

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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001	DFAT - EXB	DASTYARI	Interaction with PMO	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay. Explain to me what the role of the National Security Adviser in the PM's office is.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: As the name suggests, it is to advise on matters relating to international security.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: And foreign affairs?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Well, national security and foreign affairs are intimately linked, so clearly there would be areas of overlap between national security and foreign affairs.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Are you able to take on notice getting back to us with a more detailed response as to the interaction between the department of foreign affairs and the PM's office since the Prime Minister become the Prime Minister, including formal meetings that have been held? I understand there are quite a lot of informal meetings and conversations that get held and I am not asking you to track all them down, but I just want to get an understanding of how the interaction between DFAT and the PM's office is working. Is that okay?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Sure, I am happy to take it on notice.</p>	Page 6, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
002	DFAT – NAD	DASTYARI	Interaction with PMO	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Can you take that on notice, because no-one seems to have been there to be sure who was there and who was not. The media reporting said that Mr Shearer was there; I am just assuming.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: If nobody was there, perhaps there was no meeting!</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But out of that came this communique, correct? And we are not sure whether or not Mr Shearer was or was not there, or was or was not prepared in the preparation of this communique.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Senator, I am pretty sure he was not there, because he was in the travelling party to the APEC leaders meeting, which arrived after this meeting was held.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: The PM's office was consulted in the preparation of something as significant as this communique, of course, weren't they?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I would have to check on that; I was not at the meeting.</p>	Page 8, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

003	DFAT - EXB	DASTYARI	Foreign Minister Travel	<p>Senator DASTYARI: This was one of the foreign minister's first overseas trips as foreign minister just based on it being in October. Who from DFAT was travelling with the foreign minister?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Can I take that on notice. I was not here so I do not know.</p>	Page 8, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
004	DFAT – NAD/CPE	DASTYARI	China relations	<p>Senator DASTYARI: The <i>Xinhua News</i>, I am sure you are aware of the paper; but probably not the story from 7 December. I am going to read this to you: China on Friday expressed strong dissatisfaction with Australia's statement over the establishment of the—</p> <p>I will get to that, actually, in a second. I want to take it one step back, because something you said there was quite interesting. You do not see this as being of significance? I mean it just surprises me. You are saying there is a communique of this kind and no one in DFAT was involved that you can tell me in the drafting of it?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: With respect, Senator, I did not say no one in DFAT was involved; quite the contrary. I said the normal practise is for a departmental official to be involved in the drafting of the communique. I am not in a position to tell you who that was because I was not there but I am very happy to find out who it was.</p>	Page 9, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
005	DFAT - PRB	DASTYARI	Demarche	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Are you able to provide or take on notice a list of times we have actually publicly announced when we have done something of that kind?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Sure. It is not uncommon; it is actually quite common.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Can you give me some examples now of when we have done it, and the outcomes? Mr Varghese: Often if an issue is running hot in the media, the fact of a head of mission being called in becomes known. I am happy to go back and provide you with details, but in my experience it is certainly not uncommon for it to become public knowledge that we have asked someone to come in and have a chat.</p>	Page 10, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

006	DFAT - EXB	EDWARDS	Former PM travel	<p>Senator EDWARDS: During his trip to Boston, did Kevin Rudd visit Harvard University or meet with officials from the John F Kennedy school?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I would have to take that on notice—unless Mr Roach has an answer?</p> <p>Mr Roach: No.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It is very public that Mr Rudd was probably at a job interview.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I do not have any information on that. I am very happy to check whether—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It will reveal itself, won't it? In November he was there, and just this month it has been announced that he is going to Boston to base himself with his new role. I am very interested to know how much the taxpayer paid for Mr Rudd to travel to Boston, effectively, probably, for his job interview which was announced this month.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We will take it on notice. You are assuming that we did—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I am assuming a lot.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: but let us check.</p>	Page 19, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
007	DFAT - EXB	EDWARDS/STEPHENS	Former PM travel	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Let us get the information. How many requests for assistance have been made by Mr Rudd and Ms Gillard since the last Senate estimates?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Can I take that on notice as well?</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Okay. And, if you could, when was each request received, and what was the nature of the request? Also—</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Just on that issue: perhaps, Mr Varghese, you might be able to provide that information about all former prime ministers. You can take it all on notice.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I am happy to take on notice whatever the committee wants me to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Mr Varghese—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am sorry—before you go into another question, Senator Faulkner. What is it that you want Mr Varghese to take on notice, because Senator Edwards's questions were directed to a particular trip?</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: No, he asked about what consular assistance has been provided to the former prime ministers.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Over what period are you asking?</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Since last estimates, he said.</p>	Page 19, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

008	DFAT - EXB	EDWARDS	Ministerial travel	<p>Senator EDWARDS: In an answer to questions taken on notice from the last estimates, the department advised that on occasions a spouse of a diplomat would be employed on a temporary basis to accompany Mrs Carr during her visit. Mrs Carr was accompanied by embassy officials effectively to act as a guide, I suggest, for Mrs Carr when the former foreign minister was in that region. On how many occasions was an offer of temporary employment made to a person specifically for the purpose of accompanying Mrs Carr during any of those visits?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I do not have an answer to that, but Mr Roach may be able to help.</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will have to take that on notice. We did talk about this at the last Senate estimates hearing. I recall making the remark at that time that on occasions, for spouses and partners of foreign, trade and other ministers who come through, that arrangement is sometimes put into place. Specifically in regard to Mrs Carr, I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Can you let me know what visits did occur?</p> <p>Mr Roach: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Can you also let me know on how many days those people were employed to effectively guide Mrs Carr, and the total cost of the employment for those tour guides.</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will take that on notice. I will also make the point that, in some cases, officers spouses are happy to do this role without being paid. It is not necessarily a paid—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I agree, and I think that is terrific. It is wonderful that they do that. I am interested in any costs that were incurred to carry out this function.</p> <p>Mr Roach: We will look into that.</p>	Page 20,21 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
009	DFAT – EXB	EDWARDS	Ministerial travel	<p>Senator Brandis: I take it Senator Edwards that you have settled on this five-month period because Ms Bishop has not actually been in the portfolio the six months. The government was sworn in on 18 September, I think.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Correct.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: I assume that you have settled on five months to take us to the most recent monthly anniversary of the swearing-in of the new government.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Thank you for your help.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: If I understand you correctly, you want to know how much Mr Carr spent in his first five months as foreign minister on foreign travel, how much Mr Rudd spent on foreign travel in his first five months as foreign minister and how much Ms Bishop has spent on foreign travel in her first five months as foreign minister. Is that the question?</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Crystal clear. Thank you very much.</p>	Page 23, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

010	DFAT – CMD/SFB	RHIANNON	Staffing	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, Chair. Mr Varghese, of the former AusAID staff who have either resigned or taken redundancy since 1 November, could you provide a breakdown of the number who filled specialist roles versus generalist roles?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We have made offers of VR to 26 people. Are you asking how many of those 26 people were former AusAID officers and, within that category, how many were specialists?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: It will raise some definitional issues, but we will certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you also provide a breakdown of the staff who have either resigned or taken redundancy since 1 November on the basis of the agency or the department that employed them prior to the integration?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Yes, we could do that.</p>	Page 27, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
011	DFAT - EXB	STEPHENS	Ministerial expenditure	<p>Senator STEPHENS: No, do not do that. We will scan them and find them. I understand that Minister Bishop had a bit of a phone bill shock while she was overseas. Can you elaborate on that a little?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will do so to the best of my recollection. There was a phone bill shock, to use your term, when she first came into office. That was queried with the carrier concerned, who advised that they had mischarged in terms of the number of bytes that had been used by Ms Bishop's phone. The bill was incorrect and it was reissued at a significantly lower amount.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Could you take on notice advising us of the original amount and the revised cost of that telephone bill.</p> <p>Mr Roach: Yes, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: And whether or not her staff also experienced the same telephone bill shock. That would be helpful to know.</p>	Page 29, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
012	DFAT – CMD/ SFB (HOM SES Unit)	STEPHENS	Heads of Missions	<p>Senator STEPHENS: Mr Fisher, are you able to provide us with a list of vacant posts and advice on posts that will notionally fall vacant between 2014 and 2015, so those that have been advertised and those where terms are almost expiring?</p> <p>Mr J Fisher: Are these head of mission or head of post?</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Head of mission.</p> <p>Mr J Fisher: We can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: That is going into a lot of our internal processes. I am not questioning your request, but the comings and goings and dates of our officers are largely an internal management issue, but we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEPHENS: Thank you. There are career diplomats who are coming to the end of their term and we are expecting back in Australia. You must have a sense of how many there are and where they are.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Sure, we do.</p>	Page 32, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

013	DFAT - EXB	EDWARDS	Ministerial travel	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Did Mr Carr ever write to the Prime Minister seeking approval for an employee to travel first class with him? If so, when?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I am not aware of any instance. We do not see copies of all correspondence between ministerial offices. I can undertake to look at our records to see if we have such an instance, but that is the best I can do.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So you can take it on notice. The fact that you are not aware does not mean it did not happen, but you can take that question on notice.</p> <p>Mr Roach: Correct.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Could you also provide an answer as to whether the Prime Minister actually approved that request and when it was approved. Likewise if it was refused and when. While you are there, you might include the flight details as well and who it was that we are actually talking about that was requested for. My last one: did Mr Carr ever request the assistance of DFAT officials at a post to upgrade his flight to first class?</p> <p>Mr Roach: Senator, firstly, under the arrangements that were in place, ministers were entitled to travel first class where the flight was for more than 10 hours. So, certainly, Senator Carr was entitled and did take first class flights—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I understand the entitlement. The question is quite specific, and I am not complaining, I am not a minister—</p> <p>Mr Roach: I am just trying to clarify your question.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Did Mr Carr ever request the assistance of DFAT officials at post to upgrade his flight to first class?</p> <p>Mr Roach: I will take it on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: If so, when? And what post received such requests from Mr Carr? And, of course, whether they were successful in gaining the upgrade.</p>	Page 35, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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014	DFAT – NAD (Lead) EXB (review)	DASTYARI	Foreign Policy	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I do not think I have the ability to mislead Mr Varghese; he is very, very good. Mr Varghese, you said before that it is a matter of priorities for the government. Was that your language? You used the word 'priorities'. I just want you to elaborate on what the priorities are when it comes to North Asia.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I think the point I was making was that successive Australian governments, in articulating their foreign policies, have referred to priorities, including priority relationships. This is not something new.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: We are talking about ranking of nations in Asia. The language we have used about Japan in the past—correct me if I am wrong; you are the expert on this, not me—is that we have referred to them as our oldest friend. We have referred to them as a good friend. We have said that there has been no better friend, but we have never referred to them, in a formal, diplomatic sense, as our best friend in Asia. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I would have to check the historical record.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: To your knowledge, is that correct?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: He said he was going to check the historical record. What you are asking Mr Varghese to do is to confirm to you that a particular form of words has never been used. He cannot do that without checking the matter.</p>	Page 36 – 37, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
015	DFAT - NAD	RHIANNON	Ambassadors visit to Tibet	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is she free to meet people in Tibet with no Chinese officials or Chinese at any level of employment?</p> <p>Mr Rowe: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 41, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
016	DFAT – NAD/NE B/KOR	RHIANNON	Mongolia - Mining	<p>Senator RHIANNON: What I was asking was: what interactions and what assistance do Australian embassy officials, who represent our interests in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, have with and provide to Rio Tinto?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I am happy to take your question on notice.</p>	Page 41, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
017	DFAT – SED/SBB	MILNE	Cambodia - elections	<p>Senator MILNE: On the electoral reform agenda in particular, you would be aware that Opposition Leader Sam Rainsy and others have been calling on the international community, including Australia, to condemn the electoral irregularities that occurred at the election, and the only reason the opposition agreed to that proposed deal with Hun Sen was that they looked at the irregularities. I understand that has not happened. Did the department advise the minister or Prime Minister to raise concern internationally about the irregularities in the election in Cambodia?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We do not go to the content of our advice to the minister.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: So I will ask the minister. Did the government consider making some public statement about the irregularities in the vote in Cambodia, given that the opposition there was calling for it and given Australia's role previously in Cambodia?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 42, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

018	DFAT – MPD/PST F (Lead) SED/SBB (input)	MILNE	Cambodia – Asylum seekers	<p>Senator MILNE: Let me ask another question. Did the minister ask in Cambodia for the Cambodians to take asylum seekers from Australia?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Can you confirm that reports have been made in the press that Hun Sen would give serious consideration to the request. Are you able to confirm that any request was made in relation to asylum seekers by the minister?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I think that is really the same question as you asked a moment ago, so I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Perhaps, then, you would take on notice whether there was any conditionality put by the minister to the Cambodian government about Australian aid and taking of asylum seekers.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: These questions about whether an issue was raised with the Cambodian minister by Ms Bishop are all questions that I will take on notice?</p>	Page 43, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
019	DFAT – SED / SBB	FAWCETT	Malaysia – Status of Forces Agreement	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Have there been any amendments to the Status of Forces Agreement with our forces in Malaysia?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I do not believe we have a Status of Forces Agreement with Malaysia in that sort of term. I perhaps need to take that on notice or you would need to ask the Department of Defence. Certainly we do have arrangements to facilitate our rotational presence at places like RMAF Butterworth. I will take that on notice and get you more details about the legal foundations of our basing arrangements there.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: That would be good.</p>	Page 45, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

020	DFAT – SED/INB	SIEWERT	Indonesia - Montara oil spill	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to ask some questions about the Montara oil spill and its impact on East Nusa Tenggara. I understand that Senator Whish-Wilson asked a couple of questions at last estimates and the responses to those questions were that there had not been any work done. I just want to follow up on that. Since the last estimates, have there been any discussions or any correspondence from the department with the government of Indonesia around the oil spill and its impact on the Indonesian waters?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I do not know the answer to that question. I will just check whether Mr Cox or anyone else in the room may be able to help you with that.</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am not aware whether any further work has been done with the Indonesian government on the Montara oil spill.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We are happy to take that on notice in case there is anything to report.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take it on notice, that would be great. In the past, was there any discussion with the Indonesian government about the oil spill, its impact on Indonesian waters and any particular interaction over East Nusa Tenggara, given the concerns that the local fishers have and the local seaweed farmers have?</p> <p>Mr Cox: In the past there certainly have been discussions involving our embassy officials and local officials about the impacts, but not recently, no.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: What were the outcomes of those discussions? Did anybody go and look at the concerns that the fishers and the seaweed farmers had?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I will have to take that on notice. I do not think that my notes cover those historical circumstances. But we can get you more historical detail on that.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could, that would be appreciated, particularly as to whether anyone visited and talked to farmers and fishers, and undertook any evaluation of their concerns.</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And also whether there had been any contact with the provincial governments in the region?</p> <p>Mr Cox: The Australian embassy is quite often in contact with provincial governments, such as the provincial government of Nusa Tenggara Timor. That would have happened. In terms of the detail of those historical discussions, I will get you more details on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I appreciate that you would have been in discussions with provincial governments, but I meant particularly about this issue. That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, of course.</p>	Page 47-48, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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021	DFAT – SED/INB	SIEWERT	Indonesia - Montara oil spill	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Further, was any work done on the projections of the oil spill and the dispersant? There was some discussion in the past around the impact of the oil and the waxy substance that was produced, but was there any tracking of the mousse that was also produced when the oil and the dispersant mixed? Was any work done there with the government?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, some work was certainly done by PTTP—the Thai oil company that was involved in that spill. So, again, we will get you the details of that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be fantastic—and any economic analysis that was done on the impact on fishers and the seaweed farmers. I was up there myself last week, talking to the seaweed farmers and the fishers. I would also like to know what the most recent contact was around that ongoing economic impact that the local fishers and seaweed farmers are concerned about.</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, we will get you that. There has been quite extensive work done by the company and by other players on this set of issues, so we will get you some further detail on that.</p>	Page 48, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
022	DFAT – SED/INB	SIEWERT	Indonesia - Montara oil spill	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Would you be the department that is liaising with the company over this particular issue now?</p> <p>Mr Cox: In the past we have had discussions with PTTP or its representatives, who have sometimes come to brief us. But now the issue has been brought more or less to a resolution we have not had much contact with them in recent times—certainly not in Canberra.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: With all due respect, Mr Cox, I would not say that the local fishers and the seaweed farmers think that the issue has been brought to a resolution. There was a forum in Kupang last week that I was at, and I can tell you that they don't think it has been resolved. If you could provide on notice the most recent times that you have had discussions with the company; whether there has been any thought given to requiring the company to undertake the comprehensive study that the local community has been repeatedly asking for; and when there last were any negotiations or discussions held with the Indonesian government and the company about those particular issues.</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, we will take all of that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Much appreciated, thank you.</p>	Page 48, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

023	DFAT - MAD	MILNE	Zambia - mining	<p>Senator MILNE: Can you indicate whether DFAT facilitated any meeting with the Premier of Western Australian with anyone from Zambezi Resources, an Australian mining company currently seeking exploration and mining approval in Zambia?</p> <p>Mr McCarthy: I would have to take that on notice on that particular question. In the normal course of events, the Premier's program would have originated with and been put together by his own department, but it would be standard that the mission with accreditation to the country would be involved in various aspects—in setting up appointments and so on and so forth. In the case of this particular appointment that you are asking about, I do not know off the top of my head, so I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Would you also take on notice whether any meetings were set up not only with the Zambezi Resources, the company, the Vice President of Zambia or any Zambian minister with responsibility for mining, mining exploration, land management and that sort of thing?</p> <p>Mr McCarthy: Your question is not whether these meetings occurred but whether the embassy in Harare was involved in setting up these meetings?</p> <p>Senator MILNE: It was whether they occurred, when they occurred, with whom they occurred and what the involvement was of either the embassy or the consulate—and I understand the consulate is voluntary, I think—in setting up those meetings. Further to that, have the Australian embassies, consulates or whatever received any representations with regard to the activities of the Zambezi Resources in Zambia?</p> <p>Mr McCarthy: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Thank you.</p>	Page 52 – 53, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
024	DFAT – TED EXB (info only)	DASTYARI	Ranking of economic relationships	<p>Senator DASTYARI: My question is: is the ranking of economic relationships based on the advice of DFAT? It sounds like what you are saying is that the facts speak for themselves and how they are articulated is a matter for the minister. Is that a correct way of articulating it?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: No. what I was also saying is that, in Washington, successive Australian ambassadors have been saying the same thing for quite a long time.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But ambassadors in Washington are not Australia's Foreign Minister—some of them have been, I might add!</p> <p>Mr Varghese: No, but they do speak for the Australian government.</p>	Page 55, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
025	DFAT – AMD/CL B	RHIANNON	Grenada - Parliament House Project	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How were the authorities in Grenada informed?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We have informed the Grenada government of the decision.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Is it true that this cancellation was reported in the paper before the government was officially informed?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I do not know the answer to that question. I would be a bit surprised if that were the case, but I am happy to check it.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I will.</p>	Page 57 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

026	DFAT – AMD/CL B	MACDONA LD	Grenada Parliament House Project	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do we have the details of who the \$1 million was actually paid to? Was it paid to the government, or to an individual?</p> <p>Mr Hammer: It probably went to more than one place. I do not have all the details here, but we can get that to you on notice.</p>	Page 57 – 58, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
027	DFAT – AMD/CL B	MACDONA LD	Grenada - Parliament House Project	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am surprised about Australia's interest in Grenada; it is good that we help underdeveloped countries. I would be interested in knowing who the \$1 million actually went to—did it go through the government, or through an NGO, or to individuals, or to several individuals—and for what purpose.</p> <p>Mr Hammer: I have some details here but they do not go precisely to the issue of who, in particular, was paid money; it just goes to what the money was used for. For example, there was a project architect who was taken on and the money was essentially used in preparation of a project design document. Who precisely was involved—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: If there is no breach of individual privacy I would be interested to know a name, but more interested to know how the money flowed to his one or more individuals. Did it go through the government? Was there a Grenadian government tender process for the architecture? How precise, by Australian standards, was the whole spending of the \$1 million? If you have got that now, that would be good.</p> <p>Ms Robinson: We will have to take your question on notice to give you full details, but my understanding was that the contracting of the architect for the design of the document was done separately and it was done through the Australian aid program.</p>	Page 58, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
028	DFAT – AMD/CL B	MACDONA LD	Grenada elections	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do we have a post there at all?</p> <p>Ms Robinson: No. We have one post in the Caribbean and that is in Port of Spain. In Trinidad.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: And they have elections every three or four years in Grenada.</p> <p>Ms Robinson: I am not sure of the timeframe, but they are a democratically elected government, yes.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: If you give me that detail.</p>	Page 58, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

029	DFAT – SWB/SA B	RHIANNON	Sri Lanka	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Given that the report highlights strong evidence for the need for an international investigation into war crimes and the Sri Lankan civil war, has the department had any discussions with Sri Lankan government with regard to the possibility of an international investigation?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: The government engages with Sri Lanka on a range of issues relating to human rights matters.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Have you specifically spoken about and international investigation?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: I think the issue of an international investigation is part of the general debate or discussion on the Sri Lankan human rights record; yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You said that you think that is the case; does that mean you need to check?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: I will take it on notice to see if there are any specific occasions.</p>	Page 59 - 60 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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030	DFAT – SWB/SA B	RHIANNON	Sri Lanka - High Commission personnel	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many AFP officers or personnel are attached to the Australian high commission?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: That is a question I think you would have to ask the AFP.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I am asking in the context of the Australian high commission—what understanding the high commission has with regard to the AFP people that work out of its headquarters?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: I am sorry, are you asking a question about how many there are or what work they do?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I would certainly like to know both, but I appreciate that you have said that I should go to the AFP. But as I understand that they work out of the Australian high commission I thought it was a relevant question to ask here at DFAT.</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: There is nothing I can really offer you further.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You mean you have no information about how many AFP officers operate out of the high commission in Colombo?</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: Not with me, no.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But surely you must. DFAT looks after the Australian high commission. Isn't there somebody here who would know?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: We can take that on notice and get back to you with the number.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Also if you could take on notice what functions the AFP officers perform out of the Australian high commission, how many Australian Defence Force personnel are attached to the Australian high commission and I was interested in their length of attachment.</p> <p>Mr Robilliard: Again, that is primarily a matter for the Department of Defence, but I will take it on notice and see what information we can provide.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That having been said, we are not going to be asking DFAT officials to make inquiries of the Department of Defence that you could have made.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I am not asking you to do that, and you know that, Minister. I am asking what your understanding is. DFAT looks after the Australian high commission in Sri Lanka, in Colombo, and clearly you would have some advice given to you about how many AFP/ADF people work out of there.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is true, and that question was taken on notice by Mr Varghese. But then you asked other questions like, for example, the length of the rotations and so on. It is by no means obvious to me that DFAT would be possessed of that knowledge, because—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I would say it would be relevant because the high commission would have to know how many personnel it has operating out of the high commission. Otherwise it is not being very effective and efficient.</p>	Page 61, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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031	DFAT – PCD / PDB	FAWCETT	Review of Australia Network	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr Varghese, could you tell me whether the department carried out a review of Australia Network's effectiveness prior to the former government's decision to continue the service?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Prior to the former government's decision? We are going back to a time when I was not in Canberra. I will ask my colleagues. I know we certainly did address this question of how the network was functioning and what the view of our regional posts were, because I can remember contributing to it from Delhi.</p> <p>Mr Trantor: The department has carried out regular reviews of the service over the years through seeking feedback through our post network. I am not aware of a formal major stocktake of this service ahead of that contracting process.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Was an evaluation done as to whether the service met its key performance indicators before it was renewed?</p> <p>Mr Trantor: I will have to take that on notice..</p>	Page 65, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
032	DFAT – MAD/ME B	RHIANNON	Mistreatment of Palestinian children	<p>Mr Innes-Brown: I am not an expert on the subject, but I can give you some examples. For instance, the amount of time that a minor is held before being brought before a judge has come down. There is a suite of measures, but there are a couple of things that I am aware of. Minors now have separate hearings from adults. When a Palestine minor is arrest and Arabic language document that explains the circumstances and the rights is given to the parents. Another measure that is under consideration, it is being trialled, is that they are going to implement a summons system rather than the occasional practice of arresting people at night—going into houses and so on. There are obviously some reforms underway. I do not have complete information on that, but they are just a few examples that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You spoke of a suite of measures. Did you outline them all then, or do you need to take it on notice so that you can supply the committee?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: They are some of the ones that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I listed four or five of them.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Yes.</p>	Page 66, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
033	DFAT – MDD (Lead) CFO input	FAWCETT	Global partnership for education - Funding	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Can I take you to a different issue. Referring to the global partnership for education, which has received substantial funding in recent years, could you clarify that the previous government committed \$278 million to the fund over the period 2011-14.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes, I can confirm that.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you confirm that in the same time frame much larger economies like Germany committed only about \$21 million and America committed only about \$20 million to the fund?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would need to confirm that on notice, but I believe that sounds fair.</p>	Page 67, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

034	DFAT – MDD (Lead) ACD/FRB (input)	FAWCETT	Global partnership for education – independent evaluation	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Are you aware of the independent valuation of the Global Partnership for Education?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: No I am not—independent evaluation?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: There was an independent evaluation done of the program. It had a very mixed report card, in fact there were some fairly negative areas. Despite that, Australia increased its contribution from \$38 million to \$278 million. On what basis was that significant increase made, given the very mixed report card of the evaluation?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am not aware of the independent evaluation. This replenishment was back in 2011, I think. I am happy to take that on notice and look at it.</p>	Page 67, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
035	MDD (Lead) ACD/FRB (input)	FAWCETT	Global partnership for education	<p>Senator FAWCETT: In the light of a mixed report card, replenishment is a bit of an interesting term to use, when it is an order of magnitude larger contribution to the fund. But if you could take that on notice, that would be very useful. I would like to know if the department was aware of the review. If it was aware, was that taken into account before that decision was made? On what basis was that significant increase made?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will take that on notice. I am sure others in the department would have been aware of that. It was just before my time. I am happy to respond.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I would also be interested to know if the PMO was involved in the decision to make that increase.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I will be happy to take all of that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Thank you.</p>	Page 67 – 68, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

036	MDD (Lead) ACD/FRB (input)	KROGER	Global partnership for education – independent evaluation	<p>Senator KROGER: Could you come back to us with more details in relation to the issues that were raised, highlighting concerns about monitoring and evaluation?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am happy to take that on notice. It would have made by the government.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: When you say 'made by the government', it would have been a ministerial decision that the funding allocation be increased by—it is not tenfold but, if I could work it out maths wise, it would be eightfold, or something like that.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: In terms of the increase, as I said earlier, I would need to check what that is. You said it was \$38 million. I just want to check that figure. The second bit is that the decision would have been—</p> <p>Senator KROGER: Increased to \$278 million. It started at \$38 million.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I agree with last figure, because I know what that figure is—the \$278 million. I also agree that we are the second highest donor in that regard. In terms of who made the decision, I would have to go back and check.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: With these sorts of decisions—and you said it would be a government decision—would it be reasonable to suggest that it would have to be either the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister? They are the only two people who would preside over such a determination, wouldn't they?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: As I said, I would like to check who made that decision. I would expect it would have been the Foreign Minister. I would need to check and I think it is important that I do check.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator KROGER: I would like to take that interjection, because this does go to the heart of the motivations and the determinations of policy decisions of the former government. This decision was made very recently in the scheme of things, under the former Gillard government. Can you come back to me and advise me who specifically made that decision, on what basis it was justified, how it compares across the board to other increases in aid spent in other gender and education areas. I look forward to seeing that response.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am happy to take that on notice. When the government released its effective aid policy in 2011, following the review that you referred to, education was the flagship of that policy, and, as I said earlier, this was a tier 1 organisation as well. But I am happy to take on notice all those questions, including who made the decision.</p> <p>Senator KROGER: There are many regions where we divest money that is an increase in spend to increase literacy and numerous and so on. A great example I am thinking of is the support of schools in Indonesia that is clearly targeting education. If you could do a comparative analysis for me on that, that would be very helpful.</p>	Page 68,- 69 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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037	DFAT – MDD (Lead) CFO (input)	DASTYARI	Global partnership for education – budget	<p>Senator DASTYARI: In your or Mr Varghese's opinion at the time, was there anything improper in any way, shape or form about the allocation of the budget to the Global Partnership for Education?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would like to take that on notice, because this replenishment was in 2011. I commenced in AusAID in 2011, so I am not sure I was even here. But I would add that in my experience decisions made on matters such as this replenishment are through appropriate government processes.</p>	Page 70, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
038	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	ODA - budget	<p>Senator WONG: Are you able to recall what proportion is in the unallocated—</p> <p>Mr Wood: Not a total level. That is the only one I can recall. Obviously within those country programs, within those categories, there may be things that have not been committed or commenced, but I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Right. But you can provide that?</p> <p>Mr Wood: We will be able to provide that. I am not sure if we can within the next hour or so, but obviously there is information that is available within the department.</p>	Page 77, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

039	DFAT – CMD/CFO	FAULKNER / DASTYARI / WONG	ODA - budget	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I will not delay this, because I know Senator Wong is keen to continue. Can you take on notice—and I hope the department can respond as quickly as possible—the proportion of the budget in those categories that we are now speaking of: expended, contracted, those subject to FMA reg 9 and unallocated? I think there are effectively four?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That is correct, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If you could give us that percentage in relevant years that would be very helpful. Obviously, the committee will be asking as soon as possible for an indication of what particular programs and projects fall into certain of those areas.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Just to clarify: that will be at the regional level which we referred to previously?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Regional and then with the major country. The way your database seems to work is that there are regions and then there are the major regions.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: No, it is more that it is regional or subregional at the project level. Do you want project level?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can I ask in two parts?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Only two?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Frankly, I do not want to get an answer if there is too much work with it broken down into subregionals. So if your database is predicated on regional programs then we would like the information in the form that has just been described. If you are able to give it to us in terms of country programs, we would like that as well. I assume global programs are separately tracked?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct; NTS.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I will remember your name now! I presume the global programs are separately tracked.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct, and the cross-regional programs.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would appreciate that. Did you understand that request to be a forward estimate request or only 2013-14?</p> <p>Mr Wood: 2013-14.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Separately, I would ask for the same information.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I said all relevant budget years. That is what I meant. I am afraid I was not meaning to be limiting.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It may be more efficient for you to give us nominal figures rather than percentages; that would be fine.</p> <p>Mr Wood: We have clever spreadsheets, so that will be okay.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p>	Page 80, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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040	DFAT – MDD) (Lead) CFO (input)	WONG	Global Partnership for Education - funding	<p>Senator WONG: I want to quickly return to the Global Partnership for Education, which was the subject of some questioning from Senator Kroger. Can I confirm that that has in fact been funded since 2007—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I believe that is correct. I said that I would check that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And in 2011 the then foreign minister in fact announced in the House of Representatives one of the priority areas of funding including this particular partnership?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would need to confirm that on notice.</p>	Page 86, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
041	DFAT - MDD	WONG	Global partnership for education	<p>Senator WONG: Are you aware that when Ms Bellamy, the then chair of the GPE visited in 2012, she met amongst others the then shadow minister as Ms Bishop then was?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I believe so, but I would need to check.</p>	Page 87 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
042	DFAT – CMD/CFO (Lead) HMD (info)	RHIANNON	Mandated flexibility fund	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Come 30 June, and we still have \$20 million or \$15 million, what happens?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would need to check.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Is it rolled over? Do you identify a crisis and decide to spend it on that crisis?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That would not happen. Generally, that funding is paid out. As Mr McDonald said, we usually try to pro rata or ration it over the year, but I do not foresee a case where there would be the whole amount left over.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you explain that? How can you say it will not happen if you have \$20 million now and there are no emergencies between now and 30 June? What do you do with your \$20 million? How have you decided the pro rata arrangement?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I do not think we have had an occasion where there has not been something happen somewhere in the world between March and the end of June.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take it on notice and provide us with the policy guidance that you have to make decisions on any money that may remain?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The other thing on that is that in the first eight months of the year we have spent \$70 million out of that fund.</p>	Page 88, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
043	DFAT – DPD (Lead) HMD (Info)	RHIANNON	Product Development Partnerships	<p>Senator RHIANNON: So you are saying that you will continued to fund it up to June 2014?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Correct.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So when will the next disbursement be?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I will take that on notice just to check the payment schedule, but the activities are continuing in full.</p>	Page 89, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

044	DFAT – TED/EEB	RHIANNON	Mining for development	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. The mining for development section of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website states that the initiative received \$42 million in funding for the last financial year. However, when you look at the website, the figures do not add up; it only discloses \$14.25 million of spending. The International Mining for Development Centre came in at \$7 million. The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative cost \$5.35 million. The Extractive Industries Technical Advisory Facility cost \$1 million, and the Geoscience Strengthening Program cost \$0.9 million. Can you clarify where the remaining \$27.75 million has been spent?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We might need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Is there nobody here who can clarify that? It is one of your major projects.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: You are talking about the website having one figure and then a set of other figures. We would need to look at that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You do not give the full details of how the money is being spent.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We would need to take that on notice and have a look at what you are referring to.</p>	Page 89, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
045	DFAT – TED (Lead) MAD - Africa Section (input)	RHIANNON	Mining for Development	<p>Senator RHIANNON: When the cuts were made to various aid programs was this Mining for Development Initiative cut in any way?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would need to take that on notice but I do not think so.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Seriously, there must be somebody here who knows.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I do not believe it was, no.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But you will check?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I will check.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Was Australian aid money used for the recent mining indaba in Cape Town which took place in early February?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would be happy to take that on notice.</p>	Page 89, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

046	DFAT – MAD/MEB	RHIANNON	West Bank – destruction of aid projects	<p>Mr Innes-Brown: We are generally aware that there are 3,000 proposed demolition orders, which could impact on around 16 schools in what is known as Area C of the Israeli administered area of the West Bank.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Are any of those schools funded by Australian bilateral aid or multilateral aid or NGO aid that may have an Australian component?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Not in the information that I have before me but I think I would prefer to do some more checking for you and give you a very robust answer on that. But it is not in any information I have before me.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Does the department recognise that this is an extraordinary situation where it is Australian public money going to aid projects that people believe are doing something good in the world, and then they are being destroyed and you do not have the details about that? Could you explain whether this is because it is difficult to get the information or because it is not a priority?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Before getting to the heart of your question I would like to get the facts, and once we have that information we can look at the issue. I cannot answer the question without definitive information on whether Australian funded projects are affected by this or not. I do not have that information before me. It is not a question of being a priority or not been a priority. There are obviously a lot of questions that can be asked in a session like this and sometimes we do not have all the information. I will make further inquiries for you.</p>	Page 90, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
047	DFAT – MAD/MEB (Lead) CFO (input)	FAULKNER	ODA - projects in Gaza	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is there any Australian aid money funding projects in Gaza?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I think there is.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes, there is.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you provide details please.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Under the AMENCA NGO program, there is funding that is providing support within Gaza.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Was that program cut in the recent rounds of reduction in aid?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I do not believe so, but I will check.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you check in terms of bilateral programs and multilateral programs that go into Gaza please?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And NGO aid money.</p>	Page 90, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

048	DFAT – DPD	RHIANNON	ODA budget – Climate Change	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I checked out the DFAT website about climate change research initiatives that the government is currently supporting. The website states that the Australian government is investing \$32 million in the Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program, and also the CSIRO Horizon 2 research for development alliance and the Center for International Forestry Research and the World Resources Institute. What I was trying to work out was: how much has been allocated for this budget for each of those initiatives? Can you inform us of the line items for those four, please? Just while you are preparing, I was also interested in trying to clarify the international climate change programs that are still under DFAT, or if they are being shifted to other departments.</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: Many of the programs that you refer to were being conducted under what was known as the fast-start financing program. That ceased at the end of 2012-13. Some projects continued into 2013-14, but effectively there has been no financing for them in this financial year, given that the fast-start period has ceased.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So those four programs have all been wound up, have they, or are they out of funding?</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: To be specific I would have to take that on notice and get back to you on those specific programs.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could inform us of the status of the programs and where their funding comes from and obviously, if it is not your department, who do I go to to find out.</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: Yes, certainly.</p>	Page 91, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
049	DFAT – EADD (Lead) LGD/CLB (input)	RHIANNON	FOI - Indonesia- Australia Forest Carbon Partnership	<p>Senator RHIANNON: There were documents released under FOI last November that showed Indonesia actually asked for a two-year extension on that partnership that you have just mentioned, the Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership. It appears that the government did not grant that two-year extension. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 91, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
050	DFAT – EDD/ITLB	RHIANNON	Indonesia- Australia Forest Carbon Partnership	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Sorry, I may have misunderstood. So you are saying that this partnership has actually now wound up?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: No. It has shrunk in size but it continues until 30 June this year. We have continued this year with activities to continue to help communities, in central Kalimantan in particular, adapt to different lifestyles that do not depend on deforestation so much, and also on a national carbon accounting scheme, which helps Indonesia to track carbon emissions in order to meet its undertaking to reduce business-as-usual emissions by 26 per cent before 2020.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice just to give us an update on the budget allocation for that work?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I can take it on notice, yes.</p>	Page 92, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

051	DFAT - EADD	KROGER	Indonesian rhinoceros program	<p>Senator KROGER: When was this program then determined not to be a viable one?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: The current foreign minister has decided not to proceed with the program. I would have to check on the date that we were instructed to that effect.</p>	Page 93 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
052	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	KAFTA - modelling	<p>Senator WONG: If you can take on notice, Ms Adams, whether there have been any changes in the assumptions underpinning the modelling, or whether there is any difference between the assumptions underpinning the modelling and the outcome in the agreement, then I would appreciate that. And I am also going to ask you to provide a copy of that modelling. You will obviously take that on notice and get advice. Correct?</p> <p>Ms Adams: Correct.</p>	Page 95, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
053	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	KAFTA – sectorial data	<p>Senator WONG: Are you able to give me at least some sectoral data? If we are not able to get quantitative assessment, at least qualitatively assess which sectors are likely to do better as a result?</p> <p>Ms Adams: Yes—and I think that is already in the public materials and the general—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Just a fact sheet et cetera?</p> <p>Ms Adams: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: There is nothing that you can give me to add to that?</p> <p>Ms Adams: No.</p>	Page 96, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
054	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	KAFTA – tariffs	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me what the tariff revenue effect over the forwards is for the agreement?</p> <p>Ms Adams: I am sorry, I do not have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Really?</p> <p>Ms Adams: I should have thought of that. But, no, I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No-one can help us with that?</p> <p>Ms Adams: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay, could you take that on notice?</p>	Page 96, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

055	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	KAFTA – tariffs (import of used cars)	<p>Ms Adams: Australia has a \$12,000 specific tariff on import of used cars that can be waived when people import particular vehicles for private collections et cetera, as well as a five per cent ad valorem tariff. Those were eliminated in the Korean agreement. However, they drive on the right side of the road, so there is not a very important demand for cars that are built to be driven on the left side of the road.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice, are you aware of some of the concerns which have been raised publicly?</p> <p>Ms Adams: Well, second-hand cars—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am just wondering if you on notice could answer them or whether I need to—</p> <p>Ms Adams: I am happy to take them on notice.</p>	Page 97, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
056	DFAT – FTD/NIB	FAWCETT	KAFTA - tariffs	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I am just working through the things that are important to South Australia here, and malt barley is a big product for us. I would just like to talk to you a bit more about the growing size of the quota: how quickly is that likely to grow and what is the final quota size likely to be? I noticed that the out-of-quota tariff is 513 per cent, which is horrendous.</p> <p>Ms Adams: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you give me some more detail on that one, please?</p> <p>Ms Adams: You are right. There is a duty-free quota for malt and malting barley that delivers duty-free access immediately on entry into force. And then the high out-of-quota tariffs are progressively reduced over the 15 years, which means you end up with free trade. The size of the quotas are written in the agreement, but I do not have them with me; I would have to give you those on notice. But they are publicly available—they are in the text that has been released.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Okay. Obviously, I have not read deeply enough for those.</p> <p>Ms Adams: I have, but I just do not remember every number; there are a lot of numbers.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: No, sorry. I am saying I have not read deeply enough for those. Okay, but that actually defines both the starting point and the end points—the size of the quota at 15 years.</p> <p>Ms Adams: Yes, but we can provide that.</p>	Page 100, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

057	DFAT – FTD/NIB	FAWCETT	KAFTA – Certificate of origin and tracking	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I have looked through the actual document as opposed to the guide, and at this stage I have not yet seen that detail. Perhaps I am not looking in the right place. Would you be able to send me the appropriate reference for that?</p> <p>Ms Adams: For agricultural produce in particular?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: For agricultural produce, in terms of the certificate of origin and tracking where things have come from.</p> <p>Ms Adams: I am just making sure I know what you are asking for.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: You have just said that the rules are very detailed in terms of what qualifies as a product and where it comes from.</p> <p>Ms Adams: Particularly for manufactured products. For agricultural products, it is quite straightforward in that they have to be grown or produced in the territory, but we can give you some further information on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: That would be great.</p>	Page 101, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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058	DFAT – OTN/GIB/ITS	WONG / WHISH-WILSON	TPP	<p>Senator WONG: Mr De Cure, you made some assertions about all parties to the TPP making certain commitments. I want to draw your attention to what the US Trade Representative released in 2012, which included amongst other things the sharing of information to Congress and so forth and, more importantly, said: ... USTR will publish the full text of the TPP ... well before it is signed to invite further comments from Congress, trade advisors, and the public. That is not consistent with the evidence you just gave. I invite you to clarify that now or take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr De Cure: We have a signed undertaking not to release it. I do not have that testimony in front of me, but I make—</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is not testimony. It is a fact sheet release by the US Trade Representative in June 2012.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: And Malaysia has publicly said the same thing.</p> <p>Mr De Cure: You have a slightly different situation in the US because the congress has the ability to make—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Correct, but that is not what you said. You made a blanket assertion that all countries had agreed this and that everybody was in the same boat. I am saying to you I do not think that is right. I am not trying to catch you on this. It is an important political point because what the Senate has asked for in its order for the production of documents has been precisely the same rights as are offered to the US Congress. If I am wrong and there is some change to what the US Trade Representative has said, I would be happy to be corrected, so I am working of this public document. Given this has been contested in the Senate and an order for production has not been complied with on the basis of the assertions you just gave, I think it is fair that you are invited to respond to the public statements of the Trade Representative. If you would like time on that I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: Senator, could we take that on notice and get back to you and clarify whether the undertaking was not to release until finalised or not to release until signed. We will clarify that for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, I think that is possibly the distinction.</p>	Page 112 - 113 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
059	DFAT – OTN/GIB/RS	WONG	Anti-dumping changes	<p>Senator WONG: No, I have not got to that yet. You are jumping ahead. I am trying to establish first that in 2011 your department provided a submission to the relevant Senate committee in which it was stated that 'Australia cannot impose an onus on the importer to prove the goods have not been dumped', so it is a reversal of the onus of proof proposition. Is that still your view? Then I was going to go to how the proposal has been changed to reflect that advice.</p> <p>Mr De Cure: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 117, 27 Feb 2014	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

060	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are staff from the Prime Minister's Office in direct contact with the Department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all PMO staff who have had contact with the department? ○ On which dates and times has each staff person on that list been in touch with the department? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
061	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Mark Higgie independently contact the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the department with whom he has been in contact? ○ On which dates and times has he been in contact? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
062	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have any staff members of the Prime Minister's office ever attended a briefing the department was giving to the Foreign Minister's office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the PMO who ever attended a briefing the department was giving to the Foreign Minister's office as well as the general topic of the briefing and the dates on which each briefing occurred? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
063	DFAT – DPD	WONG	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the removal of poverty reduction and sustainable development an ideological choice? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
064	DFAT – DPD	WONG	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is aid for the purpose of Australia's security and economic gain different from aid programs for poverty reduction and charity? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
065	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the merge of DFAT and AusAID, what was the Department's advice regarding restructure of budget outcomes? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

066	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the removal of these two outcomes in line with Department advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia’s national interest” ○ “Australia’s national interest advanced by implementing a partnership between Australia and Indonesia for reconstruction and development” 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
067	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The breakdown of country groupings under Outcome 1 has been changed. Previously, Africa was grouped with South and West Asia and the Middle East. Now the Americas & Africa are one group and South and West Asia & the Middle East is another. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was the thinking behind this regrouping? ○ Was there a discussion about this regrouping between the Minister and the Department? ○ What advice did the Department provide on the matter? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
068	DFAT –AMD	WONG	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note a \$55,000.00 grant for the Australian Rugby Union for: “Australian Rugby Union to work in partnership with counterparts in Brazil, Colombia and Argentina to provide expert assistance and support to broaden rugby participation in the region.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the expected reach of this program? ○ Is Rugby Union the best vehicle for promoting Australian diplomacy in Latin America? ○ Is this program value for money? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

069	DFAT – PCD/PPS (Lead)	WONG	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note a \$39,600.00 grant for Sounds Australia: “To support the tour of four Australian bands across four Indian cities in November 2013.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please clarify if is this one tour with four bands? ○ How many shows? ○ How large is the audience at each show expected to be? ○ Who are the bands? ○ Are these bands you believe promote Australian values overseas? ○ Will the concerts be free? ○ If not, where do the proceeds from ticket sales go? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
070	DFAT – APO (Lead) FMB input)	WONG	Tenders	<p>Note a \$60 million tender for “Office supplies” (Tender ID # CN1980421)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many people and how many locations are these office supplies for? • What items specifically fall into this category? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
071	DFAT – OPO (Lead) FMB (input)	WONG	Tenders	<p>Note a tender for \$47,208.70 for “Workstations for the Australian Aid Program” (Tender ID # CN2042532)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are you buying new workstations when you are reducing your staff size? • How many desks? • Is this a purchase or a lease? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
072	DFAT – ACD/CVB (Lead) FMB (input)	WONG	Tenders	<p>Note multiple contracts for “expert advice” and “management advisory services”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are these tenders managed? • Do the experts and advisers have deliverables or quotas of working hours spent? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
073	DFAT – CMD (Lead) FMB (input)	WONG	Tenders	<p>Note two tenders with Yellow Edge Pty Ltd (Tender IDs #CN1996102 and #CN1996112)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of training? • How many hours of training? • How many people trained? • Is this value for money? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

074	DFAT – TED (Lead) FMB (input)	WONG	Tenders	Note \$31,834.00 tender for “Meeting facilities” (Tender ID #CN2014042) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This contract covers a 6 day period: 12-Dec-2013 to 17-Dec-2013 - Why was the cost of facilities for six days of meetings so high? • Was there a lower cost alternative for this series of meetings? • What was the purpose of the meetings being held? • What were the outcomes of the meetings? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
075	DFAT – CMD (Lead) FMB(input)	WONG	Tenders	Note several contracts for “Safety and rescue vehicles” (Tender IDs #CN2028561, #CN2028341, #CN2028291, and #CN2028281) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many cars are included in each contract? • Where will the cars be used? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
076	DFAT – CMD	WONG	Austerity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the rules and regulations around DFAT staff and class of travel? • What are the rules and regulations around cost of hotel rooms? • What are the rules and regulations around meals and travel allowances? • Are there exceptions to these rules – i.e. cases in which DFAT employees may spend more on travel and travel bookings than the standard stimulated amounts? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
077	DFAT - CMD	WONG	Austerity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The media has reported that DFAT’s policy is: “proposed travel costing up to \$20,000 must be approved by a department secretary” - what is the process of evaluating and approving these special cases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many trips costing more than \$20,000 have so far been approved? • What were the reasons for their high cost and what was the justification? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

078	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	Austerity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What austerity measures has the Department put into place? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are they being implemented, enforced and measured? • How effective have they been? • Are there plans for further austerity measures to be implemented? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
079	DFAT - EXB	WONG	Ministerial Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the Department provide an update on all international trips the Minister has undertaken since coming to office? • How many days did the Minister spend in each country on each trip? • How many staff travelled with her on each trip? • Which staff members travelled with her on each trip? • Do those staff members work for the Minister’s office, the Prime Minister’s office, or the department? • Who did she meet with in each country? • What was the broad purpose/outcome of each trip? • What were the outcomes of the meetings? • What was the value to Australian diplomacy and the overall foreign affairs agenda? • Did the department provide advice or briefing in relation to meetings/visits in each program? • What was the total cost of each trip? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
080	DFAT - EXB	WONG	Ministerial Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the total cost of the Minister’s travel since coming into office? • How many days has the Minister spent overseas since election? • What is the average cost per day of her travel? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
081	DFAT - EXB	WONG	Ministerial Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was her phone bill in each quarter? • Has her or her staff experienced ‘bill shock’? • Can you please provide a copy of the phone bill for the Minister and any staff who travelled with her? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

082	DFAT – INTF (Lead) CMD (Input) PCD (Info)	WONG	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this stage, what is the best estimate for projected workplace numbers for the department following the AusAID merger? • Given the certain severity of cuts to DFAT and former AusAID staff, what is being done to ensure that staff morale remains positive? • What is being done to brief each mission on the changes in direction and staffing? • Was each mission briefed individually on the changes? • Did any mass messages go out to all missions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, can copies of these messages please be provided? • What communications in particular are being shared with locally engaged staff? • How many locally engaged staff will receive redundancies? • Are these staff being left in uncertainty at the moment? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
083	DFAT – CMD/SFB	WONG	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How were the 36 AusAID graduate intake candidates compensated? • Was the DFAT graduate intake unaffected? • How was the decision made to cancel the entire AusAID intake while proceeding with the DFAT group? What advice did the Department give on this matter? • Will the 2015 graduate intake be reduced in size? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
084	DFAT – CMD/SFB	WONG	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which diplomatic posts are expected to become vacant in 2014 and 2015? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

085	DFAT – MDD (Lead)	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UN is currently working with governments, civil society and other partners to build on the momentum generated by the MDGs and carry on with an ambitious post-2015 sustainable development agenda that is expected to be adopted by UN Member States at a Summit in September 2015 - is Australia contributing to this forward planning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are we working with? What is the plan? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
086	DFAT – CMD	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What evidence is there for Australian aid funds being misused for weaponry, arms, etc.? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
087	DFAT – PCD/ODE	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What evidence has been raised with the Department regarding aid programing lacking transparency? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
088	DFAT – DPD (Lead) ACD/MPB (input)	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness was released by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kevin Rudd, in Parliament on 6 July 2011 - are the findings of this review being implemented or has it been thrown out? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
089	DFAT – DPD	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Varghese’s statements on the core objective of the aid program made in the Senate public hearings on 21 Feb in Sydney were not entirely consistent with language used in the ‘Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement’ – what is the core objective of the aid program and how is the core objective going to be made clear to those working to deliver and to the public? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
090	DFAT - MDD (Lead) CMD (input)	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has there ever been a case when an agency or organisation has been granted a special exception for expedited approval in the application process for the Overseas aid gift deduction scheme (OAGDS)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, which organisation(s) and when? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
091	DFAT – CMD/CFO	WONG	Aid and ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When will program by program cuts be made available? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

092	DFAT – SED/ARB/A AR	WONG	ASEAN/ East Asia Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting that this year these forums are of particular significance due to the tensions in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, does the department agree that these forums are acutely important to Australia’s interests in the region? • Is it realistic to expect to form new “rules of the road” for the region at these forums? • What does the department hope to gain from these two major summits this year? • Who from the Minister’s office and/or the Department are working on planning for these summits and their associated meetings? • Who from the Minister’s office and/or the Department will attend these summits and their associated meetings? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
093	DFAT – MPD/UTF	WONG	UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting our role on the UN Security Council, what efforts have been made to play an international leadership role on the crises in Syria, Ukraine, South Sudan, Bosnia, Sri Lanka and Thailand? • Has the Department formed a clear articulated view on the international crises in Syria, Ukraine, South Sudan, Bosnia, Sri Lanka and Thailand? • Does the Department agree that Australia needs to articulate a view on international crises especially where upholding democracy and defending human rights are an issue particularly given our role on the Security Council? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
094	DFAT – HMD (Lead) CFO (input)	WONG	World Food Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much funding is being cut from the World Food Program? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

095	DFAT – NAD (lead) FTD (input)	WONG	China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the day the Foreign Minister called Ambassador MA Zhaoxu in to discuss China’s ADIZ - who rang the Department from the Foreign Minister’s office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did the Foreign Minister personally have contact with the Department that day to discuss the matter? ○ With whom did she speak and for how long did they speak? • Does the department agree that Australia’s statements on the ADIZ gave China the impression we were siding with Japan? • Does the department agree that it is dangerous to be perceived as taking a side without due deliberation or communication? • Is it possible that Australia’s statements on the ADIZ may threaten the quality and speed of our FTA with China? • China is prioritising trade deals with Korea and Japan over Australia - what is being done to keep us on the radar as an important partner in the region? • What has been done to remedy our relations with China? • Has the Department provided advice on how to remedy relations? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
096	DFAT – NAD (Lead) FTD (Input)	WONG	China, South Korea, Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will accompany the Prime Minister to China, South Korea and Japan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How many days and nights will the Prime Minister spend in each country? ○ Who is expected to meet with him in each location? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
097	DFAT – NAD/JPN (Lead) EXB (input)	WONG	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the department agree that very slow response of Australia on Prime Minister Abe’s visit to the Yasukuni Shrine may have been perceived by China as a slight? • Based on Mr Varghese’s statements, Japan is an ally but not an Ally of Australia - is it DFAT’s position that Australia should pursue a formal alliance with Japan? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

098	DFAT – SEB/INB	WONG	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a draft code of conduct been provided to the Indonesian Government? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the current expectation on timing of final agreement to the document? ○ As a high priority what efforts have been made to expedite agreement on the document? • Which area of the department prepared the draft? • Is the Secretary taking personal carriage of the document? • Did the Dept of PM&C and/or the Prime Minister’s Office have any input to or clearance of the document? • Was any external advice sought on the agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From whom? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
099	DFAT – SED/VML	WONG	Burma/ Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who made the decision to officially revert to referring to Myanmar by its colonial-bestowed name, Burma? • When was this decision made? • Was advice received from staff in the region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When? ○ What was the advice? • What were the reasons for the decision? • Has this decision been discussed with the Government of Myanmar? • Was thought given to the potential offense to the Government of Myanmar? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

100	DFAT - AMD	WONG	US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January in the US after a private meeting with US Vice-President Joe Biden, Bishop told the Financial Review that “our single most important economic partner is, in fact, the United States”, overturning accepted econocrat wisdom....“So in respect of who is our ‘best friend’ in economic terms, it is undeniably the US,” Bishop says. (25 Jan 2014 AFR) - Did the Department provide her with advice on the statements she made in the US? • Does the Department agree that irrespective of statistical accuracy, the above statement is possibly read to be an insult by China? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
101	DFAT –MAD	WONG	Israel and Palestine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November 2013, the Government changed Australia’s position in the UN on Israeli settlements. Was the department consulted? Were experts or think tanks consulted? • The Foreign Minister visited Israel in January 2014 - Did she visit Ramallah? • While in Israel the Minister made controversial and contestable statements on the legality of settlements to the Israeli media - were the details of the Foreign Minister’s statements cleared or discussed with the Department? • Was legal advice requested by the Department? Who requested this legal advice? From what firm was this advice requested? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

102	DFAT – PDD	WONG	Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the cuts to aid been discussed with the governments and heads of state of each of these countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Nauru, Regional Pacific, Republic of Palau, Pacific Islands Forum, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was each of their reactions? ○ Are they aware of the cuts at a program by program level? ○ If not, when will they be? ○ Can you please provide the framework/strategy for the diplomatic introduction of aid cuts in the Pacific? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
103	DFAT – PDD	WONG	PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister visited Port Moresby and Lae earlier this month (5-6 Feb 2014) and in Lae she announced \$3 million over three years to fund a Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Centre - when was the funding for this program approved? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

104	DFAT – PAD/PNB	WONG	Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you please provide an update on the status of targeted sanctions which were put in place by Australia following the December 2006 Fiji military coup? • Can you please provide an update on the current Departmental protocol for references to the Government and Government officials in Fiji? Is the Government referred to as the “Interim Government” – if not, has the Department’s protocols changed in the last 12 months? • What is the Department’s advice on the progress of reforms in Fiji that would support a free and fair election in Fiji by September 2014? • What is the Department’s assessment of rule of law in Fiji? • Are there any particular travel advisories related to rule of law in Fiji? • Has the Department provided any advice on the conditions under which it would recommend lifting of sanctions against Fiji by Australia? When and to whom was advice provided and can the advice please be provided in full? • Is there any information on particular risks that the department has assessed, including to members of the media, or other groups who might seek to travel to Fiji? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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105	DFAT – PCD/PDB	WONG	Public Diplomacy – Australia Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the estimated reach of the Australia Network? • What methods does the department employ to measure/estimate the soft power value of the network? • Does the Department agree with this statement: “One of the most efficient and effective ways for governments to reach the greatest number of people in foreign countries has been international broadcasting”? • What is the role of the Australia Network in attracting overseas students to Australia for study and promoting tourism? • Has the Department been asked to provide advice on the value of the Australia Network? If yes, can you please provide a copy of the advice? • What are the core terms of the new agreement to provide converged international broadcasting services between DFAT and the ABC? Does the agreement cover more than satellite television services? Does the agreement require a range of content to be broadcast (not just news and current affairs as some allege may be more effective) on a range of platforms (TV, radio and online)? • When did the agreement commence and what is the duration of the agreement? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
106	DFAT – PCD/PDB	WONG	Public Diplomacy – Australia Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the ABC performing in accordance with the agreement? If the Department has not formed a view, when will the Department have formed a view? Is the Department aware of any breach of the contract by the ABC? • Have audience surveys been undertaken to gauge audience response to the ABC's new converged service? If so, what has been the audience response? If not, do you know how audiences are responding to new service/changes in the service? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

107	DFAT – MPD/CCB	WONG	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you aware of the reports in national and international media during and following Warsaw late last year that Australian delegates were poorly behaved, uncooperative, unprofessional, disruptive, and can you describe the impact these reports have on Australia’s reputation and credibility to participate in similar global forums? • Are you aware of negative international publicity relating to Australia’s policy shift on climate change and some recent environmental decisions, such as the WA shark cull, Abbot Pt Coal terminal approval? Can you describe the impact these stories have on Australia’s reputation? Does it impact Australia’s credibility ahead of international meetings such as G20? • Are you aware of IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde’s comments that Australia should not abandon its climate change policy, and effectively turn its back on its position as a ‘pioneer’ in climate change policy? Do comments such as those from a highly-respected international figure impact Australia’s ability to participate in global forums? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
108	DFAT – MPD/CCB	WONG	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you describe some of the potential impacts on Australia’s credibility and trade arrangements of the backflip on climate change policy that the Government is introducing? Does the fact that Australia’s climate policy – if passed in the Senate – will be completely at odds with those of countries such as China and USA? Will this have an impact on Australia’s international credibility and our trade arrangements with countries that have differing climate policies? • Are you aware of any other comments from our international partners about the change in climate policy? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

109	DFAT – NCB/NCS	WONG	New Colombo Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian government has committed \$100 million in new funding to the program over five years - what is the expected annual funding total each year over the next five years? • What percentage of the total funding will be provided directly as grants versus administrative and overhead costs, etc.? • The 2014 pilot phase is only engaging four countries: Japan, Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong - on what basis were these countries chosen? • What was the Department’s advice on this matter? • Following the pilot phase, what additional countries will the program be open to? • So far 300 undergraduate students from 24 universities have been selected for the program - are these 300 participants across both the scholarship and mobility grant programs? • Will additional student participate in the pilot? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If not, why? Was there difficulty filling all 740 potential places? • Besides the requirement that students be between the ages of 18 and 28 to be eligible for the scheme, what are the other criteria? • How are selections made? • Who is on the selection committee? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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110	DFAT – NCB/NCS	WONG	New Colombo Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What measures are in place to ensure that funded students enrol in rigorous programs, take the study opportunity seriously, use the opportunity wisely, etc? • Are the academic results reported back to the department after the grant program completion? • How are recipients held accountable for the grants? What is the reporting process? • Besides the 740 potential funding recipients, does the Colombo Plan intend to incentivise other students to study overseas? • Would the New Colombo Plan funds be better spent on improving language immersion in Australian schools? • Would the New Colombo Plan initiative be more efficient or effective as a public-private partnership or a private sector initiative rather than a government program? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
111	DFAT – PDD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in the Pacific? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
112	DFAT – PDD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does ODA fund the detention centres on Manus Island and in Nauru? If yes, how much of PNG and Nauru’s budget allocations go toward the detention centres/asylum seekers? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

113	DFAT – SWD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Bangladesh? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
114	DFAT – SWD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Afghanistan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
115	DFAT – SWD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Bhutan and the Maldives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
116	DFAT – EADD/CMD/ SED	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Vietnam? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

117	DFAT – EADD/CMD/ SED	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Laos? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
118	DFAT – MAD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in Iraq? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
119	DFAT – MAD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts in the Palestinian Territories? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
120	DFAT – MAD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to the Middle East and North Africa? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

121	DFAT – MAD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to Sub-Saharan Africa? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner governments and organisations been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
122	DFAT – HMD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to Emergency, Humanitarian and Refugee programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner organisations and stakeholders been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
123	DFAT – MDD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to UN, Commonwealth and Other International Organisations programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner organisations and stakeholders been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
124	DFAT – MDD/CMD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to the Australian Volunteers Program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with program stakeholders been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

125	DFAT – DPD	WONG	ODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expected consequences of the cuts to the Development Effectiveness & Research programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When will the implementation of the revised proposed expenditure, funding recipients and annual funding for each year 2013-14; 2014-15; and 2015-16 be finalised? ○ What have the reactions and findings of your ongoing discussions with partner organisations and stakeholders been? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
126	DFAT – CCD/CNB	WONG	Consular Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Australians are currently incarcerated overseas? • Will the changes to the degree of consular services being offered affect the degree of assistance for them? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
127	DFAT – OPO	WONG	Overseas Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please confirm that plans for a new Australian embassy in Dakar, Senegal have been withdrawn. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

128	DFAT - FTD/NIB	WONG	China Australia Trade	<p>a) What is the status of current negotiations with China on the FTA? Is the agreement still “on track” for conclusion in September 2014 as previously stated by the Prime Minister?</p> <p>b) Is the Department concerned by the lack of mention of Australia in recent update for trade priorities for the year by the Chinese trade minister?</p> <p>c) What steps is the Government taking to address this perceived cooling of relations between the two states?</p> <p>d) Is China is prioritising their three way trading agreement with South Korea and Japan, but not Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What implications will this have for Australia? - If South Korea and Japan sign a FTA with China this year, what are the consequences for the Korean-Australian and the Japan-Australian deals? <p>e) Are Australian businesses looking to expand business with China via the use of its new Free Trade Zones – eg, Shanghai Free Trade Zone established last September, and 12 further Free Trade Zones recently announced by China?</p> <p>f) How do these Free Trade Zones interact with bilateral and plurilateral country specific free trade agreements?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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129	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	Japan Australia Trade	<p>a) What is the status of the negotiations on the Japan-Australian Free Trade Agreement?</p> <p>b) Recent media commentary has suggested that agreement may be reached by April, with plans to sign following the Japanese Prime Minister’s visit in July. Is this the intended timeline?</p> <p>c) Have negotiations been concluded?</p> <p>d) Is the Agreement being formalised for finalisation?</p> <p>e) When will the text be released to the Australian public?</p> <p>f) Has a date been set for the formal signing of the Agreement?</p> <p>g) How many intersessional meeting between representatives of both countries have occurred in the past 6 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who were the representatives? - Were there any changes in key representatives? - Were there any special envoys? If so, how appointed and details? - Where were the meetings conducted? - What were the costs of these meetings? <p>h) What have been the key areas of discussion in theses prior meetings?</p> <p>i) Can you take us through the main issues outstanding in the agreement?</p> <p>j) Is there an ISDS provision in the Japan-Aust FTA?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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129 contin ued	DFAT – FTD/NIB	WONG	Japan Australia Trade	<p>k) Will the FIRB threshold be increased as it was in the Korea-Aust FTA?</p> <p>l) Will the removal of tariffs and duties on second-hand motor vehicles as provided in KAFTA form a precedent for similar treatment with Japan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If so, why? Given that the Korean 2nd hand car market is not as likely to have a significant impact on the Australian market as compared to the impact of Japanese 2nd hand vehicles? - Has the Australian automotive industry been consulted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If so, what are their views? If not, why not? - Have consumer safety and environmental implications that arise from increasing the average age of the fleet in the community been considered? <p>m) Is there any current or planned modelling of the benefits and disadvantages to Australia and Australian businesses as a result of the final negotiated position in this FTA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If so, provide details; - If not, why not? <p>n) How many jobs are expected to be created and lost as a result of the Japan-Aust FTA?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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130	DFAT – FTD	WONG	Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	<p>a) When is the next round of negotiations scheduled?</p> <p>b) Has the decline in diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Australia since the new Government took office resulted in a delay or hold on these trade negotiations?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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131	DFAT – OTN/GIB/IT S	WONG	Trans Pacific Partnership	<p>a) What was the outcome of the most recent TPP Ministerial Meeting, Singapore 22-25 February 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What areas were progressed? - Where any areas finalised? - Who represented Australia? - Were there any differences in representation from prior rounds? If so, who? <p>b) When and where is the next round of meetings scheduled?</p> <p>c) What meetings have been scheduled at both a ministerial and officials level for the next twelve months?</p> <p>d) Is there a proposed timeline to complete negotiations – noting the numerous “fast-track” comments in the media here and in the US?</p> <p>e) Can you outline the status of the ‘fast track’ authority in the US at the moment? What is likely to happen to the agreement should this ‘fast track’ not occur?</p> <p>f) What is the status of drafting of each of the chapters?</p> <p>g) Will an ISDS be included at this stage?</p> <p>h) There is concern from the Australian Pork industry that the US will utilise these negotiations to dilute Australia’s scientifically established safeguards against disease. What is the department’s stance on this issue?</p> <p>i) Has China been invited or sought to enter these negotiations? If not, what provisions are there to allow for additional membership?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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131 cont	DFAT - OTN	WONG	Trans Pacific Partnership	<p>j) The answer to QoN 255 notes that if one or more of the participating Governments decides to propose changes to the final TPP text, this would need to be agreed by all negotiating parties. What processes will this Government put in place to facilitate consultation on the final text? Will it be open to changes should there be significant public concerns with part of the text?</p> <p>k) What efforts are being made towards harmonisation of RCEP and the TPP multilateral agreements with numerous bilateral and plurilateral agreements between different members?</p> <p>l) What is the Department's position on the numerous calls for more transparency in the negotiations on TPP? What is the key reason for refusing to release the text prior to signing for open and transparent public consultation?</p> <p>m) Have you considered the recommendations from the Productivity Commission relating to an improved framework and transparency?</p> <p>n) What is the position of the other 11 countries participating in the TPP negotiations on transparency, particularly the US?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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132	DFAT – FTD (Lead) OTN (input for part (k))	WONG	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership	<p>a) What is the current status of the negotiations on RCEP?</p> <p>b) What were the outcomes of the latest round of negotiations (in Malaysia 20-24 January 2014)?</p> <p>c) Who attended this round of negotiations for Australia?</p> <p>d) What was the travel and associated costs of this round?</p> <p>e) When and where are the next round of negotiations scheduled?</p> <p>f) Is there an anticipated final round of negotiations?</p> <p>g) Is there any updates as to Uruguay and China joining the negotiations? Have any other countries expressed an interest in joining?</p> <p>h) Australia and Korea are both members of RCEP – are there inconsistencies and conflicts between the negotiated position in RCEP and the agreed position in KAFTA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If so, or if such inconsistency emerge, how will they be handled? - Will KAFTA be merged into RCEP if RCEP is a better outcome for Australia? <p>i) One of the Government’s reasons for refusing to release the text of KAFTA early was that such release may prejudice the outcome. Now that KAFTA is released, is Australia’s negotiation position weakened in RCEP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there any expectation that Australia will now concede to an ISDS provision in RCEP? <p>j) How will RCEP fit with other bilateral free trade agreements currently being negotiated?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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132 cont	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership	<p>k) How will RCEP fit with the TPP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there a risk of creating two significant overlapping but competing trade blocs? - How will inconsistencies and preferred positions be dealt with? <p>l) What analysis has been undertaken on handling / resolving the conflict issue between competing trade agreements? Are there harmonisation efforts?</p> <p>m) What implications are there for implementing domestic legislation?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
133	DFAT - OTN	WONG	Trade in Services Agreement	<p>a) Who were Australia's representatives at the most recent Geneva round of negotiations held from 17-24 February 2014? Where there any changes since prior rounds of negotiations?</p> <p>b) What was the travel and other associated costs involved in this round of negotiations?</p> <p>c) What were the key outcomes of this round of negotiations?</p> <p>d) What is the overall status of TiSA?</p> <p>e) Is there an anticipated conclusion date?</p> <p>f) How does the Services sections of KAFTA fit with the proposed position on Services in TiSA?</p> <p>g) How will any inconsistencies be dealt with? Can entities "forum shop"?</p> <p>h) What type of dispute resolution mechanism is being considered? Will Australia contemplate another ISDS type provision?</p> <p>i) Has there been any modelling relating this Agreement?</p> <p>j) What is Australia's key negotiating platform or "must haves"?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

134	DFAT – OTN/WTB/ TPS	WONG	WTO Disputes	<p>a) Are any of the current matters in dispute before the WTO, likely to be resolved in the coming year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If so, provide details. <p>b) Are there any WTO dispute matters that represent a significant risk to Australia in terms of negative outcomes? (eg, requiring significant compensation payment or reversal of legislation; negative risk for any of our industries?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If so, provide details. <p>c) Who is representing Australia in these disputes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are they selected? <p>d) What is the annual cost of representing Australia in these WTO disputes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does this cost compare with annual costs over the preceding decade? - What is the aggregate budgeted costs (a) for the next financial year, and (b) to case completion? <p>e) How many non-WTO trade disputes is Australia a party to?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide details, including costs, timeframes, prospects of success and any significant risks. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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135	DFAT – OTN	WONG	WTO Trade Negotiations	<p>a) In reference to QoN21 which states there are no scheduled WTO ministerial meetings this year - can the Department confirm this is still the case?</p> <p>b) What is the reason behind the lack of scheduled ministerial meetings for 2014?</p> <p>c) Given the Government’s commitment in its election document: “<i>The Coalition remains committed to unilateral trade negotiations, conducted under the auspices of the WTO</i>” pg8, what steps is Australia taking to push for meetings to be scheduled in 2014.</p> <p>d) Can the Department outline what were the key sticking points at the most recent Doha Round in Bali last December?</p> <p>e) In reference to QoN 21D - Why are industry representatives not being appointed for multilateral trade negotiations?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
136	DFAT - TED	WONG	Statement to Parliament	<p>a) In reference to QoN26 – has there been any further advance on the date of the Minister’s annual statement to Parliament outlining the quantum of new investment and number of new jobs created?</p> <p>b) What methodology will the Department be employing to determine the number of new jobs created through investment?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
137	DFAT - TED	WONG	White Paper – Northern Australia	<p>a) What is the status of Northern Australia White paper in relation to the benefits of bilateral free trade and taxation agreements as outlined in the Coalition’s election document?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

138	DFAT - EXB	WONG	Travel of Minister Robb	<p>a) Can the Department provide an update on where Minister Robb has travelled since the election following on from the November 2013 estimates?</p> <p>b) How many personal staff travelled with him on each of these visits? How many DFAT officers? Have staff from any other offices accompanied him on his overseas visits?</p> <p>c) What was the duration of each of these visits?</p> <p>d) What was the cost of each of these visits?</p> <p>e) Who did he meet with during these visits and what was the purpose of the visit?</p>		2/5/2014	15/5/2014
139	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Foreign Investment	<p>a) In reference to QoN 25 - does Treasury provide any modelling at the request of DFAT on the perceived benefits of foreign investment into Australia as a result of bilateral FTAs e.g. Korea?</p>		2/5/2014	15/5/2014
140	DFAT - TED	WONG	Ministerial Advisory Council	<p>a) Can the Department update on the status of appointment of the Trade Advisory Council as announced in the <i>Coalition's Trade Election Policy</i>?</p> <p>b) What is the process surrounding these appointments?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Does the Minister have a shortlist under consideration?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. What is the criteria that will be used to determine selection?</p> <p>c) Have resources been allocated this financial year? If not, why not?</p>		2/5/2014	15/5/2014

141	DFAT – TED (Lead) FTD (input)	WONG	Industry Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the status of the industry representatives identified in the Coalition Policy document? b) Have any industry representatives been appointed yet? c) If so, who are they? d) Who is involved in appointing them? What is the process? Is there a set of criteria? Does the Minister receive a short list? e) What will their roles involve? f) What will they be paid? Will travel be included? g) How do the industry representatives, the envoys and the ministerial advisory council relate to each other? h) Are they the same people? i) Why are there both ministerial advisory bodies and individuals appointed to advise? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
142	DFAT - OTN	WONG	Trade Principles- Election Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In reference to <u>QoN253</u> which states that the Coalition's Trade Policy is outlined in its election document. Is this still the case? b) This policy makes no mention of transparency – will there be any additional policy parameters set given the number of free trade agreements on the Government's agenda? c) Will there be any updates to these principles now you are in Government? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

143	DFAT – PAD	WONG	PACER Plus	a) In reference to QoN 23 - can the Department provide an update on the PACER Plus negotiations since the November 2013 Estimates?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
144	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement	a) In reference to QoN19 - Can the Department provide an update on the status of the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic agreement negotiations since the November 2013 Estimates? b) Has a date now been set for the next negotiating round? c) Will a special envoy be appointed? If not, why not. d) (If they are to be appointed) Who is it and how were they appointed. What are they paid? Who pays for their travel if it is required?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
145	DFAT - ASNO	WONG	Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement	a) In reference to QoN 20 - Can the Department provide an update on the status of the Australia-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement since the previous answer? b) Has the Government undertaken any modelling on the benefits that could accrue to particular states should this agreement proceed, particularly for South Australia?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

146	DFAT - OTN	XENOPHON	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement - Trade Programs - Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations	<p>1. What is Australia's negotiating position on the Trans-Pacific Partnership?</p> <p>2. What is the draft text of the agreement? Why isn't the text available for public scrutiny?</p> <p>In 1996 a similar attempt was made to introduce the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. On that occasion the negotiating text was place on the OECD website. In addition, Australia's own negotiating position and its views were placed on our Treasury website.</p> <p>3. Why isn't this being done for the TPP? Is it because of the widespread criticism the 1996 text received?</p> <p>Leaked drafts of the deal published by WikiLeaks have confirms that the US and other nations are pushing for changes which will give international corporations power of democratically elected Governments. The TPP would effectively allow foreign corporations to sue the Australian Government if we bring in laws and protections that violate their right to invest.</p> <p>4. What is Australia's position on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions in the TPP?</p> <p>In Canada, the decision of the regional government of Quebec to introduce a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing pending further investigations has resulted in a legal action for \$250m by US oil and gas company Lone Pine resources.</p> <p>5. Is the Department aware of this and other similar cases? What advice has the Department provided to the Government on ISDS?</p> <p>The Australia Institute recently ran a survey to determine awareness and attitudes to the TPP. Some of the responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 87 per cent think FTAs should be made public before signed by the Government b) 67 per cent do not trust that FTAs won't increase the cost of medicines c) 76 per cent would not support Australia being prevented from mandating labelling of GM foods d) 64 per cent would not support a trade agreement that allowed Australia TV stations to show fewer Australian-made programs e) The majority of respondents also did not support an ISDS clause 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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146 cont	DFAT - OTN	XENOPHON	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement	<p>6. Will the Department be taking the results of this survey into account when determining Australia's negotiating position?</p> <p>The Australia Institute survey also found that only 11 per cent of people had heard of the TPP, but when they did become informed, they had very strong opinions on what should and should not be included.</p> <p>7. What measures has the Department taken to make the public aware of TPP negotiations? What consultation has the Department sort on TPP negotiations?</p> <p>Consumer groups say also the trade pact could have a significant impact on consumers across the region. There are claims it will increase the cost of medicines, music, films, computer games and software.</p> <p>8. Are there guarantees in place that prices of medicines, music and movies won't rise if the TPP is signed?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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147	DFAT - NAD/EAB	DASTYARI	Diplomatic Relationship with China	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any signs of deterioration in the bilateral relationship between China and Australia since the change of government? 2. If yes, what have those signs been? 3. How would DFAT characterise the bilateral relationship that the Abbott government inherited with China? 4. How would DFAT characterise the bilateral relationship that the Abbott government has with China today? 5. What impact have the government's public statements about our friendship with Japan had on our relationship with China? 6. What impact have the government's public statements about our relationship with the United States had on our relationship with China? 7. What impact have the government's public statements about Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) had on our relationship with China? 8. Would DFAT agree with the assertion that: <i>“Australia’s statements and actions on China’s establishment of the East China Air Defence Identification Zone have damaged the mutual trust and healthy development of the relations between the two countries”</i> (Chinese Foreign Ministry Statement, 6-Dec-2013) 9. What impact did the government's decision to call in the Chinese Ambassador over the ADIZ announcement have on our relationship with China? 10. Can I draw your attention to “Unchartered Waters”, an August 2011 paper by Andrew Shearer, published by the Lowy Institute. On page 8, Mr Shearer makes the statement: <i>“The challenge for Australian diplomacy in the next decade is to explain that if anything, Australia is moving closer to the United States but is not looking to portraying China as an enemy. This will require skill and subtlety...”</i> Is the government meeting this challenge with skill? 11. Is the government meeting this challenge with subtlety? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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148	DFAT – EXB	DASTYARI	PMO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role does the Prime Minister’s Office have in the development of foreign policy? 2. What role does the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security, Andrew Shearer, have in the development of foreign policy? 3. Has the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security ever overruled DFAT foreign policy advice? 4. Does the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security offer advice to the Foreign Minister? 5. Has the former Prime Minister, John Howard, been providing foreign policy advice to the government? 6. What role, if any, has the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security had while travelling abroad with the Foreign Minister? 7. What official travel has the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security had in the company of the Foreign Minister? 8. Did Andrew Shearer accompany the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to the APEC summit in October in Bali? 9. Can DFAT please provide information on all publicly funded foreign travel the Prime Minister’s senior advisor on National Security has taken since the election? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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149	DFAT - NAD	DASTYARI	US-Japan-Australia Trilateral Strategic Dialogue	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What involvement did the Prime Minister's senior advisor on National Security have in altering the draft communique prepared by DFAT for the US-Japan-Australia Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (TSD)? 2. Did Andrew Shearer change the draft TSD communique prepared by DFAT? 3. What was changed? 4. How was the TSD communique different to the draft proposed by DFAT? 5. Did the TSD communique contravene advice DFAT provided to government? 6. Did DFAT provide advice to the government on the consequences of siding with US and Japan on the East China Sea? 7. What was that advice? 8. What impact has the TSD communique had on Australia's foreign policy and strategic relations? 9. Some commentators have described the TSD communique as "<i>needlessly and recklessly taking sides in a complex dispute</i>" between China and the United States; was it needless and were there other options available to Australia? 10. When has Australia previously taken a public position to side with Japan and the United States on the East China sea? 11. What impact has the TSD communique had our relations with China? 12. Was the TSD communique the reason the Foreign Minister was obliged to summon the Chinese Ambassador on 25 November 2013 to express concern about China's sudden announcement of an air-defence identification zone over the East China Sea? 13. <i>If not, what was the reason?</i> 14. <i>Was it an obligation?</i> 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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150	DFAT – NAD	DASTYARI	December Rebuke	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What happened to the Australian Foreign Minister in Beijing on 6 December 2013? 2. What prompted the public lecture delivered by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop? 3. When was the last time an Australian Foreign Minister was publicly rebuked by a Chinese Foreign Minister in this manner? 4. Would you agree with the characterisation that the public lecture was an “unprecedented humiliation” (<i>Michael Sainsbury, Crikey, 28 January 2014</i>) 5. Was the TSD communique the underlying reason for the subsequent public lecture delivered by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Li to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop on 6 December 2013? 6. Is DFAT aware of any other instance of a Chinese Foreign Minister delivering a similar public rebuke? Is there a precedent? 7. Would DFAT describe the incident as an embarrassment? 8. What has DFAT done to repair the damage to our relationship with China? 9. What has the Foreign Minister done to repair our relationship with China? 10. What has the Prime Minister done to repair our relationship with China? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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151	DFAT – NAD (Lead) EXB (review)	DASTYARI	Global Influence and impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What impact has the governments re-orientation towards Japan-US had on Australia’s other diplomatic relationships? 2. What impact does it have on our influence across the Pacific, where China exerts considerable influence? 3. What impact does it have on our capacity to stand up to incursions into Australian territorial waters by Japanese whalers? 4. How has the fallout from the TSD communique affected DFAT staff and resource priorities at a time when the department is already trying to accommodate the merger of the aid and tourism portfolios? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
152	DFAT – PLB (Lead) EXB (review)	DASTYARI	Ranking friends	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What impact does ranking our diplomatic partners have on our diplomatic relations? 2. Is it DFAT policy to publicly rank our diplomatic partners? 3. Is it DFAT protocol to publicly rank our diplomatic partners? 4. Has DFAT given the government advice on the publicly ranking our diplomatic partners? 5. Has DFAT given the government advice against publicly ranking our diplomatic partners? 6. Is it necessary or unnecessary to publicly rank our diplomatic partners using superlative terms such as “best friend”? 7. Could publicly ranking our diplomatic partners tacitly undermine our relations with other countries? 8. Is it necessary to publicly rank our diplomatic partners? 9. Can we have successful, effective and mature diplomatic relations without public ranking our diplomatic partners? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

153	DFAT – EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister’s travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <p>What was the cost of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air transport; b) Accommodation; c) Land transport; d) Hospitality; and e) Other expenses. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
154	DFAT - EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister’s travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of the accommodation in which the former Minister stayed, by night, and the cost of each night’s accommodation. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
155	DFAT - EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister’s travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of personal staff accompanied the Minister, and what functions were undertaken by each staff member. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
156	DFAT – EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister’s travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <p>For each accompanying personal staff member, what was the cost of their:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air transport; b) Accommodation; c) Land transport; d) Hospitality; and e) Other expenses. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

157	DFAT - EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister's travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <p>How many officials accompanied the Minister and what was the total cost of their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air transport; b) Accommodation; c) Land transport; d) Hospitality; and e) Other expenses. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
158	DFAT - EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister's travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <p>Was the Minister accompanied by any family member; if so, what was the total cost of their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air transport; b) Accommodation; c) Land transport; d) Hospitality; and e) Other expenses. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
159	DFAT - EXB	EGGLESTON	Former Foreign Minister's travel	<p>With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:</p> <p>Did any other personal staff or officials travel overseas to advance or facilitate the former Minister's trip; if so, what functions did each staff member or official undertake, and what was the total cost of their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Air transport; b) Accommodation; c) Land transport; d) Hospitality; and e) Other expenses. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

160	DFAT – EXB	EGGLESTO N	Former Foreign Minister’s travel	<p>In regards to the overseas travel undertaken by the former Minister Carr during his time as the Minister for Foreign Affairs:</p> <p>a) How many overseas trips were undertaken?</p> <p>b) On how many trips did the former Minister Carr travel Business Class, how many First Class and how many Economy?</p> <p>c) On how many trips was the former Minister Carr accompanied by a family member?</p> <p>d) On how many trips did the former Minister Carr stay at a “presidential suite”-category hotel accommodation as opposed to ordinary suit at a hotel he was staying at?</p> <p>e) Have any of the trips been extended to include personal travel time?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
161	DFAT EXB	EGGLESTO N	Former Prime Minister’s visit to Moscow	<p>Was the department aware that former Foreign Minister and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was planning to visit Russia and/or Ukraine in March?</p> <p>a) If so, when did the department first become aware of Mr Rudd’s plans?</p> <p>Was the department asked to assist in anyway with Mr Rudd’s plans? If so, please include all details (eg. flights, accommodation, transport, meeting requests, briefings etc.).</p> <p>Is the department incurring any costs with respect to Mr Rudd’s travel?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
162	DFAT EXB	EGGLESTO N	Former Minister Snowden’s expenses	What was former Minister Snowden’s expenses on hospitality for each of the financial years from 2007/08 to 2012/13?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

163	DFAT EXB (lead) ACD/ Integration Task Force (input)	LUDWIG	Reviews	<p>1) 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Whom is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2) 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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163 cont	DFAT EXB/CMD (lead) ACD/MPB (input on Performanc e Benchmarks)	LUDWIG	Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <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 3) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6) 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. 7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8) What reviews are planned? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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164	DFAT - EXB	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
165	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Briefings for other parties	<p>1. 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
166	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
167	DFAT - EXB / FMB (Lead)	LUDWIG	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

168	DFAT IMB	LUDWIG	Electronic equipment	<p>1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since 7 September 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the items b) List the items location or normal location c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d) List the total cost of the items e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f) List the date they were provided to the office g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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169	DFAT PCD/PMB/ PDB	LUDWIG	Media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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170	DFAT PCD/PMB/ MLS	LUDWIG	Media monitoring	<p>1. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses. <p>2. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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171	DFAT PCD/PMB/ MLS	LUDWIG	Media training	<p>1. 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"> a) Total spending on these services b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) the location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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172	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Communication staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
173	DFAT IMB (Lead) EXB/CMD	LUDWIG	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>1. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification <p>2. 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
174	DFAT IMD	LUDWIG	Provision equipment - departmental	<p>Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the items b) List the purchase cost c) List the ongoing cost d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

175	DFAT IMD (Lead) EXB (review)	LUDWIG	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
176	DFAT EXB/CMD	LUDWIG	Travel costs - department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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). 2. 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. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

177	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Travel costs - ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
178	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 3. 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. 4. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

179	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Government of accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 7. 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? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
180	DFAT ACD/CVB (lead)	LUDWIG	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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). b) Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, which ones and why? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

181	DFAT EXB	LUDWIG	Meeting costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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182	DFAT CMD/EXB	LUDWIG	Hospitality and entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs. 2. 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. and drinks costs. 8. 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. 9. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 10. and drinks costs. 11. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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183	DFAT CMD/SFB/ WDB	LUDWIG	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>1. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 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) d) The names of all service providers engaged <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) The location used h) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) i) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) j) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 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? ii) For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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184	DFAT CMD/SFB	LUDWIG	Staffing profile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state) 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
185	DFAT CMD/SFB	LUDWIG	Staffing reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
186	DFAT CMD/SFB	LUDWIG	Staffing recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. 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? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

187	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
188	DFAT IMD	LUDWIG	Printing	<p>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>3. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a. If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>b. How were they selected?</p> <p>c. What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

189	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Corporate cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? 7. Where are the cars located? 8. What are the cars used for? 9. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 10. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
190	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Taxi costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
191	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Hire cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

192	DFAT CMD	LUDWIG	Credit cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
193	DFAT PCD/PMB/ PRU	LUDWIG	Senate estimates briefing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made? 5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

194	DFAT PCD/PMB/ PRU	LUDWIG	Question time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? 4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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195	DFAT LGD/LLB	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests? 2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? 7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests 8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests 9) Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level 10) Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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195 cont	DFAT LGD/LLB	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) 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?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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195 cont	DFAT LGD/LLB	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>15) Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List those notified request b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office? <p>16) Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18) How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19) Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20) What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21) What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22) Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23) How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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195 cont	DFAT LGD/LLB	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>24) How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25) 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?</p> <p>26) What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27) Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28) Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29) What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30) Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31) Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32) 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)“</p> <p>33) How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34) Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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195 cont	DFAT LGD/LLB	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>35) Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list each email account b. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level <p>36) Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ? b. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
196	DFAT EXB	LUDWIG	Function	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

197	DFAT EXB/CPN (lead)	LUDWIG	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3) How have they been recruited? 4) What process was used for their appointment? 5) What is the total cost of this unit? 6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 8) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
198	DFAT EXB/OPO	LUDWIG	Official residences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

199	DFAT OPO	LUDWIG	Land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? <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> 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or 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> 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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200	DFAT EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level ▪ If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? ▪ If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? ▪ How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. 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 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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201	DFAT - PCD	LUDWIG	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since September 7th 2013; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how often has each board met, break down by board name; b. what travel expenses are provided; c. what is the average attendance at board meetings; d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; e. what conflicts of interest have been registered; f. what remuneration is provided to board members; g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served; 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
202	DFAT - CMD (Lead)	LUDWIG	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

203	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The dates the minister was on leave. ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable). b. Who was acting in the minister's place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place? ii. What was the process for selecting this person? iii. Who was involved in making this decision? c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and he date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable? d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable? v. but were unable? vi. provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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203 cont	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial Leave	<p>e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
204	DFAT - INTF (Lead) PCD/PDB (input)	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	<p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

205	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor vehicle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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206	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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207	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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208	DFAT - OPO	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<p>1. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>d. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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209	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Diner's Club cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements? 2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges? 3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses? 4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers; 5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
210	DFAT - CMD/SFB/ PDB	LUDWIG	Government advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
211	DFAT - CMD/SFB/ WDB	LUDWIG	Workplace assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
212	DFAT - PCD/PMB	LUDWIG	Ministerial website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

213	DFAT - CMD/SFB	LUDWIG	Ministerial payouts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
214	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please 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 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
215	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Christmas party costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of each of these functions? 2. How was the money identified? 3. What was the location of these functions? 4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
216	DFAT - ACD/CVB (Lead) CMD (input)	LUDWIG	Multiple tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

217	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
218	DFAT - OPO	LUDWIG	Departmental upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
219	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Wine coolers / Fridgers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

220	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Office plants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
221	DFAT - CMD	LUDWIG	Office recreational facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
222	DFAT – OPO IMD (input)	LUDWIG	Vending machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

223	DFAT - LGD/CMD	LUDWIG	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 2. 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) 3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
224	DFAT - EXB	LUDWIG	Australian Public Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 2. List all interactions between the Mnister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

225	EFIC	LUDWIG	Reviews	<p>1) 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"> a) the date they were ordered b) the date they commenced c) the minister responsible d) the department responsible e) the nature of the review f) their terms of reference g) the scope of the review h) Whom is conducting the review i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j) the expected report date k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2) For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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225 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Reviews	<p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Please list them.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. 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>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) Will the government release each review?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">1. If so, when?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">2. If not, why not?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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226	EFIC	LUDWIG	Commissioned reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
227	EFIC	LUDWIG	Briefings for other parties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. 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. f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
228	EFIC	LUDWIG	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

229	EFIC	LUDWIG	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
230	EFIC	LUDWIG	Electronic equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) List the items 2. List the items location or normal location 3. 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 4. List the total cost of the items 5. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items 6. List the date they were provided to the office 7. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

231	EFIC	LUDWIG	Media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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232	EFIC	LUDWIG	Media monitoring	<p>1. 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>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>2. 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>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Itemise these expenses</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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233	EFIC	LUDWIG	Media training	<p>1. 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"> a) Total spending on these services b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) the location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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234	EFIC	LUDWIG	Communication staff	<p>1. 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
235	EFIC	LUDWIG	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>1. 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>b. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2. 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
236	EFIC	LUDWIG	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>b) 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

237	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
238	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
239	EFIC	LUDWIG	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>1 From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>2 What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

240	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
241	EFIC	LUDWIG	Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?</p> <p>f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>g) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much 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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

242	EFIC	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?</p> <p>i. If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
243	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

244	EFIC	LUDWIG	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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245	EFIC	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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
246	EFIC	LUDWIG	Staffing profile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state) 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

247	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
248	EFIC	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	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

249	EFIC	LUDWIG	Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
250	EFIC	LUDWIG	Printing	<p>1. 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>2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>d. If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>e. How were they selected?</p> <p>f. What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

251	EFIC	LUDWIG	Corporate cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? e) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? f) How many cars are leased by each department/agency? g) Where are the cars located? h) What are the cars used for? i) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? j) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
252	EFIC	LUDWIG	Taxi costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
253	EFIC	LUDWIG	Hire cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
254	EFIC	LUDWIG	Credit cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

255	EFIC	LUDWIG	Senate estimates briefing	<p>1.How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister’s briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2.How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3.Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>b. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>c. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4.Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>d. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>e. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>f. When were the changes made?</p> <p>5.Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister’s Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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256	EFIC	LUDWIG	Question time	<p>Question time</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? 4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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257	EFIC	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>Freedom of Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests? 2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 6. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team? 7. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests 8. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests 9. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level 10. Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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257 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>11. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12. 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?</p> <p>13. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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257 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>15. Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List those notified request b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office? <p>16. Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17. If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18. How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19. Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20. What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21. What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22. Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23. How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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257 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>24. How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25. 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?</p> <p>26. What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27. Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28. Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29. What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30. Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31. Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32. 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)“</p> <p>33. How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34. Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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257 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<p>35. Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <p>a. If so, list each email account</p> <p>b. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</p> <p>36. Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <p>a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ?</p> <p>b. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
258	EFIC	LUDWIG	Functions	<p>Functions</p> <p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

259	EFIC	LUDWIG	Red tape reductions	<p>Red tape reduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3) How have they been recruited? 4) What process was used for their appointment? 5) What is the total cost of this unit? 6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 8) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
260	EFIC	LUDWIG	Official residencies	<p>Official residences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

261	EFIC	LUDWIG	Land costs	<p>Land costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? <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> 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or 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> 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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262	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level ▪ If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? ▪ If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? ▪ How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. 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 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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263	EFIC	LUDWIG	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since September 7th 2013; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how often has each board met, break down by board name; b. what travel expenses are provided; c. what is the average attendance at board meetings; d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; e. what conflicts of interest have been registered; f. what remuneration is provided to board members; g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served; 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
264	EFIC	LUDWIG	Shared resources following MOG changes	<p>Shared resources following MOG changes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

265	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial Leave	<p>Ministerial Leave</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The dates the minister was on leave. ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable). b. Who was acting in the minister's place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place? ii. What was the process for selecting this person? iii. Who was involved in making this decision? c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and he date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable? d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable? v. but were unable? vi. provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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265 cont	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial Leave	<p>e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
266	EFIC	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Departmental Rebranding</p> <p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

267	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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268	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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269	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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270	EFIC	LUDWIG	Building Leave Costs	<p>1. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>d. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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271	EFIC	LUDWIG	Diner's Club cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements? 2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges? 3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses? 4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers; 5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
272	EFIC	LUDWIG	Government advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
273	EFIC	LUDWIG	Workplace assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
274	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

275	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial pay outs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
276	EFIC	LUDWIG	Ministerial staff turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please 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 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
277	EFIC	LUDWIG	Christmas party costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of each of these functions? 2. How was the money identified? 3. What was the location of these functions? 4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
278	EFIC	LUDWIG	Multiple tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

279	EFIC	LUDWIG	Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
280	EFIC	LUDWIG	Departmental upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
281	EFIC	LUDWIG	Wine Coolers/Fridges	<p>Wine Coolers/Fridges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

282	EFIC	LUDWIG	Office plants	<p>Office plants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
283	EFIC	LUDWIG	Office recreation facilities	<p>Office recreation facilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
284	EFIC	LUDWIG	Vending machines	<p>Vending machines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

285	EFIC	LUDWIG	Legal costs	<p>Legal costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 2. 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) 3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
286	EFIC	LUDWIG	Australian Public Affairs	<p>Australian Public Affairs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 2. List all interactions between the Mnister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

287	DFAT - TED	RHIANNON	Cosmetics imports & exports	1. What is the dollar value of cosmetics imports from and cosmetics exports to China?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
288	DFAT - TED	RHIANNON	DFAT & mining support	1. What is the level of support to the mining industry from DFAT? a) How many people in DFAT facilitate and assist Australian mining companies operating overseas? b) How many DFAT people working in trade centres, embassies, consulates, High Commissions and other postings overseas are tasked with job of assisting Australian mining companies expand their overseas operations? c) What is the role of these people?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
289	DFAT - ISD	RHIANNON	Nuclear Disarmament	2. How many people did the Australian Government send to the Second Conference on Catastrophic Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons Use in Nayarit Mexico on 13-14 Febuary 2014? 3. Why did Australia's representatives at Nayarit apparently, say nothing? a) Was an Australian statement ever contemplated, and if so why wasn't it given? 4. Will the Australian Government note and factor into its nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation policies, the Chairman's summary of the Nayarit Conference and the preceding Oslo conference? a) If not, why not? 5. Will the Government be attending the upcoming Vienna conference? 6. Does the Government agree that Australia should take a positive and constructive leadership role in nuclear disarmament? 7. How does the Government seek to further such a role in the upcoming 2014 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty meeting in New York; at the proposed Vienna meeting; and at UN First Committee in October? 8. Minister Bishop has said she wants to 'engage, not enrage' the Nuclear Weapons States. Just how does the government plan to engage the nuclear weapon states over the fulfilment of their Article VI NPT obligations to negotiate to zero their nuclear arsenals? a) What vision does the Government have of an effective and practical road to that goal? 9. May I have details of the actions and plans that demonstrate the commitment of the Government to work towards the goal of nuclear abolition? 10. Is the Government still committed to the unanimous resolution passed some years ago by the Australian Parliament, committing Australia to the abolition of nuclear weapons? 11. May I have an explanation or details of any consideration/risk analysis that has been applied to a policy of 'extended deterrence' compared to the risks nuclear weapons continue to pose to the world community?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

290	DFAT - DPD	RHIANNON	Global forest programs & ODA	<p>12. Does DFAT retain the commitment that AusAID has to reduce deforestation in developing countries? If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal?</p> <p>13. Considering the August 30 2013 statement by the Minister for Environment that the government would be attempting to broker a deal to protect global rainforests, will any of the money expended on this work be classified as ODA under the Environment portfolio or will it be part of the overseas aid program administered by DFAT?</p> <p>14. What global environment programs have been shifted from AusAID or DFAT to the Environment Department?</p> <p>15. What amount of funding, if any, has been allocated for the purposes of furthering a global deal on rainforest protection?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
291	DFAT – DPD	RHIANNON	Global environment and climate change programs –	<p>1. What consideration has been undertaken to ensure that sustainable economic growth is backed up by sound risk assessment with regard to investment in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction initiatives?</p> <p>2. Within each of Australia’s bilateral aid programs, how much money will be available for climate change initiatives?</p> <p>3. What will be the value (in terms of the grant equivalent) of Australia’s total support for climate change mitigation and adaptation overseas, excluding private finance, for the financial year 2013/14?</p> <p>4. Which programs and projects will be affected by the elimination of all funding to Global Environment Programs through the \$650 million budget reduction for 2013-14?</p> <p>5. Does the the government fund any of the following multilateral climate change funds, stating from which budgeted program these funds were dispersed, and the amount of disbursement?</p> <p>a) The Adaptation Fund</p> <p>b) The Least Developed County Funds</p> <p>c) The Global Environment Facility</p> <p>d) The Climate Investment Funds</p> <p>e) The Green Climate Fund</p> <p>6. What is the allocation for 2013/2014 to the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative?</p> <p>a) Of this, how much will go to Community-Based Adaptation Activity Grants?</p> <p>7. Has the Department altered the methodology used to account for climate finance within the aid budget?</p> <p>a) How?</p> <p>8. What is the current methodology, and what measures are taken to ensure no double counting of aid money and climate finance?</p> <p>9. How much money will be available for climate change initiatives within each of Australia’s bilateral aid programs?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

				10. What will be the value (in terms of the grant equivalent) of Australia's total support for climate change mitigation and adaptation overseas, excluding private finance, for the financial year 2013/2014?			
292	DFAT – INTF (lead) CMD	RHIANNON	DFAT Structure AusAID integration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The integration is intended to be completed by 1 July with the integration of all country programs. Is it the intention of the integration to also integrate the humanitarian, multilateral development and partnership and development policy divisions? 2. How many staff have resigned or taken redundancy since 1 November 2013? 3. Could you provide a breakdown of the staff who have either resigned or taken redundancy since 1 November 2013, on the basis of the agency/department that employed them prior to the integration? 4. Of the former AusAID staff who have either resigned or taken redundancy since 1 November 2013, could you provide a breakdown of the number of staff who filled specialist roles vs generalist roles? 5. Is there an intention to retain a 'development' stream within the graduate program and career development of employees of the department? 6. What strategies are being adopted in the integration of the country programs to retain development expertise within the structure and staffing? 7. Prior to the integration the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) reported directly to the Director-General of AusAID, now it appears to report to a Deputy Secretary, can you confirm that change and explain why the ODE does not report directly to the Secretary of the Department? Who made this decision to modify the reporting line of the ODE? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
293	DFAT – DPD	RHIANNON	Aid guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the government considered if the recent policy changes to the aid program are in line with the OECD guidelines? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so what was the finding? b) If not why not? 2. As Australia is a signatory to the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda have either of these been considered in light of the need for poverty alleviation to be the fundamental principle for aid programs? 3. Does the government recognise it has any obligations under the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda? 4. What role do the Multilateral Development Goal's have in determining aid policy? 5. When the government promotes an aid for trade approach what does this mean? 6. Does this mean Australia's aid policy will include using aid to promote free trade agreements such as PACER Plus in the Pacific? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

294	DFAT – OTN	RHIANNON	Aid for Trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would like some clarification on aid for trade – what does this mean? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the criteria or outcomes sought? b. How will those outcomes be measured? c. May I have any discussion papers or other documents outlining how aid for trade will work? 2. Does this mean Australia’s aid policy will include using aid to push free trade agreements such as PACER Plus in the Pacific? May I have details of how? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
295	DFAT – DPD	RHIANNON	Economic Growth & Poverty Alleviation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recently Secretary of the Department, Mr Varghese, made comments to the effect that aid could only be effective if it is aimed at promoting economic growth, and that the core purpose of Australia's aid program should be focussed primarily on the same. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) May I have an expanded explanation of what was meant by those comments? b) The implication from the comments is that other aims or purposes could not be considered effective aid. Is this a correct interpretation? Was this a deliberate implication? 2. Is the Secretary and/or the Department aware of the 2010 UN Millennium Development Goals Progress Report? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) With regard to that Report, what is the response to the UN Secretary General's statement that “While economic growth is necessary, it is not sufficient for progress” in alleviating poverty? (See: http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/ga10922.doc.htm) b) In what way does the Secretary or the Department agree or disagree with the UN Secretary General? 3. May I have clarification of how the Department intends to promote economic growth that is sustainable, and that takes into account other social and structural factors that impact on the poverty of the most vulnerable and poorest people going forward? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
296	DFAT – PDD	RHIANNON	Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will there be any cuts to Australian aid funding of Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program? 2. If yes, how much is likely to be cut from this program and when? 3. May I have details of discussions or consideration given to this program with regards to funding cuts? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

297	DFAT – CMD	RHIANNON	ODA funding cuts – general	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which Australian government funded aid projects and programs that had been planned, have been cut, delayed or had their budget reduced to make the cut to the 2013-14 budgeted amount? 2. How many direct and indirect beneficiaries of Australian aid projects that have now been cut, reduced or delayed will now not benefit because of those changes? May I have their details? 3. For the projects that have been delayed, will they be implemented in the 2014-15 budget? 4. What Australian aid projects and programs have been cut, delayed or had their budget delayed in the following countries and regional programs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Solomon Islands, b) Pacific Regional Program c) Indonesia d) South East Asia - Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia e) East Asia Regional f) Bangladesh g) Sub Saharan Africa h) Cross regional <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. education ii. health iii. water and sanitation iv. infrastructure v. rural development vi. governance vii. climate change and environmental sustainability viii. disability ix. gender i) Humanitarian and emergency response 5. When was written advice provided to partner governments, multilateral organisations, contractors, NGOs and other implementing partners Impacted by funding reductions from the revised 2013-14 budget? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can a copy of written advice be provided? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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298	DFAT- CMD	RHIANNON	Line by Line Aid cuts –	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which programs and projects which had been planned have been cut, delayed or had their budget reduced to make the cut to the 2013-14 budgeted amount? 2. How many direct and indirect beneficiaries would have benefited but will now not benefit from the programs that have been cut, delayed or had their budget reduced? 3. For projects that have been delayed, are they guaranteed to be implemented in the 2014-15 budget? 4. 313Have all governments, multilaterals, contractors, NGOs and other implementing partners been advised of any impact that cuts announced by the Federal Government what impact it will have on them? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
299	DFAT – HMD/CMD HPRB)	RHIANNON	Humanitarian Expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DFAT answer to QoN 306, from Nov 2013 estimates shows that at November 2013 Australia had spent \$62.52 million on humanitarian emergency response (HER). Is this correct? 2. Since November 2013, the government has announced an additional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million for Syria (to UN agencies) • \$3 million to South Sudan (to the UN Common Humanitarian Fund) • and \$50,000 to Tonga. <p>Is it correct this brings total reported expenditure on “humanitarian emergency response” to date to \$75.57 million. Is this correct?</p> 3. Is it correct that in January 2014 the government cut AU\$119.7 humanitarian, emergency and refugee programs? 4. Is it correct that currently the Federal Government has budgeted AU\$264.2 million to global humanitarian, emergency and refugee program, which includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) \$22 million to the ICRC b) \$104.8 for ongoing partnerships with UN agencies c) \$137.40 million allocated to humanitarian and emergency response (HER) 5. Could you please confirm as correct that the remaining budget for HER therefore should be \$137.4 less the \$75.57 = \$61.83 million? 6. Given there is \$61.83 million available in the HER budget why has Australia only given one-tenth of its fair share to the global \$6.5 billion appeal for the Syria crisis? 7. What will the Federal Government do with remaining HER funding if it is not committed to emergencies before 30 June? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

299 cont				<p>8. How much of the entire Global Humanitarian Emergency and Refugee program has now been spent against each of the three budget lines (which are HER, ICRC and UN humanitarian)?</p> <p>9. For expenditure against the HER budget line how much money was allocated to each emergency and how much has been allocated to each recipient (ie. NGO, UN agency, ICRC etc)?</p> <p>10. In allocating expenditure to the HER program above, how does the department decide which emergencies to allocate funding to, and how much funding to give? What principles and policy guidance is used in making such decisions?</p> <p>11. In allocating expenditure to the HER program above, how does the department decide which partners (NGOs, UN, ICRC etc) to allocate funding to and which mechanisms to use?</p> <p>12. What principles and policy guidance is used in making these decisions?</p> <p>13. Did Australia's \$3 million contribution to South Sudan come out of the Africa program or out of the global humanitarian, emergency and refugee program?</p> <p>14. Did Australia's \$10 million contribution to the Syria appeal come out of the Middle East program or out of the global humanitarian, emergency and refugee program?</p> <p>15. How does Australia report on official humanitarian expenditure allocated from within its country programs? For example, if funding has been allocated for South Sudan from the Africa program, how is this publicly reported?</p> <p>16. Does Australia report on all of its official humanitarian assistance flows to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Financial Tracking Service?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) If not, why does Australia not fully utilise this service, noting that according to Good Humanitarian Donorship principles Australia should be reporting its humanitarian assistance flows accurately and in a timely manner?</p> <p>17. This year, what proportion of Australia's aid program has been allocated towards Disaster Risk Reduction?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) What amount and proportion of ODA allocated to DRR annually per financial year from 2005/06 to 2013/14?</p>			
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300	DFAT – CMD (Lead) MPD (input)	RHIANNON	ODA & Refugee Policy overlap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much aid money is being used for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) offshore processing b) domestic detention of refugees and asylum seekers in detention centres c) domestic detention of refugees and asylum seekers in processing centres 2. In light of reports from Cambodian officials that they expect an increase in aid funding from Australia, are you aware of plans to increase Australian aid money to Cambodia? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so what is the increase in dollars and the increase by percentage? b) Could this increase in aid money to Cambodia be used as a bargaining chip for proposed refugee resettlement deal? 3. How much Australian aid money to Sri Lanka is used on aid programs to stop asylum seekers from leaving Sri Lanka? 4. Is Australian aid money given to the Sri Lankan navy? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so how much Australian aid money has been allocated to the Sri Lankan navy? b) Have any conditions been put on using this money? c) If so what are those conditions and have they been abided with? d) Has any aspect of Australian assistance been used to for activities to stop asylum seekers from leaving Sri Lanka? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
301	DFAT – DPD	RHIANNON	Deforestation in developing countries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to a question I asked at the last Supplementary Budget Estimates (21 November 2013), DFAT stated that ‘All IFCI budget measure funding has been spent.’ Considering this response and that Australian contributions funded through the International Forest Carbon Initiative to projects including the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership, the World Bank Forest Investment Program, a Research Partnership with the Centre for International Forestry Research, and the Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does DFAT retain the commitment AusAID had to reducing deforestation in developing countries? b) If so, what measures does it propose to take to further this goal? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
302	DFAT – EADD/ CMD	RHIANNON	Cambodian Railway	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considering the Cambodian Daily has reported that the Australian aid funded Cambodian railways project has been indefinitely postponed with 300km of rail still to be laid, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the Australian government fulfilled its funding commitments for the Cambodian railway project that? If not why? b) Will the Australian government provide funding to complete the railway? If not why? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

302 cont				<p>2. Considering the Asian Development Bank has admitted to inadequately compensating families, failing to properly consult affected families, deficiencies with the resettlement sites, an inadequate grievance process, delays in helping evictees make a living and to weak monitoring:</p> <p>a) Does the Australian government agree with the Asian Development Bank's admission that the Cambodian railways project breached the human rights of people in communities living alongside and relocated away from the railway line?</p> <p>3. Does the Australian government admit fault for these human rights abuses?</p> <p>4. What is the Australian government doing to ensure affected people are properly compensated and supported? Which body will be overseeing the process?</p>			
303	DFAT – SWD/CMD	RHIANNON	Afghanistan-Funding for women/violence prevention	<p>1. Will the \$17.7m to Afghanistan for elimination of violence against women announced last year be affected by any aid cuts?</p> <p>2. How will the program be affected and what is the dollar amount that will be cut?</p> <p>3. Will Australia be doing anything at the United Nations Security Council this year to advocate for human rights and women's rights protections in Afghanistan? If so what is the government planning on doing?</p> <p>4. When will the government provide a response to the 2012 Senate FADT Committee report into Aid to Afghanistan particularly in respect to the recommendations 30 (aid to women's groups); 26 (human rights and gender training by ADF and AFP in advisory role to Afghan forces)?</p> <p>5. How is Australia monitoring/applying pressure to ensure progress towards Afghanistan's commitment in the Development Framework Agreement between the two countries to: "improve the future of women and girls by prioritising health and education outcomes, and finalising and implementing the National Action Plan to implement UNSCR 1325 [involving women in peace negotiations and ensuring their participation in the promotion of peace and security]"</p> <p>6. Is the Australian government encouraging the full participation of Afghan women in any peace and negotiation talks? If so what actions have been taken to achieve this? If not, why not?</p> <p>7. What women groups is the Australian government working with to ensure this full participation?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

304	DFAT – MDD/CMD	RHIANNON	Green Climate Fund & Global Environment Programs	<p>Considering the DFAT website, ‘Aid’ section, under the heading “Green Climate Fund,” states that ‘Australia ... has a Board seat for the first three-year Board term, on behalf of Australia and New Zealand’ -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has Australia retained its Board seat on the Green Climate Fund? b) How much has been allocated by the relevant department to supporting Australia’s Board seat obligations on the Green Climate Fund? c) How much is earmarked in the budget for Australia’s commitment to the Green Climate Fund? <p>Considering the Ausaid budget under the line item, ‘Contribution to Global Environment Programs’ the amount allocated had been reduced from \$74.6 million in the 2012-2013 budget to \$0 in the 2013-2014 revised budget -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What programs were previously funded under ‘Global Environmental Programs’? b) How much of this allocation has remained as contributions to global environmental programs but have been reallocated under the Environment portfolio? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
305	DFAT – DPD/CMD	RHIANNON	Medical Research Strategy Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why, given the commitment of the Government to increasing engagement of the private sector in the aid program, did DFAT terminate funding of public-private Product Development Partnerships for TB and malaria by discontinuing the Medical Research Strategy in January 2014? 2. What plans does the Government have to reinstate support to Product Development Partnerships to develop new tools to fight TB and malaria, given that the lack of effective drugs and vaccines for these diseases is undermining the effectiveness of Australian---funded health programs? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
306	DFAT- MDD/CMD	RHIANNON	GAVI Alliance & Nutrition for Growth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considering the Foreign Affairs Minister’s recent praise of the vaccine group the GAVI Alliance, has the Government determined what amounts it will contribute to GAVI in 2014 and 2015, given that Australia’s 2011 pledge covered only the first three years of the GAVI five-year planning period and is now completed? 2. Is the Government planning to proceed with the \$40 million over four years for nutrition measures in Asia-Pacific countries, which Australia announced at the Nutrition for Growth Summit in June 2013? 3. How much of the \$40 million committed at the Nutrition for Growth Summit will be allocated in 2013-14? 4. Does the Government remain committed to developing a nutrition strategy for the Australian aid program, and when should we expect the strategy to be released? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

307	DFAT – DPD (Lead)	RHIANNON	Polio Eradication & other multilateral commitments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considering Australia made an \$80 million funding commitment to the Polio Eradication Initiative in May 2013, to cover the 2014-2018 eradication drive, and we are currently in the middle of the funding cycle of our previous pledging cycle, in which we are committed to 50 million dollars over 2011-2014, how much has the government disbursed this year, and how much remains outstanding on our pledge? 2. Is the Government still on track to provide \$20 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in the 2014-15 budget? 3. Is the Government also on track to meet the additional commitment of \$80 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative from 2015-16 to 2018? 4. If this information is not yet known, when will it be available? 5. If we have to wait until May, will the forward estimates of the 2014-15 budget also detail exactly when and how multilateral commitments that extend beyond 2014-15 will be delivered on? 6. Is the Government still on track to deliver on its commitment to provide \$270 million to the Global Partnership for Education by 2014? 7. Will the Government make an increased commitment of \$100 million p.a. to the Global Partnership for Education at the Partnership’s replenishment conference in June? 8. Is the projected increase of aid to family planning to \$53 million p.a. by 2016 still on track, as committed to by the Australian government at the 2012 London Family Planning Summit? 9. Will the Government announce an additional contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria during the Fund’s 2014-16 replenishment cycle, above and beyond the \$200 million commitment the Government announced in December 2013? 10. Given increased economic growth does not necessarily equate to a reduction in poverty, what safeguards are in place to ensure that Australian aid continues to support efforts to alleviate human suffering and poverty now that reference to poverty reduction has been changed in the aid program’s policy objectives? 11. If the Government is of the opinion that higher economic growth automatically results in poverty alleviation, why was there a need to change reference to poverty alleviation in the aid program’s policy objectives? Does this not send the message that aid spending in the first instance needs to drive economic growth before alleviating human suffering and poverty? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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308	DFAT - MPD	WATERS	World Heritage Committee Lobbying	<p>In relation to representations made by the Australian Government to relating to the June 2014 meeting of the World Heritage Committee (WHC),</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Government officials have been involved in formal and informal meetings with representatives of the WHC Secretariat and/ or representatives of WHC members to date in the lead up to this meeting? 2. How many meetings have already taken place between Departmental or Ministerial staff and representatives of each WHC member nation? 3. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the World Heritage Centre? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates. 4. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the International Union for Conservation of Nature? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates. 5. Have Departmental or Ministerial staff had any correspondence or any meetings with the International Council on Monuments and Sites? If so, please provide a breakdown including dates. 6. How does the current advocacy effort compare to the 2013 and 2012 meetings of the Committee? Please provide a breakdown of resources committed including staff and expenditure. 7. Please provide a breakdown of the number of meetings held between Departmental and Ministerial staff and foreign representatives in relation to the Committee's deliberations in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date. 8. Will the Minister be participating in the delegation to the meeting in June? 9. Will any Ministerial staff be participating in the delegation to the meeting in June? 10. Can a breakdown be provided of how many staff attending are anticipated to be involved in the June meeting delegation, including, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. technical staff, b. other staff? 11. Which Government official will lead the delegation in June? If this is not settled, which APS level would they hold? 12. Will any industry, community, scientific or other non-Government representatives form part of the Australian Government delegation in June? If yes, please provide details. 13. Have any Government Ministers been involved in making representations to the WHC Secretariat and/ or representatives of WHC members in the past six months? Please provide details. 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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309	DFAT - OTN	WHISH- WILSON	Investor State Dispute Settlement Provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to ISDS provisions in KAFTA, Minister Robb has referred to carve outs for environmental, health and public welfare legislation. Is there specific carve outs or are the carve outs based on standard text about indirect expropriations found in other agreements? If there are specific carve outs can you direct me to exactly where in the text of the KAFTA agreement the specific carve outs are mentioned? 2. Does DFAT have a legal fund set aside for defending ISDS litigation? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much money is set aside in this fund? 3. If a state government or local government is sued under ISDS provisions, does DFAT have a position on whether it would advise or financially assist the government in question to defend the ISDS case. 4. Does DFAT have in house legal specialists on ISDS or does the Department seek legal advice as necessary? 5. How much money has DFAT spent so far on defending the cigarette plain packaging ISDS litigation? 6. How many staff do DFAT currently have working on this case and what classification levels are they? 7. Do DFAT staff have access to the documents relating to the case that Phillip Morris have prevented from being publicly released? 8. How much money is Phillip Morris seeking in damages from the Australian Government? 9. How many times have Australian companies utilized ISDS provisions to litigate against a foreign government? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can a list of the cases be provided. 10. Is DFAT aware of the case in El Salvador where a Canadian Based company which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Australian Company OceanaGold is suing the Government under ISDS provisions? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has DFAT had any correspondence with OceanaGold regarding this issue? b. has DFAT provided advice to the Company on how to proceed under ISDS provisions? c. Has the company approached consular staff for information or assistance on this case? d. Has OceanaGold spoken to Austrade about this issue? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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310	DFAT - FTD	WHISH-WILSON	Korean – Australia FTA economic modelling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the modelling referred to in the media release of 5 December 2013 by the Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Investment titled ‘Australia concludes FTA negotiations with the Republic of Korea’ commissioned? 2. Over what time period was the modelling carried out? 3. How were the parameters set for the modelling? 4. Was the modelling peer reviewed in any way? 5. What was the cost of the contract for the modelling? 6. Has the Department provided advice to the Minister about publicly releasing the modelling? 7. What did the modelling indicate about the outcome for the car industry? 8. Did DFAT consult with car industry about KAFTA and the modelling parameters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so how many meetings were held between DFAT and car industry representatives? b. Can the detail of these meetings be provided? (where, when and who attended) 9. When were DFAT instructed to commission a new modelling report which was dated the 28 February 2014 and was tabled in the Senate on the 3rd of March <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much did it cost to produce this new report? 10. Has the Government commissioned similar modelling for the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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311	DFAT – OTN/GIB/ITS	WHISH-WILSON	Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff are currently working on the TPP in DFAT and what classification levels they are? 2. Apart from DFAT which government departments sent representatives to the recent Singapore negotiation round? 3. Can you provide the total cost to DFAT of negotiating the TPP from when preparations for the first negotiation rounds began? Include cost of staffing resources, travel, external consultancies. 4. Of the 29 chapters in the agreement how many have actually been agreed? 5. Have DFAT consulted with local government representatives about the TPP? 6. Is DFAT aware of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee in the US which is made up of industry groups and companies who provide advice on technical issues and text wording to US trade representatives. Does DFAT have a similar committee? If not why not? 7. Is DFAT aware of the US Trade Representatives (USTR) concept of ‘cleared advisors’? Does Australia grant similar rights to any stakeholders in Australia? 8. Has Minister Robb ever meet with USTR ‘cleared advisors’? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes when have these meetings occurred? 9. Did DFAT provide briefing to the Ministers office regarding the Senate motion for order of production of documents regarding the text of the TPPA? 10. Does DFAT have a departmental policy on these types or orders in relation to the text of unsigned trade agreements? 11. Did DFAT draft the letter signed by Minister Cormann which he provided to the Senate in response to the motion? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
312	DFAT - OTN	WHISH-WILSON	Pharmaceutical Patents Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is DFAT aware of the Pharmaceutical Patents Review? 2. Has DFAT received a copy of the final report? 3. Has the Minister been briefed on its contents and recommendations? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

313	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Economic Modelling	<p>a. What economic assessments and inputs were obtained during the final negotiation rounds to inform negotiators of the economic impact of considered concessions and negotiation position?</p> <p>b. Who provided the advice?</p> <p>c. What was the scope of their engagement?</p> <p>d. What were they paid?</p> <p>e. When was the Centre for International Economics (“CIE”) engaged to provide economic analysis relating to the KAFTA negotiations and/or final text? When and how did CEI provide advice to DFAT?</p> <p>f. What was the scope of engagement of CIE? What is their fee? Please provide a copy of the engagement letter or agreement.</p> <p>g. When was the CEI report on KAFTA first received? Who provided input and comments? How many versions were provided? When was the final report delivered to DFAT? Is there a longer-form report from CEI? If so, can it be provided?</p> <p>h. Is there any economic modelling or report from any other provider? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>i. How many jobs will be created between implementation of KAFTA and 2030? Please provide a detailed profile (including by sector, area and times).</p> <p>j. Please describe and explain the modelling process and projections in relation to job numbers per year, per industry sector, per state and in the aggregate.</p> <p>k. What is the overall net jobs impact of both KAFTA and without KAFTA for Australia?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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313 cont		WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Economic Modelling	<p>l. What is the KAFTA estimated to reduce tariff revenue by over the forward estimates, keeping in mind that the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (“AANZFTA”) does not apply to goods exported from Korea?</p> <p>m. In regards to the adjustment tariff revenue projected associated with the KAFTA, on what specific Australian industries and/or regions is the KAFTA likely to impose the most significant adjustment costs? Please provide a breakdown of the above.</p> <p>n. Please explain how the car manufacturing industry in Australia was accounted for in all associated including impact projections.</p> <p>o. Please explain and provide details why the total exports in the mining industry are expected to decline as a result of the implementation of KAFTA?</p> <p>p. With reference to a 2013 DFAT Fact Sheet on the KAFTA Key Outcomes which states that by 2030 Australian exports to Korea would be 25% higher than they otherwise would have been, what is the source of this figure and how was it calculated?</p> <p>q. With reference to the CIE report that states that the overall “total quantity of exports from Australia increases by 0.1 percent (or \$280 million) as a result of the FTA”, from which markets/countries are exports redirected from in favour of Korea? What sectors / goods /services?</p> <p>r. What analysis has been done to assess the benefits of the agreed KAFTA (or prior versions) for Korea?</p> <p>s. Who provided the analysis and who paid?</p> <p>t. Was a comparative analysis done on the allocation of benefits and disadvantages for both State Parties? If so, please provide details.</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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314	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Services Sector	<p>a. What specific service sector types are likely to gain the most from KAFTA? Please explain why and how.</p> <p>b. Are there any harmonisation or mutual recognition efforts in relation to particular service professions? If so please provide details.</p> <p>c. What is the interaction between opening up the service sector and the movement of people with other government policies, such as immigration?</p> <p>d. What benefits does KAFTA provide to the hi-tech and biotechnology sectors in both countries?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
315	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Manufacturing Sector	<p>a. Did the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Manufacturing assess or make recommendations in relation to KAFTA (including alternatives and substitutes)? If so, what was its recommendations/assessments? If not, why not?</p> <p>b. Will the concessions in the auto sector result in a hastening of the departure of the local auto industry? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>c. What is the real growth potential of the auto component parts sector as a direct result of KAFTA? Please provide details.</p> <p>d. Has the Minister and/or department received any representations from industry concerned about the impact of second hand car imports? If so, what is the nature of the concerns and how has the government responded? Is the Minister and/or department consulting the automotive sector on this issue in relation to Japan FTA negotiations? If so, how?</p> <p>e. Has the department looked at the experience in NZ that opened market access to second hand vehicles over a decade ago? If so, how?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

316	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Agriculture Sector	<p>a. With reference to claims the dairy industry will benefit from KAFTA in terms of increased exports to Korea, and total exports as well as increased employment, will drought, financial and other factors affect the industry's capacity to realise potential gains? If so, please provide any assessment.</p> <p>b. Why does KAFTA not provide for market access gains for Australian rice growers? What trade-offs or concessions did Korea make?</p> <p>c. Noting that KAFTA contains specific safeguard measures for the export of Australian beef, malt, maize and sugar, can the department explain the rationale for these carve outs and the related implications for industry? Do these safeguards act as a non-tariff barrier to trade for these Australian goods?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
317	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Safeguard Measures	<p>a. Why does KAFTA not contain specific safeguard measures for any Australian industry sector, including sensitive industries?</p> <p>b. In relation to the safeguard provisions in general, and with reference all bilateral and multilateral trade agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On how many goods does Korea currently maintain safeguard measures? Provide type and details. - On how many goods does Australia currently maintain safeguard measures, if any? Provide type and details. <p>c. Regarding article 6.2.1 Conditions and Limitations in KAFTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the competent authority in Korea for the purpose of safeguard investigations? <p>d. Noting that in Australia the Productivity Commission must give particular consideration to the public interest requirements in clause 1 of the Competition Principles Agreement signed by the Commonwealth Government on 11 April 1995, do the other competent authorities in Korea and the nations which maintain safeguards on Korean goods have a similar requirement on their competent authorities?</p> <p>e. Regarding Article 6.8.2 (C), does KAFTA potentially impact on the capacity of a responsible Minister or agency to take action under Australia's anti-dumping provisions?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

318	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Investment	<p>a. What is the current level of co-investment between Korea and Australia? What has been the trend over past decade?</p> <p>b. In light of the increase in the FIRB threshold for Korean investment up to \$1 billion, what is the anticipated/projected level of Korean investment in Australia, and in what areas/sectors, over the next 5, 10, 15 years? What was the projected increase in Korean investment in Australia over the same time frame without the KAFTA concession?</p> <p>c. Under KAFTA, what is the projected level of Australian investment into Korea, and in what areas/sectors, over the next 5, 10, 15 years?</p> <p>d. Are there any similar investment incentives provided to Australians – eg, an incentive of the same qualitative value as the FIRB threshold increase provided for Korean investment in Australia?</p> <p>e. Noting that Australia has a very good country risk rating that is higher than Korea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How have Australian businesses handled this country risk in their previous transactions and investments in Korea? - Have there been submissions from Australian entities that this country risk is a barrier to trade and investment in Korea? - Why was it necessary to provide a quasi-insurance policy against country risk in the form of a wide and general ISDS provision? <p>f. Is there an understanding, arrangement, side-letter or similar between the Australian and Korean Governments for the respective Government to indemnify, guarantee or otherwise insure its investors who choose to invest in the other country? If so, will such insurance arrangements prevent an investor making a claim against the other Government pursuant to the ISDS provisions?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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319	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)	<p>a. Has the Department undertaken an analysis of the Korean legal system for the purpose of assessing the ISDS provisions in KAFTA? If so, please provide details, including findings.</p> <p>b. In what negotiation round were ISDS provisions first conceded?</p> <p>c. What was negotiated in return for Australia’s concession on ISDS provisions?</p> <p>d. How many submissions were received during consultations advocating agreement to ISDS provisions? Who were they from?</p> <p>e. How many submissions were received during consultations advocating opposition to ISDS provisions? Who were they from?</p> <p>f. What consideration and weight did DFAT give to the findings and recommendations relating to ISDS provisions by the Productivity Commission in its <i>Research Report on Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements</i>?</p> <p>g. What consideration and weight did DFAT give to the United Nations UNCTAD publication <i>Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement: In Search of a Roadmap</i>”, IIA Issues Note No.2 June 2013?</p> <p>h. What alternatives to an ISDS provision did DFAT consider? Please provide details.</p> <p>i. With reference to the DFAT fact sheet on ISDS outcomes which states that the “<i>KAFTA ISDS is a modern, balanced mechanism with explicit safeguards for legitimate public welfare regulation</i>”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On what basis or supporting authority does DFAT make this statement? - Is the ISDS in KAFTA a new type of ISDS provision? - Has this version (or any aspects of it) been used in other free trade agreements? If yes, what are the results/outcomes for the countries involved? <p>j. With reference to the statement by Trade Minister Robb at his press conference on 17 February 2014: “<i>we had to be satisfied that we could engage in public policy decisions in the future in regard to health or the environment and not have it subject to the ISDS. So ... that is the reservation.</i>”</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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319 cont	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please explain and provide details how the KAFTA text guarantees that such future public policy decisions will not be subject to an ISDS claim. <p>k. Noting Trade Minister Robb’s claim that the ISDS “does carve out public policy relating to environment”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please explain and provide details how the KAFTA prohibits or makes impossible an ISDS claim relating to environmental measures. <p>l. Please explain and provide details of how any changes to Australia’s PBS system, as well as any future new health system or measures, are immune from arbitration claims by Korean investors, including non-Korean companies with related entities in Korea?</p> <p>m. How have the conditions “except in limited circumstances” and “necessary” been interpreted and applied in ISDS cases?</p> <p>n. Have these proposed “safeguard” provisions been tested against recent landmark Australian legislation such as plain packing legislation and carbon emission environment protection legislation? Could they fall within the exception of “rare circumstances”?</p> <p>o. Did the Government consider or analyse the ISDS safeguards included in the Central American Free Trade Agreement and in the Peru-US-Agreement, and/or the mining company actions against El Salvador and Peru over environmental regulations? If so, please provide details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can these ISDS claims be distinguished in relation to the safeguards agreed to in the KAFTA? - Please explain key differences in the KAFTA “modern” provision that would safeguard Australia’s environmental measures. <p>p. In Trade Minister Robb’s press conference relating to the KAFTA text and ISDS in particular, he referred to a US Mexican case involving cane sugar and corn syrup. Did the Department review or analyse this case? Please provide details, including an assessment of any health measures at issue in this case, and potential “lessons” or consequences for Australia and its negotiation of FTA provisions.</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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319 cont	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)	<p>q. If the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules apply to a particular arbitration, why has a KAFTA side letter been agreed between the Parties to opt-out / exclude the new UNCITRAL Transparency Rules, unless they otherwise consult within the first 12 months of the Agreement and agree?</p> <p>r. Noting that Annex II-E of KAFTA provides that the Parties will “consider” the establishment of an appellate mechanism, if the lack of a genuine and authoritative appeal mechanism was acknowledged by the parties, why was an appeal procedure not drafted as part of the modern ISDS provisions?</p> <p>s. What is the trend in the number of ISDS claims brought before international arbitration tribunals over the past decade?</p> <p>t. How many ISDS-related claims have been brought involving Australia over the past decade?</p> <p>u. How many ISDS-related claims have been made under FTAs as compared to under International Investment Treaties or agreements over the past decade?</p> <p>v. In relation to the claims brought by Philip Morris Asia against Australia under the Hong Kong bilateral agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the current status? - What is the expected time period for resolution? - What is the anticipated likelihood of success? - If successful by Philip Morris, what is the compensation likely to be awarded against Australia? Will legal and other costs also be awarded against Australia? - What are Australia’s total costs to date, by category of expenditure, in defending this claim? - What future costs are expected? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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320	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Labour	<p>a. Were unions, or other domestic or international labour organisations, consulted on any draft text for inclusion in KAFTA? If not, why not?</p> <p>b. How many of Australia's FTAs have a labour chapter similar to the KAFTA chapter (ie, "promotional" rather than substantive commitments)?</p> <p>c. How many of Korea's FTAs have a labour chapter similar to the KAFTA chapter rather than the more substantive chapter in the Korea-US FTA?</p> <p>d. Have Australia's commitments to domestic and international labour standards been eroded by the labour provisions in this KAFTA?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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321	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Intellectual Property Rights	<p>a. Noting that Article 13.9(28) stipulates “Each Party shall provide measures to curtail repeated copyright and related right infringement on the Internet.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What current measures exist in Australian domestic law to curtail repeated occurrences of online copyright infringement? - Will these measures be sufficient to fulfil the obligations required by this article? - If not, what does the Government believe are the minimum measures required to enforce this article? - Will civil or criminal penalties be required? - Will this include measures such as a ‘graduated response scheme’ implemented by ISPs? <p>b. Do the ISDS provisions, or any other provisions, allow an investor to bring a claim against a government for failing to enforce Article 13.9(28) of the Agreement?</p> <p>c. Will a Korean company be able to bring a claim against the Australian Government if it does not legislate measures to curtail repeated occurrences of online copyright infringement?</p> <p>d. Will the Government be required to introduce a graduated response mechanism into Australian copyright law?</p> <p>e. Noting this is the first agreement Australia is proposing to enter since the passing of the <i>Customs and AusCheck Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2013</i>:</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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321 cont	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) - Intellectual Property Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does anything in KAFTA Chapter 4 preclude the implementation of the regulations and requirements of amendments to the Customs Act in relation to goods imported from Korea or originating from Korea? - f. Does Article 5.8, or any other provision, in KAFTA exempt persons participating in the development of Australian Standards from adhering to the Standards Australia Technical Group and Committee Member Code of Conduct. g. Noting Article 12.2.3 and the limited definition of ‘essential security interests’ in Article.22.2: - Does anything in KAFTA prevent the Australian Government determining that Australian Passports and other essential citizenship documents be manufactured in Australia? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
322	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – Transparency	Does Chapter 19 commit the Australian Government to a higher level of transparency and involvement in legislative matters for Korea and Korean investors than its obligations to its own citizens?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
323	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – KAFTA Text	<p>a. What changes to the text were made between the announcement on 5 December 2013 that negotiations on KAFTA had been concluded, and the initialling of the text by chief negotiators on 10 February 2014?</p> <p>b. What changes to the text, if any, were made between the initialling on 10 February and the public release of the text on 17 February 2014?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
324	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – National Interest Assesemtn (NIA)	<p>a. When will the National Interest Analysis (NIA) be released?</p> <p>b. Who prepared the NIA? If external to DFAT, what was the scope of engagement and fee?</p> <p>c. When and by what process will KAFTA and the NIA be referred for consideration to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

325	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – KAFTA Implementations	<p>a. How many legislative instruments will need to be created, and how many current legislative instruments will require amendment, as a result of KAFTA? Please list.</p> <p>b. Can the required Korean domestic treaty-making process, including the role of the National Assembly, be outlined?</p> <p>c. Can the steps in the implementation process be outlined?</p> <p>d. Are the provisions of KAFTA consistent with other trade agreements to which Australia is a party? To the extent there are inconsistencies, are there any harmonisation efforts underway?</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
326	DFAT - FTD	WONG	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) – KAFTA Costs	<p>a. What were the costs involved in negotiating and “scrubbing”/finalising the KAFTA text over the past year? Which legal firm was engaged and on what basis were they selected? Please provide engagement agreement and details.</p> <p>b. Have external lawyers been engaged on other free trade negotiations this year (eg, Japan, TPP, China, others) and again, on what basis and what cost?</p> <p>c. What are the other costs and expenses associated with finalising the negotiations and agreeing to the text over the past year (including consultants and travel)? Please provide detailed breakdown.</p>	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
327	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Andrew Shearer independently contact the department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the department with whom he has been in contact? ○ On which dates and times has he been in contact? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

328	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are any staff members from the Prime Minister's office ever cc'ed on emails between the department and the Foreign Minister's office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all staff in the PMO who have ever been cc'ed on emails between the department and the Foreign Minister's office? ○ On which dates and times were these emails sent? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
329	DFAT - EXB	WONG	General Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have any staff members of the Prime Minister's Office ever contacted an Australian mission overseas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you please provide a full list of all missions who have been contacted by staff from the PMO, the names in each instance of the PMO who were in contact, and a full list of the dates on which the contact occurred? 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
330	DFAT - PAD	WONG	PACER Plus	b) Was any of the funding announced (\$1.8 million) for the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser affected by the re-allocation of aid funding announced by the Government? Under what program was this funding allocated?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
331	DFAT - OTN	SINGH	Investor State Dispute Settlement	The South Korean Australian Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) includes an ISDS provision that ensures discriminatory regulations regarding pharmaceuticals are excluded and not affected by the ISDS. Can the government confirm that an ISDS in the TPP will not be broader than KAFTA and will protect our pharmaceutical benefit system?	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014

332	DFAT – CMD	CARR	ASIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide a breakdown of the additional expenditure for the following organisations: Australian Secret Intelligence Service 2. Can you provide a breakdown of the additional related capital cost for the following organisations: Australian Secret Intelligence Service 	Written	2/5/2014	15/5/2014
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