricity prices by around 3-4% (note infrastructure accounts for 50%). Is Government policy still to support the RET?</p>			
71	7.1: RPGD	Urquhart	Review of the Renewable Energy Target - CCA	The CCA has stated that it has started its review of the RET, if as is intended by the Government the CCA is abolished in mid 2014 what will happen to the work undertaken between now and then? What is it about the CCA that the Government doesn't trust?	Written	3/4/14	15/5/14
72	7.1: RPGD	Xenophon	Carbon Tax – Timor Sea	The Timor Sea Treaty states (Annex G, Article 4.3) that neither Australia nor East Timor can impose a tax on petroleum projects in the Joint Development Area of the Timor Sea unless both states agree. Has the Australian government been imposing the Carbon Tax in the Timor Sea? And, if not, is it planning	Written	4/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>to do so? Further, if so, on what basis would the tax be imposed?</p> <p>What negotiations have taken place with East Timor?</p> <p>Has the East Timor government agreed to Australia's imposition of a carbon tax in the Timor Sea?</p> <p>How much tax revenue is forecast if the carbon tax is applied?</p>			
73	7.2: ASD	Ludlam	Adaptation Strategy – built environment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I want to put a particular adaptation strategy to you. I am not expecting you to have this at the table. On 20 February, the West Australian newspaper tested relative impacts of urban heat island effects. It tested the theory that the variation can be up to four degrees depending on the surrounding, and particularly the amount of tree cover. In suburbs that are more susceptible, the death toll will be higher. The relative rate of illness and impact will be higher. For example, in this piece on 20 February, they found that Mt Lawley was five degrees Celsius hotter than Mt Hawthorn, where tree cover was much better. That same State of Australian cities report that I am quoting from proposed increasing the amount of vegetation in the built environment and implementing green infrastructure. Can you point me to anything, apart from what the states and territories might be up to, or any lead that the Commonwealth has taken in response to that recommendation specifically?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: It is probably hidden away. We will need</p>	59	28/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>to consult with other departments as well. We are happy to take that on notice to see with our colleagues both in infrastructure and industry and in health.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: All right. It is quite cross-portfolio. I am happy if you are able to take that on notice. Can I assume from that, though, that you are not immediately aware of anything within your remit that has been done in response to those proposals?</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: I am not, Senator. I will just confer with my colleagues. No, Senator. But we will confirm on notice that that is the case.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I might observe, Senator, that the government does have a 20 million trees program. That also includes urban and peri urban trees as well.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Who is responsible for that specifically?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: That is in the environment department, and they will be appearing, Senator, this evening.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I may be elsewhere, but maybe I could pitch an on notice question to those officers if they are watching the internal broadcast. Is there under consideration a systematic process of cooling the heat island effect using native vegetation in particular? I will leave it there. Thanks for your time.</p>			
74	7.2: ASD	Pratt	Health Department Report	Senator PRATT: Is the department aware of a report from the health department which says that heat related death is likely to increase by 500 per cent in some	57	28/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>centres in Australia over the next 40 years?</p> <p>Ms Mummery: I have to admit that I am not aware of that particular report. We have certainly worked closely with ANU and the Centre for Population Health and Epidemiology in understanding how health risks will change over time. I am not aware of any figures which are quite in the ballpark of 500 per cent. The sort of analysis which the ANU has been sharing with us has been likely for an increased risk, particularly in northern Australia, of heat related deaths. I understand it is more in the order of 45 to 100 per cent, which could happen by the end of the century. That is a significantly higher rate than what you would likely see in southern Australia. But I am not aware of figures of that order of magnitude.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: We are happy to take it on notice and check back at the department whether other staff are aware of the report.</p>			
75	Bureau of Meteorology	Ludlam	Air quality monitoring by Woodside	<p>Senator LUDLAM: In response to the questions that Senator Waters put to you, you indicated that you were aware that there is air quality monitoring equipment on site and Woodside do collect some data up there as a result of community pressure. Do you have access to that data or is that not in your remit?</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: I do not think so. We can ask about that and if we do we will let you know, but I doubt it.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If that is an undertaking you can</p>	12	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				make, otherwise I feel like I am heading home empty-handed. The people there are suffering under quite extreme events of air pollution from time to time. If there is any follow-up you are able to make for us, that would be much appreciated.			
76	Bureau of Meteorology	Pratt	Forest Fire Danger Index	<p>Senator PRATT: I asked about those 16 sites on notice last time and was given a paper which was very interesting and quite useful, but it didn't really highlight what those 16 sites were.</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: Which ones they were?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: No.</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I have asked it on notice previously. An excellent paper was provided, but if you can name those 16 sites. I would expect there to be 16 sites that you would be able to list for me.</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: Yes. I am happy to provide that.</p>	9	6/5/14	15/5/14
77	Bureau of Meteorology	Ruston	Publications and Communications	<p>Senator RUSTON: Do you generate any revenue from the services that you provide in terms of publications and communications and, if so, what are they. But you are welcome to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Middleton: I am very happy to take that on notice.</p>	11	15/5/14	
78	Bureau of Meteorology	Urquhart	Bushfires this season	<p>Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me the total area that has been affected by bushfires so far this season?</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: I do not know the answer to that.</p> <p>Dr Canterford: We would have to take that on notice. We would have to check with our fire agencies.</p>	9	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Senator URQUHART: Sure. But you can provide that if you take it on notice?</p> <p>Dr Canterford: My colleague has just suggested that they may have information on their website, but I can source that for you if you like.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: That would be great.</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: It is not something that we would normally track and report on, but we are happy to look it up for you</p>			
79	Bureau of Meteorology	Williams	Bushfires – National Parks	<p>CHAIR: I have a question on notice, Dr Canterford. If you find the area that was burnt during the summer, could you also include the areas that were national parks?</p> <p>Dr Vertessy: I can attempt to find that out, certainly.</p>	10	6/5/14	15/5/14
80	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra Wind Farm	<p>I refer to answers to QoNs Additional Estimates 11 February 2013 – 98, 99, 100, 103 and 104. And answers to QoNs Supplementary Budget Estimates 27 November 2013 - 122 I refer to part g) of this question:</p> <p>1. How do you reconcile your Additional Estimates, 11 February 2013 answers and your Supplementary Estimates, 27 November 2013 answers with part g) above?</p> <p>2. When did the CER first become aware of the non-compliance issue with the Waubra Wind Farm?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
81	Clean Energy	Back	Accredited wind farms	<p>I have sighted a number of references obtained under FOI from the Department of Planning and Community Development in Victoria that show the Waubra wind</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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	Regulator			<p>farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not yet provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with its planning permit; • Is operating non-compliantly with its planning permit; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been operating non-compliantly since the wind farm's commencement date in July 2009. <p>The Waubra wind farm is now approaching 5 years of accreditation (beginning March 10, 2009) in which time the CER has issued Large-scale Generation certificates worth approximately \$100 million. During this time, the Waubra wind farm has received in excess of 1000 noise complaints from residents, has purchased eleven properties that were previously homes to neighbouring residents and, as was disclosed during the 2010 Senate Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms, have gagged these residents from publically speaking about noise and health issues through confidentiality contracts.</p> <p>I note CER answers to QON, Question 122, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013: <i>n) It is the responsibility of the operator of a wind farm to confirm their ongoing compliance. Giving false or misleading information to a Commonwealth officer is a serious offence.</i></p> <p>And: I refer to Senator Madigan's question of Mr Livingston, CER, on the 11th of February, Additional</p>			

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				<p>Estimates 2013: <i>Senator MADIGAN: Do you confirm their compliance with the relevant state authorities, or do you simply take their word for it?</i> <i>Mr Livingston: Initially we take their word. These are reputable businesses, but we ask for evidence of that.</i></p> <p>1. What classifies a wind farm operator as a 'reputable business'?</p> <p>Many of the companies that own wind farms operating in Australia are owned overseas and record significant losses on a year-to-year basis. An example of this would be Infigen who own and operate the Alinta, Lake Bonney, Woodlawn and Capital wind farms. Infigen, who previously operated as Babcock and Brown and recorded Australia's biggest ever corporate collapse – liquidating a loss of \$10 billion dollars in 2009, have recorded a loss of \$80 million dollars last year.</p> <p>2. Would the CER classify Infigen as a reputable business?</p> <p>I note again in answers to QON, Question 122 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013: <i>b) The Clean Energy Regulator has conducted a compliance investigation and has contacted the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) and Acciona Energy – the proponents of the Waubra wind farm. The Clean Energy Regulator is satisfied with the response from both entities that the</i></p>			

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				<p>wind farm is operating in accordance with the state legislation.</p> <p>3. How does the CER reconcile this with:</p> <p>g. <i>The Clean Energy Regulator is satisfied that the DPCD is dealing with this issue. The Minister for Planning has not determined whether the wind farm is or is not compliant with the relevant planning permit. The DPCD and the Environment Protection Authority are investigating how to address the testing issues and what further steps may need to be taken.</i></p> <p>Given that:</p> <p>n) <i>It is the responsibility of the operator of a wind farm to confirm their ongoing compliance. Giving false or misleading information to a Commonwealth officer is a serious offence.</i></p> <p>6. How can the CER claim:</p> <p>t) <i>The Renewable Energy Target has been in operation since 2001 and any eligible power stations willing to participate in the LRET scheme have been accredited in accordance with the Act and Regulations. As the suspected breaches are against the state legislation it is a state matter and state legislation. As a result this matter has not been raised by the Clean Energy Regulator to the responsible Commonwealth Minister.</i></p>			
82	Clean Energy	Back	Suspension of accreditation for	Section 30E 50 Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000	Written	16/5/14	

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	Regulator		non-compliance with state laws	<p>Contravention of Commonwealth, State or Territory law (3) The Regulator may, by written notice, suspend the accreditation of an accredited power station if the Regulator believes on reasonable grounds that the power station is being operated in contravention of a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory. I refer to answers to QON, Question 122, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013:</p> <p>1. How does the CER explain: <i>d) Please refer to part b). The Clean Energy Regulator has no reasonable grounds to suspend Waubra wind farm under Section 30E of the Act.</i></p> <p>2. What is the total number, to date, of Large-scale Generation Certificates that have been issued to the Waubra wind farm since it was accredited on the 10th of March 2009? I refer to Question 97, Additional Estimates 11 February 2013: <i>If an accredited power station operates in contravention of a law of the Commonwealth, state and/or territory then it may be suspended by the Clean Energy Regulator in accordance with the section 30E (3) of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000. Clean Energy Regulator has not found the Waubra Wind Farm to be non-compliant with the Victorian planning requirements</i></p>			

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				<p><i>and its accreditation has not been suspended.</i></p> <p>3. How does the CER reconcile this answer with: Question 122, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013: <i>g. The Clean Energy Regulator is satisfied that the DPCD is dealing with this issue. The Minister for Planning has not determined whether the wind farm is or is not compliant with the relevant planning permit. The DPCD and the Environment Protection Authority are investigating how to address the testing issues and what further steps may need to be taken.</i></p> <p>4. How does the CER reconcile with: <i>t) The Renewable Energy Target has been in operation since 2001 and any eligible power stations willing to participate in the LRET scheme have been accredited in accordance with the Act and Regulations. As the suspected breaches are against the state legislation it is a state matter and state legislation. As a result this matter has not been raised by the Clean Energy Regulator to the responsible Commonwealth Minister.</i></p> <p>5. Has the CER corresponded with Minister Guy regarding the non-compliance of the Waubra Wind Farm with the state noise limits and therefore Commonwealth law?</p> <p>6. What steps has the CER taken to resolve this issue of accreditation of a non-compliant wind farm?</p> <p>7. Does the Clean Energy Regulator consider that the Waubra Wind Farm should be automatically entitled to</p>			

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				receive Large-scale Generation Certificates?			
83	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Large-scale Generation Certificates	<p>The cost of Large-scale Generation Certificates are ultimately borne by power consumers. By a crude estimation, the total value of the Large-scale Generation Certificates issued by the CER since 2001, is worth in the order of \$8 billion.</p> <p>1. What is the total number of Large-scale Generation Certificates issued since the commencement of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
84	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Suspend accreditation	<p>One purpose of the CER's power to suspend accreditation is to protect power consumers from unnecessarily bearing the cost of operators that are acting unlawfully. Another purpose of the CER's power to suspend accreditation is to penalise unlawful conduct by removing entitlements to Large-scale Generation Certificates.</p> <p>1. Does the CER agree that s30E(3) was designed to give the CER a specific power to penalise unlawful conduct?</p> <p>2. What does the CER require from the Vic Minister in order to suspend the accreditation of the Waubra wind farm?</p> <p>3. What does the CER require from the Commonwealth minister to suspend the accreditation of a non-compliant wind farm?</p> <p>4. Does the CER agree that it would be appropriate for the CER to suspend accreditation to receive Large-</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>scale Generation Certificates where the consequence of the unlawful conduct itself results in harm to people living adjacent to a Wind farm?</p> <p>5. Has the CER ever suspended an entity's accreditation to receive Large-scale Generation Certificates and, if so, in what circumstances?</p> <p>6. How many reports of non-compliant wind farms has the CER received?</p> <p>7. How many allegations of fraud has the CER received?</p> <p>8. How many of these where from internal sources?</p> <p>9. How many of these where from external sources?</p> <p>10. What will the CER achieve by not investigating accreditation of non-compliant wind farms?</p> <p>Referring to remittance of Large-scale Generation Certificates issued where a wind farm is reported to be non-compliant by the Minister:</p> <p>11. What is the procedure for criminal prosecution in relation to false information for the creation of RECs?</p> <p>12. What details do the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions require from the CER for their investigations?</p> <p>13. What is the procedure for amending electricity returns that relate to RECs issued improperly with false information?</p> <p>14. What is the procedure for surrendering these RECs back to the CER?</p>			

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				15. What is the procedure for remittance from amended electricity returns and surrendered RECs?			
85	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Waubra Wind Farm – evidence of non-compliance	Is the CER now aware of evidence from the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development confirming that the Waubra wind farm is not operating in compliance with the noise conditions of its planning consent? If not, what steps will the CER take to obtain this information as a matter of urgency?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
86	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Non compliance	<p>1. Does the CER agree that if a wind farm does not comply with the noise conditions of its planning consent it is, therefore, in breach of state law (i.e. s126 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987)?</p> <p>2. Is the CER aware that under s126 of that Act: “Any person who uses or develops land in contravention of or fails to comply with a planning scheme, or a permit is guilty of an offence”?</p> <p>3. Is the CER aware that where a wind energy facility fails to comply with its state planning permit the operator is committing an offence under state law?</p> <p>4. Is the CER aware that in those circumstances the CER’s power to suspend accreditation to receive Large-scale Generation Certificates under s30E is triggered?</p> <p>5. What legal advice, if any, have you had to the contrary?</p> <p>6. Why would the CER not suspend accreditation in circumstances where the recipient of Large-scale Generation Certificates is committing an offence under</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				state law?			
87	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Eligibility for accreditation	<p>Remittance of Large-scale Generation Certificates issued where a wind farm is reported to be non-compliant by the Minister:</p> <p>A range of enforcement actions are available to the CER under the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 for the improper creation of certificates. These include criminal and civil prosecutions, enforceable undertakings and injunctions. The provisions apply in respect of contraventions of the Act by individuals, companies, executive officers of companies and other persons involved in contraventions of the Act.</p> <p>As you would be aware, section 154Q(1) of the Act provides that the CER may accept undertakings of the types enunciated in subparagraphs (a) –(d).</p> <p>Subsection 154Q(4) provides that the Regulator may, by written notice given to the person, cancel the undertaking.</p> <p>Subsection 154R(1) provides that if the person has given an undertaking under section 154Q; and the undertaking has not been withdrawn or cancelled; and the CER considers that the person has breached the undertaking; then the Regulator may apply to the Federal Court for any or all of the orders provided for under subsection 154R(2). That is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an order directing the person to comply with the undertaking; 	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an order directing the person to pay to the Regulator, on behalf of the Commonwealth, an amount up to the amount of any financial benefit that the person has obtained directly or indirectly and that is reasonably attributable to the breach; • any order that the court considers appropriate directing the person to compensate any other person who has suffered loss or damage as a result of the breach; • any other order that the court considers appropriate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the CER's procedure to begin criminal prosecution in relation to false information for the creation of RECs? 2. What details do the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions require from the CER for their investigations? 3. What is the procedure for amending electricity returns that relate to RECs issued improperly with false information? 4. What is the procedure for surrendering these RECs back to the CER? 5. What is the procedure for remittance from amended electricity returns and surrendered RECs? <p>In reference to the Small-scale Technology Certificates and the case of Mr John Testoni of Sydney Solar Eco Solutions Pty Ltd being convicted of 24 counts under</p>			

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				<p>section 192G of the Crimes Act NSW (misleading statements with the intention of obtaining a financial benefit):</p> <p>6. What was the total cost of compliance investigation in this case?</p> <p>7. What procedure did the CER follow to recover the 4307 improperly created Small-scale certificates with a value of over \$170,000?</p> <p>8. Now that the CER is aware of its interminable position of neither compliance or non-compliance and is aware that Minister Guy (Vic) has before him evidence of non-compliance of the Waubra wind farm but nonetheless is proceeding as if neither compliance or non-compliance matters, with a sustained disregard for the implications and consequences of a failure to make a decision, when does the CER plan to consult with the federal court?</p>			
88	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Compliance of NSW and VIC wind farms	<p>I refer to answers to Question 99, Additional Estimates, 11 February 2013, CER to Senator Madigan.</p> <p>1. What steps have been taken by the CER to investigate or enforce compliance with the Act and regulations in relation to wind farms in NSW and Victoria? Please detail those steps?</p> <p>2. Are you able to supply us with any documents setting out investigations or enforcement activities undertaken by the CER in relation to wind farms?</p> <p>3. Apart from assertions by wind farm operators about</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				their purported compliance, what evidence has the CER gathered to satisfy itself that all wind farms are, in fact, complying with their planning permits?			
89	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Breach of noise conditions	My office has gathered substantial evidence that Acciona's Waubra wind farm, along with several other wind farms are in absolute breach of the noise conditions of their planning permits and are therefore committing offences under Victorian state law. 1. Is the regulator prepared to receive and act upon that evidence?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
90	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Wind farms - ownership	I refer to Question 103, Additional Estimates 2013, where the CER is asked how many of the wind farms in Australia are owned by the States in which they operate and it was stated that the CER was unable to provide information as to how many of these wind farms are owned by the states in which they operate. 1. Does the CER not think it important to investigate how many of the wind farms are owned by the states in which they operate, in light of the fact that the noise limits are set by relevant states and that the states are responsible for handling noise complaints? 2. Since accreditation, how many Large-scale Generation certificates have been issued to Pacific Hydro owned wind farms to date? 3. Does the CER keep records of the regular changing of ownership of the wind farms?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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91	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Independent Reports into renewable energy	<p>I refer to Question 105, Additional Estimates 2013: The CER referred to websites carrying two reports. The first report by Pitt and Sherry is a desktop study.</p> <p>1. Is the CER able to provide evidence (i.e. actual data) to support the assumptions and, therefore, the conclusions on which that study was based?</p> <p>2. The other paper by McLennan Magasanik & Co is another desktop study. The paper was produced in 2006, long before there was any significant wind power capacity in Victoria or elsewhere on the Eastern Grid.</p> <p>3. Is the CER able to provide evidence (i.e. actual data) to support the assumptions and, therefore, the conclusions on which that study was based?</p> <p>4. How does the CER claim that paper has any relevance today when Victorian wind power capacity is now 884 MW and there is 2,660 MW connected to the Eastern Grid?</p> <p>5. Is the CER able to obtain the actual coal use data from Victorian coal-fired power plants?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
92	Clean Energy Regulator	Back	Coal use and wind energy	<p>Investigations have shown that coal use by Victorian coal-fired power plants have increased in the order of 2 million tonnes annually despite the fact that there has been no commensurate increase in power generation output from those plants. This massive increase in coal use is a consequence of the fact that coal-fired generators are required by the grid manager to maintain large amounts of spinning reserve to</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>accommodate for the intermittency of wind power and fluctuations in wind power output on a minute-by-minute basis.</p> <p>I refer the CER to the peer-reviewed paper authored by Mr Paul Miskelly that demonstrates that wind farms connected to the Eastern Grid fail to produce any meaningful power output hundreds of times each year. "Wind Farms in Eastern Australia – Recent Lessons". The conclusions of this paper refer to the requirements of wind power to have massive amounts of spinning reserve made available to maintain grid stability.</p> <p>Section 3 of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, provides for the objects of the Act.</p> <p>(a) to encourage the additional generation of electricity from renewable sources; and</p> <p>(b) to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the electricity sector; and</p> <p>(c) to ensure that renewable energy sources are ecologically sustainable.</p> <p>1. Does the CER agree that its role is to ensure that the objects of the Act are satisfied?</p> <p>This is done through the issuing of certificates for the generation of electricity using eligible renewable energy sources and requiring certain purchasers (liable entities) to surrender a specified number of certificates for the electricity that they acquire during a year. If this is correct then wind power fails to meet the objects of</p>			

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				<p>the act.</p> <p>2. What peer-reviewed evidence - based on actual data - including the coal feed data from Victorian power plants – does the CER have to refute these statements about coal use and the intermittency of wind power?</p> <p>3. Would it not be appropriate for the CER to commission an independent study to find out if this is correct? For the CER to know whether the objects of the Act are being satisfied it would need to have that information.</p> <p>4. That is, would it not be appropriate for the CER to be satisfied - on actual evidence - that the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of LGCs it issues on an annual basis to wind farm operators results in a reduction of CO2 emissions in the electrical sector as a matter of fact?</p> <p>Without this kind of investigation it would be impossible for the CER to know whether wind farms are reducing or increasing CO2 emissions in the electricity sector.</p> <p>5. When will the CER commission an independent study into the increased CO2 emissions caused by the fluctuations in power output from Australian wind farms?</p>			
93	Clean Energy Regulator	Madigan	Fees from processing RECs and LGCs	Senator MADIGAN: How much income has the Clean Energy Regulator generated in fees from processing RECs and LGCs from accredited Australian wind energy power stations?	52	16/5/14	

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				Ms Munro: Senator, I do not think we would have that information to hand. However, I am sure that we can obtain it and take that on notice. We will do that. Perhaps we might also explain the basis on which those fees are set. I am sure that would be helpful for you, because it is essentially on a cost recovery basis.			
94	Clean Energy Regulator	Milne	Hazelwood Mine fires emissions	Senator MILNE: I want to swap to another subject, and that is the Hazelwood fires in the mine in Victoria at the moment. I understand that GDF owns the mine. Can you tell me whether the greenhouse gas emissions from the mine will be added to GDF's liability under the clean energy legislation? Ms Munro: I might refer that question to Mr Carter, who has those details on the relevant determination. Mr Carter: I would have to take that on notice. As far as I am aware, the determination does not have in it methodologies for estimating fires that might result at a facility of that nature. I will take that question on notice.	54	1/5/14	15/5/14
95	Clean Energy Regulator	Milne	Clean Energy Legislation and repealing regulation	Senator MILNE: I will ask the chair of the Clean Energy Regulator whether this proposal to repeal the regulation came from you to the minister or the other way around. Ms Munro: Senator, I think the word that the secretary used was 'deliberative'. We would not normally disclose that. However, I should emphasise that, from our point of view, we deal with this as a matter of practicality. As a matter of practicality, we do not believe that there is currently a market for future dated units. Although we	54	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>are equipped to conduct auctions, it does not seem particularly prudent to embark on that at this point in time. That is not to say that that might not change in the future.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: I am taking from you are saying that that was your advice to the minister?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think the evidence that was provided is that the deliberative processes of government are not disclosed in this forum. Again, in an abundance of helpfulness, I will take on notice and check with the minister whether he wants to add any further information to what has been provided so far.</p>			
96	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Stationery requirements – Minister/Parliamentary Secretary offices	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
97	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
98	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Electronic equipment – Minister's Office	<p>Other than phones, iPads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>a) List the items b) List the items location or normal location c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d) List the total cost of the items e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f) List the date they were provided to the office g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department			
99	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media subscription - TV	What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
100	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media subscription - Newspaper	What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
101	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media subscriptions – Magazine	What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?			
102	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media subscriptions - Publications	What publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
103	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Provision of equipment - Ministerial	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
104	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Provision of equipment – all staff	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
105	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Provision of	Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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	CSD		equipment - departmental	a) List the items b) List the purchase cost c) List the ongoing cost d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.			
106	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Computers – Minister’s Office	List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used	Written	2/5/14	15/5/14
107	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Computers	List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	Written	7/5/14	15/5/14
108	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Travel costs – department/agency officers	From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.			
109	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Travel costs - Ministerial	From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary a) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
110	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Grants	Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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111	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Grants	Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
112	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p> <p>f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>g) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since 7 September 2013? h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			
113	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Consultancies	a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? i. If so, which ones and why?	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
114	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Meeting costs	a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>			
115	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all</p>	Written	2/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
116	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Executive coaching and leadership	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in	Written	7/5/14	15/5/14

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			training	<p>November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment 			

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				<p>classification)</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			
117	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Staffing profile	<p>1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written	7/5/14	15/5/14
118	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Staffing reductions	<p>a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>f) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>g) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</p>			
119	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Staffing recruitment	<p>a) How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
120	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Coffee machines	Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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			purchased	<p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
121	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Coffee machines rented	<p>Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
122	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Corporate cars	<p>How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>b) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>c) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>d) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
123	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Corporate cars leased	<p>How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>a) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b) What are the cars used for?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				c) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? d) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?			
124	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Taxi costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. a) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
125	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Hire cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. a) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
126	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Credit cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
127	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Credit cards	Please update details of the following? a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				misuse?			
128	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Functions	Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
129	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Functions	Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
130	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – official residences	1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: a) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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131	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – land costs	<p>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p>	Written	15/5/14	
132	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building costs	<p>1. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this</p>	Written	15/5/14	

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				question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 3. In regards to any building identified in Q1, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?			
133	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Machinery of Government changes	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
134	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - rebranding	Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so: a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. <p>c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. 			
135	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs 	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>			
136	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles (non-MoPs)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <p>a) What is the make and model?</p> <p>b) How much did it cost?</p> <p>c) When was it provided?</p> <p>d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>are these costs met?</p> <p>g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>			
137	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date the lease agreement is active from. ii. Date the lease agreement ends. iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 	Written	8/5/14	15/5/14
138	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is</p>	Written	8/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. iii. Expected location of the building (City and state). iv. Expected cost of the lease. 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 			
139	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a) For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written	7/5/14	15/5/14
140	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – building lease costs not renewed	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013.</p> <p>Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date from which the lease agreement was active. ii. Date the lease agreement ended. 	Written	12/5/14	15/5/14

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				iii. Why was the lease not renewed? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.			
141	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Diner's club cards	1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements? 2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges? 3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses? 4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers; 5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
142	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Workplace assessments	1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? a) List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? a) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written	15/5/14	

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143	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>a) Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
144	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Christmas party costs	<p>List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013</p> <p>a) What was the cost of each of these functions?</p> <p>b) How was the money identified?</p> <p>c) What was the location of these functions?</p> <p>d) Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
145	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – departmental upgrades	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>a) If so, list these</p> <p>b) If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d) If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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146	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – wine coolers/fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items? g) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
147	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>a) If so, list these b) If so, list the total cost for these items c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d) If so, where were these purchased e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
148	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – office recreation facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>a) If so, list these</p> <p>b) If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d) If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>			
149	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – vending machines	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>a) If so, list these</p> <p>b) If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d) If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
150	Corporate: CSD	Seselja	Staff reductions	<p>What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies?</p> <p>a) How many of these reductions and redundancies</p>	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>relate to efficiency dividends applied over the last three years?</p> <p>b) How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to decisions made in the 2013 Budget, or earlier, to cease or terminate programs?</p> <p>c) If redundancies have been offered, when was the decision made to offer these redundancies?</p>			
151	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Resignations since September 2013	<p>Senator WATERS: How many permanent staff in the department have resigned since September 2013?</p> <p>Ms Carlos: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you could. Also, their seniority would be useful to know as well.</p>	6	3/4/14	15/5/14
152	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Portfolio wide - Staffing	<p>1. Within the portfolio how many FTE staff took up voluntary redundancies in 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13?</p> <p>2. Within the portfolio how many FTE staff have taken up voluntary redundancies to date in 2013-14?</p> <p>3. For questions 1 and 2, please advise for each year, by Outcome, where these staffing reduction via voluntary redundancies occurred, and at which APS levels they occurred.</p> <p>4. Within the portfolio how many FTE staff resigned without taking a voluntary redundancy in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13?</p> <p>5. Within the portfolio how many FTE staff resigned without taking a voluntary redundancy to date in 2013-</p>	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				14? 6. For questions 3 and 4, please advise for each year, by Outcome, where these staffing reduction occurred, and at which APS levels?			
153	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Portfolio wide - Staffing	For each of the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 please advise the average proportion of the portfolio's overall staffing which was comprised of temporary, casual staff or staff on contract.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
154	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Enterprise Agreement – forced redundancies	Please step through the process in place under the relevant enterprise agreement or agreements that apply when forced redundancies are implemented?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
155	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government advertising	1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? a) List each item of expenditure and cost b) List the approving officer for each item c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
156	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – government advertising	What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a) List the total expected cost b) List each item of expenditure and cost c) List the approving officer for each item d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
157	Corporate:	Ludwig	Portfolio wide -	Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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	PCD		Reviews	<p>review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the date they were ordered b) the date they commenced c) the minister responsible d) the department responsible e) the nature of the review f) their terms of reference g) the scope of the review h) Whom is conducting the review i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j) the expected report date k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 			
158	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Reviews	<p>For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their 	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p>			
159	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Reviews	<p>Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a) Please list them.</p> <p>b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
160	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Reviews	<p>1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them</p> <p>2. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>3. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p>			
161	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Reviews	<p>What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If not, why not?</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
162	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Commissioned Reports	<p>Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?</p> <p>b) How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report?</p> <p>d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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163	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
164	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Board Appointments	<p>Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p> <p>a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
165	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Media Monitoring – Minister's Office	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses.			
166	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
167	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Media training	1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: a) Total spending on these services b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) the location that this training was provided 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
168	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p>			
169	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
170	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Printing	<p>Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>b) How were they selected?</p> <p>c) What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
171	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Senate Estimates Briefing	<p>1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b) How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p>	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c) When were the changes made?</p> <p>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>			
172	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Question Time Briefing	<p>1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>a) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>a) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>b) How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p>	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>a) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>b) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.</p>			
173	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information - process	Can the department please outline the process it under goes for access to Freedom of Information requests?	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
174	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information - requests	<p>1. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>2. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a) If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b) If so, when?</p> <p>c) If so, how does this occur?</p>	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
175	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information - decisions	<p>1. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a) If so, when?</p> <p>b) If so, how does this occur?</p>	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				2. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a) If so, which departments or agencies? b) If so, when? c) If so, how does this occur?			
176	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information - resources	1. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? 2. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests 3. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests 4. Does the department ever second additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? a) If so, please detail those resources by APS level	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
177	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – designated decision makers	1. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 2. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? a) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 3. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?			
178	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – training	<p>1. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d) What did the training involve?</p> <p>e) How long was the training?</p> <p>f) By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>2. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c) How long after each officers appointment as a</p>	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d) What did the training involve? e) How long was the training? f) By whom was the training conducted?			
179	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – requests	Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office? a) List those notified request b) How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? c) How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? d) How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? e) How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? f) How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?	Written	16/5/14	
180	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – accessibility	1. Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website? a) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents? 2. How does the department test it is complying with	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>3. Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>4. What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>5. What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>6. Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>7. How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>8. How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent</p>			
181	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – requests	How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14
182	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – website accessibility	<p>1. What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>2. Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come</p>	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14

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				from and what was the content of that advice?			
183	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – accessibility	<p>1. Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>2. What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>3. Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>4. Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>5. Is this compatible with the information commissioner's guidelines- specifically that "published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency's obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)"</p> <p>6. How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner's requirement that "13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published 'to members of the public generally'"?</p> <p>7. Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p>	Written	6/5/14	15/5/14

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184	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – email address	Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests? a) If so, list each email account b) List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
185	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide - Freedom of Information – email address	Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account? a) If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ? b) How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
186	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? a) If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b) If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c) If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?	Written	12/5/14	15/5/14
187	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	1. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?	Written	12/5/14	15/5/14

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				<p>a) If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>b) How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>2. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>a) If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>a) If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p>			
188	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>1. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>2. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>3. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>	Written	12/5/14	15/5/14
189	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Boards	<p>Since September 7th 2013;</p> <p>a) how often has each board met, break down by board name;</p> <p>b) what travel expenses are provided;</p> <p>c) what is the average attendance at board meetings;</p> <p>d) how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</p> <p>e) what conflicts of interest have been registered;</p> <p>f) what remuneration is provided to board members;</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>g) how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</p> <p>h) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>i) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</p> <p>j) what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;</p>			
190	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Ministerial leave	<p>Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:</p> <p>a) Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include:</p> <p>i. The dates the minister was on leave.</p> <p>ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable).</p> <p>b) Who was acting in the minister's place?</p> <p>i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place?</p> <p>ii. What was the process for selecting this person?</p> <p>iii. Who was involved in making this decision?</p> <p>c) Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters and he date they occurred</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence,</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.</p> <p>iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister?</p> <p>iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable?</p> <p>d) Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.</p> <p>iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?</p> <p>iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable?</p> <p>v. but were unable?</p> <p>e) Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting</p>			

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				minister and the department during this time.			
191	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – market research	List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013. a) List the total cost of this research b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c) Who conducted the research? d) How were they identified? e) Where was the research conducted? f) In what way was the research conducted? g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
192	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – legal costs	List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013 a) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external b) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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193	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Portfolio wide – Australian Public Affairs	List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
194	Corporate: PCD	Ludwig	Australian Public Affairs	List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/ or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
195	Corporate: PCD	Waters	Terminology 'climate change'	<p>Senator WATERS: Have the words 'climate change' been removed from the department's website?</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: I would be very surprised, Senator. Not that I am aware.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: We had some reports to that effect. I have had a look. I can find one reference to climate change on the front page of the website that then takes you to an entirely separate website. I am interested in whether to your knowledge any departmental employees have been told to refrain from using the term 'climate change'.</p> <p>Dr de Brouwer: It is one of the outcome responsibilities of the minister and the department. I am not aware of that, and I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Take on notice whether there has been any instruction, directive, suggestion or</p>	47/48	3/4/14	15/5/14

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				what have you to change the terminology used. Dr de Brouwer: Yes, Senator. I would be very surprised.			
196	Corporate: PCD	Waters	Department legal matters	I understand that Clive Palmer MP has threatened to sue the Department for performing its regulatory functions and upholding our environmental laws. 1. How does the Department allocate funding towards proactive and defensive legal matters? Is there a set fund? 2. Is there a set funding allocation from which both proactive compliance actions and defensive legal action is funded? 3. Has the Department ever been the target of legal action for doing its job in the past? Please provide a list including all such legal actions and detail the cost to the Department in, a) staff hours b) legal fees c) fees for expert witnesses d.) other expenses 4. How much money would it cost the Department to defend such a claim in the Courts?	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14
197	Corporate: PCD	Whish- Wilson	Transpacific Partnership Agreement	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Have you attended of the rounds of negotiations or has it been at ministerial briefing level? Mr Thompson: No, those officers have attended rounds of the negotiations. I do not have the precise	7	4/4/14	15/5/14

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				meetings they have attended but, yes, they have attended. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Can I get those on notice? Mr Thompson: I will take that on notice.			
198	Corporate: PCD	Whish- Wilson	Trans Pacific Partnership Negotiations	<p>1. Have any representatives from your Department attending any of the TPPA negotiating rounds?</p> <p>a. If Yes how many and what classification level are they?</p> <p>2. Does the Department receive briefings or updates from DFAT on the negotiations?</p> <p>3. Does the Department attend a regular meeting such as an Inter Departmental Committee on the TPPA?</p> <p>4. What staffing resources does your Department provide for your work on the TPPA?</p> <p>5. Has the Department briefed the Minister on the negotiations and possible implications for the Department and the Minister if the agreement is agreed?</p> <p>6. Can you provide dates of when these briefings took place or were provided to the Minister?</p> <p>7. Has there been any discussion with your state counterparts over the potential impact of the TPPA?</p> <p>8. Has the Department run a consultation process with stakeholders about potential implications of the TPPA?</p> <p>a. If yes where and when did these consultations takes place?</p> <p>b. which stakeholders were invited?</p>	Written	4/4/14	15/5/14

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				c. which stakeholders attended?			
199	Director of National Parks	Ruston	Indigenous employment programmes	<p>Senator RUSTON: You do not have to answer now, but I would be interested even in a bit of an outline of the type of programs that are in place to try to encourage Indigenous employment. It is obviously something that is a very strong focus of the current government, so I would be interested to know.</p> <p>Ms Barnes: Absolutely. And definitely we are looking at what more we can do because it is such a strong focus.</p>	68	8/5/14	15/5/14
200	Director of National Parks	Waters	World Parks Congress	<p>I understand that Parks Australia is involved in the running of the World Parks Congress (WPC).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the minimum amount of money which a community group would have to spend to attend the Congress? 2. What process was used to arrive at this figure? 3. Does the government envisage the WPC as an opportunity for the community to engage with other stakeholders in the management of national parks and protected areas? 4. How many independent community groups are expected to attend? 5. Why is the minimum cost so high for community groups? 6. Have options been canvassed to reduce the cost of attendance for community groups? 	Written	29/4/14	15/5/14
201	Great Barrier	Urquhart	Dredging impacts	Can you please explain the risks to marine life associated with dredging?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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	Reef Marine Park			Can you please explain some of the risks associated with dredging activities and extreme weather events?			
202	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Urquhart	Dredging in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Who did you consult during the assessment to grant North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation a permit to dump 3m cubic metres of dredge spoil in the GRB World Heritage Area? What was the advice from the scientific community? What was the advice from the tourism industry? What was the advice from the fishing industry? What was the advice from conservationists?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
203	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Stephens	GBRMPA Act – Prosecution and Penalties	Senator STEPHENS: Can you give the committee an indication of how many people have been charged and prosecuted under the previous regime—which might indicate what revenue is generated from penalties and whether or not they are a disincentive. Mr Richardson: We are talking about two different pieces of legislation. I will speak about the EPBC Act. I am not aware of any prosecutions for illegal take of, or trade in, dugongs and turtles. Senator STEPHENS: Anything other than the dugongs and turtles? Dr Dripps: We can take on notice the provision of information relating to the GBR	113	1/5/14	15/5/14
204	Great Barrier	Urquhart	Technical Advice	Senator URQUHART: How often will the technical advice panel and management response group meet?	95	22/4/14	15/5/14

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	Reef Marine Park Authority		Panel	<p>What is their schedule? What is their relationship with the authority?</p> <p>Mr Elliot: I would have to take on notice what their schedule is. Their relationship with the authority is that we must approve the membership of the technical advisory panel, but they do not work for us. We also need to approve the membership of the management response group. We have also dictated who some of those members will be—not the individuals but, for example, we require industry and community representatives.</p>			
205	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Urquhart	Outlook Report 2014	<p>Senator URQUHART: What sort of consultation are you doing on that?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: The outlook report consultation has been done through a round of meetings with some hundreds of people in major town centres, with our 12 local management advisory committees. This was work done also for the strategic assessment, so they have run together and we have had quite extensive consultation. We have had a management effectiveness review done, independently of us, and that work is underway now.</p> <p>I would have to take on notice the precise plans for the consultation once this draft is substantially done, but it will happen more quickly than previously given the amount of community work we have already done. The strategic assessment will be tremendously informative,</p>	96	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				and we are already getting a lot of feedback on it as well. Senator URQUHART: If you could provide the information about the consultation on notice, that would be fine			
206	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Legal Budget	Senator WATERS: Does GBRMPA not have its own legal budget? Dr Reichelt: We do. Our typical action is where we are in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a decision, for instance. There is a few hundreds of thousands of dollars. Senator WATERS: Each year? Dr Reichelt: That is about the amount of our budget. It would not necessarily be used each year. Senator Cormann: We might give you something more specific on notice. Senator WATERS: Perhaps you could take it on notice. Dr Reichelt: I could give you our past history of legal expenses on notice if that is okay. Senator WATERS: Yes, particularly where the action has been taken against the authority rather than where you yourselves have taken the action. That is perhaps the apposite example. Reflecting on your earlier comments— Dr Reichelt: Sorry, Senator. I was just getting advice. There are really only a couple of cases where it has occurred. It is not a very common event, but we will give	99	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				you the information.			
207	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	2011 Breach	<p>Senator WATERS: With regard to that active investigation that you mentioned that the Queensland government has undertaken, I am just trying to find my relevant piece of paper but I understand that the Queensland government then revised the permit conditions and in fact lessened the protection for the reef. Is the authority now going to reconsider its earlier decision to not prosecute given that I think I recall reading that you said you reserved your right to take action against them in future?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: We did reserve that right. The advice I have had on that is that it is not true that the protections were lessened.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I cannot find my bit of paper.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: I would have to check if I am wrong.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you able to provide the checking to me? My understanding was that the environmental authority was significantly weakened as regards water quality, but I would be thrilled to be disabused of that.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt: The briefing I had suggested that the standards were significantly raised. It became much harder—virtually impossible—to make use of the pipe under the conditions. But I am happy to explain that out of session or on notice.</p>	99	22/4/14	15/5/14

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208	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point dredging decision	1. All dredging under this approval is to be overseen by an independent dredge technical panel. Under condition 23, the proponent must establish and fund the panel. What does independent mean in this context? 2. Will the department exercise any measure of oversight regarding the selection of the panel?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
209	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Review of the GBRMPA Board, probity and appointments	1. Why was the Abbot Point sea dumping permit granted before this review was concluded? 2. How are members (and employees) screened for impartiality and relevant scientific knowledge? 3. Has GBRMPA changed its screening processes since the scandal last year?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
210	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Sediment on the Reef	1. What's the estimated annual natural or pre-colonial loads of sediment into the Great Barrier Reef from the Great Barrier Reef catchments? 2. What is the current estimated load added from agriculture? 3. Please provide a table that outlines estimates of annual sediment loads to the Great Barrier Reef from each of 'natural' (pre colonial) contributors, agricultural sources and offshore dumping (capital and maintainance) for each calendar year for the last decade.	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
211	Great Barrier	Waters	Yabulu Nickel Refinery	I refer to the article in the Australian newspaper on 12 February 2014 referring the Yabulu nickel refinery. It	Waters	1/5/14	15/5/14

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	Reef Marine Park Authority			<p>seems that Mr Palmer's company Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (QNPL) discharged toxic waste onto the reef on two occasions without permission. Their applications to dump the waste had actually been refused back by GBRMPA. Mr Palmer's company was not prosecuted on either occasion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why wasn't QNPL prosecuted for the two instances where his company reportedly discharged toxic waste onto the reef without permission in 2009 and 2011? 2. Has any Minister or a Ministerial adviser, at any time either verbally or in writing, discussed this issue with GBRMPA staff? 3. Has any Minister or ministerial adviser, at any time either verbally or in writing, encouraged GBRMPA to take a certain approach to this issue? 4. Has inadequate staffing or resourcing contributed to the lack of action on this issue by GBRMPA? 5. Given that GBRMPA reserved its right to take action against QNPL for the discharges in 2011, and that QNPL remains non-compliant with the terms of its permit in relation to risk, will GBRMPA now take action? 6. Given these discharges, and given that GBRMPA has acknowledged that 'Queensland Nickel has a history of poor water management', would it be appropriate for GBRMPA to now consider whether Mr Palmer is suitable to hold an authority under the Act? 7. Are there any formal processes in place that allow 			

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				<p>consideration of questions of suitability of current permit holders under the Act?</p> <p>8. What are the criteria for such assessments?</p> <p>9. Have those criteria changed since the election in 2013?</p> <p>10. How many staff are dedicated to that kind of assessment?</p> <p>11. Reports indicate there are serious levels of risk in the Yabulu tailings ponds such as more than 5,000 million litres of “hazardous waste” in the ponds, with a nitrogen concentration of 150 times the maximum allowed for discharge in the GBRMP. Is it true that there is a risk tailings pond dam wall could collapse? Please provide details of this risk, and please also outline the risks this poses to the Reef should the dam wall collapse?</p>			
212	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Mr Palmer's threats to sue the Reef Authority	Regarding media reports that Mr Clive Palmer has threatened to sue GBRMPA if the Authority 'exerted authority over the operations' of Yabulu refinery which the Authority has found to have illegally discharged toxic waste to the Reef, has any Minister or ministerial adviser provided any direction, guidance or encouragement (either verbally or in writing) to any GBRMPA officials on how the Authority might respond to this issue, and particularly on the question of whether enforcement action should be taken against Mr Palmer and his company?	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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213	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	GBR Strategic Assessment submissions – Marine Assessment	<p>I refer you to the GBR Strategic Assessment undertaken the Authority.</p> <p>1. How many submissions were received? How many substantive submissions were received?</p> <p>2. GBRMPA will be aware the Senate has called for the Govt to publish all submissions – is this going to happen? When can we expect this?</p> <p>3. The Strategic Assessment will essentially determine the future of how our Great Barrier Reef is managed. Why should the community have any confidence in this process if we cannot even see the submissions made to decision makers by all experts, community members and industry representatives?</p> <p>4. Does GBRMPA believe it is in the public interest to release in full all submissions made to the Strategic Assessment? If not, please provide a detailed response.</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14
214	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Abbot Point dumping approval	<p>1. As part of the approval of the capital dredging, Minister Hunt required assessment of alternative offshore disposal sites. This followed recognition by North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBPC) last year that dumping near the wreck of the Catalina was an 'absolute constraint', and resulted in their identification of more appropriate dump sites</p> <p>a) When NQBPC seeks to change the approved dump site, will GBRMPA require variation applications to the Sea Dumping Act and GBRMP Act dumping permits, or</p>	Written	22/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>will it require new applications?</p> <p>b) What is the required process should a variation in a dumping permit be sought?</p> <p>c) What criteria does GBRMPA use to determine whether new, or variation, applications will be required?</p> <p>2. In light of Australia's obligations under the London Protocol to reduce the necessity for sea dumping, what planning, procedures and/or other measures, if any, has GBRMPA implemented to identify and facilitate viable, land-based dredge spoil disposal sites or beneficial uses for dredge spoil?</p> <p>3. All dredging under this approval is to be overseen by an independent dredge technical panel. Under condition 23, the proponent must establish and fund the panel. What does independent mean in this context?</p> <p>4. Will GBRMPA exercise any measure of oversight regarding the selection of the panel?</p>			
215	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Waters	Seagrass offsets	<p>1. How many permits issued by GBRMPA have included conditions requiring offsets for damage to seagrasses in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and/or the GBR World Heritage Area?</p> <p>2. For each permit, please describe:</p> <p>a) The project name and reference number</p> <p>b) The year(s) the offset was implemented (or is due to be implemented)</p> <p>c) The year the damaging activity commenced (or is due to commence)</p>	Written	16/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>d) The nature of the offset (ie what is being offset and how it is being offset)</p> <p>e) The monitoring or auditing of the offset/s that has taken place to date.</p> <p>f) The extent to which any of these offsets has resulted in rehabilitation of seagrasses or protection of seagrasses</p>			
216	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Rhiannon	MOUs Expiry date	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, Chair. Dr Dickson, I would like to move on to some of the international work of the authority. I understand there are memorandums of understanding with Mekong River Commission and the Yellow River Conservancy Commission in China. When do those MOUs expire? What is the annual budget allocated to them?</p> <p>Dr Dickson: I will have to get back to you on when they expire. We do not have any budget allocated to them in the annual budget. The work we do with the Yellow River Conservancy Commission is where we have been involved in either a conference there or a meeting over here, but I cannot remember the last occasion we might have done that. I can certainly provide you with the latest advice on that. On the Mekong River, we did host a delegation about this time last year that came to Australia to explore a lot of the way that we undertake water planning, particularly in an integrated basin. The budget for that was supplied by AusAID, so they were supported by the aid budget. We supplied our staff and</p>	28	16/5/14	

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				organised the program for them. This is part of our general communications and engagement budget. We do not have an allocation on the activities. Beyond this couple of events, there is not any particular work program at the moment that has a budget tied to it.			
217	Corporate: CSD	Waters	Proportion of temporary staff changes	Senator WATERS: Okay. Would you able to say what proportion of temporary or casual folk have changed since September or are we confined two financial year figures again? Ms Carlos: I could take that on notice.	7	1/5/14	15/5/14
218	5.1: WHMD	Waters	World Heritage Committee	Senator WATERS: So far, have trips been made that have incurred expenditure with a view to addressing the World Heritage Committee's concerns in person? Dr Dripps: Those meetings that I have indicated were overseas meetings and we can take on notice to provide the details of those meetings.	75	6/5/14	15/5/14
219	Corporate: CSD	Ludwig	Multiple Tenders	List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written	1/5/14	15/5/14
220	Clean Energy	Madigan	Wind Farms	Senator MADIGAN: Could you also take on notice what percentage of those funds has been generated from wind farms that have not satisfied the terms of	52	22/4/14	15/5/14

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	Regulator			<p>their planning permit conditions?</p> <p>Ms Munro: Well, I can answer that second part of the question on the spot. As you will recall, we discussed this question exhaustively when we appeared before this committee in November and through following up on some written questions, on which we also responded to the committee. We do not consider that we have issued units to any entities that were operating outside of their consents.</p> <p>To elaborate on this question, Senator Madigan adds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many 'units' (LGCs) have been issued to the operators of wind energy power stations that did not submit all required evidence of compliance at the time that Accreditation was granted? 2. How many units (RECs/LGCs) have been issued to Accredited wind energy power stations that have still not provided the CER with evidence that they operate in compliance with all conditions of approval and all relevant approval processes of all Local, State/Territory and Commonwealth laws? 			