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1.	Medibank	Lundy	Increase in PHI	<p>Senator LUNDY: What about the year before? It was 5.9 the previous time.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: I do not have that with me. I think it was in the high fours or low fives in the year before. I think it was high fours.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Maybe if you could take that one on notice.</p> <p>Mr Savvides: I will take it on notice and come back to give you the string of five years.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 7, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
2.	Medibank	Lundy	Foregone dividend	<p>Senator LUNDY: And can you confirm what the foregone dividend would be, from Medibank to the Commonwealth, over the forward estimates if the sale occurred this year?</p> <p>Ms Mason: No, I cannot provide that.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Mason: I can take it on notice and see if we can give you any information, but we may or may not be able to do so.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 9, 25 February 2014	25/3/14	15/5/14
3.	Medibank	Lundy	Newgate Contract	<p>Senator LUNDY: We will keep a close eye on that. Ms Mason, one more perhaps on notice for you. Could you provide the committee with a full description of the contract and what Newgate is required to do under the existing contract?</p> <p>Ms Mason: Certainly, we will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 12, 25 February 2014	25/3/14	15/5/14
4.	Medibank	Bernardi	AHM	<p>CHAIR: When was AHM started?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: I will have to take that on notice. Many years ago in Wollongong—</p> <p>CHAIR: Before Steve Waugh started marketing it?</p> <p>Mr Savvides: Yes—20-plus years ago. I think there has been a 30-year anniversary; I will have to check that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 15, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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5.	Finance 1.1	Wong	MYEFO/ PEFO	<p>Senator WONG: Did you independently determine to use five years going back to 2008-09?</p> <p>Mr Tune: As I said, I cannot recall. I can check back for you if you like, take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is a pretty important point. Was this a government policy or was this a Treasury and Finance decision?</p> <p>Mr Tune: As I said, I will take it on notice. I cannot recall. I do not think there was any direction.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 21, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
6.	Finance 1.1	Wong	MYEFO/ PEFYO	<p>Senator WONG: Who directed Treasury or Finance to put the 2008-09 year into determining the average spend?</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is one I will have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was that a decision of cabinet?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would not have thought so.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 22, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
7.	Finance 1.1	Wong	MYEFO	<p>Senator WONG: Maybe you will need to take this on notice, but are you able to tell me which of—or maybe you can take me to it—the MYEFO measures were not fully offset?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 26, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
8.	Finance 1.2	Wong	Military Superannuation and Unfunded Liability	<p>Senator WONG: ... Have you examined, for the purposes of preparing MYEFO, the effect of the government's election commitment on the unfunded liability?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I should take this on notice, because it gets a bit technical. But my feeling is that we would have done so, because it was an election commitment and therefore it has an impact out beyond the medium term. So it should be factored into the net debt calculations in some way. But I will confirm that for you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				Senator WONG: Maybe you can come back on what I am actually trying to clarify, which is as follows. On the occasion prior to the last, Dr Helgeby, you indicated a calculation of around \$6.2 billion. That was on the basis of actuarial work that had been done by Defence. I just want to know whether there has been any update to that.			
9.	Finance 1.2	Wong	Military Superannuation and Unfunded Liability	Senator WONG: But I thought that we had established that that is included in MYEFO. My question was: have you updated the assessment of that unfunded liability since we last spoke? Mr Tune: I think the answer is that the specifics of the election commitment are not yet in there because it will follow from the decision when that is made. I will confirm for you whether it was in the net debt calculations we did for the medium term. Senator WONG: Do you want to take that on notice? Mr Tune: I will have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
10.	Finance 1.1	Wong	FTB parts A and B	Senator WONG: Here we go—page 38. Can you give me a breakdown between FTB parts A and B? Mr Tune: I could not do that immediately. ... Senator WONG: Can you do the same also in terms of the childcare payments? Can you give me a breakdown between the CCR and the CCB? Mr Tune: We will see what we can get.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 30, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
11.	Finance 1.1	Wong	FTB parts A and B	Senator WONG: The estimates variations which are listed, which are obviously only some of them—are you able to provide me with detail now about the profile of those over the forward estimates? Mr Tune: Not now, but I can take that on notice. Senator WONG: Really? You would have that. Someone behind you would have that—what each estimates variation is, what 368— Ms Huxtable: We do not have it with us, Senator. Senator WONG: You do not have it with you? Really? Okay. If I could have	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 30, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				that on notice, please.			
12.	Finance 1.1	Wong	MYEFO/ PEFO	Senator WONG: Thank you. On pages 61 and 62 is the function and subfunction table—are you able to, on notice, detail these changes between the PEFO and MYEFO? You have done it between the budget and MYEFO. Mr Tune: We would have to take that on notice, definitely.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 30, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
13.	Finance 1.3	Wong	Roads to Recovery Project	Ms Huxtable: I can give you that. Roads to Recovery is \$2.1 billion, road safety black spots is \$364.5 million—what were the other ones? Senator WONG: Just go to page 175. Network regeneration and maintenance? Ms Huxtable: I do not have that one, but heavy vehicle safety and productivity is \$248 million and bridges renewal is \$300 million. Planning, research and evaluation I do not have broken down in that way. Senator WONG: Are those six-year figures or forward estimates figures you have given me? Ms Huxtable: They are 2013-14 to 2018-19. Senator WONG: They are the components of the \$9.5 billion over six years? Ms Huxtable: Yes. Senator WONG: Which element is Condah-Hotspur Road included in? Ms Huxtable: I will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Princes Highway East? I will run through them. Are we going to get a prompt response to questions on notice? Senator WONG: I am going to read them and perhaps you could take on notice the ones you could not give me figures for over the six years, and then if you could also take on notice these: Condah-Hotspur, Princes Highway East, Mount Barker Interchange—can you come back on Mount Barker	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 31, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Interchange today, if possible—Outback Way, Kincora, Shoalhaven River Bridge planning, Jane Street extension, Narellan Road, Moree Bypass, Dalrymple Road and the D'Aguilar Highway. Can you let us know which of the six elements those come under. The only one I am interested in trying to get today is the Mount Barker Interchange—but all of them if possible. There are also 27 local road projects outlined in the government's election policy. Can you tell me where in this measure they would be provisioned for?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you know what I am talking about?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We are just trying to identify where they are grouped.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are they provisioned for within those six elements?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think we will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. On all of the questions I have asked you on notice, could we have the year-by-year split over the forwards, please?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes.</p>			
14.	Finance 1.1/1.3	Wong	Roads to Recovery Project and MYEFO	<p>Senator WONG: Can I go back to infrastructure. With these projects at page 174, excluding the programs which we have been discussing, Ms Huxtable, are you able to give me the profiles which underpinned the MYEFO measure?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I am sorry; I thought we already took that on notice. Is that something else?</p> <p>Senator WONG: We were talking about the \$9.5 billion over six years, which is on page 175, so they are program-level funding. Then I asked some questions about what was included in each of those. Then you have projects which are on page 174, and then over to the next page, which I assume are what was required to construct the MYEFO measure. I am asking for the forward estimate profile of each of those projects.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 32-33, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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15.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	NCOA contracts	<p>Senator DASTYARI: and you were told to run through a tender process. It strikes me as completely predetermined. It was not a tender. You may call it whatever you want, but it was a predetermined outcome that these were the people who were getting hired. In the process of you doing the contract with them, did they have to sign forms as to their conflicts of interest?</p> <p>Mr Tune: They did.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Are they available? I genuinely do not know what precedent there is for this.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I am told they have been provided.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: No, they have not.</p> <p>Ms Connell: Were they not attached to a question on notice?</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: No, they have not been. Can I get a copy of them?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on notice again.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: In the meantime, Mr Tune, it would be fantastic if you were able to get a copy of those contracts. (pg. 38).</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 36, 25 February 2014	8/4/14	15/5/14
16.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	NCOA – conflict of interest	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Mr Tune, was the conflict with ASTRA declared to you?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not have it in front of me.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Can you take this on notice? I do not know if it is something you able to get back to us on after the lunch break, because it is pretty simple. Was the conflict with ASTRA declared to you? Was the conflict with Transfield, which I note yesterday was awarded a \$1 billion Manus Island contract, declared to you? Was the conflict with Virgin declared to you? Also, what happens if after I have signed a contract like the one that has been signed with you, which Minister Cormann seems to have no problem with, a new conflict arises? What happens then?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 37, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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17.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	NCOA – conflict of interest	<p>Senator DASTYARI: You have not answered the question. What happens if a potential conflict arises after the initial forms have been submitted? Do I have to fill out a supplementary declaration?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: There are processes in place, which are the same processes that were in place under the previous government, to manage potential conflicts of interest.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Minister, I am trying to ask the secretary what that process is.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 38, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
18.	Finance 1.1	McKenzie	Efficiency Dividend	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Of the list you have given me of exemptions from the efficiency dividend, could you comment briefly on the carve-outs or exemptions to the efficiency dividend within the 43rd parliament—that is, the term of the last government?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I have some information here that differentiates between the one-off efficiency dividends. There have been annual efficiency dividends—and I have data here back to 2006-07. In addition, there have been several one-off efficiency dividends, one in 2008-09 and one in 2012-13. We can probably take some of this on notice because it will get a bit long-winded.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 39, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
19.	Finance 2.2	McKenzie	Caretaker period – approved contracts	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Was there any correspondence on offers of grants or projects during the caretaker period or on the cusp of the caretaker period?</p> <p>Mr Tune: One contract was signed.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Signed in the caretaker period?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How many did apply?</p> <p>Mr Owens: I would have to take the number of tenderers on notice. I do not have that information with me.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 39-40, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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20.	Finance 1.1	McKenzie	Procurement and Unions	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Over the last three years, how much have unions been in receipt of grants, procurement, properties that we leased or any other mechanisms under which unions would receive Commonwealth funds?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We would have to take that on notice in relation to the Department of Finance. If you were looking for that more broadly you would have to ask each individual agency, because we would not hold that information. But we can check that for you in relation to the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: I will be asking each individual agency. In fact I am asking you now.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Was there any contract negotiation or process called on prior to contract execution during the caretaker period?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Was that the period I was talking about?</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Between the 14th and the 6th. Was that the only one?</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 40, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
21.	Finance 1.2	Lundy	ComSuper Commonwealth and/or Military Pension	<p>Senator LUNDY: I ask ComSuper: how much of that \$8.462 billion figure can be accounted to existing recipients of a ComSuper Commonwealth or military pension?</p> <p>Dr Charker: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice and try to understand what pension liabilities we are currently paying and what benefits have been paid over the last preceding period.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: I think the easiest way to do it is to use these financial year figures and then try and match up these numbers with where that liability lies, whether it is for your existing group or a notional future group, and some assumptions around that. Please take that on notice and come back to me.</p> <p>Dr Charker: Yes, that is fine.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 44, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
22.	Finance 1.2	Lundy	ComSuper Commonwealth and/or Military Pension	<p>Senator LUNDY: Let me ask the question this way: can you disaggregate the superannuation interest cost for each of the schemes that form part of that total? Obviously, I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Ong: If you look at the long-term cost report—I cannot recall whether we actually give the disaggregated figures—</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 46, 25 February	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Senator LUNDY: I would like those disaggregated figures in the forward years as well.</p> <p>Ms Ong: We will check.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can certainly give you, on notice, the breakdown of the overall liability for the different schemes. That is probably the more interesting bit of data.</p>	2014		
23.	Finance 1.2	Lundy	ComSuper Commonweal th and/or Military Pension	<p>Senator LUNDY: And that is what that balance sheet item 'superannuation liability' is?</p> <p>Ms Ong: The balance sheet shows whatever the figure is at the end of the year—yes.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: I know you have just explained it to me, but could I ask you, Ms Ong, to take that question on notice and provide for us in writing the detail about how the balance sheet item 'superannuation liability' is arrived at?</p> <p>Ms Ong: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 47, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
24.	Finance 1.2	Lundy	ComSuper Commonweal th and/or Military Pension	<p>Senator LUNDY: Are the life expectancy tables used in calculations for Commonwealth superannuation unfunded liabilities or, as we now know, the superannuation interest cost those which are currently accepted for private insurance?</p> <p>Ms Ong: Life expectancies are used, but, again, I cannot recall which ones they use.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Could you take that question on notice?</p> <p>Ms Ong: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 48, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
25.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	NCOA conflicts of interest	<p>Senator DASTYARI: There were a series of statements that were provided to you at the start of the process.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Correct.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: And then you deemed that these statements did not warrant anything further. There was a discussion about whether or not you were prepared to release those statements.</p> <p>Mr Tune: I reflected on that over the lunch period. To date, we have not done that. Basically, there is a lot of private information in them that I do not think I can put on the public record, not at least until I have the agreement of the</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 49, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>individuals concerned. So I think I will just have to take that on notice for the moment.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay, we will take that on notice for the time being. I think I know what your answer is going to be, but that is fine. I just wanted to make sure that they were not released and I had missed the question on notice, which was not the case.</p> <p>Mr Tune: No. As I said before lunch, we released the template that they fill out but not the contents.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: That is fine. If something new were to arise during the process, I would need to complete a supplementary form. Is that how it works?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, it would be a requirement for the individual to notify us of a change.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I assume you have had some supplementary forms?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not know. Once again, I will have to take that on notice, but I am not aware of anything different. No, we do not think we have.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: So no supplementary forms have been supplied?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Not that I am aware of. I will double-check for you.</p> <p><i>(Links to Question – 15)</i></p>			
26.	Finance 1.1	Wong	MYEFO – Individual Measures – Agriculture, Australian Research Council, Social Services, Carbon Tax	<p>Senator WONG: I just want to go to a few individual measures in MYEFO. Of the measures in MYEFO, can you please on notice give me a list of which require separate legislation over and above the appropriations bills?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I assume you have not got that here.</p> <p>Mr Tune: No, we do not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: In relation to the measure reducing funding to the FAO, at page 117 in the agriculture portfolio, what is the amount remaining in that line item?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I do not know. We might have it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You would probably have that.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No. Sorry, we will have to take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 52-55, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Mr Tune: DFAT will know the answer to that one too—sorry, Agriculture. Senator WONG: No, I would like you to give me the answer. Is that all right? Ms Huxtable: Yes, I have taken it on notice. Senator WONG: Thank you. In relation to the measure on page 119, 'Legal Policy Reform and Advocacy Funding', what are the four legal assistance programs affected? Mr Tune: We can probably find that out fairly quickly. Ms Huxtable: Yes. I think I do have that somewhere, but I probably cannot lay my hands on it. If I find it we will come back to it; otherwise we will take it on notice. Senator WONG: Thank you. How many funds remain in the Safer Suburbs Program—that is the measure on page 122? Mr Tune: We will take that on notice. Senator WONG: Can you do the same then in the measure on page 127, 'Australian Research Council—redirection'? Tell me what amount of funding over the forwards remains in the ARC Discovery and ARC Linkage programs— Mr Tune: Yes. Senator WONG: and in the centre of excellence programs. That measure is on page 128. On the same page, what are the comprising programs which are affected by the \$2.3 million reduction in funding? Senator WONG: I do not have the details. Is it departmental funding? Mr Tune: I think it is departmental. I will confirm it for you, but I think that is right. Senator WONG: Thank you. On page 129, what are the programs in the Department of Education on that first measure there? Ms Huxtable: The grant programs that have reduced funding? That one? </p>			

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				<p>Senator WONG: If you look at the measure 'Related revenue: Department of Social Services', it actually has dots. What is this trying to signify, and what is the effect in the measure?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On page 136: how much funding is required to establish the Registered Organisations Commission? Shall I move on while you are doing that? <i>(Potentially answered on p.61)</i></p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We have got something on that; it will be here in a second. We will come back to that one.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On 'Repeal of the Carbon Tax—abolishing other measures' on pages 144 and 145, can you provide on notice a breakdown of all the individual elements that make up the total measure in both fiscal balance and underlying cash balance terms.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I think there are six elements, but I might be wrong. On the Green Army: what is the Finance funding as a result of that?</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is for gateway.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Then there is 156: the voluntary dental graduate year program. Can you tell me how much per year one dental graduate placement in this costs? Page 54 Senate Tuesday, 25 February 2014</p> <p>Mr Tune: So you want the unit cost, basically?</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the unit cost the costing is based on?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will see if we can find it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You do not have that?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Not with us, no.</p> <p>Senator WONG: The person who did it is probably somewhere in the next room, right?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I do not think so.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Can you tell me how much funding remains in that program?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take that on notice.</p>			

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				<p>Senator WONG: Next is 161: the uncommitted health portfolio funding and redirection of funding. Do you have how much funding is remaining in the four programs there—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, chronic disease prevention et cetera, national rural and remote health infrastructure and public health programs?</p> <p>Mr Tune: No; we will have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I was about to suggest not quite that; I was going to ask you to tell me about it by program. So is it possible that we could change the parameters of how I have asked it for the interim? Maybe you could then give me something.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes. My reading of the question is that, if you asked about the name of the program and the real and nominal growth over the forwards, we could do it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What about the funding of these programs over the forward estimates?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can do that, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That would be great. Can we have that, please?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p>			
27.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	Defence and Foreign Exchange	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay, I will put them on notice for you. We want to ask about the foreign exchange implications for Defence. Is there funding on a no win no loss with regard to the forex? Also, the PAES shows a positive adjustment resulting from forex changes of \$1.8 billion. I just want to get an explanation of how this adjustment is constructed. And if there is movement up or down in the foreign exchange rate, what would the impact be on Defence, all other things being constant? I understand from what the minister is saying that questions relating to the decision making are questions that should be directed towards Defence. But, more in the space—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sorry—questions in relation to the Defence portfolio additional budget statements should go to Defence.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 57, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Senator DASTYARI: But the questions regarding the impact of foreign exchange implications on Defence spending: are they questions that are appropriate for Finance?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can assist you on the approach that is taken. If you start to get into specifics about what is causing what, you will need to go to Defence.</p>			
28.	Finance 1.1	Dastryari	FOI (13/97) –incoming government brief	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Obviously we had had a discussion at estimates on that. And my understanding is that by the time of last estimates no final decision had been made as to how that FOI request was going to be treated. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would need to check that. I am not quite sure.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Again, I do not know if this is an appropriate or an inappropriate question to take on notice; I am not sure what the precedent is around this. But are you able, on notice, to provide me with the date on which the applicant was notified of it?</p> <p>Mr Tune: We can do that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 58, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
29.	Finance 1.1	McKenzie	Gateway Review Process	<p>Senator MCKENZIE: Have there been any projects where there have been shortfalls against the performance indicators as they have moved through the process?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes, there are.</p> <p>Senator MCKENZIE: Major projects with significant shortfalls?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I will have to take that aspect of it on notice, but we do have the process that Mr Tune described, which is an escalation process.</p> <p>Senator MCKENZIE: Yes. Can you give us an example of one that might have come before you recently?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 64, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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30.	Finance 1.1	McKenzie	Gateway Review – Far North Queensland	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Okay. Thank you, I appreciate it. Finally, if I may, I want to go to the shared outcomes trial, which is all about promoting regional development, which has to be a good thing. Could you please briefly comment on the findings of the shared outcome trial?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: A bit of background: I think you are referring to one of a number of trials, perhaps one in Far North Queensland in particular.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How many people do you have working on it?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Only a couple of people in Finance but it is the agencies on the ground that really do the work.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How many people are working on it in total, then?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: How much does it cost, both Finance and whole of government? Page 66 Senate Tuesday, 25 February 2014</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: It has been done within existing resources—</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: But they are resources that could go elsewhere if need be?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes; I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 64-66, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
31.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Procurement Arrangements and forward estimates	<p>Senator WONG: Can I refer you to the announcement by the minister for immigration in relation to the closure of four detention facilities, including Leonora, Pontville et cetera. There was an \$88.8 million per annum saving announced. Was that a Finance costing?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I thought it was \$88.9 million over four years.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why does the minister's press release say a year—\$88.8 million a year?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you provide the estimated savings to be obtained by the coordinated procurement arrangements over the forwards please?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Sorry, the estimated savings from?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Coordinated procurement.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 66-67, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>Mr Tune: By the specific measure? Senator WONG: Yes. Mr Tune: The one from last year's budget? Senator WONG: Correct. Mr Tune: Okay. Senator WONG: In F58 you provided us with a table to 2012-13; I am asking for the same measure over the forwards—on notice, if you like. Mr Tune: Yes, that is fine. We will take it on notice.</p>			
32.	Finance 1.1	Wong/ Mckenzie	MYEFO	<p>Senator WONG: So, post MYEFO, what decisions by government have also included an information and/or advertising campaign component? Dr Helgeby: We will take that on notice. Senator McKENZIE: Just on that: get it not just going forward but going back, say, the last five years—a similar sort of table. Senator WONG: You have got all that already. Senator McKENZIE: I am new to the committee. Senator WONG: Maybe you could look at what some of what your colleagues asked at every single estimates for the last five years. Mr Tune: We can give you the historical spend, Senator.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 69-70, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
33.	Finance 2.1	Wong	Procurement	<p>Senator WONG: I was out of the room, Mr Tune, but I think in an answer to a question from Senator McKenzie you indicated an intention to increase the contract value for publication on AusTender; is that correct? Mr Tune: Yes, I did, I think. Senator WONG: From \$10,000 to \$20,000? Mr Tune: Yes, that is right. Senator WONG: Has that commenced? Mr Tune: Mr Sheridan can help us. Mr Sheridan: No, Senator, it hasn't yet. We are working through that decision at the moment and, if it is agreed, we would intend to do that from 1 July this year. Senator WONG: Okay. Can you on notice, then, provide to me all contracts between \$10,000—is \$10,000 the current threshold?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 71, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				Mr Sheridan: It is.			
34.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	MYEFO - Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I will check that. In relation to the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program, page 121 of MYEFO states that the costs of the measure will partially be met from within the existing resources of the Attorney-General's Department. What does that mean?</p> <p>Mr Tune: It means that the Attorney-General's Department has to meet some of the costs from its existing resources.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Where does that come from?</p> <p>Mr Tune: That is from their baseline allocations. So they are going to have to make some reallocations from one thing to another thing.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: But if they are doing a reallocation from one thing to another thing, that still gets run through you, does it not?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Not the detail of it, no.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: How much of it is coming from a reallocation?</p> <p>Mr Tune: I would have to take that on notice; I do not know that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
35.	Finance 1.1	Dastyari	MYEFO – Royal Commission into Institutional response to child sex abuse	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Okay. You can take this question on notice. Has there been any underspend in the royal commission into institutional response to child sex abuse, which was announced under a bipartisan banner? What has happened to any revenue as a result of the underspend? Is that going back to Treasury or contained? Finally, what proportion of the royal commission into the home insulation program, for which MYEFO page 121 estimates the cost at \$20 million, is being met from within existing resources of the Attorney-General's Department?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Okay, we can take all of that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 75, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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36.	Finance 2.1	Bernardi	GBEs	<p>CHAIR: Can you tell me the total value of special dividends that were extracted from the Commonwealth's GBEs under the former government?</p> <p>Ms Mason: I do not have that information with me for the whole period of the former government. I do have some figures that will partially answer your question. In respect of Medibank Private there was a \$300 million special dividend in 2010-11 and there was another \$300 million special dividend paid on 15 August 2013 in respect of the 2012-13 financial year. There was also a \$5 million special dividend paid by the Australian Government Solicitor in 2012-13. Those are the figures that I have, but that covers only a couple of the years that you referred to.</p> <p>CHAIR: Indeed. But that covers all the special dividends over those years? You are not omitting others?</p> <p>Ms Mason: Yes, over that period, but not over the full period of the former government.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps you could take it on notice to get that information for the full period.</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 78, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14
37.	Finance 2.1	Bernardi	Australia Post	<p>CHAIR: Australia Post is a government business enterprise, and I would make a subjective assessment that it faces some long-term trends that threaten its existing business model. Have dividends that been provided by Australia Post in the past three years—and I m not sure of the quantum—been moderated to take that into account?</p> <p>Mr Tune: Yes, I think that is true ...</p> <p>The dividend in 2011-12 was \$194 million and in 2012-13 it was \$244 million. We are in constant discussion with Australia Post around not only that but their whole corporate strategy and the future of their business model.</p> <p>CHAIR: Which year was the \$194 million?</p> <p>Mr Tune: In 2011-12. In 2012-13 it was \$244 million. But I think profit was higher in 2012-13—or did we increase the dividend ratio? We did at some point. I would have to take that on notice—the causes for that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 78, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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38.	Finance 2.1	Bernardi	Australia Post	<p>CHAIR: I am worried that it conflicts a bit with what you were suggesting to me. I am not suggesting that you have misled me at all, but to demand a higher dividend in the face of a challenging business environment seems to be—</p> <p>Mr Tune: If you look at other parts of their business, they are doing quite well.</p> <p>CHAIR: But you cannot just dividend pick parts of your business.</p> <p>Mr Tune: No. But you have got to look at the overall profit of the organisation.</p> <p>CHAIR: Indeed, you do.</p> <p>Ms Mason: I think the parcels portion of Australia Post is doing quite well; it is the letters portion of the business that is in decline. And that is not unique to Australia Post; it is a feature of postal services around the world.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am not having a crack at Australia Post; I understand. It is just that there is a long-term business issue that they are having to deal with. They need to reinvest in their business—and Mr Tune suggested that that was taken into account when extracting dividends—yet the dividend has jumped significantly in those two years. It is just an observation; I am not making any—</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will take it on notice and give you an explanation of the difference.</p> <p>CHAIR: You might also be able to tell me when Finance first became aware of what I would call the long-run erosion of the Australia Post business model.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We have been talking to Post about this for at least the last three years, maybe four. It has accelerated quite rapidly in the last two years in particular; the letters decline has accelerated. So it has become more and more critical to think about this in detail—which we are doing.</p> <p>CHAIR: I go back to the dividend jump in that year. Are you able to provide a total figure, inclusive of GBEs and other Commonwealth entities, for how much the previous government extracted in dividends and special dividends</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 78-9, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				over the years from 2007 to 2013. Mr Tune: Yes. We can take that on notice.			
39.	Finance 2.2	Ludlam	Point Peron	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Minister Cormann, I am just checking firstly on a piece of correspondence that I put to you on 30 January this year relating to the Mangles Bay marina project at Cape Peron in WA. Is that familiar to you?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am aware of the issue in general terms, but obviously I do not have a copy of the letter in front of me. This is in relation to some Commonwealth land that was sold many decades ago?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, in the sixties. I am trying to get confirmation—you might have to pass this back to your office and take it on notice—as to whether I have received that reply. I sent a letter to Minister Hunt, in a similar form, on the same day. I have got a reply from him, which I am going to put to you in a moment.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: You are saying you have not received a reply from me?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I do not believe I have. As a courtesy, I am asking you rather than tell you.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will check. I have certainly seen something go past my desk. I certainly remember some advice. I will check that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Can we just be sure that we are talking about the same place. There is one proposal for a jetty up in Rockingham, which is not only uncontroversial but supported by everyone I have come across. What I am referring to, and what the correspondence I put to you refers to, is the conditional approval that the Western Australian office of the EPA has given to a Mangles Bay marina project on Point Peron itself. That is what impacts on Commonwealth environmental values.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 79-81, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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			 Senator LUDLAM: I would not want to concede that, which is why it is a shame that you have not replied in writing to my question to you. Senator Cormann: Let us just get to the bottom of that. I believe that I have. Senator Cormann: I have undertaken to get to the bottom of where the correspondence is at. Certainly we have the broader issue that technically this is an area of responsibility for Senator Ronaldson and not in my part of the portfolio. The reason I have had an interest in it is because I am broadly aware of the issues. It might be that Senator Ronaldson is actually dealing with these matters. ...			
40.	Finance 3.1	Jacinta Collins	CAS	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: My question beyond that is: what non-standard working arrangements for all personal staff are in place, if any? Ms Moy: I would have to take that on notice specific instances of non-standard arrangements. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: When I first asked, you mentioned place or location? Was that what you thought I was originally asking? Ms Moy: Non-standard work base? Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Yes. Can you inform us on that much? Ms Moy: No, for personal positions, I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 84-85, 25 February 2014	27/5/14	26/6/14
41.	Finance 3.1	Faulkner	CAS	Senator FAULKNER: I could perhaps point out to you that in relation to Senator Wong's question you said there has been a practice not to answer. Question on notice 23 in the 2010-11 additional estimates was a written question asked by Senator Ryan—who of course is a coalition senator. He asked who the members of the Government Staffing Committee were, and it was all answered. In that case it was former Deputy Prime Minister Swan; the SMOS, Mr Gray; the then minister for agriculture, Senator Ludwig; and the Prime Minister's chief of staff. Senator Ryan then asked, 'Does it have	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 86-7, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>specific guidelines or remit?' That was answered. Then he asked, 'Is there a Government Staffing Committee secretariat?' That was answered. He asked, 'Have any ministerial staff or electorate officers been sanctioned under the code of conduct?' That was answered. He asked, 'How many times has the Government Staffing Committee met?' All the meeting dates were given. So I think that is the sort of level of transparency that has applied in the past.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: On the back of that, I do not have that answer and I do not for one minute suggest that you are not repeating that verbatim, but on the back of that I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you then take on notice the questions I was asking about the members, the chair, dates of meeting and so forth in light of the—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Sorry. I do not understand.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry. So we can clarify what you are taking on notice—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Sure. I am just taking Senator Faulkner's question on notice about who is on the committee, which is what he asked me about.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Which was what I was asking. You declined to answer, so if you would take that—</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: On the back of—</p> <p>Senator WONG: You have taken it on notice; I am moving on.</p>			
42.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Ministerial staffing letters	<p>Senator WONG: Perhaps, on notice, you could let us know. Presumably you have received 300 letters—</p> <p>Mr Tune: 420.</p> <p>Ms Moy: The allocated positions are not all filled, so it would be 410.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So of the 410 to date, how many have you received letters in relation to? I am assuming all, but perhaps not. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Moy: No, I would presume we have all.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How many were signed by the Prime Minister's chief of staff and how many were signed by someone else, and if so, who? Are you able to do that?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 88, 25 February 2014	27/5/14	26/6/14

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43.	Finance 3.1	Wong/ Faulkner	Ministerial staff contracts	<p>Senator WONG: What sort of time delays? Are you able to give us a sense of how long that might be?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I will just check if any of my colleagues have the details.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am not asking for names.</p> <p>Ms Moy: No. In terms of the general volume of contracts, we would have to have a look at each of them and see what the delay is; we do not necessarily measure the delay between the date of the commencement and the date we receive it. Senators and members have that certain period of time. I think it is about six weeks for the contract to come to us so that we can actually administer it correctly and ensure that people aren't not paid.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You cannot give me a sense of how many are received within the six-week window—shall we call it that?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Not at the moment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You may want to take that on notice, and how many are beyond that.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Okay.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 89, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
44.	Finance 3.1 - COOG	Wong/ Faulkner	Ministerial staff contracts	<p>Senator WONG: Government employees—the bulk is government. There is a template contract, which Senator Faulkner has referenced. What shall we call the letter? Shall we call it the letter of approval?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: What we have agreed is that there is communication to the department in writing. Senator Faulkner tells me that it was only for senior appointments.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: That was for a certain period. Obviously, I do not have any intimate knowledge in terms of a number of years in the life of the previous government.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: The department receives a letter confirming that a person is to be employed and there is a contract attached to that. If you need any more information on that, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am just trying to ascertain the approval letter—I am going to call it that. Does that denote it sufficiently? There is a template contract. Is the letter a template letter or, on occasion, would the letter identify particular</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 90, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>additional conditions of employment or other matters? Ms Moy: I will just get one of my colleagues — Ms Baker: The approval letters that are received by Finance generally take a similar format. But, obviously, on occasion there are different letters. It depends on the particular circumstances of a person's appointment—whether it is on-going or non-ongoing, or whether or not there is a personal classification. So the answer is that they are generally the same, but there are variances. Senator WONG: I refer to Minister Ronaldson's statement today that it is the same process as used by the previous government. You have been in this area for some time, Ms Baker. Do you recall whether, under the previous government, it was the case that ministers in fact advised of the decisions of the staffing committee, not the chief of staff. Senator Ronaldson: We have already heard from Senator Faulkner that there were letters received, on his recollection, for appointments above a certain classification. I am not entirely sure where you are going with this. Maybe you should cut to the chase a bit and we will see what the real issues are. We have established that these letters have been sent in the main by the chief of staff. The letters are attached to contracts and the contracts are the trigger for the department to start paying. As the officer has said, these are standard letters except if there is a personal classification attached to it or it is a non-ongoing contract. That was the clarification. I think the officer has fully answered your questions in relation to this matter. Ms Baker: Senator Wong, I cannot recall. Senator WONG: You cannot recall. Thank you. Perhaps you could take that on notice. Senator FAULKNER: To save time, could you also take this on notice? The standard contract, I assume, has not changed a great deal over the recent years or decades, I would imagine. Is that the case? We are talking about the standard contract? Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice.</p>			

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45.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Ministerial staff contracts	<p>Senator WONG: The ongoing contract was on the 4th. Ms Moy: Yes. And it commenced on the 3rd. Senator WONG: Were letters provided by the chief of staff in relation to all three contracts? Ms Moy: Yes, they were. Senator WONG: Can you provide copies of all of those, please? Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice. Ms Moy: We will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: We had a discussion in which I think Ms Baker said they are generally— Senator Ronaldson: We will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 90, 25 February 2014	27/5/14	26/6/14
46.	Finance 3.1	McKenzie	Opposition staff vacancies	<p>Senator MCKENZIE: How many personal staff vacancies are there across the opposition? Ms Connell: I will see if I have got that information. Mr Tune: Just for opposition spokespeople or opposition members as well? Senator MCKENZIE: Well, personal staff vacancies. Senator FAULKNER: We are talking about vacancies of the government establishment, which is on the material list. Senator MCKENZIE: We have already got that. Senator FAULKNER: Sure, sure. You are asking about vacancies. Senator MCKENZIE: I am, for personal staff. Ms Moy: I do not have that information with me, but I can take it on notice. Senator MCKENZIE: How long will it take us to get that information? Ms Moy: If I have to take it on notice, it probably will not be this afternoon.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 92, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
47.	Finance 3.1	McKenzie	DLOs	<p>Senator MCKENZIE: I was just wondering how many DLOs are located in each minister's office. Do you have figures on those? Ms Moy: Finance can answer for Finance. You would need to ask each department. Senator MCKENZIE: Okay. Could I have Finance's figures at 1 January 2008, 1 January 2010, 1 January 2012 and 1 September 2013. Mr Tune: We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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48.	Finance 3.1	McKenzie	Work bases	<p>Senator McKENZIE: In relation to Mr Shorten's personal staff, could you outline how many there are and the work base for each.</p> <p>Ms Moy: We would again need to take that on notice in terms of an individual staff profile.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: I think you mean 'home base'.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Work base.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Workplace?</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: So Canberra, the electorate office or the Melbourne CPO.</p> <p>Ms Moy: We would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
49.	AEC	Smith	Changes to Western Australian Senate poll since 2013 Election	<p>Mr Rogers: I have a list of things, and perhaps I could read out the headlines. I am happy to table the detail, which might also be of use, rather than reading through that.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Great. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We have made changes in logistics and materials management, contract management, ballot paper security in the polling place—and I think voters will notice a difference there as well—and packaging and parcelling; voters will not notice that difference, but that is critical for us, and packaging and parcelling will be an important part of that process. We have also changed our training as well as working on the culture of our full-time and part-time staff, including the issuing of additional directives to those staff. And we are currently working on both short-term and long-term issues around the transport and storage of ballot materials. I think in the long term there are some questions about whether the long-term storage of ballot papers is something we should be doing in any case, because there are a large number of providers who do this for a living, and it may be something we look at. We already started speaking to a whole range of providers around those processes. I am happy to table that later on with some detail around that as well.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 122, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14

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50.	Finance 3.1	Bernardi	Senators' Offices	<p>CHAIR: Yes, I understand that and I think I acknowledged it. So are you able to tell me who owns the building where Senator McEwen's office is located?</p> <p>Mr House: We could take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you. But I would also be interested in other senators' offices as well. For example, in South Australia, who owns the office that, say, Senator Farrell occupies for another few months?</p> <p>Mr House: We could take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Mr House: We could take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: And for Victoria, please—senators and members.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I can tell you the Freemasons own mine.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Then you will not be on the list, Senator Collins.</p> <p>CHAIR: We have always had our suspicions!</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That is probably a secret!</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Senator Bernardi, ask about my office.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Senator, can I just confirm that you are looking for the owners of the buildings that are leased for senators and members in Victoria and in South Australia.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Add Western Australia to that.</p> <p>Ms Moy: And Western Australia.</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, I think I would be interested in getting that list. I think it would be very informative. You might as well go with New South Wales as well ...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 94, 25 February 2014	29/5/14	26/6/14
51.	Finance 3.1	Faulkner	Senators' Offices	<p>Senator FAULKNER: While questions are being taken on notice, Mr Tune, in the spirit of Senator McKenzie's question, can I ask if the department could also provide, on notice, vacancies in ministerial offices?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Is that staff?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: Yes, staff—personal staff. I am putting it in the same terms as the question Senator McKenzie has asked. She is terribly interested in the Leader of the Opposition's staff—whether they are in the Canberra office, Melbourne office or the electorate office. I have now become interested in the Prime Minister's staff. Can I ask whether the Prime Minister's</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 94, 25 February 2014	27/5/14	26/6/14

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				MOP(S) staff are in Parliament House, the Canberra office, the Sydney CPO or in his electorate office. Normally I would not ask these questions, but my interest has been jagged by Senator McKenzie.			
52.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Staff Appointment (Mr Furnival)	<p>Senator WONG: Strategic Issues Management, which I think was the shareholding company—so the company which owned Australian Public Affairs. Mr Furnival was a director of Strategic Issues Management, which wholly owned Australian Public Affairs, which is the lobbying company. So I am asking you again: when did you become aware of that fact?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was the staffing committee aware of that fact when it approved his appointment?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I will take both those questions on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 102, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
53.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Statement of Standards (Mr Furnival)	<p>Senator WONG: Are you aware that the statement of standards actually requires of staff that, if they retain a directorship of a company, they are required to obtain the written agreement of their minister and the Special Minister of State? Did you provide such an agreement to Mr Furnival, in accordance with the statement of standards?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: As you are aware from the statement of Ms Cain, the processes had started to divest those shareholdings, so at that stage there was no intention on the part of Mr Furnival to retain an interest that might require my concern.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have the statement of standards?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I will take that question on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 102-3, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14

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54.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Directorship and Statement of Standards (Mr Furnival)	<p>Senator Ronaldson: I have said to you that I will take on notice your allegation in relation to retention of directorships. What I am saying to you is that I will take on notice whether there was a continuing directorship that may or may not have been required. You are putting to me that it was required. I am putting to you that it is hypothetical until I ascertain whether what you have put to me is correct or not correct.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Yes, and I have no intention of discussing the internal workings of this matter. What am saying to you again, though, is that you have put a statement of fact to me which has not been identified as being correct. I will take it on notice and ascertain whether your question in relation to paragraph 6 of the statement of standards is reasonable.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 103, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
55.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Employee of former Prime Minister Gillard - contract and 457 visa	<p>Senator SMITH: I want to go to some staffing issues in the office of the former Prime Minister Julia Gillard. What was the total length of employment for Ms Gillard's media adviser, Mr John McTernan?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I do not have that information with me, but I can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: My understanding is that he was here on a 457 visa class. Is that accurate?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I do recall there was an FOI with regard to that, but, to be accurate, I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: More generally, then, in the 457 visa class, would he have been entitled to a redundancy?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Again, I would need to take it on notice and look at his contract.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 108, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
56.	Finance 3.1	Bernardi	Former Government employees' severance entitlements	<p>CHAIR: How many Labor staff received payouts that recognise their prior service in a state parliament?</p> <p>Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice. <i>Senator Wong interjecting—</i></p> <p>Ms Pitson: Yes, Senator Wong.</p> <p>CHAIR: How many staff received payouts as a result of the last change of the prime ministership before the election—the change from Ms Gillard to Mr Rudd?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 110, 25 February 2014	27/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: How many of the staff who received a payout as a result of that spill are now working within the system again?</p> <p>Ms Pitson: We will have to take that on notice.</p>			
57.	Finance 3.1	Bernardi	COMCAR	<p>CHAIR: I mentioned that, Senator Faulkner. Could you provide a list of all positions and agencies that are entitled to use COMCAR.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: I would like you to provide the details of the total costs of COMCAR's use in the last financial year by users other than members of the House of Representatives, senators, former prime ministers, former governors-generals and members of the federal judiciary.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am interested in the number of times COMCAR was used and the cost of each trip for each of the following positions in 20 1213: departmental secretaries; the Managing Director of the ABC; the CEO of Safe Work Australia; board members of the National Museum of Australia; and the Aboriginal Lands Commissioner. You can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes, Senator.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 110-111, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
58.	Finance 3.1	Wong	Employment status of Mr Furnival	<p>Senator WONG: I think the Prime Minister in the House of Representatives has said his employment has ended. I am asking for the date.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take it on notice, but I just say to you again that, historically, previous ministers have said that we do not discuss the personal circumstances of identifiable MOP(S) employees.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is he still employed?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We have taken it all on notice. I have told you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 113, 25 February 2014	27/4/14	26/6/14

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59.	Future Fund	Dastyari	Salaries of Future Fund employees	<p>Senator DASTYARI: So what is the highest paid position at the Future Fund that is disclosed? Mr Helgeby, what is the highest paid position at the Future Fund?</p> <p>Mr Helgeby: I am not aware of that.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Obviously there are some disclosures consistent with the requirements under the law that are made in the annual report. I will take on notice whether we might be able to assist you beyond that, bearing in mind that there are obviously Commonwealth interests, commercial-in-confidence and privacy considerations at play here. I will take it on notice and to the extent that we can assist you further on notice, we will do so.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Minister Cormann, I am not asking you for something that is secret. You are telling me that in the annual report, which I am sure there are copies of here, there is a figure which is the highest paid figure in the organisation.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No, that is not what I said. I said that in the annual report relevant disclosures in relation to remuneration are made, consistent with legal requirements. I think your question was somewhat more specific than that. I have undertaken on notice to reflect on your question, bearing in mind that we are about to engage in a process where there will be a negotiation with a successful candidate for the position. In order to protect the position of the Commonwealth and, ultimately, to protect the taxpayer, I do not think that I should now go down the path that you are inviting me to go down. Having said that, after having considered it more carefully, I might get back to you and be able to assist you some more.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 116-117, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14
60.	AEC	Smith	Authorises persons	<p>Senator SMITH: At page 55 of the annual report, with regard to the referendum, it says: <i>The Electoral Commissioner received cases for and against, on time, within the word limit, and with appropriate authorisation 28 days after passage through parliament of the Constitution Alteration bill.</i> Can you please provide me with the names of the people who authorised the yes case? Senator McKenzie and I are very well aware of the people who</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 121 & 124, 25 February 2014	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				authorised the no case. Perhaps while we are having this discussion if someone knows that they can get it back to me. ... Mr Rogers: And I think I will have to take you other question, about who authorised the yes case, on notice. I have not been able to find out this evening. There were 12 who authorised the no case.			
61.	AEC	Collins	Multiple voting	Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I have a follow-up question on that line of questioning. Can you tell us anything about the incidence of multiple voting over time? Mr Rogers: If I do not have those details for you this evening I can certainly provide them on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 124, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
62.	AEC	McKenzie	Electronic voting	Senator MCKENZIE: Yes, so we can get some sort of consistency. You mentioned the states earlier. Would you give us a brief update on what the states are doing with respect to electronic voting. Mr Rogers: I might take that on notice, if I could. The Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand did release a paper on electronic voting late last year. That has been circulated fairly widely and has a lot of detail in it about what the states are doing—because everyone is at a slightly different level with that process.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 126, 25 February 2014	23/5/14	26/6/14
63.	ASC	Dastyari	ASC Workers	Senator DASTYARI: How many workers do you have now? Mr Ludlam: In production, there are 960 in South Australia. Across the overall program, for New South Wales and Victoria, I would really have to take it on notice but there is around about 1,500 I would say. Maybe there is 1,600. Senator DASTYARI: Can you take it on notice and get us an exact figure? Mr Ludlam: We can do that. It is 1,600 to 1,700, as I am just thinking about it. We know that there are opportunities around. A future frigate would be an opportunity, a future submarine would be an opportunity and a patrol craft	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 131, 25 February 2014	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				would be another opportunity, as would an auxiliary oiler—they would be opportunities. From ASC's point of view, we are quite happy to be involved in any competition for those opportunities, just to make sure that our workforce does not roll off, so that we can keep it at the highest skill and we can keep the productivity improving on a daily basis.			
64.	Finance	Seselja	Staff reductions and redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies? 2. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends applied over the last three years? 3. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to decisions made in the 2013 Budget, or earlier, to cease or terminate programs? 4. If redundancies have been offered, when was the decision made to offer these redundancies? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
65.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the make and model? b) How much did it cost? c) When was it provided? d) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. i) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 	Written	27/5/14	26/6/14

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				j) Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.			
66.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial Redundancy payments	1. How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013? a) List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost	Written	29/5/14	26/6/14
67.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.	Written	29/5/14	26/6/14

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68.	AEC	Bernardi	Superannuation overpayments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have polling staff, who worked at the 2013 federal election, been overpaid superannuation contributions? 2. How many employees were affected? 3. What is the total cost of the overpayments? 4. What was the largest overpayment? 5. What steps have been taken to recover the overpayments? 6. What steps have been taken to ensure that there is no reoccurrence of this issue? 	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14
69.	AEC	Bernardi	Multiple voters	Please provide a table outlining the instances of multiple voting per electoral division. The table should specify the number of multiple marks caused by errors on the part of polling officials, those cast by aged or infirmed voters, and other instances of multiple voting.	Written	27/5/14	26/6/14
70.	Finance 3.1	Bernardi	Class of overseas travel	In relation to the former government, how many Ministers travelled First Class for overseas trips in 2012/13? What was the total cost of these trips by Minister and destination?	Written (transfer from PM&C)	23/5/14	26/6/14
71.	Finance 3.1	McKenzie	Cost of electorate offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you please provide the State and national figures on lease values for Labor and Greens MPs and Senators electorate offices? 2. How is value for money for electorate offices determined? (What are the criteria?) 3. Do these criteria take into consideration the location of the office as opposed to just the size of the office? 4. How many Senators have their offices in regional cities? 5. What is the average cost of a regional electorate office compared to capital city office? 	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				6. Of the Senators that have their offices in capital cities, how far are their offices from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices?			
72.	Finance 3.1	McKenzie	Staff of former Government and relocation costs	<p>1. How many personal staff of the second Rudd Government had nonstandard work bases (that is work bases other than the Minister's office or Canberra) as at September 6 2013 the day before the last election?</p> <p>2. Can you list the number of staff by Minister and Parliamentary Secretary of the Second Rudd Government?</p> <p>3. Can you also tell me the number of personal staff of the second Rudd Government who had personal salary classifications as at 6 September 2013 the day before the last election?</p> <p>4. Can you list the number of staff their substantive classification their personal classification by Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in second Rudd Government?</p> <p>5. How many relocations were there within Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices due to ministerial reshuffles during the 43rd Parliament?</p> <p>6. Can you outline some of the potential costs involved in, for example for the Melbourne CPO, when there is a ministerial reshuffle?</p> <p>7. What is the cost of moving Ministers within the CPO during the aborted leadership coup in March 2013 and the successful retaking of the leadership by Mr Rudd in June 2013?</p> <p>8. Can I have the costs broken up by component cost, by CPO and by Minister and Parliamentary secretary?</p>	Written	27/5/14	26/6/14

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73.	Finance and agencies	McKenzie	Contracts, services, appointments and business undertaken before the caretaker period	<p>1. Had your agency issued any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants in the caretaker period or on the cusp of caretaker? Can you please provide details of what date such correspondence issued and how many groups were written to?</p> <p>2. Have there been any contracts signed by your agency in the caretaker period? Can you please provide details of the amounts involved?</p> <p>3. Who were the other parties to these contracts?</p> <p>4. What was the extent of any competitive process?</p> <p>5. What was the level of involvement by Ministers and/or their offices?</p> <p>6. How much funding has this agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms?</p> <p>7. Were any contract negotiations called off in the last year after short-listing but before execution of contracts?</p> <p>8. Were there any appointments made by Ministers to board positions or other senior or representative roles within your portfolio on the cusp of caretaker period, or during caretaker period?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) What were the dates of such decisions?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) What processes were involved in these appointment decisions?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) How were these decisions each announced?</p> <p>12. How much has your agency spent in the last year on PR firms, focus groups, lobbyists or external communications contracts or services? What were the decision processes for those contracts and what was the level of Ministerial or Minister office input into those decisions?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
74.	Finance and agencies	McKenzie	Reviews	<p>1. What progress have you made to address the APSC Capability Review for your agency?</p> <p>2. Are there any other reviews of your organisation currently being implemented or settled down post-implementation? What has been the benefit of or impact of those exercises? [If prompts needed – what about the ANAO, the Productivity Commission, or other such scrutineer organisations?]</p> <p>3. Have there been any reviews in your portfolio area in the past six years that</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>have since gone unactioned in part or in full?</p> <p>a) If so, what were the problems that led to the review, how long were these issues there and what is the current state of those issues?</p>			
75.	Finance and agencies	McKenzie	Project management	<p>1. Have there been any major projects or programs embarked upon recently by your agency or where your agency has participated, where there was not a form of cost benefit analysis or business case before the project commenced? If so, please tell us about why this didn't occur.</p> <p>2. What has been the experience of your agency with gateway review processes? Have you found the costs of those processes proportionate to the benefits?</p> <p>3. Do you have any major projects or programs where there have been major shortfalls against performance indicators? If so, please tell us about those areas of shortfall.</p> <p>4. Has there been any expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold? (Whether a project or program or otherwise)</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
76.	Finance and agencies	McKenzie	Deregulation	<p>1. What consultative mechanisms did you previously have in your portfolio that gave feedback on red tape? Did any of these forums make a focussed effort or an overt role to get feedback on red or green tape?</p> <p>2. In the past year what was the extent of union involvement in consultative mechanisms within your portfolio and how has the level of union input changed over the past decade?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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77.	Finance and agencies	McKenzie	Support for Ministers	<p>1. How many Ministers have you had in the past three years before the election and in particular in the year preceding the election?</p> <p>2. What costs or disruption have you faced from pre-election changes of Ministers, whether IT costs, preparation of new briefings, changes of style guides and information products to suit new Ministers?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
78.	Medibank	McKenzie	Contracts, services, appointments and business undertaken before the caretaker period	<p>1. Had your agency issued any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants in the caretaker period or on the cusp of caretaker? Can you please provide details of what date such correspondence issued and how many groups were written to?</p> <p>2. Have there been any contracts signed by your agency in the caretaker period? Can you please provide details of the amounts involved?</p> <p>3. Who were the other parties to these contracts?</p> <p>4. What was the extent of any competitive process?</p> <p>5. What was the level of involvement by Ministers and/or their offices?</p> <p>6. How much funding has this agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms?</p> <p>7. Were any contract negotiations called off in the last year after short-listing but before execution of contracts?</p> <p>8. Were there any appointments made by Ministers to board positions or other senior or representative roles within your portfolio on the cusp of caretaker period, or during caretaker period?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) What were the dates of such decisions?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) What processes were involved in these appointment decisions?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f) How were these decisions each announced?</p> <p>12. How much has your agency spent in the last year on PR firms, focus groups, lobbyists or external communications contracts or services? What were the decision processes for those contracts and what was the level of Ministerial or Minister office input into those decisions?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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79.	Medibank	McKenzie	Reviews	<p>1. What progress have you made to address the APSC Capability Review for your agency?</p> <p>2. Are there any other reviews of your organisation currently being implemented or settled down post-implementation? What has been the benefit of or impact of those exercises? [If prompts needed – what about the ANAO, the Productivity Commission, or other such scrutineer organisations?]</p> <p>3. Have there been any reviews in your portfolio area in the past six years that have since gone unactioned in part or in full?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) If so, what were the problems that led to the review, how long were these issues there and what is the current state of those issues?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
80.	Medibank	McKenzie	Project management	<p>1. Have there been any major projects or programs embarked upon recently by your agency or where your agency has participated, where there was not a form of cost benefit analysis or business case before the project commenced? If so, please tell us about why this didn't occur.</p> <p>2. What has been the experience of your agency with gateway review processes? Have you found the costs of those processes proportionate to the benefits?</p> <p>3. Do you have any major projects or programs where there have been major shortfalls against performance indicators? If so, please tell us about those areas of shortfall.</p> <p>4. Has there been any expenditure during the last parliament on initiatives that were either abandoned or put on hold? (Whether a project or program or otherwise)</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
81.	Medibank	McKenzie	Deregulation	<p>1. What consultative mechanisms did you previously have in your portfolio that gave feedback on red tape? Did any of these forums make a focussed effort or an overt role to get feedback on red or green tape?</p> <p>2. In the past year what was the extent of union involvement in consultative mechanisms within your portfolio and how has the level of union input changed over the past decade?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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82.	Medibank	McKenzie	Support for Ministers	<p>1. How many Ministers have you had in the past three years before the election and in particular in the year preceding the election?</p> <p>2. What costs or disruption have you faced from pre-election changes of Ministers, whether IT costs, preparation of new briefings, changes of style guides and information products to suit new Ministers?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
83.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <p>a. the date they were ordered</p> <p>b. the date they commenced</p> <p>c. the minister responsible</p> <p>d. the department responsible</p> <p>e. the nature of the review</p> <p>f. their terms of reference</p> <p>g. the scope of the review</p> <p>h. Whom is conducting the review</p> <p>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</p> <p>j. the expected report date</p> <p>k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs</p> <p>l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</p> <p>2) For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <p>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</p> <p>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p> <p>c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement,</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a. Please list them.</p> <p>b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p>			

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				i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not?			
84.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	a) Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
85.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include: a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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86.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
87.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office 2. How much was spent on departmental stationery requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
88.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to the office g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
89.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?			
90.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Itemise these expenses	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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91.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Media training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) the location that this training was provided</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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92.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
93.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - Ministerial	<p>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
94.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>a) Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff.</p> <p>a. List the items</p> <p>b. List the purchase cost</p> <p>c. List the ongoing cost</p> <p>d. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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95.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Computers	<p>a) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</p> <p>b) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>c) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
96.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Travel costs - departmental	<p>a) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
97.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Travel costs – Ministerial	<p>a) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				b) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.			
98.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Grants	a) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. b) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
99.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Payment of accounts	a) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? g) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since 7 September 2013? h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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100.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? i. If so, which ones and why?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
101.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
102.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>			
103.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			

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104.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Staffing profile	1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
105.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. f) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? g) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
106.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	a) How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? c) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				length of their employment period?			
107.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				business hours as a result? d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?			
108.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Printing of documents	1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? a. If so, what companies were sued? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
109.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Corporate cars	a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? e) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? f) How many cars are leased by each department/agency? g) Where are the cars located? h) What are the cars used for? i) What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? j) How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?	Written	26/5/14	26/6/14

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110.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Taxi costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
111.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Hire cars	a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
112.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Credit cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
113.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Senate Estimates briefing	1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c. When were the changes made?</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>			
114.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Preparation for Question Time	<p>1) How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time?</p> <p>2) How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3) Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time?</p> <p>a. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4) Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when does this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>5) Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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115.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to assess Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the</p>			

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				<p>department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>15) Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>a. List those notified request</p> <p>b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister’s attention?</p> <p>c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>16) Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17) If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18) How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19) Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p>			

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				<p>20) What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department’s website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21) What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22) Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23) How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>24) How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25) How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?</p> <p>26) What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27) Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28) Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29) What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30) Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31) Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32) Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“</p>			

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				<p>33) How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner's requirement that "13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published 'to members of the public generally'?"</p> <p>34) Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p> <p>35) Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <p>a. If so, list each email account</p> <p>b. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</p> <p>36) Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <p>a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ?</p> <p>b. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?</p>			
116.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Functions	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <p>a) The guest list of each function</p> <p>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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117.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>3) How have they been recruited?</p> <p>4) What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>5) What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p> <p>8) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
118.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Official residences	<p>1) Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include:</p> <p>a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended</p> <p>b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function</p> <p>c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function</p> <p>d. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	Written	26/5/14	26/6/14

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119.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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120.	Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct	<p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>b. How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>a. If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee</p> <p>6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment</p> <p>7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level</p>	Written	28/5/14	26/6/14
121.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>1. Since September 7th 2013;</p> <p>a. how often has each board met, break down by board name;</p> <p>b. what travel expenses are provided;</p> <p>c. what is the average attendance at board meetings;</p> <p>d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;</p> <p>e. what conflicts of interest have been registered;</p> <p>f. what remuneration is provided to board members;</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served			
122.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Shared services following MOG changes	1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
123.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial leave	1. Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so: a. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include: i. The dates the minister was on leave. ii. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable). b. Who was acting in the minister's place? i. What date was it decided to have this person act in the minister's place? ii. What was the process for selecting this person? iii. Who was involved in making this decision? c. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so: i. Please provide a list of these matters and he date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable? d. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so: i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time. iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister? iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable? e. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so: i. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time.			
124.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Departmental rebranding	1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so: a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. 			
125.	Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial motor vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	Refer to response for F149	

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126.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial staff vehicles non MOP(S)	<p>1. Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <p>a. What is the make and model?</p> <p>b. How much did it cost?</p> <p>c. When was it provided?</p> <p>d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</p> <p>e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</p> <p>f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</p> <p>g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>h. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
127.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Building lease costs	<p>1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <p>a. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <p>i. Date the lease agreement is active from.</p> <p>ii. Date the lease agreement ends.</p> <p>iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</p> <p>iv. Location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>v. Cost of the lease.</p> <p>vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>b. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:</p> <p>i. Date from which the lease agreement was active.</p> <p>ii. Date the lease agreement ended.</p> <p>iii. Why was the lease not renewed?</p> <p>iv. Location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>v. Cost of the lease.</p> <p>vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>c. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <p>i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</p> <p>ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</p> <p>iii. Expected location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>iv. Expected cost of the lease.</p> <p>1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</p> <p>v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>d. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <p>i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</p> <p>ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>			
128.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Diners Club	<p>1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?</p> <p>2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?</p> <p>3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses?</p> <p>4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?			
129.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Government advertising	1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising	Written	26/5/14	26/6/14
130.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
131.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Ministerial website	1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? a. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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132.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Christmas party costs	<p>1. List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013</p> <p>1. What was the cost of each of these functions?</p> <p>2. How was the money identified?</p> <p>3. What was the location of these functions?</p> <p>4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
133.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013</p> <p>1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
134.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Market research	<p>1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <p>1. List the total cost of this research</p> <p>2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</p> <p>3. Who conducted the research?</p> <p>4. How were they identified?</p> <p>5. Where was the research conducted?</p> <p>6. In what way was the research conducted?</p> <p>7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</p> <p>8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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135.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Departmental upgrades	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these changes</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
136.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Wine coolers or refrigerators	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
137.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Office plants	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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138.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
139.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
140.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Legal costs	<p>1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013</p> <p>1. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external</p> <p>2. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial)</p> <p>3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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141.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Australian Public Affairs	<p>1. List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p> <p>2. List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
142.	AEC	Ludwig	Homeless voting	<p>1. Does the AEC have data on how many homeless people are enrolled to vote in Australia?</p> <p>a) If no: Why not?</p> <p>b) If yes: Please table a copy of the data, please break down by:</p> <p>i. Age.</p> <p>ii. Gender.</p> <p>iii. State of enrolment.</p> <p>iv. Electorate of enrolment</p> <p>v. Length of time they have been on the role.</p> <p>vi. Any other relevant data that is available.</p> <p>2. Provide comparative data from question (1) for the elections of 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010.</p> <p>3. Does the AEC have any programs for encouraging and assisting homeless people to enrol to vote?</p> <p>a) If no: Why not?</p> <p>b) If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>i. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>ii. Dates they were implemented.</p> <p>iii. Any available data that shows how successful they have been at enrolling homeless people to vote.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans or discussions within the AEC or between the AEC and the government about producing programs that would assist homeless people to enrol to vote?</p>	Written	27/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>i. If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>a. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>b. Dates they will be implemented (if applicable).</p> <p>c. Any available data that shows how successful these programs will be towards enrolling homeless people to vote.</p> <p>d) Have there been any plans since September 7, 2013 that were proposed or discussed and were aimed at encouraging or assisting homeless people to vote, but were abandoned before the implementation stage?</p> <p>i. If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>a. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>b. Dates they were proposed and dates they were abandoned.</p> <p>c. Any available data that shows how successful these programs would have been towards enrolling homeless people to vote.</p> <p>4. Does the AEC have data on how many homeless people actually vote in Australia?</p> <p>a) If no: Why not?</p> <p>b) If yes: Please table a copy of the data, please break down by:</p> <p>i. Age.</p> <p>ii. Gender.</p> <p>iii. State where they are enrolment.</p> <p>iv. Length of time they have been on the role.</p> <p>v. Any other relevant data that is available.</p> <p>5. Does the AEC have any programs for encouraging or assisting homeless people to vote in elections?</p> <p>a) If no: Why not?</p> <p>b) If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>i. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>ii. Dates they were implemented.</p> <p>iii. Any available data that shows how successful they have been at improving the voting rate of homeless people.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans or discussions within the AEC or between the</p>			

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				<p>AEC and the government about producing programs that would improve the voting rate of homeless people?</p> <p>i. If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>a. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>b. Dates they will be implemented (if applicable).</p> <p>c. Any available data that shows how successful these programs will be towards improving the voting rate of homeless people.</p> <p>d) Have there been any plans since September 7, 2013 that were proposed or discussed and were aimed at improving the voting rate of homeless people, but were abandoned before the implementation stage?</p> <p>i. If yes: Please table a list of these programs, please include:</p> <p>a. Cost breakdowns for these programs.</p> <p>b. Dates they were proposed and dates they were abandoned.</p> <p>c. Any available data that shows how successful these programs would have been towards improving the voting rate of homeless people.</p>			
143.	Finance and agencies	Ludwig	Attorney-General's furniture	<p>1) I refer to the newly installed bookcase in the Attorney-General's Ministerial suite, please table all documents and correspondence as they related to the following questions –</p> <p>2) What is the length of the bookshelf or bookshelves?</p> <p>3) How many rows are there for each bookshelf?</p> <p>4) What material are the bookshelves in the Attorney-General's office made of? Were discussions held about the type and colour of material? If so, what was the nature of these discussions? What was the outcome of discussions?</p> <p>5) Have any bookshelves been installed in Senator Brandis' electorate office? If so, what was the cost of this installation? Does this include labour? If not, how many staff, at what level, worked to install the bookshelves in Senator Brandis' electorate office?</p> <p>6) Have any bookshelves or new furniture been installed in the Commonwealth Law Offices in Sydney for Senator Brandis? If yes, what has been installed? At what cost? If not, are there plans for any changes?</p>	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>7) Have any bookshelves or new furniture been installed in any Commonwealth Parliamentary Office for Senator Brandis? If yes, what has been installed? At what cost? If not, are there plans for any changes?</p> <p>8) Who requested the bookcase be installed? In what format was that request? When was that request made?</p> <p>9) What cost has there been in re-wiring the Deputy Leader's office to bring it to a higher security classification standard as is required for the Attorney-General?</p>			
144.	Finance	Moore	Support to National Secretariats and Peak Organisations	In relation to the Commission of Audit, why were no charities or peak bodies from across the sector invited to present to the Commission despite several making submissions?	Written	8/4/14	15/5/14
145.	Finance	Ludwig	Deregulation Units	<p>1. Please provide advice sent to departments regarding setting up of Deregulation Units</p> <p>2. What costs are estimated for each department to implement Deregulation Units?</p> <p>3. If costs were not estimated for each department setting up a deregulation unit, why not?</p>	Written	8/4/14	15/5/14
146.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Incorrect salary payments to MOP(S) Act employees	<p>1) In regards to the payment of staff employed under the Ministerial and Parliamentary staff act, in the last three years how many instances have there been of staff being incorrectly paid at a rate higher than they were meant to be? Either by incorrect classification, incorrect allowances or other means.</p> <p>2) Excluding incorrect overpayment of travel allowance, what would be the greatest sum of overpayment that the department has incorrectly made to a M&PS staffer in the last three years?</p> <p>a. For the last three financial years, how many M&PS staff would have been incorrectly overpaid in salary or allowances by less than \$1,000 over a 12 month period by the department?</p> <p>b. For the last three financial years, how many M&PS staff would have</p>	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>been incorrectly overpaid in salary or allowances by more than \$1,000 over a 12 month period by the department?</p> <p>c. For the last three financial years, how many M&PS staff would have been incorrectly overpaid in salary or allowances by more than \$5,000 over a 12 month period by the department?</p> <p>d. For the last three financial years, how many M&PS staff would have been incorrectly overpaid in salary or allowances by more than \$10,000 over a 12 month period by the department?</p> <p>e. For the last three financial years, how many M&PS staff would have been incorrectly overpaid in salary or allowances by more than \$50,000 over a 12 month period by the department?</p> <p>3) What is the department's policy for identifying and recovering the overpayment of salaries or allowances made to M&PS staff?</p> <p>a. Provide a copy of this policy and the date it was implemented</p> <p>4) When an overpayment of salary or allowances is identified does the department seek to recover the debt in instalments? Is there a threshold for which payments of a certain size can be repaid in instalments?</p> <p>a. Provide a copy of this policy that guides this process and the date it was implemented</p> <p>5) If an overpayment of salary or allowances has been paid in net terms, that is tax has been withheld from the portion of the overpayment of the salary or allowances, does the department seek to recover this money in the net or gross amount?</p> <p>a. What policy determines this decision?</p> <p>b. What is the decision making process for assessing such a situation?</p>			

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147.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Debt repayment for MOP(S) Act employees	<p>1) In regards to the repayment of debts to the department, what is the department's policy when it comes to the over collection of debts by the department from either members and senators or M&PS staff?</p> <p>a. Provide a copy of this policy and the date it was implemented</p> <p>2) Does the department seek to repay an individual if they have overpaid a debt owed to the department?</p> <p>3) What is the smallest amount that the department has sought to repay to an individual who has overpaid a debt owed to the department?</p>	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14
148.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial staff security clearances	<p>1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>c. For what period of time since 7 September 2013 have they held these classifications?</p> <p>d. Have any staffers been refused a security classification at the level initially or subsequently applied for?</p> <p>e. Have any staffers withdrawn their application for a security classification?</p> <p>i. If so, at what level?</p> <p>ii. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>iii. If so, what office were the staff employed in?</p> <p>3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>c. For what period of time since 7 September 2013 have they held these classifications?</p> <p>d. Have any DLOs been refused a security classification at the level initially or subsequently applied for?</p> <p>e. Have any DLOs withdrawn their application for a security</p>	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14

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				classification? i. If so, at what level? ii. If so, when did this occur? iii. If so, what office were the staff employed in?			
149.	Finance 3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial vehicles	2. For each Minister and Parliamentary secretary please breakdown the vehicles allocated to them in their ministerial capacity including: a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? d. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. e. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? f. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. g. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. h. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. i. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14

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150.	Finance 3.1 COOG	Ludwig	Ministerial leave	<p>f. For each Minister and Parliamentary secretary table a schedule of each ministers leave. Please include:</p> <p>i. The dates each minister was on leave.</p> <p>ii. The dates each minister was out of the country (if applicable).</p> <p>g. Who was acting in each minister's place?</p> <p>i. What date was it decided to have each person act in the minister's place?</p> <p>ii. What was the process for selecting this person?</p> <p>iii. Who was involved in making this decision?</p> <p>h. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters.</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time.</p> <p>iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister?</p> <p>iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable?</p> <p>i. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <p>i. Please provide a list of these matters.</p> <p>ii. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time.</p> <p>iii. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister?</p> <p>iv. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable?</p>	Written	Refer to response for F123	

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151.	Finance and agencies	Wong	Costs of complying with regulations	Further to the answer provided to F122 from the November 2013 estimates round: a) Has work begun on auditing and quantifying the cost to business and individuals of complying with the regulations administered by the department/agency? b) If so, what are the costs to date? c) If not, why not?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
152.	Finance	Wong	Regulatory Performance Target	Further to the answer provided to F81 from the November 2013 estimates round: a) Has a specific regulatory performance target been set for the Secretary? b) If so, what is the quantified reduction in i) “red” and ii) “green” tape? c) If not, why not?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
153.	Finance	Wong	Ministerial Advisory Council	Further to the answer provided to F82 from the November 2013 estimates round: a) Has the Ministerial Advisory Council in relation to deregulation been set up? b) If so, who is on the council? c) Where is the council located? d) If the council has not been set up, why not?	Written	8/4/14	15/5/14
154.	Finance	Wong	Capability Review	Can you describes the specific measures Finance is taking to address the following aspects of the APSC Capability Review: a) The “siloes approach” that “dominates at the group manager level” b) A “purpose statement” that makes clear how “individual efforts contribute to departmental objectives” c) “Greater support for formal and informal mobility within the department at both SES and non-SES levels”, and in particular, how the interim arrangements for APS recruitment are affecting this d) “Departmental systems are generally undervalued and	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14

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				underdeveloped” which “limits the effectiveness of staff and leads to an over-reliance on person-specific knowledge.”			
155.	Finance and agencies	Wong	Staff morale/well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has there been any change to staff morale or well-being since the election? For example has there been an increase or decrease in stress-related leave, or increase or decrease in numbers of issues being raised by staff? b) Has there been a staff survey of workplace attitudes, or something similar, completed since the change of government? c) If so, when would the results of this survey be available? d) If not, when is the next survey due to be conducted? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
156.	Finance 2.1	Wong	Contracting for Newgate Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When did the department commence work on selecting Newgate Communications as the Communications adviser to assist with the scoping study into the sale of Medibank Private Limited? b) When did the department advise the Minister that it had contracted Newgate Communications to be the Communications adviser to assist with the scoping study into the sale of Medibank Private Limited? 	Written	25/3/14	15/5/14
157.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Budget modelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have you reviewed, been asked to review, or commenced work on reviewing any of the major payments models since the November 2013 estimates? b) If so, which ones? c) Are you able to given an indication of the financial implications of the reviews into the models? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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158.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Detention Facilities Closure	Referring to Minister Morrison’s press release on 14 January 2014 announcing the closure of four detention facilities, and the evidence provided to the Committee on 25 February 2014: a) What is the actual level of savings from this closure, is it \$89.7 million over four years, or \$88.8 million per year? b) Can you please break down the savings amount for each of the centres closed into the three sub-categories below: a. Costs payable to the detention services provider; b. Infrastructure and leasing arrangements; and c. Detention contractual arrangements	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
159.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Estimates Variations	a) Can you provide specific details on the numbers of recipients and average rates of payments that have caused the Family Tax Benefit estimates variation in the 2013-14 MYEFO? b) Can you provide specific details on the “higher than expected utilisation of child care” that have caused the Child Care Payments estimates variation in the 2013-14 MYEFO?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
160.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Immigration Detention Network Estimates Variation	Can you describe all the specific changes to the methodology used to calculate the arrival rates which drove the estimates variation for payments for the immigration detention network in the 2013-14 MYEFO?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
161.	Finance 1.1	Wong	PMRA branches	Can you describe what the PRMA Policy and PRMA Implementation branches do? What does PRMA stand for?	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14

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162.	Finance 1.1	Wong	14,500 jobs figure	Can you confirm that the methodology to calculate the 14,500 jobs figure does not take into account the possibility that the Government will agree to new measures that would require departmental staff?	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
163.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013	<p>a) The <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> commences on 1 July 2014 – can you please provide an update on the progress of implementing the legislation?</p> <p>b) Is the 1 July 2014 start date still on track?</p> <p>c) Is there anything that would prevent the Act from commencing on 1 July 2014?</p> <p>d) How does the Commission of Audit's work interact with the implementation process for the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>?</p>	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
164.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Infrastructure and Regional Development – Community Development Grants	<p>Can you provide:</p> <p>a) A list of all projects (including State, location and proponent) included in the Community Development Grants programme – establishment measure from the 2013-14 MYEFO</p> <p>b) The forward estimate profile for each project</p>	Written	11/4/14 Supp response 26/5/14	15/5/14 26/6/14
165.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Grants Policy	<p>a) Can the Department confirm that the guidelines for the Community Development Grants programme (CDGP) met the requirements of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines?</p> <p>b) Did Finance approve the CDGP guidelines?</p> <p>c) Did the Finance Minister approve the CDGP guidelines?</p> <p>d) Did Finance discuss, or provide comment on the CDGP guidelines?</p>	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14

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166.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Grants Policy	<p>a) Can the Department provide a list of all grant program guidelines that have been submitted to Finance and released publicly?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Finance confirm that all these guidelines met the requirements of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines? 2. Can Finance outline why any released grant program guidelines do/did not meet the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines? <p>b) Can the Department provide a list of all grant program guidelines that have been submitted to Finance and not released yet, or are no longer intended to be released?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can Finance outline why in each instance? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
167.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Budget – Contingency Reserve	Can Finance confirm that provisions made in the contingency reserve for election commitments are reflected in the underlying cash balance and fiscal balance aggregate estimates in the MYEFO?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
168.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Budget – Contingency Reserve	Can Finance confirm that provisions made in the contingency reserve for election commitments are reflected in the balance sheet estimates in the MYEFO?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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169.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Budget – Contingency Reserve	Can Finance confirm that provisions were made for the election commitment: <i>Coalition's policy for fair indexation of Military superannuation</i> in the contingency reserve and that this is fully reflected in the balance sheet estimates in the MYEFO?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
170.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Financial Framework	Can the Department outline any work that is being undertaken regarding the <i>Williams</i> High Court decision, including preparations for a subsequent challenge?	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
171.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Financial Framework – CBMS Redevelopme nt Project	Can the Department provide detail on the project status of the Central Budget Management System 2 IT project, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It's budget for this year, and the forward estimates, and actual expenses for the past 3 years. – The implementation timeline – Any guidance that has been provided to agencies (including providing any guidance from the past 6 months in the response) – The capability improvements expected from the prior budget system when operational 	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
172.	Finance 1.1	Wong	2012-13 Certificate of Compliance Report	a) Can you describe how the <i>PGPA Act</i> will effect the number of breaches reported in the 2012-13 Certificate of Compliance report?	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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173.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Operating Losses / Agency financial health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In relation to the measure in the Finance portfolio entitled “Funding for pre-existing measures affecting the public sector” on page 147 of the MYEFO, who in Finance is conducting the work on assessing an agency’s need for funding? Is there a dedicated group working on this? b) Can you provide an update on how this work is going? Can you describe the nature of the work that is being undertaken? c) Have the guidelines that were to be issued between yourselves and the Australian Public Service Commission been released? If not, why not? d) What does it mean for an agency to incur an operating loss? e) For what reasons can an agency incur an operating loss? How many of these reasons are “technical” reasons – that is, due to accounting or other factors unrelated to whether they are actually adequately funded for their functions? f) In relation to the answer you provided to F9 from the November 201 estimates, how many of the 34 agencies that incurred an operating loss in 2012-13 incurred a loss due to these “technical” reasons? g) Further to this point, can you describe to the committee what the depreciation and amortisation expense is? h) How do departments and agencies get funded for this? i) Does the depreciation and amortisation expense get counted for the purposes of determining a department’s or agency’s budget bottom line? j) Does it get counted for the purpose of an operating loss? k) There was a report in the Australian Financial Review titled “ABS battles ‘to keep lights on’” on 29 January 2014. Would this be the type of situation where Finance would be looking at the agency’s financial health? l) Can you describe to the committee the work that is being done with the ABS on this? 	Written	15/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>m) Further to this, there was a report in the Canberra Times titled “Cash-strapped Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to axe jobs” on 6 February 2014. Is this similar to the situation with the ABS? Can you describe to the committee the work that was done with the ACCC?</p> <p>n) Can you confirm the statement that the ACCC was “...given a government bailout to pay for golden handshakes among the 870-strong workforce....”?</p>			
174.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Advertising	<p>a) Can you provide specific details on all the elements that have changed in the guidelines relating to information and advertising campaigns?</p> <p>b) Can you describe the specific role of the Independent Communications Committee prior to the change to the guidelines?</p> <p>c) Who made the decision to remove the Independent Communications Committee from the review process?</p> <p>d) Given the Independent Communications Committee no longer has a role in the review process, has the Committee been disbanded?</p> <p>e) If not, why not?</p>	Written	23/5/14	26/6/14
175.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Travel arrangements	<p>In relation to the updated webpages for whole of government travel services that were released on Friday 24 January 2014:</p> <p>a) Can you describe specifically what the changes are from the previous arrangements?</p> <p>b) When were the decisions made in relation to these changes? Who made the final decision?</p> <p>c) Are there any effects on the savings predicted to be achieved from the arrangements as a result of the changes you have described?</p>	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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176.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Register of contract and grant recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has work commenced on the centralised register of Commonwealth contract and grant recipients, which is to be administered by Finance as per the Government's <i>Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation</i> policy? b) If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this register? c) Are any additional financial resources required to set up the register? d) If work has not commenced on the register, why not? 	Written	8/4/14	15/5/14
177.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Commonwealth procurement panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has work commenced on the single, rationalised Commonwealth procurement panel to administer a centralised register of service providers who wish to contract with the Commonwealth, which is to be centrally administered by Finance as per the Government's <i>Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation</i> policy? b) If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this procurement panel? c) Are any additional financial resources required to set up the procurement panel? d) How many Commonwealth procurement panels were in existence at the time of the 2013 Federal Election? e) How many panellists are envisaged to be on the single procurement panel? f) What is the duration of the single procurement panel arrangements? g) If work has not commenced on the single, rationalised Commonwealth procurement panel, why not? 	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
178.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Cost Recovery	Further to the answer provided to F61 from the November 2013 estimates, can you provide an update on the development of efficiency performance standards against which government cost recovery agencies would be assessed? I note the answers state that you are conducting a review of the entirety of the Cost Recovery guidelines.	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14

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179.	FFMA	Wong	Appointment of acting and permanent chair of the Future Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When did work commence on the appointment of an acting chair of the Future Fund? b) When did work commence on the appointment of a permanent chair of the Future Fund? c) Were there recommendations from Finance or the Future Fund Management Agency on possible candidates for the acting or permanent chair? d) If so, was a shortlist assembled? 	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
180.	Finance and agencies	Wong	Strategic Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the number of strategic reviews currently being undertaken by Finance? b) When are they expected to be completed? c) Can you describe what policy areas these reviews are looking at? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
181.	Finance	Wong	Commission of Audit report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When was the initial report of the Commission of Audit delivered to the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Finance Minister? b) Was a copy of the initial report provided to the Secretary? c) If so, when did this occur? d) Were any other copies provided to any other staff in Finance? e) If so, to whom, and when did this occur? f) How many copies of the report are held by Finance? 	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
182.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Commission of Audit requests	<p>Further to the answer provided to F72 from the November 2013 estimates, can you please provide an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of requests for information the Commission of Audit has asked of Finance to date; and b) The number of request for information the Commission of Audit had asked of Finance prior to the first phase report being submitted to the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Finance Minister. 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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183.	Finance 2.1	Wong	Advice on PNFC status of NBN	Further to the answer provided to F12 from the November 2013 estimates, on how many further occasions have you provided advice to the Minister on the PNFC status of NBN?	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
184.	Finance 2.1	Wong	Infrastructure projects "off-budget"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Under what circumstances could infrastructure projects such as roads and railways be classified "off-budget"? b) Have you provided advice to the Minister in relation to this? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14
185.	Finance 1.1	Wong	Government monthly financial statements	Can you provide the dates that the July, August, September, October, November and December 2013 Australian Government General Government Sector Monthly Financial Statements were provided to the Minister for Finance (that is, the date the briefing material was provided to the Minister's Office)?	Written	5/4/14	15/5/14
186.	Finance 2.2	Wong	ATO/DVA co-location	<p>In relation to the joint media release issued by the Minister for Finance and the Assistant Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When will the co-location activities be completed? b) Can you provide a year-on-year profile of the efficiencies expected to be realised by the co-location? c) Will there be any lead-in work prior to June 2016 in relation to the co-location? d) If so, when will this occur? Will this have a cost? e) When does the lease on the current premises of the Department of Veterans' Affairs expire? 	Written	11/4/14	15/5/14

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				<p>f) If the co-location will be completed prior to the lease expiring, what is the cost of breaking the lease?</p> <p>g) Are the costs of moving the Department of Veterans' Affairs into the Australian Tax Office premises included in the costs – that is, is the \$84 million figure a net figure?</p> <p>h) What is envisaged for the premises in Woden once the Department of Veterans' Affairs vacates?</p>			
187.	Finance 3.1	Lundy	Senator the Hon Eric Abetz's electorate office	<p>1. What is the full physical address of Senator Abetz's electorate office?</p> <p>2. What is the postal address of Senator Abetz's electorate office?</p> <p>3. Can the Department advise the size (in metres squared) of Senator Abetz's electorate office?</p> <p>4. What are the current entitlements around office size for a Minister?</p> <p>5. What are the current entitlements around office size for a backbencher?</p> <p>6. What were the current entitlements between 2008 and 2013?</p> <p>7. What were the current entitlements between 1996 and 2008?</p> <p>8. What were the current entitlements between 1994 and 1996?</p> <p>9. Has the size of Senator Abetz's electorate office changed between 1994 and 2014? If so, how? Please set out a table which shows each financial year and the size of the electorate office during that financial year, since 1994 to 2014.</p> <p>10. How long as Senator Abetz had his current lease for his electorate office?</p> <p>11. When did the lease commence?</p> <p>12. When is the lease due to expire?</p> <p>13. Has the lease been continuous or have numerous leases been signed? If so, how many and on what dates?</p> <p>14. Has the lease been renewed at any point in Senator Abetz's parliamentary career or since he became a Senator? If so, on what date/s?</p> <p>15. Who are the parties to the lease?</p> <p>16. Who owns the property within which the electorate office is situated?</p>	Written	29/5/14	26/6/14

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				<p>17. What is his or her full legal name?</p> <p>18. What is his or her date of birth?</p> <p>19. Who is listed on the title of this property?</p> <p>20. If it is a business and/or corporation, what is the ABN?</p> <p>21. Is the owner of the property a party to any unincorporated associations? If so, what are the full legal names of those associations?</p> <p>22. What is the value of the lease, for each financial year, since the lease began?</p> <p>23. Has the rental amount fluctuated since Senator Abetz started the lease?</p> <p>24. What increases in rental amounts have occurred since Senator Abetz started the lease?</p> <p>25. Could you please set out in a table each financial year and the amount of rent paid since Senator Abetz commenced the lease?</p> <p>26. Were any increases in rent in accordance with Tasmanian rental and tenancy legislation? If not, why not?</p> <p>27. What is the value of the lease in total, since Minister Abetz has been using this electorate office?</p> <p>28. Is this amount market value for the area?</p> <p>29. Has an independent assessment of market value ever been undertaken? If so, when and by whom? Could I please request a copy of that market assessment. If not, why not?</p> <p>30. Have there ever been discussions between the Department and Senator Abetz and/or his office regarding moving to a different location? If so, when were these discussions held? How were they held? That is, via telephone, email or written letter? What was the content and nature of those discussions?</p> <p>31. Have there ever been discussions between the Department and Senator Abetz and/or his office regarding ending the lease? If so, when were these discussions held? How were they held? That is, via telephone, email or written letter? What was the content and nature of those discussions?</p>			

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				<p>32. Have there ever been discussions between the Department and Senator Abetz and/or his office regarding renegotiating the terms of the lease? If so, when were these discussions held? How were they held? That is, via telephone, email or written letter? What was the content and nature of those discussions?</p> <p>33. Have there ever been discussions between the Department and Senator Abetz and/or his office regarding the amount of rent paid? If so, when were these discussions held? How were they held? That is, via telephone, email or written letter? What was the content and nature of those discussions?</p>			