

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 13-14 FEBRUARY 2012

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

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1.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – Notification of PM's movements	Ms Leon: The notification of the Prime Minister's movements is undertaken by the office. Senator BRANDIS: Senator Evans, can you tell us, please? You are here representing the Prime Minister. Senator Chris Evans: I cannot tell you when that was done. Maybe I can take it on notice. Senator BRANDIS: In the ordinary course of events, though, for a function of this character, approximately how long before it was done? Senator Chris Evans: I cannot help you with that. I have no personal knowledge of that. It is not something that I have been briefed on. As you know, AFP officers are with the Prime Minister at all times. I am sure there is an established routine but, in terms of the question you ask, I just do not know and I have no knowledge of the normal workings of that sort of process. But I am happy to take it on notice.	FPA, P48, 13 February	30/03/12	
2.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – PMO staff present	Senator BRANDIS: I am told that it is not disputed and that the Prime Minister's office was given the opportunity to dispute it and did not do so. Be that as it may, would you please—and I understand you will have to take this question on notice—come back to the committee and tell us whether it is the case, as reported by Mr Shanahan and Mr Franklin, that Mr Hodges did have a face-to-face conversation with the protesters outside The Lobby restaurant well before the security scare, whether that conversation took place in the presence of another of Ms Gillard's staff, whether that staff member was in fact Sam Casey, and what Mr Hodges said to the protesters in the course of that conversation. I understand that Mr Hodges— Senator Chris Evans: I just want to be clear what you are asking me. Are you saying Mr Hodges had the conversation or Mr Casey did?	FPA, P51, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				Senator BRANDIS: That is what is asserted. Senator Chris Evans: So you are asserting Mr Hodges had the conversation and that Mr Casey was in his presence or are you asserting Mr Casey had the conversation? Senator BRANDIS: Mr Hodges, in the company of another Gillard staffer, talked to protesters. That is what the journalists have written, which I am told has not been disputed by the Prime Minister's office. What I have asked are four specific questions: whether such a conversation took place, whether it took place in the presence of another Gillard staff member, whether that Gillard staff member was Sam Casey, and what was said. Senator Chris Evans: I have no knowledge of that, so I will see what the Prime Minister's office has to say in response. Senator BRANDIS: Thank you very much. You can take that on notice.			
3.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – PMO staff present	Senator BRANDIS: I am going to proceed with the sequence of events. We know the riot occurred. With the exception of questions put to the Prime Minister by journalists at four press conferences, two of them brief doorstops—at the first of which the Prime Minister denied, by the way, any knowledge of these events, so that is hardly relevant—and with the exception of assertions made in the House of Representatives, which are not accurate by reference to at least some of the versions of events given by Kim Sattler, this is the first occasion on which the opposition has had the opportunity, through you, to ask these detailed questions of the Prime Minister. I do not expect you to have direct knowledge of some of the matters concerning which I have asked you, although I did give you notice that I would be exploring this with you today. You may wish to take some of the matters that I am about to turn to on notice and come back to us with a detailed answer. Is it not the case that at 2:57 on the afternoon of Australia Day the Prime Minister's chief of staff, Mr Hubbard, sent a text message to the Leader of the Opposition's chief of staff, Peta Credlin, which read, 'Is TA okay after that madness?' to which, about an hour and a half later, he received the response, 'All good; hope your boss is okay too'? Can you just	FPA, P58, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				satisfy yourself and confirm—you will obviously have to take that on notice—that that exchange took place. Senator Chris Evans: Yes, I have no knowledge of that but I am happy to take that on notice. I am sure your source is Ms Credlin, and in my dealings with her she has always been very professional.			
4.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – Ben Hubbard phone call	Senator BRANDIS: Can you also confirm, please, that at 4.26 that afternoon Mr Hubbard telephoned Ms Credlin on her mobile phone and said words to this effect: 'I am just following up to make sure Tony is okay.' Can you confirm that Ms Credlin replied, 'He is fine; that was quite a turn of events,' and Mr Hubbard replied, 'I read his transcript this morning; there was nothing in it.' Can you confirm that that conversation took place at 4:26 on the 26th of January. Senator Chris Evans: I can take it on notice.	FPA, P58, 13 February	30/03/12	
5.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – Tony Hodges travel with PM	Senator Chris Evans: I do not know how long before the press conference it was, but clearly the Prime Minister had travelled down to Melbourne the previous evening—I assume that is right—after the Australia Day events— Senator BRANDIS: With Mr Hodges. Senator Chris Evans: and she had then gone out to Flowerdale, which I understand is a decent drive— Senator BRANDIS: With Mr Hodges. Senator Chris Evans: I am not sure she was travelling with Mr Hodges, but I can check that for you.	FPA, P60, 13 February	30/03/12	
6.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – Ben Hubbard travel with PM	Senator BRANDIS: Mr Hubbard travelled in the same car as the Prime Minister from wherever she stayed in Melbourne overnight on the Thursday night out to Flowerdale on the Friday morning. Mr Hubbard knows of this confession. He knows that the Prime Minister is about to face a press availability and he does not even tell her? Are you seriously suggesting that that is a plausible or credible version of events, Minister? [...] Senator Chris Evans: But can I just make a point. I will take on notice whether or not Mr Hubbard was in the car. I do not know the answer to that.	FPA, P61, 13 February	30/03/12	

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7.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – Tony Hodges confidentiality agreement	Senator BRANDIS: One last question, Senator Evans, which I imagine you will want to take on notice: when Mr Hodges left the Prime Minister's staff on Friday, 27 January, was he required to sign a confidentiality agreement as one of his terms of severance? Did he do so and, if so, may a copy of that document be produced? Senator Chris Evans: I have no knowledge of any such matter so I will have to take that on notice.	FPA, P62, 13 February	Answered in Hansard FPA, P65, 13 February just before the 15:45 break.	
8.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Ryan	Australia Day Function – PMO senior staff conversations	Senator RYAN: Senator Evans, you quoted a number of times the view that the senior press secretary and the communications director worked to establish all of the facts in relation to these allegations. I assume you will have to take this on notice: given that it seems apparent to me that the only conversations that took place were with Mr Hodges, exactly how did they work to establish all the relevant facts? To whom did they speak? Who did they interview? And, if necessary, what records did they access? Senator Chris Evans: I am happy to take that on notice. I think it is on the public record that Ms Sattler was spoken to—I think that is right, but that is from my memory. I will correct that if that is not right. Again, it would seem to me that they would probably have spoken to the other staff who were at the event on Australia Day. Those are both logical conclusions I jump to, but I will probably briefed and get you an answer.	FPA, P62-63, 13 February	30/03/12	
9.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Ryan	Australia Day Function – Senior staff on leave	Senator Chris Evans: I understand a couple of the people you refer to were actually not working that day on the public holiday— Senator RYAN: Okay, if that is the case. Senator Chris Evans: so some of those conspiracy theories will not hold water because those people were actually on leave. I will get you an answer but I understand a couple of the senior staff actually took the day off as a holiday.	FPA, P63, 13 February	30/03/12	
10.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Ryan	Australia Day Function – Tony Hodges	Senator RYAN: I am happy to be corrected here, but when exactly did Mr Hodges tell Mr Kelly and Mr McTernan or admit to them or fess up?	FPA, P63, 13 February	30/03/12	

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	Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions		discussion	Senator Chris Evans: I am not sure that they were the persons to which he spoke on the Thursday. I will have to take that on notice.			
11.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Ryan	Australia Day Function – PMO senior staff conversations and PM travel	Senator RYAN: I would be interested in knowing then, and this goes back to my first question, at what point were the press secretary and the communications director, whom I understand were working to establish all the facts in relation to these allegations—actually doing that and to whom were they speaking? Senator Chris Evans: I will take that on notice. I do not know the answer and I should not flash outside the off stump, so I will take that on notice. Senator RYAN: Could you also take on notice at what time the Prime Minister left for Melbourne on Australia Day? Senator Chris Evans: Yes, okay.	FPA, P63, 13 February	30/03/12	
12.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Ryan	Australia Day Function – PM and Ben Hubbard briefing	Senator RYAN: There is one other question I would like you to take on notice, Senator Evans. In what form was the briefing provided to both Mr Hubbard and the Prime Minister? Was there any written summary or time line of events? Was there any other documentation such as phone records or emails? Were there summaries of phone conversations with Mr Hodges, Ms Sattler and others. Or was it purely done verbally to both Mr Hubbard and the Prime Minister? Senator Chris Evans: I would have to take that on notice.	FPA, P64, 13 February	30/03/12	
13.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Outcome 1 general questions	Senator Brandis	Australia Day Function – PM and Ben Hubbard briefing	Senator BRANDIS: Can I add another question that I would like taken on notice, please, Senator Evans. By whom was the decision taken to either require or accept Mr Hodges' resignation? Was it by Mr Hubbard, the chief of staff, or by some other person and, if so, whom? And at what time on either Thursday evening or Friday—that is, on the evening of the 26th or the 27th—was the decision made to accept or require Mr Hodges' resignation? Senator Chris Evans: I will take that on notice. If there is anything that the PM wants to add to the statement, which says, 'Mr Hodges had already offered his resignation to my chief of staff. He offered his resignation to me and I accepted it because	FPA, P64, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				his conduct was unauthorised and unacceptable.' Senator BRANDIS: We might also ask the minister to take on notice: at what time did Mr Hodges first offer his resignation? I asked you before about when it was accepted or required. Can you also tell us what time it was offered for the first time? Senator Chris Evans: As I say, the Prime Minister has made a statement that is on the record. But if there is anything we can add, I will take it on notice			
14.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Ludlam	CRC Website – Report publishing	Mr Elton: I think that our website currently indicates that that report will be released in March rather than February. I think that may have been the advice on our website previously. Senator LUDLAM: This was only printed out a couple of days ago but, all right, maybe there has been a late change. What is the reason for the delay? Mr Elton: I might need to take the question on notice because I am not sure of the precise reasons. [...]	FPA, P68, 13 February	30/03/12	
15.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Ludlam	CRC Capital Cities project	Mr Elton: Yes, that is correct. COAG established a set of agreed criteria, and it was the council's job to assess the cities included in the project against those criteria. Part of the process was for the relevant state and territory governments to provide us with submissions that outlined how their capital cities' strategic planning systems were or were not consistent with those criteria. Senator LUDLAM: From memory, because I have been following this reasonably closely from the beginning, somebody—not you—indicated early on that those documents, city by city, would find their way into the public domain—not the draft documents but the final ones submitted. Are you now saying that that is not the case? Mr Elton: I have not been directly involved in this project myself, so I will have to take that question on notice. Certainly our full report will be released publicly. That full report includes, as I understand it, an appendix on each city. But I do not know the answer to the question about whether materials that were supplied to us by state governments will be released, so I will take that on notice.	FPA, P68, 13 February	30/03/12	

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16.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Abetz	Poker machine reform – Wilkie agreement	Senator ABETZ: In that case, Minister, please take on notice whether the Prime Minister obtained any other advice from any other department prior to 2 September in relation to her agreement with Mr Wilkie generally and particularly in relation to section 7 of that agreement, headed poker machines. When did the Prime Minister first become aware of her inability to perform the agreement with Mr Wilkie in relation to the 2014 timeline? Mr Ronalds: I am not in a position to answer that question. I do not know the answer. Senator ABETZ: Would you take it on notice, please. Mr Ronalds: I will take it on notice. [...] Senator ABETZ: I want to know the date when the Prime Minister was first told. Senator Chris Evans: I said I would take it on notice. I am giving you some advice that the sort of detail you are after would probably be best pursued at FaHCSIA. You can take or not take that advice.	FPA, P70, 13 February	30/03/12	
17.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Abetz	Poker machine reform – Wilkie agreement – PM&C involvement	Senator ABETZ: When was the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet first alerted to the possibility of this deal with Mr Wilkie not being able to be fulfilled? Mr Ronalds: Senator, we will take that question on notice.	FPA, P71, 13 February	30/03/12	
18.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Abetz	Poker machine reform – Wilkie agreement – Technical advice	Senator ABETZ: You would be aware, surely, of the media speculation on 29 January 2012 in a syndicated column by Samantha Maiden which suggested that advice was lodged with a government in April 2011 to the effect that 'technical advice we have is that would not be achievable'—to quote Ms Macklin. So Ms Macklin seems to know that the government received technical advice in April 2011. I am just wondering when that technical advice may have found its way to the Prime Minister's office, and you cannot tell me. Mr Ronalds: I will take it on notice. I am happy to do that. We will make the inquiries.	FPA, P71-72, 13 February	30/03/12	
19.	Department of the Prime	Senator Abetz	Poker machine reform – Wilkie	Mr Ronalds: My understanding is that the government has made public legal advice in relation to the constitutionality issues. Is	FPA, P72, 13 February	30/03/12	

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	Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy		agreement – Constitutional advice	that what you are referring to? Senator ABETZ: I do not know. What I am referring to is the legal advice that the Prime Minister signed off on in paragraph 7.3. It is not for me to define that; it is for the Prime Minister to define that, and, I suspect, Prime Minister and Cabinet as well. Senator Chris Evans: The officer was trying to be helpful. We will take it on notice if you prefer. Mr Ronalds: We are happy to take it on notice.			
20.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Abetz	Poker machine reform – Wilkie agreement – Constitutional advice timelines	Senator ABETZ: So on 1 February 2011 there was still no hint or assertion that Ms Gillard could not live up to her promise to the Independent member for Denison. Ms Cross: This was advice as to whether they had the constitutional powers, and the press release confirmed the advice that they did have the constitutional powers to legislate. Senator ABETZ: 'And prospects for successfully legislating in this area'. So that dealt with the constitutional issues. Did it deal with the time lines at all? Ms Cross: Not that I recall, but we can check that. I think it was largely about the powers that the Commonwealth could draw on to legislate.	FPA, P73, 13 February	30/03/12	
21.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Payne	CRC Identified reform time frames	Senator PAYNE: What is the time frame in your plan for finalising those matters around the at-risk ones in particular? Ms Taylor: It depends on the particular reform. Senator PAYNE: If you do not want to answer that now, can you take each reform identified by the CRC and take that on notice? Ms Taylor: Yes.	FPA, P74, 13 February	30/03/12	
22.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Payne	COAG agreements - 1 July 2012 – 31 August 2012	Senator PAYNE: If you come back to me on that, that would be helpful. I want to ask a further question about your answer to question on notice 55 from the previous estimates. I asked whether those existing COAG agreements that have outcomes with 1 July deadlines or deadlines shortly after the new financial year commences have been amended to have 30 June deadlines as recommended by the COAG reform council. Very helpfully, the answer that I received was 'no'. I would be grateful for a more appropriate answer to that answer and so, to make sure that there is no doubt attached to this, I would be grateful if you could	FPA, P75, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				provide a list of every outcome under every COAG agreement that has a deadline between 1 July and 31 August and an explanation as to why this recommendation from the CRC, which was a particularly sound recommendation to enable better accountability, has either not been considered or rejected by the government. Ms Cross: We will see whether it is possible to pull that advice together. It would be a fairly large task, given the number of agreements, but we will see what can be done. Senator PAYNE: You understand that the question would			
23.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Minister for Social Inclusion – first briefing	Senator FIFIELD: Thank you for that. In that case, I will move straight to the Social Inclusion portfolio, if I may. I think it was fairly widely publicised after Minister Butler was appointed as the Minister for Social Inclusion that, in answer to a question as to what his portfolio was, he replied, 'Social inclusion: it means different things to different people.' We do not have the Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion at the table. If we did, I would ask him what social inclusion means to him. We might hold that for when he pops back. Oh, he is over there! While the minister is getting back to the table, can I just ask: after it was announced that Mr Butler would become the Minister for Social Inclusion, when did he receive his first briefing, written or oral, on his new portfolio responsibilities? Mr Ronalds: I will need to go back and check the exact date, but it was within some days. However, I recall that the radio interview you were referring to happened on the day that he was actually appointed.	FPA, P76, 13 February	30/03/12	
24.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Minister for Social Inclusion – New DLO	Senator FIFIELD: Correct. So we cannot blame it on the nature of the briefing from the PM&C if he had not had the benefit of that. But you can take that on notice. Is there a DLO or an adviser in the minister's office specifically responsible for social inclusion? There are often DLOs for specific portfolio responsibilities in a minister's office. Is there one for social inclusion? Mr Ronalds: I think the arrangements in the minister's office are still being worked out.	FPA, P76, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. You can take that on notice as well. Minister Evans, you are now with us. I started off by saying that when Minister Butler was asked what the social inclusion portfolio was he replied that it means different things to different people. What does it mean to you as the Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion?			
25.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Minister for Social Inclusion – Charter letters	Senator FIFIELD: We are well into February now. Do you know whether the charter letters have been drafted and delivered to the Prime Minister's office? I am starting to feel a little bit of sympathy for Minister Butler. He is dutifully sitting at his desk waiting for his instructions: when is this charter letter going to come so that I can answer that question?' Senator Chris Evans: We will take that question on notice because of the issues about how far officers ought to go in terms of cabinet issues. [...]	FPA, P77, 13 February	30/03/12	
26.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Minister for Social Inclusion – Charter letters signed date	Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. Perhaps you could take on notice, just in case between now and when the time for lodging of questions on notice happens, that if they happen to be signed and delivered in that time you could let us know. I assume that once they are signed and delivered, that that is something we could be told. Mr de Brouwer: Yes, and we will take that on notice.	FPA, P77, 13 February	30/03/12	
27.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Fifield	Minister for Social Inclusion – First meeting with the social inclusion board	Senator FIFIELD: Okay. This might be outside the knowledge of the department but it may be within it. Has the chair of the social inclusion board, or the deputy chair, or any members of the social inclusion board, met with Minister Butler since his appointment? Mr Ronalds: They have, Senator. Senator FIFIELD: That is reassuring. Could you take on notice when that occurred and whether it was the full board or individual members of the board? Mr Ronalds: We are happy to take that on notice.	FPA, P78, 13 February	30/03/12	
28.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 -	Senator Fifield	New WHS laws and voluntary organisations	Senator FIFIELD: Okay. Are you keeping a register in this new role that you have of concerns that have been expressed by voluntary organisations about the new OH&S regime or, in some states, the impending OH&S regime? Mr Ronalds: Certainly. As	FPA, P79-80, 13 February	30/03/12	

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	Domestic Policy			you would expect, the Office for the Not-for-Profit Sector deals broadly with the sector, and we note and work through a range of issues that they bring up, including this one. Senator FIFIELD: Are you able to take on notice the range of concerns that were expressed? I do not know how you might record and tabulate the nature and scope of concerns [...] Senator FIFIELD: But I guess there would be a range of concerns expressed since the meeting that Minister Shorten had through the mechanisms which are now being established, and if there is a convenient way to tabulate what those concerns are and provide that to the committee then that would be helpful. Mr Ronalds: The working group obviously has not met yet; it has only just been formed. Senator FIFIELD: Sure. Mr Ronalds: So we do not have any further information. Senator FIFIELD: But I am sure there are probably things which you have received unprompted from voluntary organisations so far. Mr Ronalds: We can take your question on notice.			
29.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Stephens	COAG agenda – Fundraising issues	Senator STEPHENS: Just going back to Senator Payne's questions about the COAG agenda, are any of those issues flagged for COAG? Is the fundraising an issue for COAG? Mr Ronalds: It is, and that is part of the responsibility of the BCRWG—the Business and Competition Regulatory Working Group. Senator STEPHENS: Do you have any timeframe for when that might be resolved? I know that a discussion paper was released yesterday about a kind of national fundraising regime, but does COAG have a working timeframe? Mr Ronalds: I would have to take that question around time lines on notice.	FPA, P81, 13 February	30/03/12	
30.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 -	Senator Ryan	Prime Minister's letter regarding the flood appeal and	Senator RYAN: When I wrote to your office on Friday afternoon I flagged that I would ask some questions about the letter the Prime Minister wrote to Australia's top 100 companies about the flood appeal and getting involved in the flood task force. It was	FPA, P82, 13 February	30/03/12	

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	Domestic Policy		task force	faxed through. I am happy if it can be provided later this evening, or something. I was after both a copy of the letter that the Prime Minister wrote—obviously with the details removed—and also a list of the companies to which the Prime Minister wrote the letter. Dr de Brouwer: We are not aware of it, Senator. We will have to take that one on notice.			
31.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Ryan	Poker machine reform – Advice provided to the Prime Minister	Senator RYAN: Did it flag with the Prime Minister in that advice an area of potential concern being that a substantial beneficiary of the public funds for the trial would be Labour clubs that are in turn substantial donors to the Labor Party? Mr Ronalds: As I understand it, our usual practice is to not disclose the nature of the advice provided but simply the date and whether or not the advice was provided. Senator RYAN: I am not asking for a copy; I am, however, asking whether that issue was flagged in the advice to the Prime Minister. I think you will appreciate the public sensitivity of this. There is \$30 million-plus going on a precommitment trial in the ACT. Major beneficiaries of that trial are the clubs that are in turn major donors to the party of which the Prime Minister is a member. I do not hear you are making a public interest immunity claim here. Dr de Brouwer: We will have to take this one on notice. If it is going through cabinet we do not talk about the nature of the advice.	FPA, P82, 13 February	30/03/12	
32.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Ryan	Poker machine reform – Labor club conflict of interest	Senator Chris Evans: So your interest is in the issue of whether there is any conflict of interest? Senator RYAN: My issue at the moment is whether the department flagged this as an issue in the advice you provided to the Prime Minister. I am going to go to the other issue soon. Senator Chris Evans: We will take that on notice. Senator RYAN: Has the department provided any advice to the Prime Minister on means to prevent public money effectively being cycled through clubs that receive it, that are beneficiaries of public funds for the purposes of the pokies trial, then effectively coming back to the Labor Party because money by its very nature is fungible? Have you provided any advice around governance	FPA, P82-83, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				protocols and integrity protocols in order to ensure that no public funds find their way back to the party in government? Mr Ronalds: I think that is essentially a similar question. It covers the same ground as the previous one. So we will take that on notice.			
33.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Ryan	Poker machine reform – Exclusion of Labor clubs	Senator RYAN: In more detail. Did you ever recommend to the Prime Minister that the Canberra labour clubs be excluded from the precommitment trial? Senator Chris Evans: That goes directly to whether the particular advice was given. But I think, Senator, we get the drift of the issue you are raising and we will take it on notice.	FPA, P83, 13 February	30/03/12	
34.	Transferred to the SEWPac	Senator Birmingham	Murray-Darling Basin Plan	1. Please detail the members of the interdepartmental committee formed to assist in progressing input into the draft Basin Plan. 2. Please provide all minutes of meetings of this committee. 3. How often has the committee met? 4. What input has the committee had into the draft Basin Plan? 5. What role does the committee have in relation to the Basin Plan? 6. What input has the MDBA sought from the committee? 7. Did the committee review the draft Basin Plan before its release? Did the committee make any recommendations or propose changes to the draft Basin plan? Were these recommendations or changes accepted?	Written		
35.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Payne	Seamless National Economy Reform Update	The COAG Reform Council report on the Seamless National Economy assessed progress towards 2010-11 milestones up to 30 September 2011. The report includes a compendium of actions against these milestones as at 30 January 2012. Can you please provide details of any actions in relation to 2010-11 milestones that have occurred since 20 January, and any completed 2011-12 milestones across all reforms (in particular the 5 deregulation reforms the CRC identified as at risk – OH&S, Licensing system, Chemicals and Plastics, Mine safety and Directors' liability).	Written	30/03/12	
36.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Payne	Chemicals and Plastics	The CRC in its recent report on progress under the National Seamless Economy reforms warned that very little progress has been made by the Commonwealth on its responsibility, through the	Written	30/03/12	

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	Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy			National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme, for the reformed legislative package for industrial chemicals. In light of the CRC expressing particular concern about these reforms, which form almost one third of the Productivity Commission recommendations, has the Commonwealth provided COAG with the updated implementation plans for industrial chemicals reforms? What has been the cause of this extensive delay? When will this commitment be fulfilled? The CRC also expressed concern that that Attorney General's department has not submitted an implementation plan to COAG concerning security sensitive ammonium nitrate. What are the reasons for the delay in the Commonwealth fulfilling this commitment that relates to national security issues? When will the new Attorney General provide this plan?			
37.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Payne	Energy (market investment)	The CRC in its recent report on progress under the National Seamless Economy reforms again emphasised that the only milestone under the Energy (Market Investment) reform is for the Ministerial Council on Energy to receive a report on a framework for assessing the adequacy of energy market investment. Not only was this milestone not completed, but the CRC considered that completion may not be sufficient to achieve the stated output of ensuring adequate energy market investment. In light of the huge changes in the energy market that will come as a result of the carbon tax, and the CRC's warning that adequate energy market investment will be particularly important given the structural shift in the energy supply mix required, what measures are the Commonwealth Government taking to ensure that this outcome, necessitated by its unwanted carbon tax, is achieved?	Written	30/03/12	
38.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Payne	Reward Payments	The CRC's latest report on progress under the National Seamless Economy reforms is the first to inform the Commonwealth as to whether the States and Territories should receive up to \$200m in reward payments. How are these payments to be structured? If a state, for example, fails to meet just one responsibility in just one deregulation priority, can the Commonwealth then withhold every	Written	30/03/12	

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				dollar of reward payments to that state, despite meeting all its other obligations? Or is each reform allocated a certain amount of reward payment? In the event that a state is struggling to meet the required timeframe for reforms, but intends to over the next financial year, can the reward payments under the first tranche be carried over to a subsequent year? Is the quantum of reward payments to go to a state or territory entirely at the discretion of the Commonwealth Government? In the event that a state or territory will not meet its responsibilities in time, but those responsibilities were dependent upon the Commonwealth Government completing an earlier milestone in time, can the Commonwealth still decide to withhold reward payments? Should a state decide that the measures it already has in place in relation to a certain reform stream are superior to those agreed to by COAG, will that state have its reward payments withheld?			
39.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Bushby	Announcement by the Prime Minister to provide \$15 million for Bellerive Oval in Tasmania.	1. What date did the department decide it would provide \$15 million for the redevelopment of Bellerive Oval in Tasmania? 2. What, if any, advice was sought from the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development, Local Government, Arts and Sport in relation to this money? 3. Where is the funding coming from? 4. What, if any, discussions, did the department have with representatives from the Tasmanian government, or Tasmanian Federal Labor Members and on what dates? 5. Was the department aware that the Tasmanian Government would not be contributing financially to the upgrade, prior to the Prime Minister announcing the \$15 million in federal government funding for the project on January 16?	Written	30/03/12	
40.	Department of the Prime	Senator Birmingham	Australia Network Tender	1. What does PM&C understand Mr Brad Orgill's role in the Australia Network tender process to be?	Written	30/03/12	

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	Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy		– Brad Orgill	2. What contact has PM&C and Mr Orgill had in relation to the Australia Network tender? 3. Was Mr Orgill's salary paid by PM&C? If not, is PM&C aware which Department was responsible for the employment of Mr Orgill? What was/is the nature of Mr Orgill's contract? How much was/is Mr Orgill paid?			
41.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Birmingham	Australia Network Tender – ABC	1. What role does PM&C have in relation to the negotiation of contract term with the ABC? Is PM&C required to approve the contract terms? 2. What discussions has PM&C had with DBCDE or DFAT since the announcement that the ABC will hold the Australia Network contract in perpetuity regarding this announcement, the ongoing operation of the Australia Network, or the tender process? 3. What discussions has PM&C had with the ABC since it was awarded the Australia Network contract regarding the ongoing operation of the Australia Network service? 4. Has PM&C had input into the development of the contract between the Government and the ABC for the operation of the Australia Network? Please detail.	Written	30/03/12	
42.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Birmingham	Australia Network Tender – DFAT involvement and Sky	1. What conditions does PM&C believe are necessary for the Australia Network to meet its obligations as a tool of soft diplomacy? Has PM&C advised DBCDE or DFAT of these requirements? Do these requirements differ from the obligations set out in the previous Australia Network contract? If so, please detail all differences. 2. Has the Government been approached by Sky seeking compensation as a result of the tender process not proceeding? Has compensation been offered? Which Department is responsible in terms of any compensation claims? 3. Did PM&C advise the Foreign Minister that the terms of the request for tender would be changed, that the tender process	Written	30/03/12	

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				would not proceed or that the ABC would be awarded the Australia Network contract permanently before these details we published in the media? Did PM&C seek input from the Foreign Minister at any stage in regards to any of this decisions?			
43.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Birmingham	Australia Network Tender – Cabinet	1. Please list all cabinet meetings in which the Australia Network tender was discussed since the 2010 election. Please also state if the Foreign Minister was present at each of these meetings. 2. For each cabinet meeting in which the Australia Network was discussed was advice circulated prior to the meeting stating that the Australia Network was an agenda item? Please detail which meetings the Australia Network was discussed without prior advice being sent. 3. How many different cabinet submissions were received regarding the Australia Network tender? At which meetings were submissions presented/discussed? Who wrote each of these submissions?	Written	30/03/12	
44.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.1 - Domestic Policy	Senator Birmingham	Shonan Maru – Return of Australian protestors	Please detail all resources committed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as well as known contributions from other agencies, towards the return to Australia in January 2012 of three protestors who boarded the Japanese vessel Shonan Maru No 2. What was the Department's total expenditure on this exercise?	Written	30/03/12	
45.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Rhiannon	INSLM engagement with COAG reviews	Senator RHIANNON: I am happy for you to take that on notice but I did think it was an important point in that, when I questioned Mr Walker about interrelating, I understood that he said it was not appropriate that they do so, whereas Mr Wilkins essentially gave that as a reason for the delay. I would just like that clarified. I am trying to understand the process of the reviews and the reason for the delays. I would ask you to clarify the issue. My specific question was: in light of Mr Walker's response was Mr Wilkins's answer incorrect? Who is correct? Mr Wilkins or Mr Walker? Can I leave that one with you? Dr McCarthy: Certainly. I would, though, refer you to an answer	FPA, P66, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				to a question raised by Senator Ludlum in relation to the COAG review of counterterrorism legislation, specifically: how will the Office of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor be engaged in relation to the review? This was tabled in September. The answer was that the review committee will take account of the appointment of the monitor and the role of the monitor in reviewing the Commonwealth national security and counterterrorism legislation. The government expects the review committee will engage with the monitor in a productive way such as through sharing relevant documents on Commonwealth legislation to avoid unnecessary duplication. And I think we should also check what Mr Walker said. I do not recall him saying that such cooperation would be inappropriate, but we can check the record.			
46.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Ludlam	Wikileaks taskforce	Senator LUDLAM: When was the last time that it was convened or that there was a meeting, physical or otherwise? Do you want to take that on notice, because I am aware that time is a bit short. Please provide us with that and whether there have been any changes to the membership. Please table a list if there have been any material changes to the membership since we last spoke. I would not mind a summary of its activities. I think the last time I raised this with you was in May last year. Dr McCarthy: Certainly. My colleague Ms Noble advises me that the last meeting was on 13 December. Senator LUDLAM: What can you tell us about that meeting and the reason for that meeting? Dr McCarthy: I will take that on notice.	FPA, P69, 13 February	30/03/12	
47.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Ludlam	Wikileaks – PM apology	Dr McCarthy: The Prime Minister has not made any apology to the WikiLeaks organisation. Senator LUDLAM: She accused them of committing crimes which is pretty big deal. As that was my last question, I invite you to take on notice whether the PM might want to consider whether accusing an organisation of crimes when that was immediately refuted by the Federal Police would be cause for a retraction. Dr McCarthy: I can take that on notice.	FPA, P69, 13 February	30/03/12	

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48.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator McKenzie	Cyber White Paper	1. How many submissions has the Government received in response to its Cyber White Paper? 2. Is the Government on track to release the Cyber White Paper in the first half of 2012? 3. Does the Department foresee any delays in releasing the final Cyber white paper in the first half of the year? 4. Has any funding been allocated to the promotion of the Cyber White Paper? How much? 5. Has the Department entered into any arrangements with business to promote the Cyber White Paper? 6. How much will the consultation process cost? 7. Where is the department going for the public consultation process mentioned on the website?	Written	30/03/12	
49.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Ryan	National Security Advisor	1. Why has the government made no public announcement of the appointment of Ms McCarthy as National Security Adviser, in contrast to when her predecessor in the role was appointed in 2008? 2. For how many months had this position been left vacant?	Written	30/03/12	
50.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Ryan	Uranium Exports	1. When was Foreign Minister Rudd advised of the Prime Minister's decision to advocate a change in policy on uranium exports to India? 2. By what means was he advised?	Written	30/03/12	
51.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National	Senator Ryan	Regular National Security Statements	On December 4, 2008, then-Prime Minister Rudd delivered his inaugural National Security Statement to Parliament. He promised it would be the first of regular statements, which would become just as important as the annual budget statement.	Written	30/03/12	

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	security and international policy			Why has there been no further statement?			
52.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.2 - National security and international policy	Senator Rhiannon	Independent Review of the Intelligence Community	1. Why did it sit on PM&C desk for so long? Can you clarify when it was received and when it was made public. 2. Why were no recommendations made public or a government response made to the recommendations? The Final report has been so heavily classified that it is difficult for public to tell anything from the inquiry. 3. Whose decision was it to so heavily classify the report? 4. Why does it need to be so heavily classified? Review seems to give very little weight to civil liberties and human rights concerns. The review itself says "none of the submissions to this Review argued that the balance struck in the anti-terrorism laws should be substantially amended." 5. Although the submissions aren't public on your website, I know the Australian Human Rights Commission did question whether the balance was right in its submission. Can you explain this statement?	Written	30/03/12	
53.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.3 – Strategic policy and implementation	Senator Birmingham	Community Cabinet	Please provide a table detailing each Minister's attendance at all Community Cabinet meetings from November 2007 to 13 February 2012. Please include Parliamentary Secretaries.	Written	30/03/12	
54.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Cabinet seating arrangements	Senator RYAN: How many times have the cabinet seating arrangements been changed since the last election? Ms Leon: I would have to take that on notice. The most recently revised seating arrangements were in response to the recent change to administrative arrangements orders which introduced changes to the ministry. So there had to be changes in the cabinet room to accommodate the new ministerial responsibilities.	FPA, P85, 13 February	30/03/12	
55.	Department of the Prime	Senator Ryan	Ministry list published on 22	Senator RYAN: With respect to the reshuffle, I understand that, while it was announced on 12 December, an official ministry list	FPA, P85, 13 February	30/03/12	

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	Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations		December 2011	including the other chamber representatives was not published on the PM&C website until 22 December. Is that the case? Ms Leon: I would have to take the exact dates on notice..			
56.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Appointment of Mr Bruce Wolpe	Senator RYAN: If I could move now to the appointment of Mr Bruce Wolpe as a business liaison adviser to the Prime Minister. Was the department consulted about that appointment or was it just done out of the PMO? Ms Leon: I am ascertaining whether I have any briefing on that, Senator. Senator Chris Evans: This is a recent appointment, Senator, is it? Senator RYAN: Yes, I think it was earlier this year. Dr de Brouwer: We will check, but our understanding is that there was no consultation with the department.	FPA, P87, 13 February	30/03/12	
57.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Ministerial overseas travel	Senator RYAN: Could you take on notice the number of approvals for travel overseas by cabinet ministers and if there have been any refusals of requests to travel overseas? I appreciate we are straining for time so I am happy for you to take that on notice. Ms Leon: The question was the number of— Senator RYAN: The number of times cabinet ministers have been refused permission to travel overseas. Ms Leon: I can give you the number of trips by financial year that have occurred. It is not broken down by minister. Senator RYAN: It is probably best to take it on notice as I am particularly interested in the figures by minister. I appreciate that is not information readily available.	FPA, P88, 13 February	30/03/12	
58.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Official Establishments – private functions	Senator RYAN: So has there been any reimbursement for private functions in this current financial year by the Prime Minister or her spouse, for private functions held at the Lodge or Kirribilli? Ms Leon: I will have to take it on notice, Senator. Senator RYAN: If you can take notice, given you are taking it on notice, over the current and previous financial year whether there has been any reimbursement for private functions at the Lodge or	FPA, P89, 13 February	30/03/12	

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				Kirribilli and the extent of the reimbursement if there was any. Ms Leon: Yes.			
59.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	PM spouse travel	Ms Leon: If they travel separately, then her partner's costs would be a matter for him, unless he is travelling on some official business. Senator RYAN: Or, presumably, to meet the Prime Minister at a particular event. Senator Chris Evans: I think the answer was that the office is not aware of any, but what we will do is say we will take on notice just to be doubly sure. Senator RYAN: If there have been any car transport, rental car, hire car costs, I would appreciate the details, including if they were incurred by the department and then reimbursed by the Prime Minister or her spouse. Ms Leon: I am not aware of any, but I will check whether any hire car costs have been incurred.	FPA, P90, 13 February	30/03/12	
60.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Fifield	Charter letters for all ministers	Senator FIFIELD: I should have clarified this before when I was asking earlier about Minister Butler not having received his charter letter. I should have asked whether any ministers in the government have received their charter letters as well. Senator Chris Evans: I think we will deal with that at the same way we dealt with it before: we are just going to check about the processes there in terms of the cabinet process.	FPA, P91, 13 February	30/03/12	
61.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Renaming of Parkes place	Senator FAULKNER: I am not suggesting that it is not appropriate to recognise and celebrate the longevity of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. I just wondered how this issue was dealt with given that Parkes Place is named after, obviously, a very prominent Australian. Ms Leon: These issues were worked through in some detail with the National Capital Authority, which is charged with the appropriate naming of streets in the Parliamentary Zone. They take into account the significance of names of particular streets given the contribution made by the people after whom they are named. Senator FAULKNER: I look forward to that further detail on notice and I might follow it through at a later stage. [...]	FPA, P91, 13 February	30/03/12	

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62.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Situation Room	On how many occasions has the Parliament House Situation Room been used the Prime Minister, or other ministers since its construction?	Written	30/03/12	
63.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Cabinet Seating Plans	To whom is the Cabinet seating plan distributed and who determines this?	Written	30/03/12	
64.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Ryan	Departments use of consultants	1. Has Hawker Britton or any associated companies undertaken any services for PM&C, including market research, public opinion polling, strategic counsel, campaign and communication services or any other services since the last election? 2. If so, were they engaged through competitive tender process?	Written	30/03/12	
65.	Transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation	Senator Ryan	Staff use of hire cars	1. Please provide details of PMO staff use of hire cars (as opposed to taxis) for official or work-related travel. 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs and details of each trip using hire cars.	Written		
66.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.1.4 - Support services for government operations	Senator Rhiannon	Review of the lobbyist scheme	Your dept has stated in the past that the lobbying scheme is constantly under review and that justifies a position of the Minister that a review of the scheme was not necessary. 1. Why was a report never issued after submissions were received to the July 2010 discussion paper put out by Minister Ludwig and why were submissions not publicly released? In October Senate Estimates a representative of PM&C argued the code was effective because there had only one reported breach? 2. Are breaches the only criterion against which you measure the	Written	30/03/12	

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				effectiveness of the scheme? 3. Do you measure the Australian against the framework the OECD has provided for the regulation of lobbying, considering Australia is a party to the OECD? 4. Is it of concern that the Commonwealth lobbyist scheme does not comply with OECD principles, which state, for example: “Where transparency and integrity are the principal goals of legislation, effectiveness is best achieved if definitions are broad and inclusive, and the theatre of lobby activities is also defined broadly and inclusively.”? Academics have described the Code as ‘timid and narrow. The exclusions...are very serious.’ 5. Does your office consider it has a responsibility to identify and recommend to government where there are deficiencies in the code which are widely recognised, eg the code: - Excludes in-house lobbyists and lobbying directed at any MP - Fails to require the timely disclosure of the subject matter of lobbying - Lacks effective sanctions Providing a legislative framework As you know, the current scheme is not provided for by legislation, while Canada, WA, QLD and NSW have taken this step. One argument put against a legislative structure, by Mr Harry Evans former Clerk of the Senate, is that a legislative structure may encroach on the separation of powers between the judiciary and the parliament and risks a constitutional challenge based on the implied freedom of political communication. However it is clear that this freedom is by no means absolute.			

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				6. Considering this, have you sought any formal legal advice beyond advice provided by Mr Evans in a submission to the 2008 inquiry into the lobbyist scheme. 7. If not, why not? Enforcement 8. Do you experience any frustrations in not having auditing or investigative powers or a mandate to properly enforce the scheme? Scope 9 Do you receive any representations from the public, lobbying industry or academics asking that you broaden the scope of the lobbying scheme, for example widen who is defined as a lobbyist or expand who is the subject of lobbying? Disclosure The current lobbyist register does not detail when lobbying occurred, who stood to benefit, who was lobbied or what the subject of the lobbying or the meeting outcome. In contrast, in Canada lobbyists are required to submit monthly communication reports which these kind of details. 10. Considering that the Prime Minister Gillard on gaining office said, “People do want to see us <i>more open, more accountable, more transparent</i>. I am going to be held to <i>higher standards of accountability than any Prime Minister in the modern age</i>. I'm well aware of that, and I'm going to focus on being <i>up to that challenge</i>”, have you made any recommendations to the government that disclosure requirements in relation to lobbyists be made more generous?			

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67.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: 1.2 - Official and Ceremonial Support	Senator Kroger	Royal gifts	1. Could the Department please confirm that gifts, presented by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, during their visit to Australia in 2011, were actually funded by the Prime Minister's Office and thus subsequently the Australian people. 2. Will the Department please provide a complete and comprehensive list of gifts that were presented by the Royals to the Australian people during their last visit? 3. Will the department please list the individual value for each of the gifts outlined in response to question three and will the Department please outline how much each of the aforementioned gifts cost the taxpayer? 4. What is the total cost to the taxpayer of gifts presented by the royals to Australians on their most recent visit?	Written	30/03/12	
68.	ANAO	Senator Ryan	Request for an audit from a member of parliament	Senator RYAN: Can you tell us what the issue is? Mr McPhee: I would prefer not to. I do not know whether the individual member of parliament has made the matter public or not, so I do try to have respect for the requests that I receive. I receive correspondence from many members of the public and many members of parliament and sometimes it is obvious because there is a press release and I can see it is public information. I am not sure in this case. If you like, I could make some inquiries and then let the committee know if it is public information. Senator RYAN: As I understand the act, I take it there is no legal requirement for confidentiality by request from members of parliament, but you are saying that you generally—unless it is made public—would like to treat requests from members of parliament with that discretion. Mr McPhee: With that discretion—and members of the public, too, for that matter. Senator RYAN: Sure, if that is a consistent principle.	FPA, P104, 13 February	30/03/12	

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69.	ANAO	Senator Ryan	Government advertising report	Senator RYAN: I have a couple of brief questions about the report you brought down last week on the administration of government advertising arrangements. Why was the Clean Energy Future campaign not initially selected as part of this investigation? I understand it was included after a request from the Leader of the Opposition. Mr McPhee: It was, and I will see if Dr Ioannou can help here. Was it a timing issue? I am just not sure. Dr Ioannou: I think it is just part of the audit planning process that four campaigns were originally selected, two of which attracted exemptions under the guidelines and two which it did not. That is basically the extent of my knowledge about the original selection. Mr McPhee: .Dr Ioannou came into the audit halfway through, which explains why he is not in a position. If you like I can take that on notice and come back to you.	FPA, P106, 13 February	30/03/12	
70.	APSC	Senator Mason	APS staff unplanned absences	Senator MASON: [...] Obviously 23.5 days median absence is a lot—it is almost five working weeks. When you combine that with the four weeks annual leave, you get more than nine weeks. It is a lot. Can you tell the committee what agencies you refer to when you talk about 'two small agencies having absent rates of 20.9 and 23.5 days per employee due to small numbers of employees taking substantial periods of leave'. Ms McGregor, do you know what those are? Ms McGregor: No, I do not, Senator. I do not have the— Senator MASON: Can you take it on notice? Mr Sedgwick: We will take it on notice. I was trying to give you the updated data before, which is in this year's State of the Service report. It is on pages 49 to 51. That data will show you—the names are not there—the unplanned absences for every agency. Senator MASON: Including the ones I have just referred to? But you will take it on notice anyway? Mr Sedgwick : Yes, I will take it on notice.	FPA, P113, 13 February	26/03/12	
71.	APSC	Senator Mason	APS staff unplanned	Senator MASON: What is being done in those two agencies to address those issues?	FPA, P113, 13 February	26/03/12	

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			absences – action in small agencies	Mr Sedgwick: We will take that on notice too.			
72.	APSC	Senator Mason	APS staff unplanned absences – full report data	Senator MASON: I will come back to you, Mr Sedgwick. But, before I forget: can the committee be provided with full data on absenteeism for every department and agency you have surveyed? I do not think that is in the current report. Mr Sedgwick: It is not in the report. Senator MASON: Could the committee please have that? Mr Sedgwick: I will take that on notice. I do not know the basis of it. Senator MASON: Yes, that is fine. Finally, if you could do what the minister has suggested and go behind those figures and inform the committee what you are doing to fight this problem, I would be delighted.	FPA, P115, 13 February	26/03/12	
73.	APSC	Senator Faulkner	Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services – 'request for offer'	Senator FAULKNER: Is the 'request for offer' that is issued to executive search firms developed within your office? Mr Sedgwick: We put a proposal to the Presiding Officers, which they have accepted. Senator FAULKNER: Is it appropriate that at some stage the committee might be provided with a copy of the request for offer? Perhaps this is not the right stage of the process. I appreciate that might be the case. I would be seeking your guidance on this. Mr Sedgwick: I will take advice on that. I cannot see why not, but I will take advice on it.	FPA, P117, 13 February	26/03/12	
74.	APSC	Senator Mason	Absenteeism in the APS	In relation to the issue of absenteeism in the Australian Public Service and noting the annual <i>State of the Service</i> report: a. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of absenteeism or unscheduled leave across all APS agencies that is attributable to sick leave (both by agency and in total), in each year from 2001-02 to present. b. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of absenteeism or unscheduled leave across all APS agencies that is attributable to carer's leave (both by agency and in total), in each year from 2001-02 to present. c. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of absenteeism or unscheduled leave across all APS agencies that is attributable to any	Written	26/03/12	

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				reasons other than sick leave or carer's leave (both by agency and in total), in each year from 2001-02 to present, and where possible identify categories for such absences from employment.			
75.	APSC	Senator Mason	Absenteeism in the APS – Data breakdown	In relation to the issue of absenteeism in the Australian Public Service and the statements by the APS Commissioner at the Senate Estimates hearings held on 13/2/12: a. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of absenteeism or unscheduled leave across all APS agencies (in total and by individual agency) that is attributable to each age cohort (such as up to 24 years; 25-44 years; 45-54 years; 55-64 years; and 65 years+), in each year from 2001-02 to present? b. Please provide details of the amount of each category of unscheduled absence (sick leave, carer's leave and other) that is attributable to each of these age cohorts (both by individual agency and in total across the APS)? c. What is the total estimated cost of the absenteeism or unscheduled leave across all APS agencies (in total and by individual agency), broken down for each category of unscheduled absence (sick leave, carer's leave and other) in each year from 2001-02 to present? Please also provide a breakdown of the estimated cost that is attributable to each of the above age cohorts in each of these categories. d. What are the additional indirect costs that are estimated to arise from the amount of absenteeism or unscheduled leave that occurs across all APS agencies (in total and by individual agency)? e. In relation to the APSC publication "Fostering an attendance culture: A guide for APS agencies" - when was this first published, and when was it last updated and republished by the APSC?	Written	26/03/12	
76.	IGIS	Senator Johnston	IGIS investigation - Invitation for staff comments	Dr Thom: then I have to provide them with my comments and give them the opportunity to make submissions. A number of staff members and other people were given the opportunity to again give me comments. Senator JOHNSTON: Can you tell me how many individuals you gave such an invitation to? Dr Thom: I think it was five, but I could be wrong. I can correct that. It would be of that order. Senator JOHNSTON: Did all five make submissions in response?	FPA, P123, 13 February	26/03/12	

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				Dr Thom: I think they all did. Again, I could correct that.			
77.	Independent National Security Legislation Monitor	Senator Rhiannon	Civil society groups	Senator RHIANNON: Mr Walker, have you met with any civil society groups? Mr Walker: Yes. Senator RHIANNON: Which ones. Mr Walker: I wonder if I could supply you a list on notice. I have it exhaustively listed but it suffices to say that I have met with extremely helpful groups and individuals from the academy, from outside the academy and from the legal profession, all of which I would include in the expression 'civil society'. Some are groups with names that you will recognise and some are less formal than that.	FPA, P46, 13 February	29/02/12	
78.	OOSGG	Senator Ronaldson	AAT proceedings	1. Mr Brady notes, with respect to the AAT proceedings, that 'This can be a costly process and one which I would, of course, prefer that the office did not have to fund.' Have the OOSGG sought to manage costs through Alternative Dispute Resolution (eg. mediation, negotiation, arbitration)? 2. Can the Official Secretary provide to the Committee any Bill of Costs received to-date with respect to this matter? 3. How much have the Official Secretary's legal advisers indicated the hearing is likely to cost?	Written	30/03/12	
79.*	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Humphries	Contractors	1. How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency? 2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years? 3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years? 4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years? 5. Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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80.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Humphries	Efficiency Dividend	1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? 2. What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing? 3. What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. 4. What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? 5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/1212	
81.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Staffing - Recruitment	How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
82.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Staffing – Staff who have left	How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff? How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
83.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Staff reductions	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12	

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84.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Efficiency dividend	How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? What percentage of your budget must be cut? Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are located, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
85.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Staffing – SES positions	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
86.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Staffing - Graduated	How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
87.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Government Advertising	What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12	

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				Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?		OOSGG 30/03/12	
88.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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				What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			
89.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Board Appointments	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	Portfolio 30/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
90.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
91.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Freedom of Information	Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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				financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?			
92.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Community Cabinets	What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
93.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Reviews	For this financial year to date: • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	Portfolio 30/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
94.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Consultancies	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12	

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				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. 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.		NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
95.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
96.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12	

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				discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.		Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
97.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Contractors	For this financial year to date: • Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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				Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.			
98.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Discretionary Grants	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
99.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Commissioned Reports	How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. - How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? - What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	Portfolio 30/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
100.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Government stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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101.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Media Subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? • What is the cost for this financial year to date? Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? • What is the cost for this financial year to date? Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. • What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? • What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
102.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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				staff. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.			
103.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Legal Costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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104.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Educational expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
105.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 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 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: 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 e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	

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106.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 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 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: 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 e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
107.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12	

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				these payments.		OOSGG 30/03/12	
108.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
109.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Corporate Cars	How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
110.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
111.*	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Credit Cards	How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? How is corporate credit card use monitored?	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12	

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				What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered in the last 12 months? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.		ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
112.	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Climate Change	Are there climate change sections or areas that work on climate change in your department/agency? If yes, list details.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
113.*	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print hard copies of internal reports/statements/papers they produce or do they only keep soft copies? If internal reports are printed, please list how many copies, where they are stored/delivered and the cost of printing and storing paper copies of all reports.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 28/03/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
114.*	PM&C and portfolio agencies	Senator Ryan	Provision of Equipment	Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. What other non-electronic office equipment is provided to department/agency staff? (paintings, furniture etc...) Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written	PMC 30/03/12 APSC 26/03/12 OIGIS 26/03/12 Ombudsman 02/04/12 ONA 30/03/12 NMHC 30/03/12 ANAO 30/03/12 OOSGG 30/03/12	
115.	APSC	Senator Mason	Absenteeism in the APS – APS action taken	Senator MASON: Could you take on notice also what the APS is doing to address absenteeism? The minister knows that I have been asking about this since 2004, and I have to say: it is not getting better; it is getting worse. Senator Chris Evans: Do you want the question or the answer?	FPA, P113, 13 February	26/03/12	

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				Senator MASON: Both.										
116.	OOSGG	Senator Ronaldson	Council members – Meeting after June 2011	Senator RONALDSON: What date was the meeting that was held last year after June? Mr Brady: I am advised that it was at the beginning of September. I can get the exact date for you.	FPA, P99, 13 February	03/04/12								
	Transferred to DRALGAS	Senator Ryan	Department’s approved grants	The following grant was approved on 7 March 2011 under the Playing Australia Program by PM&C and published on their website: <table><tr><td>Darlinghurst Theatre Company Limited</td><td>Round 36 of PA Often I Find that I am Naked by Critical Stages and Jo&Co</td><td>\$199,853.41 (include GST)</td><td>Mar 7, 2011</td><td>Jan 21, 2012</td><td>KINGS CROSS NSW</td><td>2011</td></tr></table> http://www.dpmc.gov.au/accountability/grants/view-grants.cfm?cid=1&id=8 “Often I Find that I am Naked”, is described as: “...reflecting stories from popular culture and wedged within the romantic comedy genre of hits such as Sex and the City and Bridget Jones Diary. Speed dating, Facebook, text sex, RSVP, a private detective, STD clinics, rehab... so many tools available for the modern single woman looking to meet Mr Right! The problem is just how many Mr Wrongs make a Right?” http://www.criticalstages.com.au/page/often_i_find_that_i_am_naked.html	Darlinghurst Theatre Company Limited	Round 36 of PA Often I Find that I am Naked by Critical Stages and Jo&Co	\$199,853.41 (include GST)	Mar 7, 2011	Jan 21, 2012	KINGS CROSS NSW	2011	Written		
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	Transferred to the Department of Finance and Deregulation	Senator Kroger	PMO staffing	1. Please provide details of the staff turnover rate within the Prime Minister's office since the last Senate Estimate session in October 2011. Please include in the response the number of staff departures from the Prime Minister’s office, how many of these departures were voluntary and involuntary, and the number of staff hired in this period. 2. How many positions are currently unfilled within the Prime Minister’s office and what are these positions they? Please	Written									

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				specify the occupation role and level of these unfilled positions within the Prime Minister's staff. 3. In 2011, how many people resigned from employment within the Prime Minister's office? Did these staff members receive any redundancy packages? If so, please provide the details of these redundancy packages including the financial benefits of these packages. Did these packages include extra months or weeks salary? If so, how many months or weeks? If packages were offered, how many were offered and how many were accepted? 4. In 2011, did any of the Prime Minister's staff leave employment in her office only to be shortly employed, within three months, later by another Government office, department or agency? If so, did any of these staff members receive any redundancy payments and/or packages for their previous employment in the Prime Minister's office? 5. Is Amanda Lampe, former Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, still listed as employed by the Prime Minister's office? If not, please outline when the termination of her employment was finalised. 6. Please provide a full breakdown of staff numbers in the Prime Minister's office for all levels and bands over the last four years.			