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<b>1</b>	1/1.1	Cormann	Spending Measures	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Since the budget was printed and delivered, have there been any further spending decisions taken but not yet announced? Or is the \$464 million figure still accurate?</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> So over the next 4½ or five weeks we should expect about \$464 million worth of spending announcements?</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> If the money is to be spent over the next month—by the end of the financial year—why can you not be specific in terms of what the money is actually for?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> ... We will announce them as and when they are announced. I might take on notice what has been announced since budget because I am not sure we have provided you with everything in terms of what we recalled at the table. As Mr Tune said, there are also other reasons why things might be in that category, which might include national security or commercial-in-confidence issues.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> I will repeat my response. I am not clear, just sitting here, precisely what was the totality of what Minister Ludwig announced. If you want me to take it on notice I will. I actually think it needs to be referred to the department of agriculture. It is not some conspiracy; I just want to make sure that the information we give you reflects the announcement that was actually made.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 14-15, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>2</b>	1/1.1	Cormann/ Fifield	Savings Measures	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> My first question has not been addressed yet. What I am after is a list of the specific savings measures, with dollar numbers attached to them.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> So I am clear: what you want is the disaggregation of the graph, long-term savings, disability care et cetera that is in the budget</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 16-18, 29 May 2013	Answered in Treasury Estimates 5 June 2013 Hansard p. 5.	

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				<p>overview—is that right?</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Can you share the detail with us, please?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> If we look at budget overview 5—and there are two other documents, which I do not have here—you want the disaggregation of those savings in so far as we can provide them—is that right?</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> We would like the detail.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> So what you are asking for is the estimate of the save over the 10 years of particular measures.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> What I am asking for is the detail to substantiate the asserted savings over a 10-year period—that is right</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> There is an assertion that there will be \$300 billion worth of savings by 2020. There is a vague high-level list without any detail on the makeup of that \$300 billion. There is a generic assertion. I want to know the detail. Mr Tune has said that he is taking it on notice. My final question on this is: how long do you expect that it will take you to provide that sort of detail?</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> As Senator Wong said—</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> We will take it on notice, if you want, and you will get it after estimates. I was actually being helpful but, as always, you are too stubborn to hear what I am doing.</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> We can work with Treasurer and it can be provided in the Treasury estimates next week. That is what Senator Wong suggested.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> Otherwise, we will take it on notice as you request,.</p>			

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<b>3</b>	1/1.1	Boswell	Funding for Animals Australia	<p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> What was that funding [Animals Australia] requested for?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Can I have that on notice, please. Are there any other similar organisations that you give grants to?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Mr Edge:</b> There is the RSPCA.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> What criteria had to be met before those grants were given?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Thank you. That is all I need. You will get back to us on that?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 19, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>4</b>	1/1.1	Fifield	Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency – Packages versus Agency costs	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> I was going to ask whether the packages for individuals are separate to that or included in that?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> So that includes individual packages. Are you able to separate from those figures the package costs from the actual agency running costs?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 22, 29 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13
<b>5</b>	1/1.1	Fifield	Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency – Balance of costs	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> I am just looking at the gross scheme costs for 2016-17 being \$4.874 billion. I know you are going to take on notice what the breakdown of the \$1.89 billion figure for departmental expenses is, but are you able to give an indication of the balance of the costs for that year?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 22, 29 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13

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<b>6</b>	1/1.1	Fifield	Proceeds of Levy	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Yes, it had to be 50 per cent of the eligible population.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> But we are prepaying a couple of years—from memory—for those who have signed up to the full scheme. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Grant:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> Yes. So it is not actually us. This is a policy matter, I suppose. But there are a range of parameters which have been announced. If you like, we can take those on notice for more detail.</p> <p><b>Mr Grant:</b> I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> Mr Thomann might be able to help you.</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> States will be able to access their share of funds when they are incurring significant net costs, once at least 50 per cent of their eligible population is covered by the scheme. But in recognition of some upfront additional costs, the Commonwealth will allow states to access part of their annual allocation of 15-16 and 16-17.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 29 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13
<b>7</b>	1/1.1	Cormann	Accuracy of Estimates – 2011-12 FBO Estimates	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> I am currently looking at your annual report. Of course, the most recent final budget outcome we have is for 2011-12. For 2011-12, you did not achieve in full any of the KPIs that related to meeting specific estimates, essentially because there was a blow-out in spending throughout the year. In particular, the 1.5 per cent maximum difference between the original estimate and final budget outcome on an accrual basis was exceeded by more than double. Can you talk us through the reasons for that?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 29 May 2013	Answered p. 29	
<b>8</b>	1/1.1	Sinodinos	Ministerial Partnerships	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> Can you provide the committee with an update on what ministerial partnerships were completed during the year and what remain outstanding?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 35, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>9</b>	1/1.1	Polley	Government advertising	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> If we go back to 2007 with the incredible amount of money that the government spent, could you just outline what advertising was covered, have</p>	Hansard, F&PA	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p>you got the details of that \$254 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Van Veen:</b> I do not have a breakdown of all of those campaigns, in terms of—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think from my memory there was a fair bit of advertising spent on Work Choices.</p> <p><b>Ms Van Veen:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	Committee, Page 45, 29 May 2013		
10	1/1.1	Cormann	Public Service efficiencies	<p>Senator CORMANN: Then we will see how we go. There is the measure of Public Service efficiencies, which included \$148.4 million in savings for more efficient management structures. Can you talk us through how that will be achieved and whether it is expected that there will be redundancies?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you able to provide for us on notice, then, a breakdown of the savings amounts for each agency for each year of the forward estimates—bearing in mind that this is to be settled in the next week or so, as you have suggested?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 48, 29 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13
11	1/1.1	Cormann	Public Service efficiencies	<p>Senator CORMANN: The measure also includes a \$14.6 million saving from the rationalisation of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Does that measure include redundancies?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Please tell me how you have costed the \$14.6 million in savings. How do you assume that this will be achieved?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I think the measure sets it out—the rationalisation of corporate functions resulting from the transfer of functions of the former DCCEE to the Department of Industry, Innovation et cetera.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I have read what is in the budget papers, Minister, but that does not tell us how it is actually going to be achieved and the methodology for costing that savings. So, how is it specifically going to be achieved? You talk about fewer Secretaries, fewer CFOs and fewer corporate functions. Give us some facts and figures around that, please.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 48-49, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13

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				Mr Martine: I do not have the specific costing details on this particular measure with me, so I would have to take that on notice.			
12	1/1.1	Ryan	Irregular maritime arrivals	Senator RYAN: Is it possible to get a unit cost for different categories of how people are treated following arrival? Mr Tune: Can I take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63, 29 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13
13	1/1.1	Cormann	Irregular maritime arrivals	Senator CORMANN: But in terms of your assumptions for the budget, taking into account your existing stock and inflows, you must have made assumptions for the 13,200 and so on as to how many of them are related to what unit price in order to come up with the overall figure. Are you able to provide us that breakdown, on notice. Mr Tune: Yes, we can do some of that.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63, 29 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13
14	1/1.1 Budget	Cormann	Irregular maritime arrivals	Senator RYAN: Yes, but it would probably be easy to do in a retrospective sense, because we know what has happened in the past. That would be a rough guide in terms of unit costs that you would use, I would imagine, for the future. One of the variables would be the expected number of arrivals. Would that be how you would start to calculate and forecast expenditure. Mr Tune: Yes. Senator RYAN: So if it is not possible to do it forwards, we would be happy to have access to the figures doing it backwards. Senator CORMANN: Although you must have used a figure for your estimates. Mr Tune: We have. Senator CORMANN: And you should be able to share those figures with us. Mr Tune: Okay, I will take that on notice and I will see what we can provide.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63-64, 29 May 2013	Refer to response provided to Q.12	12/12/13
15	1/1.1	Mason	Irregular maritime arrivals	Senator RYAN: What is the baseline figure that you calculate from? If we know what the cost of someone in detention is—we discussed that we know this other person costs 20 per cent of that—that presumably means we can get some numbers around the costs. Mr Tune: Yes, that is the sort of thing I was going to take on notice to see what	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 64, 29 May 2013	Refer to response provided to Q.12	12/12/13

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				I can provide for you.			
16	1/1.1	Mason	National Plan for School Improvement	<p>Senator MASON: So enrolment growth may not be included in the 4.7 per cent.</p> <p>Mr Tune: We are saying we do not know.</p> <p>Mr Martine: The estimates would assume a level of enrolment growth. The question is that that would potentially vary over time.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Which is the point.</p> <p>Mr Martine: Yes. I am not quite sure exactly what the enrolment figures—</p> <p>Senator MASON: So I should ask Ms Paul?</p> <p>Mr Martine: Yes. DEEWR would have the data.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will take it on notice and see if we can assist.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
17	1/1.1	Cormann	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	<p><b>Mr Tune:</b> To give a bit more detail: the actual return the CEFC will seek for any given investment will be the risk adjusted return reflecting factors such as the individual characteristics of specific projects, the need to cover the operating expenses of the CEFC and the requirement to meet the portfolio benchmark return on the investment portfolio.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> What is the portfolio benchmark return?</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> It does not say here, sorry. We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 76, 29 May 2013	Answered p. 77	
18	1/1.1	Cormann	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Is the Clean Energy Finance Corporation permitted to make concessional loans at a required rate equivalent to an average of the five-year bond rate?</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 76, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
19	1/1.1	Cormann	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	<p><b>Mr Martine:</b> As I was saying earlier, the test is not a commercial return in terms of whether the transaction is an equity investment. The test, as Mr Greenslade has said as well, the test is 'reasonable prospect of the government recovering its investment and earning a rate of return'. Whether it is 10 per cent or eight per cent, in terms of the tests that the ABS undertakes, it is not at that point in time determining whether the transactions are or at not commercial in terms of whether it is an equity investment.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Except that Minister Wong in her press conference post</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 77, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>budget in reply on 16 May said: We made it very clear in the investment mandate that they would lend on a commercial basis, so there's not a budget impact. What does lending on a commercial basis mean?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> It is set out in the investment mandate, from memory. I am happy to take it on notice to add further information. The investment mandate requires the CEFC investment portfolio to target a benchmark return equivalent to the five-year bond rate. However, the actual returns the CEFC seeks for any given investment will be a risk adjusted return reflecting various factors et cetera. I am happy to take it on notice, but that is the investment mandate.</p>			
<b>20</b>	1/1.1	Ryan	CSIRO	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Mr Suur, of those 32 pieces of advice—letters, file notes and pieces of advice—do you know on how many occasions Dr Swiegers was contacted by the department? Is that possible? I am not sure if you would be able to. Some of them could have been updates about the Comcare or ASIC activities, but how many of them were about the department of finance investigation into the CAC allegations?</p> <p><b>Mr Suur:</b> That would mean counting stuff up and categorising it.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Suur:</b> It will take some time, so we will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 81-82, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>21</b>	1/1.1	Ryan	CSIRO	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Looking at the file in front of you—without providing content—is it true that, prior to the public nature of this in April this year, Dr Swiegers had not heard from the department or the minister since June of last year?</p> <p><b>Mr Suur:</b> Again, I will have to take that on notice. I have in this list—and again this goes to a sensitivity that I would rather not share publicly; it does not have to do with the department, it has to do with Dr Swiegers—that there was a telephone call with Dr Swiegers in June 2011—or 2012. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 83, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>22</b>	1/1.3	Ryan	Nation-building Funds	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I will now move to Nation-building Funds. Could I have an update—you can bring them along tomorrow, if that is easier—on the status of</p>	Hansard, F&PA	2/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>the Nation-building Funds? How much remains committed and uncommitted and what are the committed projects over the forward estimates?</p> <p><b>Dr Helgeby:</b> These are the figures effectively at 31 March. For the Building Australia Fund it is \$10.291 billion; for the EIF, it is \$4.395 billion; and for the Health and Hospitals Fund \$4.930 billion. The uncommitted balances are \$2.2 billion in the BAF; \$3.148 billion in the EIF; and \$875 million in the HHF.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Do you have a list of projects for which funding has been committed that you can bring along?</p> <p><b>Dr Helgeby:</b> There are over 300 projects. I do not have that list with me.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Dr Helgeby:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	Committee, Page 83, 29 May 2013		
<b>23</b>	1/1.3 GaRM	Fierravanti -Wells	Health and Hospitals Fund	<p><b>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS:</b> In relation to that, please take on notice whether all of these projects have stuck to the budgeted amount, noting that I am only after those that have gone over budget materially. I can appreciate there could be some which might over by a slight amount, so I only want to know if there have been any material variations.</p> <p><b>Mr Grant:</b> I will take it on notice but I am not aware of any which have gone over the allocated amount.</p> <p><b>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS:</b> From all four rounds thus far?</p> <p><b>Mr Grant:</b> Not that I am aware of, but I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 84, 29 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13
24	1/1.3	Ryan	Budget Paper No. 1, Sheet 9- 7	<p>Senator RYAN: ... I am calling on Mr Tune's expertise. He may be able to help with this. In Budget Paper No. 1, on sheet 9-7, I am interested in the question of a component of the government's balance sheet. Listed under 'Assets' is a category called 'Investments, loans and placements', which is estimated to be \$103.278 billion in 2012-13. I am interested in the composition—not right to the dollar—of this category. Note 14 on page 9-26 of Budget Paper No. 1 indicates that part of this amount is deposits, which makes sense. Are those government deposits held at the RBA?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 16-17, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
25	1/1.3	Ryan	Funds in 'Other'	<p>Senator RYAN: Yes. The same note says that another part of the funds is the funds Australia has lent to the IMF, which makes sense. But then it lists a large</p>	Hansard, F&PA	Refer to response	14/11/13

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			category	'Other' category covering other items, which is around \$70 billion, I understand. Is it possible to understand what that other \$70 billion consists of? Mr Tune: We will take that on notice..... Senator RYAN: If not, what else is in there in that \$70 billion? I appreciate you do not have the information handy. Thank you for your understanding. .... Senator Wong: Sorry; we will take it on notice, but there may be some Future Fund in that 'Other'.	Committee, Page 17, 30 May 2013	provided to Q.24	
<b>26</b>	2/2.1	Cormann	Medibank Private Sale Act	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Given that the Medibank Private Sale Act passed parliament in 2006, can you talk us through the work done since 2006 to give effect to that legislation passed by parliament. <b>Ms Mason:</b> There has been no work done in recent years at all on the potential sale of Medibank. As to work that may have been done closer to the passage of the legislation, I would need to take that on notice and check our records. ... <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> What would be the time frame required for the department to give effect to that legislation if government policy changed?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 5, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>27</b>	2/2.1	Cormann	WoG services not provided	<b>Mr Sheridan:</b> Finance provides some whole-of-government services. There is ICON, the fibre optic network that runs around Canberra. We provide the ministerial communications network that runs around the country. We provide the TelePresence Network that sits on top of the ministerial communications network. Those are secure services and other departments have other services. <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> What do you not provide? Can you list what you do not provide?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 21, 30 May 2013	Answered on the day – refer Hansard F&PA p. 21	
<b>28</b>	2/2.1	Moore / Polley	MCN sites	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Good. So at the moment the budget is covering the extension of the linkages to 150 sites, and the budget is fully funded for the four years coming up for the full operation of however that goes. <b>Mr Dale:</b> That is right. <b>CHAIR:</b> Can we get a copy of those sites?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 24, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>29</b>	2/2.2	Cormann	Project Expenditure - ASIO Building	<b>Mr Whalen:</b> .... Going back to your question about how much is forecast to be expended on the [ASIO] project for 2013-14, it is \$17 million. <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> And 2012-13? It is nearly finished. That is okay. You can take it on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 26, 30 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13
<b>30</b>	2/2.2	Cormann	The Lodge	<b>Mr Whalen:</b> The property management and ownership responsibilities for the Prime Minister's official establishments, including The Lodge, transferred to Finance on 14 October 2010. <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> That was after the most recent election. Does that mean you can provide us with the maintenance costs for 2010-11?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 27, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>31</b>	2/2.2	Cormann	Occupational Density Target	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> If you take the total property space across Australia, what the proportion? Is it fifty-fifty?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> I would have to check on that. We are talking about a number of leases and, depending on the size of each of those leases, it may not work out exactly. But that would be a fair starting point.</p> <p><b>Ms Mason:</b> We can check. Intuitively, I would suspect that if you are going by square metres it would be a larger proportion in Canberra. The head offices tend to be based in Canberra, so I think the answer would be that it would be a larger proportion by floor space.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Which would mean a proportionately larger level of effort would be required across Australia than in Canberra in terms of reducing the used floor space? Let us say for argument's sake, it is 70-30 and the impact of the change is going to be fifty-fifty between Canberra and the rest of Australia, the effort in the rest of Australia from using less space is going to be more significant than the Canberra based effort.</p> <p><b>Ms Mason:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Mr Tune:</b> I think the fifty-fifty applies to the square meterage as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> We can provide more specific details and so on. But, as a rule of thumb, it is fifty-fifty.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 30 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>32</b>	2/2.2	Moore	Cross-Government Cooperation in Property and Accommodation	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. And again in this area: is there any discussion with the state governments? It seems to me that there is a lot of potential, particularly in regional centres where you have three levels—but mainly talking about state—or two levels of government that are in this business of accommodation and property. There could well be some co-operation there. Is there any intent or possibility of widening that to cross-government cooperation?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalen:</b> There possibly is. I do not have the details on whether that is occurring at the moment. But, for example, in Finance we actually do work with some of the state governments, who have similar interests in property, to actually share information and also have an opportunity to get across what some of their property and accommodation pressures are, what ours are and to identify if there are opportunities to work together to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> If there is any information on that, can the committee get it? It would be very useful in how those interdepartmental liaisons are going.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 29, 30 May 2013	2/8/13	14/11/13
<b>33</b>	3/3.1	Ronaldson	Printing Entitlements – political material	<p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> I am asking you, Minister, does the government, and you as the responsible minister, think it is acceptable for someone to be using taxpayers' funds to peddle a deliberate lie? Yes or no.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> You cannot tell me how to answer a question. I make the point that the leaflet contains a number of factually correct, or politically arguable, propositions. I understand that your proposition is that the policy of the Liberal Party, which was to get rid of the changes to the tax-free threshold, was changed on budget-reply night and that this leaflet post-dates that. I will take that question on notice. But in terms of the department, I do not know if there is anything to add in terms of that process of consideration.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> So, just to confirm with the department—</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> I have just thrown to the department. Perhaps they could answer before you ask another question.</p> <p><b>Ms Moy:</b> The department has no role in censoring political material that is printed or communicated to constituents, neither by legislation nor process.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 38, 30 May 2013	15/11/13	12/12/13

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				<p><b>Senator PRATT:</b> It is a shame because the Liberal Party puts a lot of crap in our letterboxes.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> You know that your interventions are never terribly helpful, mainly for you, but certainly for the rest of us. Can I just get an overview? Can I be absolutely sure that the department has no ability to vet lies and misinformation? Is that right?</p> <p><b>Ms Moy:</b> The department has no role in censoring political information.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Minister can I confirm with you—because you refused to comment—that the government and you, as the responsible minister, believe it is acceptable for the member for Corangamite to distribute information which is deliberately a lie and deliberately misleading.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> No. I have said I would take the issue of the tax-free threshold component of this DL on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Thank you.</p>			
<b>34</b>	3/3.1	Carr	Use of communication s allowance – digital subscriptions	<p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> I have recently had cause to examine the issue of the communications allowance and accessing it, Mr Tune. I am wondering how long it has been since the department updated its processes for the approvals for accessing the communications allowance, particularly with regard to digital subscriptions. I will give a bit of background. Many newspapers require credit card details for periodical subscriptions. They are often short-term subscriptions; they are not long-term subscriptions. It is different for a printed newspaper whereby you can have a direct relationship with the newsagent; you have a relationship with the publishers of a periodical. I am wondering what the department's processes are for the approval of access to the communications allowance for that matter. Can you advise me?</p> <p><b>Ms Pitson:</b> Senator, we can take that on notice and provide you with some clarity. There are differences between what can be paid for upfront and some items that cannot be paid for upfront. We will take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 39-40, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Senator Wong:</b> You can continue to ask questions, if you wish, but I indicate that the department should take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Pitson:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> My point is that we have got into the 21st century.</p> <p><b>Ms Pitson:</b> Senator, if I could just say that it does not sound consistent with our current practices if we have asked for a bank statement. Certainly a receipt would sound consistent but a bank statement is—</p> <p><b>Senator PRATT:</b> But there is no credit card receipt.</p> <p><b>Senator KIM CARR:</b> There is a receipt.</p> <p><b>Ms Pitson:</b> We can look into that.</p>			
<b>35</b>	3/3.1	Ryan	COMCAR listed as 'supplier' on Austender	<p>Senator RYAN: If you want. It is nice wood too: laminate. That is all I have on the CPO. Can I ask a couple of questions about Comcar? On AusTender there is a handful of contracts where taxi services, or what are described as Comcar service fees, transport services and Comcar hire are being provided. I can give you the notes if you like. They are provided to the Australian Crime Commission, the ATO, the APSC and the NHMRC. Three are for \$10,000 and one is for \$30,000. Does Comcar do tender work for others?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Tune: We will check it out, but I have questions about whether it is appropriate.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 42, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>36</b>	3/3.1	Ryan	Stationery and office supplies - savings	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Because these are now on a capped budget amount, effectively, for members' and senators' offices, was there a saving assigned to it with respect to government? Was there a line item saving overall—so, because you had assigned that 14 per cent, we could get pens and things, on average, that much cheaper?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> You might know, Ms Baker, or we can take it on notice, but my recollection is that the better procurement price outcomes savings measure in the budget includes the savings from this measure.</p> <p><b>Ms Baker:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> It does?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 42, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Senator Wong:</b> Yes, but I could not disaggregate that.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That is okay. If it contributes to that I can understand. Does that include, in net terms, the cost of extra transport and freight, where people might previously have been seeking reimbursement for things purchased locally?</p> <p><b>Ms Baker:</b> I am not certain. Could I take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Yes. One of the reasons is that, when we have looked into printing issues before—not with respect to maps but to general government printing—we have found that one could often aggregate a contract and make it cheaper to print in one place, but then it would have to be trucked all around the country, so the saving would get eaten up substantially. And also aggregating contracts does limit the ability of MPs and senators to support businesses in their own communities. So I am always interested in the degree of real saving, as opposed to a headline saving that might be otherwise eaten up through other administrative measures or needs.</p> <p><b>Ms Baker:</b> I can check on that. Prior to moving to the whole-of-government arrangement, the provider was OfficeMax, and the procurement was centrally done through OfficeMax. With the whole-of-government arrangement, it is also done through OfficeMax, so really for senators and members there is no difference in the way that they access that entitlement.</p>			
<b>37</b>	3/3.1	Polley	Stationery and office supplies – state of goods	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Before we go down that path, can I just go back—while Ms Baker is there—to ask a question in relation to the office provider, in terms of stationery? Are you aware of any concerns that have been raised in relation to the state in which items are being received in some electorate offices, in terms of broken boxes and paper that arrives that is not able to be used in printers or photocopiers because of the state in which it arrives?</p> <p><b>Ms Baker:</b> No. I manage the contract; my area manages the contract. We have not received that feedback, but we can take that on notice and speak with the provider.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think that would be good because my understanding is that it has</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 45, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				become a common problem—the state of the goods. Not only are they not arriving in a usable state, but quite often they come over a number of periods of time, so it makes it an increasing job for electorate staff to try and reconcile whether orders have actually been received or not. Would you be able to take that on notice? <b>Ms Baker:</b> Certainly. <b>CHAIR:</b> That would be great. Thank you very much.			
<b>38</b>	3/3.1	Pratt	Use of transport services	<b>Senator PRATT:</b> It has been some hours now since we were discussing this issue. To recap, I was trying to get some clarity around reasonable personal services, such as religious services, and banking when these are not available at Parliament House. I want to determine when members of parliament may use transport services. I note that the examples in the determination are attending religious services and conducting personal banking unrelated to the official work of an MP or a Senate. Likewise, parliamentarians can use to transport to travel to bars, restaurants, to purchase food and beverages and to attend to a myriad of other private affairs and functions. Is that correct? <b>Ms Pitson:</b> I would have to check that second component for you—the bars and functions part—but certainly religious services and banking are two of the examples given.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>39</b>	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Future Fund Performance	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Would you, on notice, be able to give us a list with a bit more science around this by asset class, where you essentially show us what the acceptable benchmark is and how you are performing against the acceptable benchmark? Take it on notice and give it some thought. It would be interesting. I note what you are saying in terms of your general performance in recent times, but the market has performed very well in recent times compared to what was happening previously. So I think it is of interest to the committee to be able to gauge to what extent in an overall sense the Future Fund has performed better or not as well as the market. If you could give that some thoughts, on notice, that would be great. <b>Mr Burgess:</b> I might just add—and I appreciate the question—that one of the	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 5, 29 May 2013	2/8/13	14/11/13

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				reasons we made the opening statement today was to focus on this balance between risk and return. I think your question about return is absolutely correct, but I would not hesitate to say that just looking at return is a danger. I think we have been asked previously why you did not just invest in cash. During the last three or four years if you had invested in cash there would have been a major opportunity, so you have had to take more risks to grasp that opportunity. We are saying that in the next stage of the investment cycle there is that search for yield—what we call 'reinvestment issue'—moving from cash into other asset classes and there has to be a careful forward-looking assessment of risk. So we look at it holistically. The question is a very good one. You have to look at both the return and the combinations of assets to get the right risk profile, and that is why we are focusing on that today.			
<b>40</b>	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Holdings of Commonwealth Debt	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Does the Future Fund directly or indirectly hold any Commonwealth government debt? <b>Mr Burgess:</b> We may hold some through our cash management holdings; we can take that on notice to give you a precise answer.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 9, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>41</b>	Future Fund Management Agency	Cormann	Growth of Operating Costs	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> The operating costs of the Future Fund have grown quite substantially in recent years. We have gone through this before. Can you give us on notice a brief summary of how costs have grown, how they are expected to grow over the forward estimates, and the key reasons behind the increasing growth, just to give us a flavour of what is driving your cost pressures? <b>Mr Burgess:</b> We could give you an answer on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 10, 29 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>42</b>	Future Fund Management Agency	Sinodinos	Commonwealth Government Securities	<b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> This partially follows up on a question by Senator Cormann. Regarding Commonwealth government securities, did you say you have only a small allocation in your portfolio? Is that right? <b>Mr Neal:</b> I would have to take it on notice to give you the precise number, but it is very small in the context of the Future Fund and small in the context of the nation-building funds. It could be zero in the Future Fund.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 10, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13

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<b>43</b>	Future Fund Management Agency	Ryan	Reputation Management	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> I had a quick question about a contract notice. I notice CN1224272, where you spent \$65,000 on what is described as 'reputation management' from 18 January this year to 28 February this year. What aspect of your reputation do you need to manage? <b>Mr Burgess:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I am not over all those long numbers, but we would be more than happy to give you a detailed answer to that.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 12, 29 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13
<b>44</b>	ComSuper	Humphries	State of the Service – employee census	<b>Senator HUMPHRIES:</b> I want to ask ComSuper some questions about workplace bullying and harassment. I do not know if you happen to have the <i>State of the service</i> report employee census handy for ComSuper; I have a question to ask about that. Perhaps you could take that on notice. In the survey of employees for 2012—I assume it is the most recent—you had 73 per cent of employees respond. Under the heading 'APS Values and Code of Conduct' you have the question: Did you witness another APS employee engaging in behaviour you saw as a serious breach of the code of conduct? You have 14 per cent saying 'Yes', but in the next column you have a positive rate of 77 per cent. If you would explain why those figures are different, please, that would be handy. <b>Dr Charker:</b> Yes, we can do that.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 38, 29 May 2013	19/7/13	14/11/13
<b>45</b>	ComSuper	Humphries	Workplace harassment or bullying	<b>Senator HUMPHRIES:</b> How many employees of ComSuper are presently on leave because of stress claims or other claims relating to a claim of workplace harassment or bullying? <b>Dr Charker:</b> I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 40, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>46</b>	ComSuper	Cormann	Implementing changes to Superannuation Legislation	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> If you are currently evaluating, when will that evaluation be finalised so that you are able to implement this budget measure, which was to come into effect on 1 July 2012? <b>Dr Charker:</b> There are some things that we can implement immediately as a function of what the rules are. That is a case of building that into the systems and the processes that we use all the time. There may be other aspects that I do	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 42, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>not have the detail on with me right now that may require some additional systems changes. The best thing would probably be, I suspect, is for us to take that question on notice and give you a bit more information about where we are at with that.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> That would be useful. But in the meantime give me a date by which you expect to be fully capable to implement for your members in defined benefit schemes the increased taxation arrangements in relation to their superannuation for people earning more than \$300,000.</p> <p><b>Dr Charker:</b> We will take that on notice as well, Senator, thanks.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> You do not have a date yet?</p> <p><b>Dr Charker:</b> Not with me this minute, but we will take it on notice.</p>			
<b>47</b>	CSC	Cormann	Membership of defined benefit arrangements	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Sorry, the question was how many of your members are in defined benefit arrangements, not just in the pension phase—in defined benefit arrangements all up, both as a proportion of the total number and as an absolute number.</p> <p><b>Mr Carrigy-Ryan:</b> There are about 650,000 pensioners, contributors and preservers in all of the schemes and funds for which we are responsible. All of these schemes bar the PSS AP are defined benefit schemes or have defined benefit components. There are roughly 120,000 members in the PSS AP. Your number would 650,000 less 120,000, so approximately 530,000 in defined benefits schemes <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> When you talk about both, how many of your members, roughly, have both a defined amount and an accumulation amount?</p> <p><b>Mr Carrigy-Ryan:</b> That is a very good question. In the PSS, for example, members can take their benefit as a 100 per cent pension or as a 100 per cent lump. The CSS is a split benefit, so there is a member component that is typically taken as a lump sum and an employer financed indexed pension. I can go away and give you some analysis that makes some assumptions, but there is a mix of both.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> That would be useful. How many of your members on</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 40, 29 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13

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				defined benefit arrangements will be impacted by the increase in the tax for those earning more than \$300,000 a year? <b>Mr Carrigy-Ryan:</b> Our estimates of that are a reasonably low number. I will take it on notice. I cannot recall. <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Roughly 1,000? Or 50? Or 10,000? <b>Mr Carrigy-Ryan:</b> I cannot remember the exact number. I will get you an exact number. If it is probably easier to do that. It is some time since we did that analysis.			
<b>48</b>	Medibank	Cormann	Hospital Insurance Income	<b>Mr Savvides:</b> There was around seven per cent growth last year overall in the premium income growth. <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> And in dollar terms? <b>Mr Savvides:</b> I do not have the numbers on me right at the moment. I can take that on notice. It is roughly \$5.3 billion.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 6, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>49</b>	Medibank	Cormann	Membership numbers and percentage	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Can we have an update on your membership, both in numbers and as a percentage of the total market, Mr Savvides?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 7, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>50</b>	Medibank	Cormann	Insurance Underwriter	<b>Senator CORMANN:</b> So who is underwriting the insurance for you?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 9, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>51</b>	Medibank	Moore	Location of Clinics	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> The clinics are now on all the major bases? <b>Mr Savvides:</b> I think they are. Some bases are close to other bases and they may share. If you want a specific on that, I could take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 11, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>52</b>	Medibank	Moore	Mental Health Information	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> On the mental health information, was there any linkage there with the military contract? Does information through the military contract	Hansard, F&PA	8/8/13	14/11/13

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				get fed into that research?	Committee, Page 11, 30 May 2013		
<b>53</b>	Medibank	Moore	Use of different methodologies	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes. They talk about encouraging people to use different methodologies. Do you have any data on exactly which ways the clients use your service?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 13, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>54</b>	Medibank	Moore	Call Centres	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can I get on notice the data on how many staff there are in each of those call centres?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 13, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>55</b>	Medibank	Moore	Mobile Access	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> On the general government services—and I know you are not a government agency—looking at that online aspect of people using them, do you have any way of knowing if people access you by iPad or iPhone? There has been a lot of push recently for people to get that kind of equipment and that people are more likely to access services in a mobile way. .... <b>Senator MOORE:</b> It is more of a general interest I have. There has been a general promotion about people interacting with government services—be it yourselves, Human Services or other areas. I am interested in this iPad-iPhone thing, which I do not use but I know is being promoted. On the process you had a couple of years ago for promoting the Travel Doctor service and getting, again, information about what is going on overseas so that people who are looking at it will use your service to find out hotspots and what they should have, do you have any data on how that was accessed?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 13-14, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>56</b>	Medibank	Stephens	Giving Program	<b>Senator STEPHENS:</b> Could you gives [sic] an idea of the quantum of contributions?	Hansard, F&PA Committee,	8/8/13	14/11/13

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<b>57</b>	Medibank	Moore	Mental health Report	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes. The research on mental health that you mentioned in your opening statement—is that available on your website?	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 16, 30 May 2013	8/8/13	14/11/13
<b>58</b>	AEC	Faulkner	Political donations	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I do not know if you have noticed, Mr Killesteyn, but there has been a little bit of debate in the parliament here, and more broadly, around some proposed electoral funding legislation. I appreciate that it is likely that you may not be able to help me at the table. First of all, I ask whether it would be possible for the AEC to provide the committee with some information in relation to either raw numbers or proportions of donations that appeared in four categories: from up to \$1,000, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, from \$5,000 to the current indexed amount, which I think is a little over \$12,000—you might be able to provide that precise figure to us—and above that limit. I do not necessarily expect you to carry that information in your back pocket, but I am asking you first of all whether it would be possible for the AEC, in one or other jurisdictions, to provide that sort of information to the committee? I am not interested in a massive make-work exercise; I am interested, in the first instance, to understand whether that sort of information might be available.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> Yes, Senator Faulkner, we do have some information available. We have been taking it from the forms and entering it into our computer system. If it is only of, say, the past two or three financial years, we should be able to extract that for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Very much so. I would agree with you. As we do not know the level of work, we should be mindful of it. We have talked before about how sometimes you do not have all the resources that you need. If it</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 47-48, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				came down that you are not able to do it from 1999, I would then be requesting that there be some years before 2006 and some years after 2006. That would be very useful in helping us to analyse any trends. <b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> We will do our best.			
<b>59</b>	AEC	Rhiannon	Online donor returns	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> We have spoken before about online returns. I am interested in how that is going. Previously you said that it was going quite well; there was a good take-up from both donors and recipients. I would appreciate an update on that. <b>Mr Pirani:</b> I do not have the exact figures with me. In the election report, my recollection is that we had a very good uptake from the political parties but we had less of an uptake from donors. I will take it on notice and give you the exact figures for this financial year compared to last financial year.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 48, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>60</b>	AEC	Rhiannon	Donor and Party Disclosure	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Staying with the issue of disclosure, I move to the issue that I think we have talked about before—it has certainly come up in different forums—of discrepancy between donor disclosures and party disclosures. Could you give us an update on whether you are still finding a high level of disclosure and whether you are coming up with recommendations on what needs to happen about this?</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> There are two issues on what you have raised. One issue is in relation to the fundamentals and a provision in the act itself. We have a provision in the act whereby the political parties' disclosure obligations do not require them to cumulate to us donations below the threshold, while for a donor the act does require them to cumulate donations below the threshold. Under the current legislation you will never be able to fully match a donor declaration form with a recipient declaration form, because of the provisions in the act. That is issue 1. Issue 2 is that, yes, we now have an IT system that enables us to quite quickly identify apparent discrepancies, but the last time we did this—we ran through it in January and February—I think we ended up with 24 discrepancies out of all the returns. The number was extremely small. Of that number, the last advice I had was that, except for one matter, to my recollection, they had all been resolved—that we had pursued the persons with the reporting obligation as well as with the parties, and we were satisfied with the information that was provided to us. There is one matter, as far as I am aware, that we have not resolved. I will take on notice the numbers of discrepancies that remain outstanding from the 2011-12 financial year, to ensure that I am not misleading the committee.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 49, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>61</b>	AEC	Faulkner	Indexation of disclosure thresholds	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> You can correct me if I am wrong, but my recollection is that 1998 was the last year the Australian Electoral Commission actually proposed or recommended in submissions or in writing a disclosure threshold with a dollar limit. Can you confirm that?</p> <p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> I cannot confirm it. I will take it on notice unless Mr Pirani has a view on it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 50, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>62</b>	AEC	Faulkner	Indexation of disclosure thresholds	<b>Mr Pirani:</b> We do. We make a public announcement. It appears on our web site. <b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> So when was that announced? <b>Mr Pirani:</b> I would have to take that on notice but it would have been after the CPI figures came out for March.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 52, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>63</b>	AEC	Abetz	Disclosure of volunteering	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> And if this volunteer, however, is promised free board and lodgings and food and other things, would that be considered purchasing? If you spent that amount of money on advertising, you would have to disclose it, so if you spent that amount of money on having somebody around that, say, goes doorknocking for a month, would that have to be disclosed? <b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> We are talking here about a donation of time. <b>Mr Pirani:</b> I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 56, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>64</b>	AEC (COOG)	Ryan	Reappointment of Electoral Commissioner	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> Minister, you may be able to answer these questions, because I was directed here by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. They outlined the process that would normally take place for this. When did the Special Minister of State write to the Prime Minister to commence the reappointment process? <b>Senator Wong:</b> I will have to take that on notice, Senator.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 58, 30 May 2013	14/8/13	14/11/13
<b>65</b>	AEC	Ryan	Pre-poll locations	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> So how are you determining whether, say, Higgins gets three and Kooyong gets two? They may have, say, transport routes in common, and you might be able to put one for two there. How are we determining how many pre-poll locations there will be? <b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> If you like we can take that on notice and get you information about the pre-poll locations that are currently being planned.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 62, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>66</b>	AEC	Ryan	Voter intention	<b>Mr Pirani:</b> The Federal Court held that there is a provision of the act where the formality rules apply that says that as long as the intention of the voter is clear then that can be taken into account. And the court construed the two different requirements in the act between the intention of the voter being paramount plus the requirements for yes or no, and they held that a tick or a cross was a valid vote in a referendum.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> And 'a tick and a cross'? That could be interpreted either way—yes and no as well, I suppose.</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> I will have to take that on notice, but the court did go through that in some detail, because the formality rules that we had published prior to the referendum were disputed by Mr Benwell.</p>			
<b>67</b>	AEC	Ryan	Market testing	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> While it might sound strange coming from politicians, market testing does not answer every question. What is the scale of the market testing? Which groups are you using? I assume there is going to be an age and demographic spread. What consultants are we using? How many groups are we doing? I was not aware that the change to this was under consideration.</p> <p><b>Ms Mitchell:</b> I will have to take some of the answers to those question on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 64-65, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>68</b>	AEC	Ryan	Direct enrolment	<p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> Yes. If the 'return to sender' mail happens while we are in the middle of a process, we stop action. But, if it comes after we have applied the direct enrolment, we back out.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Do you have data on the number of times you have had to do that with this process?</p> <p><b>Mr Gately:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I would appreciate it if you have separate data on when in the 28-day period you have paused the process and, secondly, when you then have had to revert and amend the roll to reflect, as the commissioner said, the way it was before.</p> <p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> We will see if we can get that data for you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 71, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13

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<b>69</b>	AEC	Ryan	Ballot papers	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> You are still stuck with that 92 centimetre limit?</p> <p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> We are. We have looked at that and consulted with industry to see if there is a way around this, but just at the moment—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> There is not.</p> <p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> Industry in Australia is not capable of dealing with variable sizes of ballot papers. We are going to be forced to go down in font size.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That will be interesting for some. Do you then literally have more assistants or magnifying glasses to lend people?</p> <p><b>Mr Killesteyn:</b> Let me take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74, 30 May 2013	30/7/13	14/11/13
<b>70</b>	AEC	Ryan	Access to Electoral Roll	<p>Given that section 90A (2)(a) of the Electoral Act provides that:</p> <p>(2) <i>“A copy of the following are to be available, at any time during ordinary business hours, for public inspection without fee at each <u>capital city office</u> of the <u>Electoral Commission</u>:</i></p> <p><i>(a) the <u>Roll</u> for each State and <u>Territory</u>; ...”</i></p> <p>And;</p> <p>Section 91A (2A) of the Electoral Act provides that:</p> <p>(2A) <i>The permitted purposes in relation to a person or organisation other than a Senator, member of the House of Representatives, <u>political party</u> or <u>prescribed authority</u> are:</i></p> <p><i>(a) any purpose in connection with an <u>election</u> or <u>referendum</u>; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) monitoring the accuracy of information contained in a <u>Roll</u>; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) any other purpose that is prescribed.</i></p> <p>I ask the following:</p> <p>Has the Commissioner or any officer of the AEC:</p> <p>a) Prescribed protocols regarding public access to the electoral roll that restrict public access to an open inspection of the complete electoral roll to which the above sections refer?</p> <p>b) Limited or denied access to inspections of the electoral roll to</p>	Written	30/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p>representatives of the media seeking to access or verify enrolment information?</p> <p>c) Limited access to public inspections of the electoral roll to the purposes of:</p> <p>i) Checking your own enrolment details, and/or</p> <p>ii) Making an objection to the enrolment of another elector?</p> <p>2) If the answer to any of the above questions is 'Yes' please provide:</p> <p>a) Copies of any protocols, advice to officials and/or internal communications that have communicated such advice to officers or representatives of the AEC;</p> <p>b) An explanation as to the legal basis for the denial of requests to inspect the roll given the broad provisions in section 91A (2A) and that such usedoes not conflict with the prohibition on the use of the roll for commercial purposes.</p> <p>3) If the answer to any part of question (1)(c), above, is 'yes' please explain how an elector is supposed to make an informed objection of another elector if they cannot inspect the roll in the first instance?</p> <p>4) Does the Commissioner consider that media requests to access the electoral roll for the purposes of verifying information constitutes use of the roll for commercial purposes?</p> <p>5) Does the Commissioner consider that there is a public interest in continued media access to the roll consistent with the broad public access provisions outlined in s 90A?</p> <p>6) Does the Commissioner consider that media access to the roll for the purposes of inspection is supported by section 91A (2A), which provides for inspections of the roll for “<i>any purpose in connection with an <u>election</u> or <u>referendum</u></i>” or “<i>monitoring the accuracy of information contained in a</i></p>			

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				<i>Roll”?</i>			
<b>71</b>	1/1.1 Budget	Ryan	Alternative Policy Costings	Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.	Written	2/8/13	14/11/13
<b>72</b>	All	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	14/8/13	14/11/13
<b>73</b>	All	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? c) How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>74</b>	All	Ryan	Staffing	a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these	Written	5/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>reductions?</p> <p>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>			
75	All	Ryan	Public Service efficiencies	<p>a) Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>b) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?</p> <p>c) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the</p>	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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				occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?			
<b>76</b>	All	Ryan	Public Service efficiencies	<p>a) Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>b) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>c) Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>d) Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>77</b>	All	Ryan	Printing costs	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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<b>78</b>	All	Ryan	Graduate Recruitment	a) Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. b) Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>79</b>	All	Ryan	Advertising	a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b) Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e) Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. g) What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking,	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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				or are planning to undertake?			
80	All	Ryan	Hospitality and Entertainmen t	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year 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 hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year 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 for this financial year 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</p>	Written	5/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
<b>81</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Meeting Costs</b>	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year 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 for this financial year 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</p>	<b>Written</b>	<b>13/8/13</b>	<b>14/11/13</b>

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				catering and drinks costs.			
<b>82</b>	All	Ryan	Program Launch Costs	a) What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. c) What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>83</b>	All	Ryan	Board Appointment s	a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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<b>84</b>	All	Ryan	Freedom of Information	a) Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? c) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>85</b>	All	Ryan	Community Cabinet Meetings	a) Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. b) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. c) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>86</b>	All	Ryan	Reviews	For this financial year to date: a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>g) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>			
<b>87</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Consultancies</b>	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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>	<b>Written</b>	<b>13/8/13</b>	<b>14/11/13</b>
<b>88</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Media Monitoring</b>	<p>a) What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year</p>	<b>Written</b>	<b>13/8/13</b>	<b>14/11/13</b>

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				<p>2012-13?</p> <p>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>b) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>			
<b>89</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<p>a) Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>b) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>(i) If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks).</p> <p>(ii) Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?</p> <p>(iii) If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future?</p>	<b>Written</b>	<b>13/8/13</b>	<b>14/11/13</b>

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				c) Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)			
<b>90</b>	All	Ryan	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>91</b>	All	Ryan	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13
<b>92</b>	All	Ryan	Coffee Machines	a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? 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. b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access?	Written	13/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year 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>h) Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? 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>i) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>j) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>k) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>l) Who has access?</p> <p>m) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>n) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
<b>93</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Contractors</b>	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any</p>	<b>Written</b>	<b>13/8/13</b>	<b>14/11/13</b>

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				<p>capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</p>			

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				j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
<b>94</b>	All	Ryan	Grants	a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.	Written	27/8/13	14/11/13
<b>95</b>	All	Ryan	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>96</b>	All	Ryan	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			
<b>97</b>	All	Ryan	Stationery requirements	a) How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>98</b>	All	Ryan	Media Subscriptions	a) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? (i) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. (ii) What is the cost for this financial year to date? b) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? (i) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. (ii) What is the cost for this financial year to date? c) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? (i) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.	Written	25/10/13	14/11/13

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				(ii) What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
<b>99</b>	All	Ryan	Travel Costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please 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) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? 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> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?</p> <p>f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership</p>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
100	All	Ryan	Legal costs	<p>a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	14/8/13	14/11/13
101	All	Ryan	Education expenses	<p>a) What is the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>b) For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per</p>	Written	14/8/13	14/11/13

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				participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.			
<b>102</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Executive Coaching and Leadership Training</b>	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Total spending on these services</li> <li>2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4) The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>(i) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service</li> </ol>	Written	14/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>(ii) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul>			
<b>103</b>	All	Ryan	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Total spending on these services</li> <li>2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4) The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ul> <p>(i) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> </ul>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul>			
<b>104</b>	All	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</li> <li>b) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</li> <li>c) What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and</li> </ul>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.			
<b>105</b>	All	Ryan	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	a) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. b) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. c) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>106</b>	All	Ryan	Corporate Cars	a) How 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 for this financial year to date? e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>107</b>	All	Ryan	Taxi Costs	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?			
<b>108</b>	All	Ryan	Hire Cars	a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>109</b>	All	Ryan	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.  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? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	14/8/13	14/11/13
<b>110</b>	All	Ryan	Provision of Equipment	a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>c) 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 details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>			
<b>111</b>	All	Ryan	Electricity Purchasing	<p>a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>112</b>	All	Ryan	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>a) Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>(i) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>(ii) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>(iii) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>(iv) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>(v) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How</p>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				<p>many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>b) Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>(ii) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>(iii) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>(iv) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</li> <li>(v) 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.</li> <li>(vi) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</li> </ul>			
<b>113</b>	All	Ryan	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>114</b>	All	Ryan	Protective security	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk,	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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			policy framework	what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.			
<b>115</b>	All	Ryan	Office Locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Department/Agency;</li> <li>b) Location;</li> <li>c) Leased or Owned;</li> <li>d) Size;</li> <li>e) Number of Staff at each location and classification;</li> <li>f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</li> <li>g) If owned, the value of the building;</li> <li>h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</li> <li>i) Type of functions and work undertaken.</li> </ul>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
<b>116</b>	All	Ryan	Communicatio ns Staff	<p>1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>(ii) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> <li>(iii) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</li> </ul>	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13

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				(iv) How many are graphic designers? (v) How many are media managers? (vi) How many organise events?  <b>2) Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</b>			
117	All	Ryan	Pre-election appointments	Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.	Written	9/8/13	14/11/13
118	Future Fund Management Agency	Milne	Fossil fuel investments	a) How much does the FF have invested in equities of companies whose primary activity is the mining of fossil fuels? How much in bonds issued by such companies? b) Are you aware of the recent studies by Carbon Tracker/Grantham Institute, the International Energy Agency and the Climate Commission that conclude that 60-80 per cent of current fossil fuel reserves will be unburnable if the world is to avoid global warming of over 2 degrees? Does this imply there are both ethical and commercial reasons why it may not be desirable for the Fund to hold fossil fuel equities? c) Has the Agency considered the implication of climate change for its investment portfolio? d) Why does the Future Fund have subsidiaries in tax havens such as the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands and Jersey?	Written	8/8/13	14/11/13

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