

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 26 February 2014
Department of Defence

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1.	Defence	Conroy	Physical Security measures for personnel in Afghanistan	Senator CONROY: What physical security measures will be in place for personnel remaining in Afghanistan? Gen. Hurley: I will take that on notice give you more detail.	P 12	19/5/14	17/7/14
2.	Defence	Conroy	Hot Issues Briefs	Senator CONROY: I want to follow up on some questions that were asked at the last estimates. Senator Ludwig asked question No. 57 on notice. It seems from the answer that Defence has ceased publishing hot issues briefs without seeking approval from the minister to do so. Is it common practice for Defence to change standing policies without ministerial approval? Mr Richardson: First of all, quite clearly, high-level policy is not changed without reference to a minister. Indeed, it is the minister in government who makes 'policy' decisions. I think this would be considered more of an administrative matter, but I would need to take on notice precisely who was or was not consulted in making that decision. Senator CONROY: Why was the production of the hot issues brief stopped? Mr Richardson: I would need to take that on notice. Senator CONROY: I think you indicated you will take on notice who made the decision to cease the publication of the Hot Issues briefs. Mr Richardson: Will do.	P 17	21/5/14	17/7/14
3.	Defence	Conroy	DCP – Delayed Projects	Senator CONROY: went to the election with exactly the same funding policy as the then Rudd government. But I just want to ask a specific question, which Senator Johnston raised in his response to the other senator. You mentioned you had moved projects to the right. Which projects have you moved to the right? Senator Johnston: I would have to take that on notice because there are so many I could not enumerate all of them. I will give you that answer on notice— Senator CONROY: Could you give us a flavour? Senator Johnston: I will give you that answer on notice.	P 28	19/5/14	17/7/14

4.	Defence	Furner	Afghanistan: Location of ADF Personnel	<p>Senator FURNER: General Hurley, I have some questions around your opening statement—thank you for that, and I apologise for not being here at the time of your delivery. In the statement, on the second page, you refer to 400 personnel that will continue providing training and support to the ANA and security forces in Kabul and Kandahar. I am just wondering whether there is any possibility of giving us some breakdown in regards to where they may be stationed in Kabul or Kandahar?</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: I will take that on notice and give you a more detailed description.</p>	P 24-25	19/5/14	17/7/14
5.	Defence	Conroy	Operation Sovereign Borders – Personnel on Charge	<p>Senator CONROY: I do not want to tread on any deliberative issues, but has anyone been charged yet as a result of the report? Has anyone who is involved in any way, who is under the jurisdiction of yourselves—I am not talking about Customs or others that clearly are not your jurisdiction—and who is operating within Operation Sovereign Borders been charged? You may have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: No, they have not.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am not just talking about the report that you have—certainly as part of the report—but is anyone on any charges across the entire—</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: For how long?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Since Operation Sovereign Borders began.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: Has anyone been charged for an offence of—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Is on a charge. I am not sure what the formal description is in this circumstance.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: That could mean that they were late for work, or are you talking about the nature of the operation?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The nature of the operation.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: Then I—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I did not think you charged someone for being late for work. It seems a fairly harsh thing to do.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: It depends how frequently. I think I can say no. We will do a check on notice.</p>	P 32-33	19/5/14	17/7/14

6.	Defence	Fawcett	Sustainment Funding	<p>Senator FAWCETT: But in light of providing this committee with an oversight of those areas where pressure is coming on the department, is it possible that where you, for an appropriate response to the executive's direction, have to provide less than you would like into areas of sustainment, you can start flagging those so that the parliament does have an awareness of where the pressure points are within Defence that are having to 'hurt' a little—I think you used that word before—in order to allow other things to occur within the constraints that you are given? At the moment, there is no visibility. We have asked numerous times through this process and there has been no visibility of those areas. I think that is an important thing for the parliament to understand.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will take that on notice.</p>	P 36	19/5/14	17/7/14
7.	Defence	Fawcett	Skill-sets	<p>Senator FAWCETT: We have had evidence before the committee in previous estimates that there have been occasions where people are filling jobs without due consideration of the competence and skill sets. Is it possible that, where Defence feels constrained to fill a position because they have somebody on the books who does not meet a job description, it can be tallied up so that we have an understanding of how cost pressures are affecting the ability of Defence to fill its positions with appropriately qualified and experienced persons?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I can take that on notice, bearing in mind that the government has announced a review of the department, including the relationship between DMO and the department. I think a lot of those issues that you go to are going to be picked up in that review. But I will take your question on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I appreciate that, but my question is broader than just the DMO. It also impacts on Defence.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure.</p>	P 36	19/5/14	17/7/14

8.	Defence	Fawcett	Flying Rates	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Although this is listed under Army capabilities, under 1.3, it applies to all of the budget reporting. I notice in table 21 you have some specific details here about flying rate of effort in terms of revised budgets. There are no similar tables for Navy or Air Force. Can I take it that there has been no revision for those other services? Also, could you explain why the revision for Army and where you are at in terms of achieving the revised targets? Also, where are we at in terms of achieving the forecast targets for the other services?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will refer it to General Morrison.</p> <p>Gen. Morrison: Are you referring specifically to MRH and ARH?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: In the table you have CH-47 Delta and Foxtrot, S-70A-9 Black Hawk, Kiowas, ARH and MRH, and there appear to be revised figures for all. I am seeking to understand why the revision? Also, does the absence of that table for the other two services mean there has been no revision for them?</p> <p>Gen. Morrison: I am going to take the question on notice, because I think there are specific matters you want to look at and have addressed. I would just make the general comment that the estimates are put forward based on a projected rate of effort, which of course is reliant on the availability of spare parts or qualified staff, and during the course of a budget year all of those become variables. I would think, certainly in the case of ARH and MRH, where there have been some ongoing challenges with regard to maintaining what we see as an acceptable rate of effort, that that has led to the variance. But I will give you a more specific answer on notice.</p>	P 36-37	16/5/14	17/7/14
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9.	Defence	Conroy	Operations Sovereign Borders MOUs with other agencies - JATF Administrative Agreement	<p>Gen. Hurley: Could I read a response? CHAIR: Please do. Gen. Hurley: There is one from Senator Conroy. You asked: does Defence have any MOUs with any other agencies involved in OSB? Defence has an administrative agreement with the joint agency task force. This cooperative arrangement or agreement addresses the personnel management of Defence personnel working within the joint agency task force, and Defence does not have any MOUs or other agreements with other agencies within the joint agency task force.</p> <p>There was a question about whether the police have been called in to investigate leaking of information in recent months. Where appropriate, allegations of unauthorised disclosure of Defence information are referred to the AFP and other relevant agencies for investigation or appropriate action. The Defence Security Authority has referred one allegation of unauthorised disclosure of Defence information to the AFP since December 2013. It would not be appropriate for us to comment on the current investigation. Obviously we treat the unauthorised disclosure of information as a serious matter, and we have a comprehensive security framework in place to address risk of compromise of official information.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Thank you. I have two follow-ups on that. Is it possible to get the admin agreement tabled or provided to the committee? Gen. Hurley: I will take it on notice. I do not see why not, but I simply do not know.</p>	P 42	19/5/14	17/7/14
10.	Defence	Xenophon	Operation MAJORCA	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I want to ask questions of the department and of Defence generally in relation to fraud prevention. In response to a reply to question 60 in the questions on notice at Senate budget estimates on 3 or 4 June last year, I think the department advised that Defence does not currently intend to propose the release of the Busuttil report. My question is in respect of that. Can you provide the official name of the naval board of inquiry that it refers to? Secondly, can you provide the terms of reference that was given to it? Further, can you provide the date that the completed report was presented to the then Chief of Navy. And, finally, can you provide the distribution list of who received the report? I think that report related to allegations of fraud within a particular facility.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I think it would be best if we took the detail of that question on notice.</p>	P 43	19/5/14	17/7/14

11.	Defence	Xenophon	ANAO Audit Implementation	<p>Senator XENOPHON: This is an issue I have had and constituents have had. Last November, in relation to question 44 on notice in respect of the Defence implementation of audit recommendations, the response was that therefore the ANAO had acknowledged that Defence does have systems to centrally monitor the progress of both ANAO and internal audit recommendations, and Defence had agreed to the ANAO's recommendation of implementing a system for monitoring recommendations or reforms for major reviews. Given that the management of major reviews and major projects has been a significant issue for successive defence and finance ministers over the years, I am just trying to establish why it appears that the ANAO's recommendations have not yet been implemented in respect of dealing with these issues of managing projects. In other words, is there an appropriate monitoring system to deal with the matters raised by the ANAO in terms of monitoring major projects and having a system in place to do—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We certainly have a monitoring process, and Warren King, I think, can go into that in more detail.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Before Mr King does that: as I understand it, other Australian government departments may have monitoring systems that are suitable to the ANAO's recommendation that could be used in the meantime to build up the system. As I understand it, there were questions raised about whether the monitoring system is as robust as it is for the other agencies. I may be wrong on that, but that was my understanding.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I do not think any other department in the Commonwealth has projects that even come close to the complexity of the Defence projects.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But also it is whether the monitoring systems in place are as adequate as I think the ANAO was alluding that they should be.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Right.</p> <p>Mr King: To the broader question of monitoring audits, we do, across the whole department. One of the challenges you have in monitoring audit recommendations, particularly in my area—the major projects area—is that not only do you have to monitor your work but you have to be able to demonstrate satisfactorily that you have implemented the recommendation just by process and by evidence. For example, the ANAO might say that in tendering for a project we should take account of a certain matter. We then put in place the process inside our tendering processes that reflects the ANAO report. But then we also have to demonstrate by evidence that we are implementing that. That can take some time, because you might need to assemble objective evidence that you have implemented that for a range of projects and therefore it has become business. So, I believe the answer to the question is, yes, we do have a robust method of managing our audit reports, and we do follow up, and in fact we at the senior committees review it regularly to make sure that we are implementing those actions.</p>	P 44	19/5/14	17/7/14
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12.	Defence	Xenophon	ANAO Audit Implementation	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I am sorry to interrupt. If you could provide more details about the methodology and systems in place without in any way compromising the integrity of what you are doing, I think that would be useful. In question on notice No. 46 last November in respect of fraud investigators, the response was that no ADFIS investigators had had a rotation with the Fraud Control and Investigations Branch. I am just trying to establish— again, I am happy to do that on notice—how you are satisfied that Defence has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting, data collection, procedures and processes that meet the specific needs of Defence in terms of the level of training of those officers. Again, I am not in any way reflecting on their integrity. It is a question of: do they have the support, the training and the resources to combat appropriately any fraud that may occur within Defence?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will take that on notice, but I will give a general answer to your question. We do get regular reporting in respect of allegations or concerns regarding fraud and the like. We do train people properly. And we—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could I get details of what that level of training is? Again, this is not a reflection on the investigators. It has been put to me that there may be scope for improvement in the level of training they have and that compared to other fraud investigators they may not have the same level of training. That may or may not be the case.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: There could be scope for improvement, and we will certainly provide you with the details.</p>	P 44	19/5/14	17/7/14

13.	Defence	MacDonald and Faulkner	Fleet Base East (Garden Island) Hammer head crane	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Admiral Griggs, as I mentioned the earlier, I am interested in what has been spent on Garden Island. We did go through this at a previous estimates but I am wondering if you can update me on notice, if you do not have the figures in front of you. Can you confirm what is being done at Garden Island and what is proposed to be done at Garden Island over the planned future in relation to naval support infrastructure.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Under the LHD and AWD projects, there are obviously infrastructure elements. A total of \$33.9 million was allocated. Mr Grzeskowiak might have the split between the two projects, but I think it is actually quite difficult to break out the LHD component of that.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What is AWD?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: It is the Air Warfare Destroyer. We are talking about the construction of an assistant program office through to a life support office, a greater platform monitoring system, a remote monitoring station and some improvements to the berthing infrastructure to berths 1 to 3.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So most of this is electronics, is it?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Some of it is. There is also some actual physical infrastructure work to be done on the wharves, and that is where it is very difficult to split out between Air Warfare Destroyer and the LHD</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am interested in both.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: The total number is \$33.9 million.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And that is it, is it, for the foreseeable future?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: That is my understanding.</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: The \$33.9 million is the Landing Helicopter Dock proportion of spend, and it is exactly on the sorts of things that the Chief of Navy was describing. In addition to that, there is \$39.8 million associated with the spend for Air Warfare Destroyer facilities. Again, they are similar types of facilities—a system project office, some refurbishment of existing store facilities, remote monitoring facilities and berthing infrastructure. I do not have any detail beneath that, but that could be provided on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So it is closer to the \$80 million, which I had heard spoken about.</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Yes: when you add those two projects together on the Garden Island precinct.</p>	P 56-57	19/5/14	17/7/14
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14.	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Review	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Last estimates, I asked about the Rizzo review and specifically put a question on notice about progress in restoring the engineering capability in the Navy. I was interested in particular trades and the rate of progress towards that. The answer I got back was fantastic in terms of an overview, but it did not actually answer the question in terms of the trade areas in which you are seeking to bring an enduring workforce back up to speed and how you are progressing against each of those areas. Could I put that on notice, again, and ask you to come back with it. I am interested to know whether we are providing the right environment in our Defence Force to enable you to actually grow that. I am aware that you are doing a lot of lateral recruiting. But, to be sustainable in the long term, we actually have to have the environment where we can grow the competence that you need.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Certainly.</p>	P 59	19/5/14	17/7/14

15.	Defence	Stephens	Defence Export Steering Group and Legislation	<p>Senator STEPHENS: Chair, thank you for your patience. Given the long history that we have all had with the Defence Export Control Office and the implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Bill, and the parliamentary oversight that this committee provides to that bill, can you just bring us up to speed with where things are at with the Defence Export Control Office? How many applications have been received since June last year?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I thank you for your interest in this, because it is important. What I have been doing is watching Professor Chubb, who has been chairing the steering group. I have been talking predominantly to the research and development side of the tertiary institutions, who—as you know—were an afterthought of consultation way back when. I think there is a second report to be made public from the steering committee, arising from December. There are further things happening in March.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Just for your information, the committee has received Professor Chubb's report from the December meeting.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Very good. I think there is a further consultation in March. What I will do is I will take on notice your question and give you a full run-down on where we are at and the timeframe. We are still on schedule for the timeframe, but the most recent advice I have as of yesterday is that those people who were concerned—that is, a number of professors, researchers and developers—are happy with the progress of the steering committee. I think the legislation is coming forward. Do not hold me to when an exposure draft might be produced, but I do not think it will be very long. When it is introduced, if it is soon, then obviously the committee will have the opportunity to review it and to take further submissions to satisfy yourselves that applied and basic researchers are happy with the direction that the legislation is going. So let us see how that goes. I will take your question on notice and give you a full rundown on the status of the steering group and the legislative process.</p>	P 59-60	19/5/14	17/7/14
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				<p>Senator STEPHENS: Thank you very much doing that. I can see from Professor Chubb's report that that issue about publications and intellectual property has been quite a focus of the working group to date.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: I want to go to some of the other issues, such as how the Wassenaar agreement is operating in terms of not just the intellectual property but potential dual-use goods, which was also one of the big issues raised in the inquiry. Perhaps you can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I certainly will, but that is one of the principal focuses of the steering committee vis-a-vis research going on in tertiary institutions. Leave that with me and I will come back to you on that. The munitions list, the commercial list and potential dual-use observations of various research is the principal focus, and then there is the licensing of such research and setting out clear parameters where researchers need to be aware that they will need to be licensed. The intangible applications of taking laptops overseas, talking in emails and all of that sort of stuff the steering group is putting a handle on, and I will come back to you in a detailed response.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Thank you very much, and could you also take on notice these questions in terms of reporting more fulsomely on the progress of the work of the office: issues around streamlining and simplifying the process for dealing with applications and what measures have been taken; the average length of time taken to deal with the applications; how many applications have been approved; how many have been denied; whether reasons are given for denials of approval; and how the department is looking to promote greater understanding of the regulatory environment. That would be helpful.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Sure.</p>			17/7/14
16.	Defence	McEwen	RAAF RIMPAC 2014 commitments	<p>Gen. Hurley: Chair, could I just read in a response in relation to Air Force's contribution to RIMPAC 14. There will be two P-3Cs and three crews, with 90 support staff and 12 personnel for duties at the maritime operations centre, and a Wedgetail with two crews and 50 support staff and approximately 20 personnel for the combined air operations centre.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: So that is one less P-3. Is that right? In 2012.</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: But one Wedgetail.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Is that because of the requirements of Operation Sovereign Borders?</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: I would not think so, but I will come back to you on that.</p>	P 67	19/5/14	17/7/14

17.	Defence	MacDonald	Land 121 G-Wagon	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay; I note your language, and we will record it in <i>Hansard</i> very clearly: they will be repaired close to their operational area. Thank you. The other question is: the G-Wagons, as I understand it, had to be retrofitted and painted, so they were brought in to Brisbane, and I am wondering why they were not brought into Townsville, Cairns and Darwin, where they are going to be operational. Is it not possible to paint them and retrofit them by local contractors in those other cities?</p> <p>Major Gen. McLachlan: I might take that one on specific notice and get back to you with the detail.</p>	P 70	19/5/14	17/7/14
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18.	Defence	Stephens	Battlefield management systems	<p>Senator STEPHENS: I have some quick questions on 1.3. This is in relation to Plan Beersheba and interest in the role and support from the Army Reserve. Can you bring us up to speed on plans to extend the battle management system to the Army Reserve?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: Plan Beersheba itself is engendering a number of very significant force structure changes in both the regular force and the reserve force. And we are seeing a number of benefits accrue, particularly with regard to the reserve, to then maintaining the high operational focus that has been a part of their experience for the last five to seven years—substantial commitment to the Solomon Islands and then to East Timor. That of course requires me as the capability manager to look at what equipment needs to be made available to the reserve—not just to keep an operational focus, but to be able to do something when they are on operations. And there are plans under the rollout for a battlefield management system that will see reserve units equipped with them as part of that fourth-generation cycle that we now have running across all of the Army.</p> <p>Having said that, at the moment it is only regular units on a high level of readiness that are receiving the new battlefield management systems. And it will take some time, as the DMO and industry furnish us with additional capability, for them to be rolled out to units at a lower readiness level, which includes the reserve.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: I take from that then that the Army reserve elements participating in Exercise Hamel will not have that capability.</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Morrison: If they are required to participate using that suite of equipment, then they certainly will receive it, and that will of course include training on its use. But I have to make the point that at the moment there are a number of regular units that do not have access to the new battlefield management systems, because they are still being rolled out across the Army.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Are you able to provide the committee with milestones and a timetable for that rollout?</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Morrison: I can, yes.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: If you could take that on notice, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Morrison: I will.</p>	P 71	19/5/14	17/7/14
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19.	Defence	Fawcett	Timing benchmarks for security clearances	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Given that the chair is pushing us on time, I am happy to put this on notice, but I would be interested in some explanation as to how you arrived at the benchmarks and particularly what engagement industry had to indicate whether particularly those six-month benchmarks were acceptable to them in terms of their ability to hire people and use them productively.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I might say that in relation to setting a benchmark of six months for a positive vet industry's views are not relevant. A positive vet is a very deep dive and we would not consult with industry. We understand their concerns but positive vetting is really a particular level—</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I understand positive vetting and I guess I am talking more about the negative vets 1 and 2 because they are the ones that particularly affect industry who are seeking to bring people on either to bid or work with the Commonwealth. Quite often they have to employ them to secure their services but then cannot use them for earning revenue because they do not yet have the clearance. So I would be interested in some background about how those benchmarks were achieved.</p> <p>Mr Meekin: Certainly we can provide an explanation.</p>	P 73	19/5/14	17/7/14
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20.	Defence	Wright	1971 case of Navy member's request for review of discharge	<p>Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. I will start then. I have a constituent who was discharged from the Royal Australian Navy on compassionate grounds in 1971. I understand the department is reviewing the circumstances of his discharge, including his medical assessment, at his request. He seeks a retrospective medical discharge in the light of new medical and other evidence regarding the nature and extent of his condition which came to light after his discharge. That is just the background to my questions. There are also concerns, from his point of view, about procedural fairness in relation to his case. I am interested to know how long the department would normally take to perform such a review. For instance, does the department have internal guidelines or KPIs relating to performing such views in a timely way?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Needham: The review of the mode of discharge is largely a question that comes down to superannuation. In that regard, the question comes to how the member separated and how that impacts on their superannuation after they leave the Defence Force. The decision-maker in this regard is usually ComSuper and the role that defence plays is that of an information provider to ComSuper, which makes the decision regarding the member's superannuation payout.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: If there is a query, though, about the reason for the discharge, whose role is it to look into that and review that?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: It is the service chief who will investigate the particulars of the case and determine whether the mode of discharge needs to be changed.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: So what are the KPIs? How long would the department normally take to perform such a review?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: It is very hard to put a tight KPI around this sort of process because the case you are talking about was in 1971. Just getting access to documentation can take a variable amount of time depending on how easy it is to obtain. Then you have to go through the details of the case. Some of them are fairly straightforward; some of them are incredibly complex. Some can take weeks; some can take years.</p>	P 74-75	16/5/14	17/7/14
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			<p>Senator WRIGHT: Are there any internal guidelines about that—about the time to be taken?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I do not think there are hard internal time lines. You deal with it as quickly as you can with the resources available.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: How many reviews of this nature are being performed by the department at present? I am interested to know how common these are.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: We will take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: That is fine. What safeguards does the department have in place to ensure that such reviews are conducted in an independent and unbiased way?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Needham: I understand that Defence collects information but then provides it to ComSuper which makes its decision. They have a forum called the Defence Force Case Assessment Panel which looks at the information provided and then makes an assessment and recommendation as to how the member's case will be treated.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Is it the case that members of the ADF who were discharged before 1 September 1973 with a class C pension or lower—that is, not a class A or B—have no formal way to appeal the grounds of the discharge?</p> <p>Gen. Hurley: We will have to take that on notice, I think, Senator.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: You are heading back a fair way.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: It is quite detailed; I understand that. But I am interested to find that out. May I ask then, if not, can we have details of the means to appeal their cases, particularly in the case of those who seek a retrospective medical discharge? If yes—if that is the case—I would be interested to know how that situation is different for those veterans discharged after 1 September 1973 and why that is the case—what the rationale for that is.</p> <p>My final two questions, rushing against the clock: what options are available for veterans who experienced improper assessment or improper recording at the time of their discharge? That is the concern that is raised in this particular case.</p> <p>Ms McGregor: I would prefer that we come back to you with a comprehensive answer to each of those.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: My last one, then, is: what options are available when new medical or other evidence has become available following the discharge? That is the comprehensive answer I would be seeking. Thank you.</p>			17/7/14
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21.	Defence	Conroy	Land 400	<p>Vice Adm. Jones: Land 400 at the moment is leading towards first pass to government. We are preparing the first submission, including the basis of provisioning but also looking to be able to describe the full range of Land 400, both in terms of the ASLAV replacement component and the APC, as well as specialist vehicles and other training and simulation elements of the project.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I was asking whether you expected it to result in around 1,100 new vehicles.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Jones: It is more likely to be around 700 vehicles.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is a lot less than 1,100.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Jones: The issues that influence provisioning will be the amount of protection for each vehicle as well as the size and so on. The Chief of Army's requirement is for a minimum of about 700.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can you give me a breakdown of the 700—as compared to the original 1,100?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Jones: It would probably be best if we took that on notice because there are a range of specialist vehicles as well in that breakdown.</p>	P 75	19/5/14	17/7/14
22.	Defence	Whish-Wilson	Australian Defence Industry clauses	<p>Mr King: Just on the free trade issue, if I could: it is important that what we have done is to actually get a carve-out so that we can have Australian industry capability plans in our projects that we direct that we want done in Australia.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Have you had negotiations with DFAT concerning that?</p> <p>Mr Dunstall: There is express provision in annex A to chapter 15 of the Australia-US free trade agreement that specifically provides for the continuation of the Australian industry capability program. We mirror that market exemption in our free trade agreements for consistency.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So that has been put on the table for the TPP and the Korea free trade agreement?</p> <p>Mr Dunstall: I would have to check with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, but we take a consistent approach with our free trade agreements on our market access arrangements.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: If you could check that for me, that would be fantastic. Thank you.</p>	P 81	19/5/14	17/7/14

23.	Defence	Fawcett	Supply Chain	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Yes, it is the same topic. Mr King, you mentioned in that answer the global supply chain. Could you just tell us: how many companies in Australia benefit from that approach? Is it 50 per cent, five per cent—what percentage of the industry benefits? I am happy to take this on notice so that Senator Conroy can keep going, but I would like to know how many companies are primes versus SMEs and what is the value of work that is going into the global supply chain for our companies.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Dunstall: On your supply chain question, the top-level stats are that since the program has been operating effectively since 2009, although we did a pilot with Boeing in 2007, 390 contracts have been awarded to 86 companies with a total value of \$590 million from a Defence investment of \$36 million into the program. That is to date. They are the top-level numbers. I can provide more detail if you have specific questions.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: If you can provide more detail on notice—</p> <p>Mr Dunstall: They are all Australian SMEs.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: in terms of the breakdown and whether that was overall value of the project versus the profit, the return to the company that was made. Any detail you can provide would be good.</p> <p>Mr Dunstall: I will do that.</p>	P 81-82	19/5/14	17/7/14
24.	Defence	Conroy	AWD Prime contract	<p>Senator CONROY: Has there been any change to the contract with the prime vendor since the election?</p> <p>Mr King: No, but I will take that on notice. We do do very small contract amendments, but nothing of any significance.</p>	P 83	19/5/14	17/7/14

25.	Defence	Madigan	Bench Drills	<p>Senator MADIGAN: Recently, Brobo Waldown and Parken Engineering both tendered to Land Systems Division to supply the ADF with 250 bench-mount drills. I have personally used both Brobo Waldown and Parken drills for many years and own quite a few pieces of their equipment. People in industry recognise that both these companies provide an extremely high quality product of accuracy, longevity and reliability. Can you please outline why Chinese products supplied by Hare & Forbes Machineryhouse were selected as the preferred product?</p> <p>Mr King: Sorry, what were the supplies?</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: The suppliers were both Brobo Waldown and Parked Engineering—two Australian companies.</p> <p>Mr King: But what was the equipment we were purchasing?</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: The company that supplied them with a Chinese product was Hare & Forbes Machineryhouse.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think they want to know what the equipment was for.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Two hundred and fifty bench-mount drills.</p> <p>Mr King: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: Could you also tell me what the benefits of chosen drills were and what the deficiencies of the Brobo Waldown and the Parken products were?</p> <p>CHAIR: You can take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: In a letter to the minister last week, Brobo Waldown stated that the specifications of the machines requested by the DMFO within the tender were a direct copy of the specifications of their standard machines. Is this statement accepted to be correct according to the department? Can you also take on notice what the proven longevity of these new Chinese imported drills is? Lastly, can you explain how it is best value for money to buy drills from China for less cash up front that will be need to replaced more often than the Australian product?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: You have raised issues that concern me. I have not seen your constituent's letter. We will come back to you with a full explanation about the basis of the matters that you have raised.</p>	P 83	19/5/14	17/7/14
26.	Defence	Fawcett	Land 121 - Modules not Brought on Board	<p>Senator FAWCETT: How many modules were not brought on board, and was anything else brought on board as part of that trade-off?</p> <p>Major Gen. McLachlan: I do not have those numbers right in front of me, so I might take that particular aspect of the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: What type of modules were reduced in number?</p> <p>Major Gen. McLachlan: There are a range of modules. I could not tell you exactly what they are at the moment, so I would prefer to take that on notice and give you the factual information</p>	P 85	19/5/14	17/7/14

27.	Defence	Fawcett	Land 121 – Flat Packs	<p>Senator FAWCETT: One of the questions we had last time was that there was some concern expressed in industry that some of the production that was counted as Australian industry involvement was going offshore. I noticed that one of the companies on the list is doing heavy flatpack ISO 1C but not the standard pallets. Were the numbers of those standard pallets still maintained but sent offshore?</p> <p>Mr King: We do not count offshore production that comes through an Australian subsidiary. We do not count the production and we do not count the profit on it.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I understand that but what I am getting at is in terms of DMO driving for what it considered to be best value for money over that 12-month period beyond when industry expected the contract to be signed, was the production of those modules, which are now not considered Australian industry involvement, sent offshore as part of that process because that was the only way the company could meet the cost targets that the DMO was setting?</p> <p>Mr King: I do not believe so, but to be accurate I will need to check. If the proposal is that we did something to drive stuff offshore, I do not believe so.</p>	P 85	16/5/14	17/7/14
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28.	Defence	Fawcett	Re-baselining Costs for AW program	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Yes, it is the same topic. Mr King, you mentioned in that answer the global supply chain. Could you just tell us: how many companies in Australia benefit from that approach? Is it 50 per cent, five per cent—what percentage of the industry benefits? I am happy to take this on notice so that Senator Conroy can keep going, but I would like to know how many companies are primes versus SMEs and what is the value of work that is going into the global supply chain for our companies.</p> <p>The second point I would like to follow up on goes back to Senator Conroy's questioning. He asked a question and you gave the response that it did not cost extra for the re-baselining of the AW program. Can I just clarify that the re-baselining did in fact incur a cost but that cost was absorbed by—depending which way you want to call it—the management reserve or the contingency and so, yes, the program did not need any additional money from government but there was a cost associated with the re-baselining.</p> <p>Mr King: No, Senator, that is not right.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: That was the evidence given by Finance in November estimates last year.</p> <p>Mr King: I don't know what evidence they gave, Senator, but that is not right. What happened was that there was an accruing risk that was growing because of trying to meet the schedule. There were actually additional costs accrued because of the schedule but that was offset by reduced risk. There was no draw-down on MR because of that. That is the advice I have from the alliance.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can I ask you to go back and check the evidence provided by ASC and Finance last year, because that is not the advice I was given.</p> <p>Mr King: I will certainly check, Senator, but though this information I had from the alliance. I specifically asked for that advice, and the alliance is a holder of the global picture, but I will certainly check, absolutely.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Thank you.</p>	P 81-82	21/5/14	17/7/14
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29.	Defence	Xenophon	ADF Personnel Members of Australian Defence League	<p>On January 26 2014, Fairfax Media published an article stating the Australian navy had launched an internal investigation into revelations Defence personnel were members of the 'Australian Defence League' (ADL), an online group affiliated with the hardline English Defence League that calls for members to "fight the Muslim infiltration of our country".</p> <p>(a) Was the ADF aware at least 20 personnel are members of the ADL prior to being informed by Fairfax? What date did the ADF become aware of this?</p> <p>(b) Can the ADF advise if any of the personnel who are known members of the ADL have previously or are currently working in the front line of Australia's efforts to tackle the number of asylum seekers coming to Australia by boat?</p> <p>(c) Can you advise of the current status of the Navy's investigation? Could you also advise of what measures the Army has taken to investigate its personnel?</p> <p>An ADF spokesperson was quoted in the news article as saying: " Should it be confirmed that any serving member of the ADF has made comments on any Facebook page which are contrary to Defence values and social media policy, disciplinary and/or administrative action may be taken."</p> <p>(d) Can you clarify the ADF's social media policy and what measures and training takes place to ensure ADF personnel are informed of these policies?</p> <p>(e) Could you also advise me of what anti-discrimination training takes place for ADF personnel and the regularity of this training?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
30.	Defence	Xenophon	Reserves	<p>(a) What is Defence's general expectation of conduct from reserve members of the Australian Defence Force?</p> <p>(b) What is the expectation of a police member of the Australian Defence Force who is a member of the Reserve when he is not on duty, but becomes aware of a Serious Notifiable Incident, as described in Defence Instruction DI(G) ADMIN 45-2 "The Reporting and Management of Notifiable Incidents"?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

31.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud Investigators	<p>In response to my Question on Notice No. 46 regarding fraud investigators, defence responded that 'ADFIS Investigators undertake DPSMS Stage 2 training as part of the Service Police Basic Course and consolidate that training as General Duties Service Police members, prior to appointment as ADF Investigators.'</p> <p>Your answer lends itself to some confusion, when paired with question W8 of QoN dated 26 February 2007 Defence Policing and Security Management System (http://www.defence.gov.au/ips/parliament/qons/41st/ssc/miljust/responses/260207_w08.htm) which identified DPSMS Stage 1 having been "built on obsolescent software (Paradox)", it also identified that DPSMS Stage 2 would be built using Oracle.</p> <p>Q.46 related to advanced aspects of the DPSMS system, from your answer it seems that ADFIS investigators are only given the basic introduction course.</p> <p>(a) Do you consider a basic module of instruction on the DPSMS sufficient to protect the probity of a multibillion dollar budget of the Australian Defence Organisation?</p> <p>(b) How does this interact with the supervising Sergeant and Warrant Officer and their recommendation to their Investigating Officer and possibly, further recommendation to the Inspector General and/or the Director of Military Prosecutions? Is the basic course the maximum requirement for them?</p> <p>(c) Can you advise of the status of the agreed recommendation that DPTC become a centre of excellence in DPSMS instruction?</p> <p>(d) Are DPSMS instructors at the DPTC uniformed members of the ADF, Public Servants attached to the DPTC or appropriately trained civilians to provide training and administration?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
32.	Defence	Xenophon	Non-compliant transactions	<p>The 2012-2013 figures relating to non-compliance released by the Minister for Finance (February 2014) showed 14,027 non-compliant transactions.</p> <p>What is the actual financial figure relating to Defence's non-compliance in the years 2008-2009 through 2012-2013?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

33.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Travel Arrangements - Best Fare of the Day	<p>(a) Where is, or who holds the corporate knowledge with regard to Defence Travel Contracting and its application?</p> <p>(b) What advice has been given to the Minister about the effective administration of this aspect of his portfolio?</p> <p>(c) Does Defence's DPSMS hold sufficient case management information and statistics to assist him to implement the Best Fare of the Day policy?</p> <p>(d) Has the Australian Defence Organisation complied, in a timely manner, with the recommendations of the ANAO dating back to 1997?</p> <p>(e) The response by Defence to Senator Ludwig's question No. 48 - Public Service Efficiencies, showed Defence's total invoiced spend on airfares in 2011-12 was \$181m and had been reduced to \$133m in 2012-13.</p> <p>(i) Given the reported saving, why was it necessary to issue DEFGRAM 063/2014?</p> <p>(ii) Does the reference to invoiced spend on airfares include those purchased using the Defence Travel Card?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
34.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Policing and Security Management	<p>In response to Q.45 (Supplementary Budget Estimates – November 2013) regarding the Defence Policing and Security Management System you responded that "The data in DPSMS is not considered by Defence to be unreliable."</p> <p>(a) Given the response to Q.46, who has responsibility for identifying the data quality errors on the part of the user? Here I make reference to correspondence attached to FOI 056/11/12. This potentially can also be challenged by the still unpublished contents of DLA Piper Vol 2, given the quantum of victims that came forward.</p> <p>(b) With regard to your response to Q45 (2) I refer you to Service Police Statement 5MPA/06/2007, the complainants mentioned in the Cultural Review, and the Provost Marshal's response to what was revealed by FOI/ 056/11/12. Is the Department doing a review of the contents of this file and publishing the results of that review?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

35.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud Control and Investigation	<p>Further to Q.47 (Supplementary Budget Estimates - November 2013) regarding Fraud Control and Investigation I refer to question W7 attached to Senate Budget Estimates 2010-2011.</p> <p>W7 (k) The staffing level in the Inspector General's investigations area was increased from six to eleven positions in 2002 in support of the introduction of the Defence Whistleblower Scheme. The Inspector General's investigative structure has remained effectively unchanged since that time.</p> <p>(a) When we compare the size of the budget in 2002 and that of the budget in 2013, are we expecting the Inspector General's staff to do more with less?</p> <p>(b) Where is the Inspector General obtaining the resources to maintain the high standard required</p> <p>(c) Per (g) of W7, in the period 2001-2009, the Inspector General conducted 424 investigations, where 217 were successfully prosecuted with a total value of \$3.969m and a recovery of \$1.367m. Can this be updated for 2010-2013?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
36.	Defence	Eggleston	Former Minister Snowden's expenses	What were former Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Snowden's expenses on hospitality for each of the relevant financial years from 2007/08 to 2012/13?	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

37.	Defence	Rhiannon	US Marines in Darwin	<p>(a) Why are US marines routinely stationed in Darwin?</p> <p>(b) Considering there is no military threat to Australia why has the government departed from the previous way military cooperation with the US was conducted through military exercises and is now conducting both military exercises and allowing US marines to be stationed in Australia?</p> <p>(c) Has the Australian government considered its response if the US deploys the marines stationed in Australia to military action?</p> <p>(d) Would Australia have any say if the US decided to deploy their marines to military action?</p> <p>(e) If the US deployed their marines would it be with the Australian governments "full knowledge and concurrence"?</p> <p>(f) Is the Australian government paying for any aspects of the deployment of US marines in Australia?</p> <p>(g) How much money has been allocated for the upgrading of facilities at Robertson Barracks? Has the US government contributed any money to this upgrade?</p> <p>(h) Are the new facilities at Robertson Barracks at the disposal of the US marines? If so what facilities do the US marines have access to?</p> <p>(i) If US marines are using Robertson Barracks what are the conditions under which the US have been allowed to use this base?</p> <p>(j) Does the Australian government recognise that by allowing US marines to be based in Australia the US gains an advantage by having a 'forward position'?</p> <p>(k) Is Australia subsidising the US's military build-up in the Asia-Pacific and the Indian Ocean regions?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
38.	Defence	Macdonald	Land 400	At what stage is the Land 400 project? What decisions have been made about manufacture, transportation, retro-fit and maintenance for the Land 400 fleet?	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

39.	Defence	Macdonald	RAEME Facilities Upgrades	<p>In answer to Question On Notice 23 from Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2013) the department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information regarding facilities upgrades under Land 121 is no longer commercial-in-confidence; • That additional 'hand tool' kits would be provided to RAEME units at a cost of \$12,500 per kit; • That additional upgrades to RAEME facilities will be required; • That the upgrades will enable maintenance work on Land 121 and Land 121 Phase 3B vehicles; • That the upgrades will service vehicles across a 20-year operational life; • That the exact extent of the upgrades is not now known; • That 3 workshops will need to be rebuilt at a cost of \$12m each; • That 13 workshops will need upgrades at a cost of \$3m each; and, • That the total upgrade cost is \$75m +/- 50%. <p>(a) From whose/what budget does the \$12500 for the repair kit originate? (b) Have the facilities requirements for the upgrades now been finalised (in the answer they are characterised as 'still being developed'). (c) Is an accurate cost estimate for each RAEME facility now available? (d) Which are the three workshops that will need to be rebuilt? Have these workshops been operational in any functional way in their current state? (e) Which/where are the 13 workshops that will require "enhancements"? (f) How is it that the cost estimate provided is +/- 50%? This seems an astonishing variation?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
40.	Defence	Macdonald	C27J Fleet Location	<p>(a) When will a decision on the location of the C27J fleet (35 Squadron) be finalised? (b) Has any work on support infrastructure for the C27J fleet (35 Squadron) been commenced? If so, where? If so, when? If so, what is the budgeted cost and construction time table? (c) What possible location for basing the C27J fleet (35 Squadron) have been investigated? (d) What strategic and budget considerations will determine the base location for the C27J fleet (35 Squadron)? (e) Is it true that the C27J Squadron replaces the work of the former Caribou Squadron and is it a fact that the Caribou squadron was based in Garbutt? If this is so, what were the strategic and other considerations that supported this location?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

41.	Defence	Macdonald	Defence Logistics Transformation Program	<p>In answers to Question on Notice 70 from Supplementary Estimates (November 2013), the Department advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 packets of work have been awarded in Townsville under the program; • 39 of these packets were awarded to Townsville-based companies; • A further ten packets were let to SE QLD companies with offices in Townsville; <p>(a) Which 39 Townsville-based businesses were awarded packets of work under the Program?</p> <p>(b) Which 10 SE QLD businesses were awarded packets of work under the Program?</p> <p>(c) Of the 16 other trade packets, were any awarded to QLD businesses?</p> <p>(d) Of the three remaining to be let, have local Townsville, and/or QLD businesses been granted an opportunity to tender for these contracts?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
42.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Cooperation Program - PNG	<p>(a) Is the expansion in Australia's Defence Cooperation Program with Papua New Guinea (PNG) progressing in line with expectations?</p> <p>(b) How are the following elements of the DCP being implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The establishment of mentoring liaison teams (ii) The work with the PNGDF Air Transport Wing (iii) The expansion of scholarships and professional skills training (iv) The work with the PNG Defence Department, particularly in the fields of financial management and procurement <p>(c) Has the Department received any advice regarding the future of our DCP with PNG?</p> <p>(d) Is the DCPs continuing expansion assured?</p> <p>(e) What are the implications for Australia from the PNG National Security Policy and the updated Defence White Paper?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is Australia specifically discussed in these documents? (ii) Are there implications for Australia's DCP with PNG as a result of the release of these documents? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

43.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Cooperation Program - Indonesia	<p>(a) What is the status of Defence cooperation between Australia and Indonesia?</p> <p>(b) How has Defence cooperation been changed, suspended or even cancelled as a result of recent diplomatic and operational tensions between Australia and Indonesia?</p> <p>(c) Has Australia's program of Military Exercises with TNI been changed, suspended or even cancelled as a result of recent diplomatic and operational tensions between Australia and Indonesia?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
44.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Cooperation Program - Vietnam	<p>What is the nature and extent of Australia's DCP with Vietnam?</p> <p>(a) How much is spent on this DCP?</p> <p>(b) What is the future trajectory for growth in this DCP?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
45.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Cooperation Program - Fiji	<p>What impact will the Foreign Minister's recent visit to Fiji have on our engagement with the Fijian military?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
46.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Cooperation Program - Philippines	<p>What is the nature and extent of Australia's DCP with the Philippines?</p> <p>(a) How much is spent on this DCP?</p> <p>(b) What is the future trajectory for growth in this DCP?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
47.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Support for Antarctica	<p>(a) What is the role played by Defence and the ADF in maintaining the air-link between Australia and the Australian Antarctic Territory (AAT)?</p> <p>(b) Is the primary airfield in Antarctica, Wilkins Aerodrome, reaching the end of its life?</p> <p>(i) Is it expected to be unserviceable beyond the 2016-17 season?</p> <p>(ii) What steps are being taken to remediate the state of this airfield?</p> <p>(c) What action has the Department and RAAF taken to ensure that the air-link continues to exist beyond 2017?</p> <p>(i) Does this involve acquisition of new aircraft?</p> <p>(ii) Does this involve construction of a new airfield in Antarctica?</p> <p>(d) What assessment has the Department made on the importance of Australia retaining a strong and contemporary presence in Antarctica?</p>	Written	21/5/14	17/7/14

48.	Defence	Conroy	Pacific Maritime Security Program	<p>(a) Defence became the lead agency in the development of the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP) under the previous Government. Does Defence remain the lead agency?</p> <p>(b) How has the PMSP progressed since the change of Government?</p> <p>(c) Which Defence Minister or Parliamentary Secretary has responsibility for the PMSP?</p> <p>(d) How much money did the Department spend on the PMSP in FY 12/13?</p> <p>(e) How much money has the Department spent on the PMSP in this FY to date?</p> <p>(i) What has the money has been spent on?</p> <p>(f) Is it the intention of the Government to replace the Pacific Patrol Boats as they reach their end-of-life?</p> <p>(g) Has the Department commenced a Capability Study?</p> <p>(h) Has the Department formed a view about how constructing a replacement patrol boat might assist the Australian Shipbuilding Industry to bridge the so-called 'Valley of Death'?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
49.	Defence	Conroy	F44 Aviation Fuel	<p>(a) What is the Government's plan is to secure and ensure fuel supply for ship-based helicopters, namely: F44 fuel?</p> <p>(b) Are there any concerns about any other aviation fuel type?</p> <p>(c) What is the Government's policy on securing other aviation fuel types?</p> <p>(d) What is the Government's policy on securing other fuel types?</p> <p>(e) Are there wider concerns about non-aviation fuel types (e.g. Diesel or petrol?)</p> <p>(f) In 2012 the government and the Royal Australian Navy, entered into a technology sharing agreement with the US Navy. That agreement allowed our Navy access to US Navy technology on bio-fuels for war-ships and aircraft. It is reported that the Pentagon is pursuing bio-fuels for its Navy with the aim to have US fleets and aircraft capable of using bio-fuel by 2020. How is this agreement coming along?</p> <p>(i) Is the Australian Navy still considering bio-fuels?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

50.	Defence	Conroy	Sea Logistics Support	<p>(a) What is the current status of the program to replace HMAS <i>Success</i> and HMAS <i>Sirius</i>?</p> <p>(b) Is it still the intention of Government to achieve IOC for replacement Supply Ships in 2020/21?</p> <p>(c) Some in the Australian Shipbuilding Industry have urged Government to bridge the so called 'Valley of Death' by means of shortcutting the usual First Pass Approval, tendering and market solicitation processes. How has Defence responded to this suggestion from Industry?</p> <p>(i) What are the benefits to Industry of adopting this approach?</p> <p>(d) The Australian Shipbuilding Industry has asserted that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to bridge the so called 'Valley of Death' if the replacement Supply Ships are subjected to the usual First Pass Approval, tendering and market solicitation processes. Is this true?</p> <p>(i) How might the approvals process fast track such a process while retaining a competitive tendering approach?</p> <p>(e) Has Defence formed a view about the Spanish Navy Replenishment Ship that informs Government deliberations with regard to Australia's replacement of our own Replenishment Capability?</p> <p>(f) What other designs for replacement Supply Ships are being considered by Navy and DMO?</p> <p>(g) Has the Government abandoned the objective of bridging the Valley of Death?</p> <p>(h) Has the solution taken to the last election by the former Labor Government been ruled out?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
51.	Defence	Conroy	LAND 121	<p>(a) Please provide an update on the progress of LAND 121 Phase 3A, 3B and Phase 4?</p> <p>(b) How is the manufacturing of the Hawkei by Thales at Bendigo proceeding?</p> <p>(c) Are there any risks to the timeline on the delivery of the Hawkei?</p> <p>(d) Do the recent developments in the Australian automotive industry have any impacts on LAND 121?</p> <p>(e) Does this impact on the sustainment capability for LAND 121 in Australia?</p> <p>(f) Does the decline of the automotive and manufacturing skills base of our country have any implications for Army or, more broadly, the ADF?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

52.	Defence	Conroy	Air Force Fighter Capability	<p>(a) Is the JSF program is meeting Defence expectations?</p> <p>(b) Has the decision of the previous government to acquire the Growler aircraft and thereby a world-class electronic warfare capability been confirmed by the new Government?</p> <p>(c) Is there any risk to this acquisition?</p> <p>(d) What is the timeline to bring the Growler capability into service?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
53.	Defence	Conroy	C27-J Spartan Squadron	Could the Government please confirm where the new C27-J Spartan squadron is to be based?	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

54.	Defence	Conroy	UAVs	<p>(a) It has been reported that a significant component of the cost of developing an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) capability in the ADF came from 'no-win no-loss' funding for Operation SLIPPER. Is this correct?</p> <p>(b) How would the UAV capability be developed into the future in the absence of such funding?</p> <p>(c) What monies are available in the budget to support this work and avoid the ADF falling behind in terms of this important technology?</p> <p>(d) It was reported in the <i>Weekend Australian</i> on 15 February 2014 that "... the Defence Minister David Johnston will soon recommend to Cabinet's National Security Committee that it will grant first pass approval for the \$3b unmanned aircraft project in the coming months." Is this report accurate?</p> <p>(e) What is the timeframe for the acquisition of this new capability?</p> <p>(f) It has been reported that a key capability of the replacement UAVs will be maritime surveillance, is that the case?</p> <p>(i) Given that we're looking at the Triton, when does the US currently expects a maritime surveillance variant to be available?</p> <p>(ii) Would it be possible for Australia to be operating a Triton for maritime surveillance by 2015?</p> <p>(g) What policy work is being done on the issues surrounding the use of UAVs, including the possible acquisition and employment of UCAVs in the future in terms of command and control, targeting, laws of armed conflict, rules of engagement?</p> <p>(h) What process is in place for the analysis and assessment of the future needs of the ADF in relation to UAV?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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55.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Estate	<p>At the Australian Defence Magazine Conference on 25 February 2013 the Minister stated that the Defence estate is “<i>vast and it is costing us an absolute fortune to maintain and it needs to be rationalised</i>”.</p> <p>(a) Has the Department been directed to divest itself of parts of the estate?</p> <p>(b) What are the criteria for selecting estate that is to be sold?</p> <p>(c) Is the Department considering the needs of ADF Cadets and Army Reserve elements when selecting estate for sale?</p> <p>(d) Are there any plans to expand the footprint of Defence facilities and estate so as to grow the ADF Cadet and Army Reserve presence in new or underserviced regions, such as the Gold Coast in Queensland?</p> <p>(e) Can the Government reassure this committee that it has no plans to sell Anglesea Barracks in Hobart?</p> <p>(f) Which bases or establishments have been flagged for sale?</p>	Written	21/5/14	17/7/14
56.	Defence	Conroy	Protective Services Officers	<p>With regard to the report in the <i>Canberra Times</i> of 3 October 2013 on a reduced requirement for AFP Protective Service Officers on Defence sites and establishments:</p> <p>(a) Please provide details of how many security guards positions will be retained at Holsworthy, Garden Island, Victoria Barracks in Melbourne and Duntroon.</p> <p>(b) Provide details of how much money the Department will save by cutting this service.</p> <p>(c) What is the process that led to the decision to reduce the requirement for AFP Protective Service Officers?</p> <p>(d) Did ASIO participate in this process?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
57.	Defence	Conroy	Defence People	<p>(a) How many civilians are currently employed by the Department?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a breakdown by Branch and Division.</p> <p>(b) Do these civilians constitute a crucial front line resource to the ADF?</p> <p>(c) What steps is the Department taking to ensure that “methodical trimming” does not have adverse operational effects?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

58.	Defence	Conroy	DSTO	<p>With regard to the announcement of 10 February that DSTO and IBM Australia have entered into a strategic alliance to conduct collaborative research in a range of high-end defence technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) What are the specific projects that DSTO and IBM will be collaborating on? (b) With regard to the reference in the announcement to cyber security, analytics and cognitive computing, where do analytics and cognitive computing fit into the defence space? (c) To what extent would some of the outcomes of this collaboration be applicable to improving cybersecurity outside the military sphere? (d) What are the intellectual property arrangements under the agreement? (e) Does DSTO have similar arrangements with other private sector bodies? (f) Is DSTO planning to see more formal collaboration with the private sector to assist their work? (g) How does the DSTO collaboration fit into the overall framework for cybersecurity across the whole of government? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Does this framework encourage such collaboration? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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59.	Defence	Conroy	Reserves	<p>(a) Please advise of any changes to the composition of the Defence Reserves Support Council or its National Executive since April 2013.</p> <p>(i) Please include whether the Universities Australia and media representative Council vacancies have been filled and if so by whom.</p> <p>(b) How often did the Executive and Council meet during the period April 2013 to the present?</p> <p>(i) Please provide details of attendance at meetings of each member.</p> <p>(c) Provide information on departmental expenditure incurred with respect to the Executive and Council, for FY 2012-2013, and for FY 2013-14 as at 31 December 2013.</p> <p>(i) include details of the purpose and date of expenditure incurred</p> <p>(ii) include details of costs attributable to participation of and support by members of the ADF and by civilian employees of the Department</p> <p>(iii) include details of daily fees paid to Council members.</p> <p>(d) As of April 2013 the Council had a roughly four to one weighting in favour of men.</p> <p>(i) What is the male/female ratio in the Reserves?</p> <p>(ii) Does this reflect the male/female ratio in the Reserves?</p> <p>(iii) What is the strategy for increasing women's participation in the Reserves?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
60.	Defence	Conroy	Joint Operations Command	<p>(a) What does the future hold for JOC in the absence of any operations?</p> <p>(b) Does JOC play a role in Operation RESOLUTE?</p> <p>(c) Could JOC would take responsibility for the conduct of ADF exercises?</p> <p>(d) How will the ADF secure the currency of JOC in coming years in the absence of operations?</p> <p>(e) What is the cost of sustaining JOC?</p> <p>(i) Is this expected to decline?</p> <p>(ii) Will the number of ADF and Defence personnel located at JOC decline?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

61.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Capability Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) How many projects have been approved since the election of the new government? (b) What is the approximate value of those projects? (c) Has the new government committed to match the previous government's Forward Estimate budget of \$114b? (d) Has the new government committed to match the previous government's Defence Guidance Period budget of \$220b? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If not what projects are being abandoned, re-scheduled or altered? (e) Has the current government made any decision to reverse savings by the previous government? (f) Does the government remain committed to achieving the stated target of setting defence spending at 2% of GDP within the decade? (g) What will be the annual funding increase path to achieve this target? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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62.	Defence	Conroy	Changes to Defence Allowances	<p>(a) How much money is expected to be saved by the decision to change the eligibility for allowances and the operational status of Operation SLIPPER?</p> <p>(i) Describing the different roles that men and women across the services are currently undertaking as part of Operation SLIPPER, what is the reduction in income for each of those categories due to these changes to allowances and operational status?</p> <p>(b) When have or will the various parts of this announcement take effect?</p> <p>(c) What does "Automatic entitlement" mean?</p> <p>(d) Please describe the different allowances which are affected by these changes and tell me:</p> <p>(i) what the allowance is for;</p> <p>(ii) how much it is;</p> <p>(iii) the rough numbers of personnel who currently receive it; and</p> <p>(iv) the number of personnel who will not receive these announcements as a result of our current planned deployments into the Middle East Area of Operations.</p> <p>(e) When was the decision taken to make these changes?</p> <p>(f) Have Defence personnel here in Australia, along with those serving overseas, been notified of these changes?</p> <p>(i) When were they notified?</p> <p>(ii) How were they notified?</p> <p>(g) In each of the areas of operation affected by these changes, has there been any change to the environment, and the risks that our Defence personnel are facing?</p> <p>(i) Please describe the changes to the Navy operations to warrant a change to their conditions of service.</p> <p>(ii) Please describe the changes to the Army operations to warrant a change to their conditions of service.</p> <p>(iii) Please describe the changes to the Air Force operations to warrant a change to their conditions of service.</p> <p>(h) Which operational theatres will be affected by these changes?</p> <p>(i) Which specific operations will have personnel affected by these changes?</p> <p>(j) Will the changes affect all defence personnel currently deployed to these areas of operation or just some?</p> <p>(k) How will personnel that started their tour prior to the announcement, but will finish after the date of effect, be affected?</p> <p>(l) Will these changes effect eligibility for medals and other recognition?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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				<p>(m) Are personnel who are rotating into these areas of operation now eligible for the same medals and other recognition as the personnel that they are replacing?</p> <p>(n) Could there be a situation where two service personnel, deployed to the same location, are being paid different allowances and will receive different awards and recognition?</p>			17/7/14
63.	Defence	Conroy	AIR 9000	<p>Referring to an article in <i>The Australian</i> of 8 January 2014 regarding the acquisition of 24 Seahawk Romeo Helicopters that are to fly from the Navy's three new Destroyers and eight existing ANZAC Frigates:</p> <p>(a) Are significant modifications will be needed to these ships in order to safely store the Hellfire missiles and Submarine killing torpedos to be carried by the new helicopters?</p> <p>(b) Why have the new Destroyers been designed so that they can only carry European designed torpedos?</p> <p>(c) Why have the new Destroyers been designed so that they are not equipped to store or install the type of fuels used in these torpedos?</p> <p>(d) Is it true that it could be as late as 2023 before these modifications are made to the new Destroyers?</p> <p>(e) What adaptations are needed to the internal hangar storage spaces on these ships?</p> <p>(f) Why were these hangar spaces not designed to accommodate helicopters such as the Seahawk Romeo?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
64.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000	<p>(a) Has DMO received any new directions from Government on how to proceed with SEA 1000?</p> <p>(i) Has there been any decision regarding nuclear power for SEA 1000?</p> <p>(ii) Has there been any decision regarding MOTS design?</p> <p>(iii) Will the Future Submarine be built in Adelaide?</p> <p>(b) Has there been any change to Defence's assessment of ADF's capability requirements regarding the submarine?</p> <p>(c) Provide an update on the schedule and timeline for SEA 1000.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

65.	Defence	Conroy	Ship Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Does the DMO consider it important for Australia, from national security and self-sustainability point of view, to maintain the capacity to build warships? (b) What plans does the Defence Materiel Organisation have to address the “Valley of Death”, the supply chain and the concerns around Australia’s ship building capacity in the years that follow it? (c) What Defence ship building projects are currently underway? (d) What Defence ship building projects are planned for the next few years? (e) Has there been any recent decision on ship building projects? (f) Is the Defence Materiel Organisation revisiting its ship building plans for the next few years? (g) How does the DMO determine whether a Defence acquisition should be a local build or whether it is purchased overseas “off the shelf”? (h) Are there rules that cover how much local content an acquisition or project must have? (i) What are the local content rules? (j) If there is limited (or zero) capacity to manufacture a new defence asset locally, does that negate local content rules? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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66.	Defence	Conroy	Collins Class Sustainment	<p>(a) Under the Coles Transformation Program, how have sustainment costs been stabilised?</p> <p>(i) How has Defence improved the availability of the Submarine?</p> <p>(ii) How does Collins sustainment cost performance compare with international benchmarks?</p> <p>(b) Collins sustainment expenditure over the period 2001 through to 2009/10 was much less than contemporary expenditures (\$247m in 2005/06 versus \$501m in 2012/13). Was the level of expenditure prior to 2009/10 adequate?</p> <p>(i) Were the low levels of Collins readiness experienced in 2009 and 2010 the product of long-term underfunding and inadequate investment in sustainment?</p> <p>(c) Please explain the new Materiel Sustainment Agreement (MSA) between the RAN and DMO?</p> <p>(i) How has this resulted in improved maintenance and performance of the Collins?</p> <p>(ii) Please provide a graph of the readiness of the Collins boats over the last 5 years.</p> <p>(d) What has been the glide path for improved unit-ready days since the Coles Study?</p> <p>(i) What is the planned achievement for unit-ready days in coming years?</p> <p>(ii) Are we currently on track to meet these objectives?</p> <p>(e) Navy established a fourth submarine crew in December 2012. How is workforce growth progressing?</p> <p>(f) Defence has recently concluded a Collins Class Service Life Evaluation Program report. What are its findings?</p> <p>(i) What is the life achievable from the Collins Class? What is the work required in order to operate the submarines beyond their current planned life?</p> <p>(ii) Other navies have done similar assessments and successfully operated submarines beyond their original design life. Is this true?</p> <p>(iii) Given these findings, what is the risk of a submarine capability gap?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
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67.	Defence	Ludwig	Defence Export Control Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) What resources does the Defence department have to assess the scientific research as required by the Defence Trade Controls Act 2012. (b) How many cases has the Defence Export Control Office dealt with? (c) What expertise in microbiology does the Defence Export Control Office have?(include Staff qualifications and numbers) (d) What expertise in technology does the Defence Export Control Office have? (include Staff qualifications and numbers) (e) What is the budget of the Defence Export Control Office through the forward estimates? (f) What are the qualifications of the member of staff of the Defence Export Control Office? (g) How many times has the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group met? Please provide when, where, who, recommendations and the minutes of the meetings. (h) Has the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group reported to the department or minister? If so what reports have been made and their recommendations. (i) What recommendations has the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group made to the department or minister? (j) What time line exists for changes to Defence Trade Controls Act 2012 legislation prior to the end of its pilot stage? (k) Will legislation be required to make changes recommended by the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group? (l) What is the estimated cost to Australian research if these export controls are instituted? (m) What is the estimated impact to Australian research if these export controls are instituted? (n) Has the Defence Export Control Office identified any breaches of the Defence Trade Controls Act in this period and what were they? (When, where, who and for what) (o) What consequences and polities to individual researchers and institutes would result from breaches if the act was in force? (p) How would a ban on publication of scientific research achieve the stated aims of the DTCA? (q) How would export licences be granted for research publications and what criteria has the department developed to access them? 	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
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				<p>(r) Could the publication of medical research on organisms which cause disease in Australia such as <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> be subject to the Defence Trade Controls Act? Please provide detail of how publication could result in a breach.</p> <p>(s) What is the process to respond to the recommendations of the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group</p> <p>(t) Is the department drafting any legislation relating to the Defence Trade Controls Act?</p>			17/7/14
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68.	Defence	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>(a) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the date they were ordered (ii) the date they commenced (iii) the minister responsible (iv) the department responsible (v) the nature of the review (vi) their terms of reference (vii) the scope of the review (viii) Whom is conducting the review (ix) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review (x) the expected report date (xi) the budgeted, projected or expected costs (xii) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>(b) 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"> (i) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names (ii) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent (iii) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item (iv) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement (v) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. (vi) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them (vii) If yes, for each, who selected them (viii) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, 	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur <p>(c) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Please list them. (ii) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? <p>(d) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>(e) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>(f) 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>(g) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>(h) What reviews are planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) When will each planned review be commenced? (ii) When will each of these reviews be concluded? (iii) When will government respond to each review? (iv) Will the government release each review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not? 			17/7/14
69.	Defence	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>(a) 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>(b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>(c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14

70.	Defence	Ludwig	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	19/5/14	17/7/14
71.	Defence	Ludwig	Board Appointments	<p>(a) Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p> <p>(b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
72.	Defence	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>(a) 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>(i) Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p> <p>(b) How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
73.	Defence	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<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</p> <p>(b) List the items location or normal location</p> <p>(c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level</p> <p>(d) List the total cost of the items</p> <p>(e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>(f) List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>(g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

74.	Defence	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>(a) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>(ii) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>(iv) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(b) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>(ii) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>(iv) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(c) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>(ii) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>(iv) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(d) What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>(ii) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>(iv) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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75.	Defence	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>(a) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(i) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>(ii) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>(b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(i) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>(ii) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>(iii) Itemise these expenses</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
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76.	Defence	Ludwig	Media training	<p>(a) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Total spending on these services (ii) an itemised cost breakdown of these services (iii) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification (iv) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification (v) The names of all service providers engaged (vi) the location that this training was provided <p>(b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (a), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The name and nature of the service purchased (ii) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based (iii) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) (iv) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) (v) The total amount spent on the service (vi) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>(c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The location used (ii) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (iii) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) (iv) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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77.	Defence	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>(a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>(b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>(e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>(f) How many organise events?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14
78.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	<p>(a) 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?</p> <p>(i) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>(b) 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.</p>	Written	29/5/14	17/7/14
79.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of Equipment - Departmental	<p>Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.</p> <p>(a) List the items</p> <p>(b) List the purchase cost</p> <p>(c) List the ongoing cost</p> <p>(d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
80.	Defence	Ludwig	Computers	<p>(a) 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</p> <p>(b) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>(c) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14

81.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs - Department	<p>(a) 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).</p> <p>(b) 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 as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>(c) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	29/5/14	17/7/14
82.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs - Ministerial	<p>(a) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>(i) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>(ii) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>(iii) 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.</p> <p>(b) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
83.	Defence	Ludwig	Grants	<p>(a) 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.</p> <p>(b) 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.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

84.	Defence	Ludwig	Government Payment 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 has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
85.	Defence	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? (i) If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

86.	Defence	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>(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.</p> <p>(b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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87.	Defence	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs. (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. (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. (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 events including any catering and drinks costs. (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. (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 (g) and drinks costs. (h) 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. (i) 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 (j) and drinks costs. (k) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14
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88.	Defence	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>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 November 2013 to date:</p> <p>(a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>(b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>(c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>(e) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d), please provide:</p> <p>(i) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>(ii) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>(iii) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>(iv) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(v) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>(vi) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>(f) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>(i) The location used</p> <p>(ii) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(iii) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(iv) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>(g) 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>(h) For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
89.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>(a) What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>(b) Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)</p>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14

90.	Defence	Ludwig	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 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
91.	Defence	Ludwig	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	19/5/14	17/7/14

92.	Defence	Ludwig	Coffee Machines	<p>(a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>(i) 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>(ii) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>(iii) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>(iv) Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>(v) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>(vi) Who has access?</p> <p>(vii) 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>(viii) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>(b) Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>(i) 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>(ii) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>(iii) 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>(iv) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>(v) Who has access?</p> <p>(vi) 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>(vii) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14
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93.	Defence	Ludwig	Printing	<p>(a) 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?</p> <p>(b) Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(i) If so, what companies were sued?</p> <p>(ii) How were they selected?</p> <p>(iii) What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
94.	Defence	Ludwig	Corporate Cars	<p>(a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>(b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>(c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>(d) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>(e) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>(f) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>(g) Where are the cars located?</p> <p>(h) What are the cars used for?</p> <p>(i) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>(j) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
95.	Defence	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>(a) 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.</p> <p>(b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
96.	Defence	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>(a) 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.</p> <p>(b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

97.	Defence	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>(a) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>(b) Please update details of the following?</p> <p>(i) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>(ii) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>(iii) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>(iv) 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.</p> <p>(v) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
98.	Defence	Ludwig	Senate Estimates Briefing	<p>(a) 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>(b) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>(i) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(c) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>(i) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>(ii) How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(d) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>(i) If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>(ii) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>(iii) When were the changes made?</p> <p>(e) 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

99.	Defence	Ludwig	Question Time	<p>(a) 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>(b) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>(i) Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(c) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>(i) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>(ii) How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(d) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>(i) If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>(ii) What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>(e) 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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100.	Defence	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests? (b) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, when? (ii) If so, how does this occur? (c) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, which departments or agencies? (ii) If so, when? (iii) If so, how does this occur? (d) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, when? (ii) If so, how does this occur? (e) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, which departments or agencies? (ii) If so, when? (iii) If so, how does this occur? (f) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? (g) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests (h) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests (i) Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, please detail those resources by APS level (j) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (k) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? (l) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department? (m) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training? (ii) Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training? (iii) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? (iv) What did the training involve? (v) How long was the training? (vi) By whom was the training conducted? (n) 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? (ii) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? (iii) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? (iv) What did the training involve? (v) How long was the training? (vi) By whom was the training conducted? (o) Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office? 			17/7/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) List those notified request (ii) How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? (iii) How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? (iv) How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? (v) How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? (vi) How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office? (p) Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website? (q) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents? (r) How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites? (s) Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites? (t) What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites? (u) What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents? (v) Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites? (w) How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files? 			17/7/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (x) 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? (y) 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? (z) What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs? (aa) Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice? (bb) 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? (cc) What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities? (dd) Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only? (ee) Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities? (ff) Is this compatible with the information commissioners 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)“ (gg) 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’”? (hh) Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines? 			17/7/14
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, list each email account (ii) List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level (jj) Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task? (ii) How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails? 			17/7/14
101.	Defence	Ludwig	Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The guest list of each function (ii) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function (iii) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function (iv) A list of drinks consumed at the function (b) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office 	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14
102.	Defence	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target (b) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? (c) How have they been recruited? (d) What process was used for their appointment? (e) What is the total cost of this unit? (f) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? (g) 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. (h) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

103.	Defence	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>(a) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:</p> <p>(i) The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</p> <p>(ii) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>(iii) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>(iv) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>(b) 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.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
104.	Defence	Ludwig	Land costs	<p>(a) How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>(b) 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? <i>(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)</i></p> <p>(c) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>(i) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (c)?</p> <p>(ii) What is the value of the items identified in (c)?</p> <p>(iii) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (c)?</p> <p>(d) How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>(e) 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? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</i></p> <p>(f) In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14

105.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Code	<p>(a) Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>(i) If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>(ii) If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>(iii) If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>(b) Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>(i) If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>(ii) How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>(c) Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>(i) If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>(d) Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>(i) If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>(e) By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>(f) Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>(g) 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	19/5/14	17/7/14
106.	Defence	Ludwig	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> <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>	Written	16/5/14	17/7/14

107.	Defence	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? (b) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? (c) 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	19/5/14	17/7/14
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108.	Defence	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, 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>(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 minister and the department during this time.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
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109.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <p>(a) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>(i) Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>(b) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>(i) Signage.</p> <p>(ii) Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>(iii) Logos</p> <p>(iv) Consultancy</p> <p>(v) Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>(vi) Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>(c) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>(i) Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>(ii) Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
110.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<p>Has the minister 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 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

111.	Defence	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 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
112.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <p>(a) What is the make and model?</p> <p>(b) How much did it cost?</p> <p>(c) When was it provided?</p> <p>(d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>(e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>(f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these 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>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

113.	Defence	Ludwig	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. <p>(b) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. 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. (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. <p>(c) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (v) Has this cost been allocated into the budget? (vi) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. (vii) For each building owned or leased by the department: <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	15/5/14	17/7/14
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114.	Defence	Ludwig	Diner's Club cards	<p>(a) What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?</p> <p>(b) What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?</p> <p>(c) 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?</p> <p>(d) Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;</p> <p>(e) Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
115.	Defence	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>(a) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(i) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(ii) List the approving officer for each item</p> <p>(iii) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</p> <p>(b) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <p>(i) List the total expected cost</p> <p>(ii) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(iii) List the approving officer for each item</p> <p>(iv) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
116.	Defence	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>(a) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(i) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(b) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>(i) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
117.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial website	<p>(a) How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(i) List each item of expenditure and cost</p> <p>(b) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>(ii) Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
118.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial pay outs	<p>How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>(a) List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

119.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>(a) List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>(b) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(c) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(d) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(e) For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
120.	Defence	Ludwig	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	15/5/14	17/7/14
121.	Defence	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013</p> <p>(a) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>(b) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>(c) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
122.	Defence	Ludwig	Market research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>(a) List the total cost of this research</p> <p>(b) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>(c) Who conducted the research?</p> <p>(d) How were they identified?</p> <p>(e) Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>(f) In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>(g) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>(h) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

123.	Defence	Ludwig	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	19/5/14	17/7/14
124.	Defence	Ludwig	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</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 stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14
125.	Defence	Ludwig	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</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>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14
126.	Defence	Ludwig	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 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>	Written	15/5/14	17/7/14

127.	Defence	Ludwig	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	19/5/14	17/7/14
128.	Defence	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>(c) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
129.	Defence	Ludwig	Australian Public Affairs	<p>(a) 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</p> <p>(b) 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.</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
130.	Defence	Siewert	Defence Indigenous Development Program	Where does the funding for the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) come from?	Transferred from PM&C	19/5/14	17/7/14
131.	Defence	Conroy	Strategic and Tactical Air Lift Capability	<p>(a) Is Australia still planning to sell to Indonesia five C-130H aircraft?</p> <p>(b) What is the current deadline for this sale?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14

132.	Defence	Conroy	AIR 8000 Phase 2	<p>(a) Please update the Committee on the progress of AIR 8000 Phase 2 (the acquisition of ten C27-J Spartan Battlefield Airlift Aircraft)?</p> <p>(b) Has there been any review of this acquisition since the change of government?</p>	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
133.	Defence	Conroy	RAAF Air Lift Aircraft	Please provide a report on any recent activities undertaken by the RAAF Air Lift Aircraft, such as during the recent natural disaster in the Philippines?	Written	19/5/14	17/7/14
134.	Defence	Farrell	Soldiers missing in Korea	<p>It is the 60th anniversary this year of the Korean armistice and there are still 42 Australian soldiers listed as missing in action.</p> <p>(a) Has there been any contact with the family members who registered their DNA on the family reference database?</p> <p>(b) Has there been any further contact with the Koreans since the commemorative missions last year?</p>	Transferred from DVA	19/5/14	17/7/14
135.	Defence	Farrell	DFRB and DFRDB	<p>The Minister has stated that Government will maintain entitlements and meet in full all election commitments, including to deliver fair indexation from July 1 2014 for DFRB and DFRDB military superannuants and their families aged 55 and over. This financial situation will impact on the Governments ability to extend current entitlements or address unmet expectations.</p> <p>(a) Can you tell me which current entitlements will not be extended and which expectations will remain unmet?</p> <p>(b) What is the time frame for the introduction of this legislation?</p> <p>(c) How will the Government finance the upgrade?</p> <p>(d) How will it impact on the unfunded liability and future fund down the track?</p>	Transferred from DVA	28/5/14	17/7/14
136.	Defence	Carr	Operation Resolute	At Page 126 of the 2013 MYEFO document it states that this year "The Government will provide \$31.6 million to expand Operation Resolute to include activities related to Operation Sovereign Borders. This funding will be used to cover costs associated with an additional major fleet unit, resulting in the permanent assignment of two major fleet units to Operation Resolute, as well as increased personnel and associated support elements, including the use of reservists. Operation Resolute is the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the whole-of-government effort to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests." Provide a breakdown of the \$31.6 million expansion to Operation Resolute.	Transferred from Immigration	19/5/14	17/7/14