

## Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee: Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013

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1.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	PM's address to Victorian Trades Hall	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Can someone confirm for me that the Prime Minister is to address the Victorian Trades Hall on 30 May?</p> <p><b>Mr de Brouwer:</b> I am unaware of that, but I will see if we can find out.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> All right. It has been publicised that that is what is going to happen. I am just wondering, possibly through you, Minister, whether the Prime Minister has given reconsideration to that invitation given the revelations of the Supreme Court finding against the CFMEU and the Vice-President of Victorian Trades Hall being a CFMEU official.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> I would have to take that on notice, Senator Abetz. I am not sure that simply trying to smear an entire organisation because one person has done something that you might find or others might find—</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 47	6/9/13	14/11/13
2.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	CFMEU	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Has the Prime Minister condemned the CFMEU in relation to these findings by the Victorian Supreme Court? If not, why not?</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> I would have to check with the Prime Minister about that. But let me make it clear: all Australians, including members of the CFMEU, should comply with the laws of the land.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> The local Leader of the Opposition in Victoria had great difficulty in coming out with that statement until 24 hours after it was put to him. I am just wondering whether the Prime Minister is suffering from the same difficulty.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> As I just said, I am comfortable with making it clear that all Australians should comply with the laws of the land, and I am here representing the Prime Minister. Let's be very clear about this.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> But she is willing to share the stage with such people and accept their funding for election purposes—is that what we are to believe, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> You are making a number of suppositions. I have said that I would take that on notice, Senator Abetz.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> The Prime Minister has previously said that we need a tough cop on the beat, that lawlessness has to be condemned wherever it appears et cetera, yet on this occasion, with 30 contempt charges and links</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 48	6/9/13	14/11/13

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3.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	Dunalley community hall, Tasmania	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> The Prime Minister has previously said that we need a tough cop on the beat, that lawlessness has to be condemned wherever it appears et cetera, yet on this occasion, with 30 contempt charges and links to a notorious bikie gang, we have the Prime Minister willing to be associated with an organisation that has such a person in its vice-presidency. I assume also that the Prime Minister approved of the \$21 million haircut given to the building and construction inspectorate in the last budget, which all seems to suggest that a tough cop on the beat is no longer going to be there. But, Minister, if you could take all that on notice, given that we will not be getting an answer today, that would be very helpful. Perhaps I could now turn to the announcement of a grant to help rebuild the Dunalley community hall in Tasmania. Is anybody acquainted with that announcement? It was made by the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> We will find out.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Senator, are you able to give me an indication of when that was?</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> It was Friday 1 March 2013.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> And was it referenced to any particular program?</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I think it was in relation to regional development, in relation to the bushfires that we suffered in Tasmania, and her agreement to provide \$250,000 for the rebuilding of the Dunalley community hall.</p> <p><b>Ms Taylor:</b> I am aware of the grants in general that were announced in Tasmania. I believe that was a grant that was provided from the regional department.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I think so, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Taylor:</b> Other than that I do not have any further details with me, but I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Okay. Could you please provide a detailed—and I stress 'detailed'—answer on notice in relation to the due diligence undertaken, whether the Prime Minister was actually advised in relation to this particular project, and on what basis the announcement was made and in consultation with whom? I ask because—and I cannot put it any stronger than this—I</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013 Page 48	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				have been advised that the hall was fully insured and in those circumstances could be rebuilt with insurance moneys. So I am just wondering what due diligence occurred and led to the Prime Minister making this spur-of-the-moment announcement while she was in Tasmania that she was going to be providing this \$250,000.			
4.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	457 visas	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> In relation to 457 visas, the government's review and its concerns about 457 visas, have we ever been told in detail what steps the Prime Minister took to find a person with the necessary skill set to fill the position now held by Mr McTernan. <b>Senator Conroy:</b> I am happy to take that on notice for you.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 50	6/9/13	14/11/13
5.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	457 visas	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes. What advertisements and employment and recruiting agencies or other attempts did Ms Gillard use or undertake to seek a person in Australia to fill the position? <b>Senator Conroy:</b> I would have to take that on notice for you. <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I would have thought that, given the high and mighty attitude of the government, you might have been well and truly capable of answering those sorts of questions to ensure that there would be no hint of hypocrisy around this government on this issue. <b>Senator Conroy:</b> I will have to take that on notice for you, Senator Abetz.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 50	6/9/13	14/11/13
6.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	PM's press office tweets	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I do. Talking about this 457 visa holder, who is ultimately responsible for the tweets that emerge from Mr McTernan and the PMO press office? <b>Senator Conroy:</b> I would have to take that one on notice. I should note that with my own Twitter account—it is Conroy MO, meaning ministerial office—my staff will not let me near it—	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 50	6/9/13	14/11/13
7.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	Comcare case of former lodge employee	<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Right. So what was the view of the department? <b>Ms Leon:</b> I said that it is not the department's role to form a view as to whether an injury is compensable or not, but that we would provide Comcare, in any case affecting the department, with all of the information we had available about the circumstances in which the injury was said to have occurred. We certainly would not throw our hands up and say, 'We don't know,' but it is not our role to form a view and the department does not form views that it has no statutory role to form. I do not have with me the paperwork for the Comcare claim for the employee that I think you are referring to, but I am happy to take on notice to confirm my expectation that, in relation to any such claim, we would have provided all of the information that was available to us. I will come back to you to confirm, or otherwise, that we provided such information as we had.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 52	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Yes, if you could do so, because one would imagine that if this person kept on undertaking certain tasks at the Lodge after the dates or between the dates asserted, then that might have helped Comcare make its determination. I dare say that information would have indicated the department's view as well. It is quite a simple issue and I look forward to getting a proper answer, thank you.			
8.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	Revenue	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> In the speech, the PM said: Treasury now estimates that this reduction— This is in revenue— will increase to around \$12bn by the end of the financial year. Was that number provided for the PM's speech from the department? Was that from the PMO? What was the process?</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> I will confirm on that specific number.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Would you mind restating that question?</p> <p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> It says: Treasury now estimates that this reduction— This is in reference to receipts— will increase to around \$12bn by the end of the financial year.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I will confirm that during the course of the day, but I am pretty certain they are the numbers from MYEFO.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 56	6/9/13	14/11/13
9.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	Budget forecasting	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> I refer to the review undertaken by the Treasury of its budget forecasting. Did the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provide any contribution by way of resources or make a submission to the review? Without going to the content of what you may have said, were you consulted?</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> You can ask whether they were consulted. I have no problem with that.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I do not recall. We certainly did not make a formal submission and we certainly did not contribute any resources. I will need to take on notice whether we actually had a meeting with those undertaking the review. I do not recall one.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 58	6/9/13	14/11/13
10.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	Budget forecasting	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> In other words, it was not a whole-of-government exercise and it was not requested by the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> Not that we are aware of. The Treasury has conducted a number of these reviews over the years. Dr Parkinson spoke about this. I think this is the third one that has been done while he has been involved in macroeconomics within the Treasury. I thought it was a Treasury-initiated review, but we will come back and confirm that.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 58	6/9/13	14/11/13

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11.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	Gross debt	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> I understand that, but this relates to comments that the Prime Minister's former economic adviser, Mr Stephen Koukoulas, made on <i>Lateline</i> on Friday, 3 May 2013. He stated among other things: The problem with the Australian level of gross debt now and this is the Basel three requirements for looking after banks in the post GFC world is we don't have enough debt. Australia is one of two countries, the other one being Singapore, that got special dispensation because they don't have enough debt to look after the banks and the RBA is guaranteeing the bank deposits. So we've got gross debt that's ridiculously low. Do you agree with that statement? Do you understand that statement?</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> Sorry, I am not sure you can ask the opinion of officers.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> He was asking you.</p> <p><b>Senator Conroy:</b> Oh, me. I will have to take that on notice and pass it on to the Treasurer for an answer. What I can absolutely guarantee you is that Australia does not have a debt problem. You are not an illiterate, and I know you understand the difference between gross debt and net debt.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 59-60	6/9/13	14/11/13
12.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	PM's Western Sydney visit	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> I am not seeking a comment. My next questions are more on process and should probably be directed to the deputy secretary. I refer to the Prime Minister's five-day visit to Western Sydney. When was the department made aware that the Prime Minister would be visiting Western Sydney?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I do not have that date with me. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 61	6/9/13	14/11/13
13.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS board	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Is it the intention of the government to consult with the opposition on the appointment of board members of the NDIS, given the broad cross party support for the NDIS and given that there are less than 100 days before the real campaign starts and the formal caretaker provisions kick in? Is the government minded to consult on these appointments?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I do not know that answer to that. I would point out that with the members of the board we are really in the hands of the states and territories in terms of who they put forward. I can take that on notice, if that would be helpful.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 65	6/9/13	14/11/13
14.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS board	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> You might want to refresh my memory as to what the determination was in relation to the remuneration for the chair.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I cannot recall. That is a question that is possibly better directed to FaHCSIA, as they are looking after the details.</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Okay. I have a vague recollection—but do not hold me to it—that it was around \$125,000 for the part-time chair.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 65	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<b>Ms Cross:</b> We would have to take it on notice. That does not sound improbable, but we do not have the figures with us.			
15.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS board	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Thank you. Are you aware of any other part-time chairs of Commonwealth bodies that receive that level of remuneration? I want to get a handle as to whether that is in the ballpark for chairs of other large bodies. I appreciate that there are few ventures that are larger than the NDIS. <b>Ms Cross:</b> My recollection is that when we put in our advice to the Remuneration Tribunal we cited a number of examples of similar positions where there may have been similar or higher remuneration, so I think that there is some precedence for this. <b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Can you recall what they were? <b>Ms Cross:</b> I cannot, but I can take that on notice.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 65	6/9/13	14/11/13
16.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS levy	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> They might not have revenue cabinet meetings anymore. Things may have changed. Which portfolio had carriage of it? I appreciate that it came from the budget process, but it is not outside the scope of usual questions as to whereabouts something was initiated. <b>Ms Cross:</b> I do not think that we would normally go into that level of detail about the budget process. But I am happy to take that on notice and check for you.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 65	6/9/13	14/11/13
17.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS levy	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Okay. The question is: did the increase in the Medicare levy go to cabinet? Who took the submission there and on what date did it go to cabinet? They are the three things. <b>Senator Conroy:</b> Okay. I am happy to take those on notice and see what the Prime Minister would like to inform you of.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 67	6/9/13	14/11/13
18.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	NDIS board	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> You can have people of high calibre who have high profiles, but you have to get the right combination of people. <b>Ms Cross:</b> An awful lot of checking was done to make sure we had the right mix of people. I think when you see the board membership it will reassure you as to the calibre of the board. <b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Calibre is not my concern; my concern is the right combination of skill sets. But if you could take on notice whether any formal professional advice has been sought from experts in corporate governance, that would be appreciated. This is not just any board.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 68	6/9/13	14/11/13
19.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	Social Inclusion Unit funding	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> I might leave NDI questioning there. I do have a couple of Social Inclusion Board questions. At the last estimates it was indicated that the cost of the social inclusion unit or activities of PM&C for 2011-12 was \$2.14 million, and there was a subsequent letter of advice from the	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 69	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p>department correcting that to \$2.066 million for 2011-12. That was the department's best estimate on disaggregating the costs of the social inclusion unit. I know you have everything bundled together in larger pots these days. What is the anticipated expenditure for 2012-13? Is it of a similar magnitude?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think for 2012-13, given efficiency dividends and other savings applied to the department, the expenditure will be less than in the question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> So, do we round that down to \$2 million? What figure should we use?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> If you want an exact number I would have to take that on notice, but I expect there would be a reasonable saving as a result of departmental savings.</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Thank you. If you could take it on notice for 2012-13 and also over the forward estimates period, that would be appreciated. Are you able at the moment to at least say what the expenditure is for the year to date?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We will have to check that with someone outside the room.</p>			
20.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Fifield	Social Inclusion unit staffing	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Have there been any other reductions in staff numbers in the social inclusion unit?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I believe there have. I think we gave you a full-time-equivalent number in the question on notice, and I believe that might have gone down by about one ASL, but we will check that for you.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 69	6/9/13	14/11/13
21.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	Cyberpolicy coordination staffing (secondees)	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I think that number is what you told us last time, although there were a number of secondees in the mix as well. Is that still the case?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I do not think we have any more secondees at the moment, but I will take that one on notice too.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 80	6/9/13	14/11/13
22.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	Cyber Security Operations Centre – FOI rules	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> As an example, what freedom of information rules apply to the centre?</p> <p>Some of the agencies are completely immune and some of them are not—that is one example.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I would like to take that one on notice as well, Senator</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 80	6/9/13	14/11/13
23.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	Cybersecurity (ASIC meeting?)	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Whichever day, I cannot wait; I am so looking forward to that. But my question is really is these are the officers with overall government responsibility for matters cyber, no matter how awkward the language might come out. So you have said that you were not at the meeting—that is fine. Can you tell us when it occurred and who was in</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 82	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				attendance? <b>Ms Wimmer:</b> I would have to take that on notice to get the exact details.			
24.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	Wikileaks	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> When was the last time that the department received a briefing—if at all—from Australian diplomats attending the hearings of Private First Class Bradley Manning in the United States? <b>Mr Sadleir:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I do not have that information with me. I am aware that there has been cable traffic on this. <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> If you could take on notice for me and provide me in a little bit more detail than that on whether there have been face-to-face briefings and on the degree of visibility that the department has of those hearings, which are obviously ongoing. <b>Mr Sadleir:</b> I am happy to do so.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 85	6/9/13	14/11/13
25.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ludlam	Wikileaks	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Does the department receive briefings on matters relating to Wikileaks, Private Manning or Julian Assange from the US Ambassador based on Canberra? <b>Mr Sadleir:</b> I personally have not received a briefing of that sort, but I am happy to take that on notice. <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> If you did have that information at the table, I would ask you for dates and times and attendance lists and those sorts of things. If you could provide that in your answers, that would be much appreciated. <b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Will do.	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 85	6/9/13	14/11/13
26.	Prime Minister & Cabinet		Cyperpolicy coordination budget	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> You had eight, but it is 12. Lastly—and this will probably go on notice as well—what did the establishment of the centre cost taxpayers? How much is it expected to cost over the forward estimates? <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> We will take that on notice and provide an answer to you	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 86	6/9/13	14/11/13
27.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	Emergency safeguard measures	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I refer to the issue, which I assume you are aware of, that SPC Ardmona has written to the minister for agriculture requesting emergency safeguard action. <b>Ms Taylor:</b> Yes, I am aware of that. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What is your understanding of where that process is up to? <b>Ms Taylor:</b> I will have to come back to you on that. I am aware the department is looking at that but I do not have any further detail with me tonight. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Would you be able to get back to me on that over the next couple of days? <b>Ms Taylor:</b> I certainly will. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I will read out the types of things I need. What is	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 90	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p>your understanding of the evidence that exists to support the application for the safeguard measures and what sort of evidence will the government be taking into account in making that decision? Specifically, is there evidence of material harm? If there is, will the government be willing to apply a safeguard measure to protect imported multi-serve fruit and canned tomato products that are placing local industries at risk? If that evidence does exist, will the government be willing to apply a safeguard measure? Is the government prepared to apply provisional safeguards, which can be granted by the responsible minister without referring the matter to the Productivity Commission?</p> <p><b>Ms Taylor:</b> I will take those on notice.</p>			
28.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	McKenzie	Emergency safeguard measures	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I am just wondering what the typical time lines from receipt of something like an application for safeguard measures would be for the person or the company that wrote to hear back from government.</p> <p><b>Dr de Brouwer:</b> I think that, despite our best efforts, this is one that we are not going to know off the tip of our tongue. You will have to come back.</p> <p><b>Ms Taylor:</b> Senator, thank you for the question. Unfortunately, I really do not have any idea. That is not something that PM&amp;C would ordinarily be involved in. We would really have to take that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> All right—just the typical time lines. It has been a month now, and we still have not heard one way or the other.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 92	11/6/13 6/9/13	14/11/13
29.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	Funding for CRC and COAG related activities	<p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> There has been a small change to the departmental arrangements since last year, which primarily reflects the reduction in effort associated with the response to the review which you will recall. In particular, there was quite a substantial amount of work that went into the review of the performance frameworks for national agreements, and a selected number of National Partnership Agreements, which COAG then considered towards the end of last year. So the resourcing within the department—consistent, I think, with a question on notice that we completed from the last estimates—has been reduced marginally, from around 12 ASL to 10 ASL. In relation to the CRC's funding: I think I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Okay. Thank you very much. You may not be able to indicate this immediately, Mr Hazlehurst—if you cannot, then you can take it on notice—but can you indicate to the committee what portion of the total funding under program 1.1.1 was allocated to COAG related activities and functions in 2012-13; and, similarly, what portion of that funding will be allocated in 2013-14 to COAG related activities and functions?</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 93	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I will have to take that on notice. What I can say is that the ASL funding has gone from around 12 to around 10. That has been in place for around almost six months.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Can you, similarly, do those numbers for me in relation to the COAG Reform Council?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Yes, Senator.</p>			
30.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	PM&C COAG funding	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Unless, Mr Hazlehurst, I assume, there is a project of significance involved. For example, I heard officers speaking earlier with Senator Mason at some length about aspects of the Gonski process. Would you be keeping some sort of record in relation to allocation of resources and activities and functions undertaken by parts of PM&amp;C that go to that and the COAG aspects thereof?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I believe that we would be able to identify the resourcing that goes to those activities as a whole. Again there would be a question of the distinction that would need to be drawn. What proportion of the activity that is associated, for example, with schools reform would you say was COAG related as opposed to schools reform related?</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I understand.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> But we can see what we can do.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Similarly for schools reform related to the Gonski process and also for the NDIS process. They are the two largest projects that have been identified in most recent discussions.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> We will see what we can do.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 94	6/9/13	14/11/13
31.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	PM&C COAG funding	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Thank you very much. You gave me, as you mentioned earlier, a breakdown of staffing levels for COAG functions over the 2011-12 financial year and up to February 2013 for the 2012-13 financial year. You indicated to me earlier that we were going from ASL12 to ASL10. Is that the indication for the figures for the entirety of this financial year about to conclude?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> That is the current staffing levels as opposed to the full financial year staffing levels. If you would like those separately I imagine that we can provide that.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I do not have a full financial year number that I can give you, particularly given that we are not at the end of the financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I understand that. If you can come back to me on that, that would be good. I understand that answers to questions on notice are due 12 July.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 94	6/9/13	14/11/13

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32.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG items	<p><b>Ms Cross:</b> If there are things that you are interested in that COAG agrees out of session, we could give you a list of what COAG has agreed out of session.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I understand that in relation to the ministerial councils. But separately from that even over the past two years there have been items that have been initiated as COAG items that do not necessarily come onto the agenda at every COAG meeting. But one imagines—one hopes—that they are being dealt with by officials or by the process of first ministers or whatever it might be outside of the sessions.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Yes. There are two categories of items. There are some that COAG commissions other bodies to take forward. In an effort to streamline the COAG agenda, they are not required to come back to COAG unless there is an issue that cannot be resolved. It would probably not be helpful to give you that list, because that would be a very long list. Then there are other piece of work that are commissioned for COAG where the expectation is that they will be brought back. Again, that may not be on the agenda at every meeting but we certainly track the things that are due back to COAG. We could give you the second list and that might be more useful.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> We try to do that do. But if you could provide me with a list that would be very helpful.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 95	6/9/13	14/11/13
33.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG reports	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> On the CRC website, it indicates that there a report was submitted on 30 April on housing affordability and there is an NPA on teacher quality as well. Where are they up to?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> They may not have been publicly released yet. The first five that Mr Hazlehurst read out have been provided to COAG and publicly released. The affordable housing one has not yet been publicly released.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> But it has been provided to COAG?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Only one of the ones that I read out—or maybe two or three, possibly—have been publicly released.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We will check that for you. Some of them have been provided to COAG and not yet publicly released.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I do not believe that we have a report on affordable housing, though.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> It is one of the 2011-12 comparing performance across Australia reports.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> We will need to clarify.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Can you also clarify on the teacher quality one, then,</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 96	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p>please?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I have some information about that one, which is that, while the website shows that that report was submitted to COAG on 30 April, in fact the report is now at the consultation draft. The CRC intends to submit a final report to COAG by 12 June.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> That is a bit of a difference.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> That is the information that I have.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> They are ahead of themselves, are they, on their website?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Yes, I guess so.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> That is maybe also the case for the affordable housing one, then.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> It could be.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> If you could check that for me, that would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> You were also going to tell me which ones have been publicly released and which ones have not.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> It may be that the information that I have in front of me is actually a bit out of date. I would like to confirm it. I believe that at least the first three of the ones that I read out before have been released. But let me check that and I will come back to the committee before the completion of PM&amp;C's time at the table.</p>			
34.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG – Indigenous Health Reform	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I want to ask some questions around some of the specific reform areas, if I may, starting with some concerns which have been raised around Indigenous health reform, in particular. These questions have been raised both publicly and by stakeholders. Indigenous health reform was not on the agenda for the last meeting, on 19 April, nor was it at the three 2012 meetings, but it is one of the areas listed by the CRC as one with its reform time frame at risk. Can you tell the committee, please, the last time that Indigenous health reform was part of the COAG meeting agenda?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I would have to check that for you, Senator. It probably is worth noting that there is a consultation process under way at the moment on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan. That is the framework within which Indigenous health reform would sit. That consultation process is under way. The first council that would look at that would be the Standing Council on Health. If they felt there was a need for that to come to COAG, that option would be available to them. But, again, if what is in the plan is largely agreed at the ministerial council level, those sorts of items do not necessarily have to come to COAG. Those councils are</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, Page 97	6/9/13	

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				part of the COAG framework, so they are still taking place under the auspices of COAG, even if it stays at the ministerial council level rather than coming to COAG per se.			
35.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG – Indigenous Health Reform	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Thank you very much for that, Ms Cross. What is the relationship, then, between the consultation on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan—which is, I believe, what you were just referring to—and the announcement made in April by the Prime Minister, and by Minister Macklin and Minister Snowdon, about the \$770 million in Commonwealth funding for a renewed three-year NPA on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes? What is the status of the relationship with those two?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> My recollection is that that was an announcement of the funding—that the funding would be continued in the budget. I believe the specifics of exactly how it will be spent are still under consideration, but I will take that on notice. It may well be that it is in part taking into account the health plan, in terms of deciding what the priorities for that expenditure are. But I will take that on notice. I think the announcement really was that the funding was going to continue rather than the details of the actual national partnership.</p>	p. 97	6/9/13	14/11/13
36.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG – Indigenous Health Reform	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Ms Cross, are you able to at least advise us as to whether any progress had been made in negotiating that renewed agreement with the states and territories before it was announced on 18 April?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I would have to take that on notice, Senator. It is not part of the national partnerships that has been coming to COAG, so we have not had the same line of sight of that one as others.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 98	6/9/13	14/11/13
37.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Payne	COAG reforms update	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I have some questions in which I want to seek updates on a couple of reforms in each area. In energy market reforms it is question reference No. 11. So in competition it would be the energy market reforms, infrastructure reform, the national transport reforms and the road reform plan. I understand that they are still to be completed. Could you update us on those, when we can expect to see them completed and the reasons for the delays. Then, in November 2012, with the ones the CRC identified as at particular risk, which were OH&amp;S, mine safety, chemicals and plastics, and directors liability, could you give me the same update—that is, the progress on each, the reasons for delay and when we can expect to see them completed.</p> <p>There are also five competition reforms that are not part of the Seamless National Economy NPA but which are included by the CRC as non-reward</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 99	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p>payment reforms, four of which have their output at risk. I think they are: legal profession, in terms of time frame; not-for-profit sector fundraising, in terms of time frame; the not-for-profit sector standard chart of accounts, in terms of time frame; and the regulation making and review, in terms of output. Could I get the same update on those.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazelhurst:</b> There is a very substantial amount of information there and, of course, I would be happy to provide that on notice.</p>			
38.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	PAYNE	COAG – NAHA	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> So the revised NAHA said the first quarter of 2013. Was that period extended?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> No, I am just saying they may have submitted it as part of one of the plans. We will check that for you. I certainly do not recall having seen it, but it could have been in just one of their standard reports.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> If it has not been provided can you tell us on notice when it is expected to be provided and why it has been delayed. In paragraph 19 of the NAHA there is also a reference to four provisional performance benchmarks under the agreement. It says that those will be subject to review following the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations review of funding adequacy this year. What is the status of the review of funding adequacy? Has that taken place?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I believe that was a Treasury led review, so you would need to check with Treasury on what the status of that is at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Would you know if it had come to—</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I do not think it was due until the end of 2013.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> That is fine. I just wanted to check on the timing. If you could perhaps let us know on notice when we can expect to see that.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 99	6/9/13	14/11/13
39.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Kroger	Cybersecurity Question on Notice error	<p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Thank you. Chair, I have a couple of questions in relation to cybersecurity. It is in relation to question on notice 1351 to the Prime Minister, which was circulated on 22 April this year, which notes that the government's commitment of \$1.46 billion towards cybersecurity was to cover the period from 2009 to 2030, and not to 2020, as was indicated by the Prime Minister in her national security speech earlier in the year. Given the scale of this pretty substantial error, why was this not corrected on the record before it was brought to the attention of the government some three months later?</p> <p><b>Dr McCarthy:</b> Senator, I will have to take that on notice. I have looked into how that error occurred, but I will need to take on notice the question that you have asked.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Sure. Could you also take on notice: of that \$1.46</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 110	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				billion in funding, what amount is being spent each year until 2030? What is the forecast spend over the years—whether it is a straight average across; what is forecasted? I			
40.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Sinodinos	Banning of an overseas political party	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> Good. I have one final set of questions on Golden Dawn, a Greek political party on the far right. I refer you to an article published in the <i>Melbourne Age</i> on 3 April 2013 by Nino Bucci, titled 'Ban sought on far-right Greek party'. Can you indicate whether the department has received any representations from Australian citizens about the Golden Dawn party and their potential visit to Australia.</p> <p><b>Dr McCarthy:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> Okay. Could you also take on notice whether you are aware of any formal presence of that political party in Australia.</p> <p><b>Dr McCarthy:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA, Monday 27 May 2013, page 112	6/9/13	
41.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	PMO Vetting waivers	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So you would be advised that staff have or have not been cleared, or their level of security clearance, in order for them to access your system?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> AGSVA does not have to advise us, but we make inquiries of the Prime Minister's office about being kept up to date with security clearances as necessary. We make sure people have lodged their security pack before we give them access to the system.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So you have to get advice from someone that a person is entitled to access?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That advice comes from the office of the Prime Minister, does it?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Who in the Prime Minister's office does it come from?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 4	6/9/13	
42.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Number of Staff on AGSVA waivers	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> How often are you required to grant extra waivers or extend waivers—whatever the correct terminology—pending the conclusion of a process? Does it often take more than three months?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> It can often take more than three months. I would not know exactly how often we do that. We process more than 1,000 recruitment or staffing movements, I think, per year or so, where many people would be getting clearances, so I would probably have to take notice how often a security clearance needs a waiver and how often the waiver needs to be extended.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 5	6/9/13	14/11/13

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43.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Security waivers for international staff	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> The requirement to get a security clearance has not been waived except in the sense that I already spoke—that there is a necessity to grant an interim waiver while a security clearance is processed. But I think what must be being referred to is that we can waive the citizenship requirement for people are undertaking a security clearance process. And we have done that for other people coming to the department from the UK, New Zealand or whatever.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Have you done it before for someone in the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I would have to take that on notice. We would have to go back through our records for that.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 5-6	6/9/13	14/11/13
44.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Security waivers for international staff	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> You mentioned that there is a process for the waiver of a foreign national. Are there written rules around that? Or is it again down to the secretary's wish or the Prime Minister's wish?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I do not know what the rules are off the top of my head. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 6	6/9/13	14/11/13
45.	Prime Minister & Cabinet		Security waivers for international staff	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Okay. Ms Leon, first of all, the possibility that something may lead to speculation does not mean you have a right to not answer a question. Secondly, this has been a matter of public discussion; it has been in newspapers. Thirdly, I am not asking about anything to do with the process for this person's application, the content, or what this central agency is up to or how it operates. I am merely asking: has the department, has Dr Watt in whose authority it resides, granted more than one waiver? Is this person still awaiting a conclusion of a process?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I am not asking about the status of their clearance. That is a matter to go to this central vetting agency that I am not aware of. You are asserting that the department can circumvent the examination of its performance with respect to any one person merely because you are inventing a new ground upon which you can refuse to answer a question.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I am happy to take the question on notice and refer it to the individual whose security clearance—</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 7	6/9/13	14/11/13
46.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Advice regarding condolence motions	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I would like to turn to another matter now. Who is responsible—I am assuming it is the department, but I am happy to be corrected—for advising the spouse or partner of a deceased member, minister or senator about whom a condolence motion is being moved? Who is responsible for advising a spouse or partner that that is happening? Is that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet or would it potentially be done by one of the parliamentary departments? The Prime Minister, or</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 8	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p>someone on behalf of the Prime Minister, does move motions occasionally of condolence, so I am starting here.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I do not have any knowledge of it. I think it may be handled in the office but I will just check with my people to see if we have had any involvement. I am not aware of the department being involved—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I thought it might come to the coordination officials that work with both parliamentary departments about the legislative program. The reason I raise it is that on 12 March the Prime Minister made a statement of condolence in relation to the death in February of the the Hon. William 'Bill' Morrison AO, a former Whitlam minister. His widow only became aware of this after the event and apparently was rather upset. Probably more so for the event than the motion, but it was just a courtesy, I think. I am just trying to chase down where it was—</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I will see what I can find out.</p>			
47.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Abetz	Cybersecurity encryptions	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator Abetz.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Thank you, Chair. I want to talk about some areas in relation to our cybersecurity. Are there any existing government networks being hardened by excluding components from particular suppliers or countries?</p> <p><b>Dr McCarthy:</b> The security of individual agency networks is a matter for the individual agencies. I can take your question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> That is what concerns me a bit, because, as I understand it, our departments do not have universal encryption. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr McCarthy:</b> I will take your question on notice.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 9	6/9/13	14/11/13
48.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Appointment of AEC commissioner	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> In relation to all appointments, the usual practice is that they are initiated by the relevant minister writing to the Prime Minister proposing an appointment or a re-appointment, and it is then for the Prime Minister to determine the path that will follow. I believe that was the situation in relation to this appointment. If that is not the case I will advise you during the course of the hearings or on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Unless advised otherwise—and I take it you do not have everything handy—this would have been the minister, who at that point would probably have been Mr Gray, but I am happy to be corrected if it was Mr Dreyfus, if you get further information—</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I am sure we can check that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> It would have been the minister writing to the Prime Minister initiating the appointment process. Can you take on notice the provision of a copy of that letter?</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, pages 18/19/20	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I can take on notice whether we can provide that, yes.</p> <p>. . .</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Are there protocols around the consideration of significant statutory appointments relating to the length of time prior to their expiry that they are made—or considered? I assume a re-appointment would take slightly less time than an initial appointment. But let us assume a couple of months, which is what you implied. That would mean that this process was commenced 10 months before the expiry of the term.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Without checking the date of the correspondence, I could not say exactly when it was commenced. But I think I have already undertaken to find out for you the correspondence route that it took. I can include in that the date that it was commenced.</p> <p>. . .</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So, can I take it that you are refusing to indicate whether or not any advice was provided to the Prime Minister about the initiation of the appointment process? I am excluding the cabinet process from this, because I am not questioning that that is not subject to disclosure whatsoever. We can keep wasting everyone's time and going over this, but if you are saying that you are not going to indicate whether such advice was provided—</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I think I said that I would take on notice what the process had been by way of correspondence, and I am happy to also take on notice whether I can say anything more about the advice that was provided.</p>			
49.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Carers' room	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b>...I will turn now to a departmental administrative issue. I am looking at the answer to question 61, which was a question I asked about amenities to staff. The department answered: 'The following amenities are provided for PM&amp;C staff' and amongst various bullet points it separately listed a carers' room and a reflection room. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet annual report for 2011-12 refers, on page 80, to an onsite carers' and reflection room. I am just wondering: are they the same facility, or are they separate rooms?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I have not ever availed myself of the carers' room or the reflection room, so I might need to seek some advice from the officers who are here.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I am just wondering if they are the same room or separate rooms. Different documents imply different things.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> My experience of being with small children is that there is little time for reflection!</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, p. 20	6/9/13	14/11/13

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				<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I am learning that myself!</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> So it may be that they are separate rooms, but I will find out from officers who are present and get back to you within the session.</p>			
50.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Appointment of CEO Indigenous Land Corporation	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Perhaps I could ask you to take on notice the consultation with the Prime Minister outside the cabinet process with Mr Gemmell's second appointment as acting CEO of the Indigenous Land Corporation, because, as I understand it, the Indigenous Land Corporation limits a person's appointment to one six-month term. And this person, after serving less than six months, has resigned, and it has been confirmed that the person has been re-appointed to another six-month term. I have no idea whether that is against the technical definition in the act, but it strikes me as being against the spirit of the act.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We will follow that up for you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 21	6/9/13	14/11/13
51.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Early release of budget details	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Has the department been asked to provide any advice with respect to the allegations made against Assistant Treasurer David Bradbury regarding briefing business on market-sensitive information prior to the budget?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Not that I am aware of. I would have to take on notice whether we have, but it certainly has not come to my attention.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 22	6/9/13	14/11/13
52.	Prime Minister & Cabinet	Ryan	Appointment of CEO Indigenous Land Corporation	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Ms Cross has an update on the appointment question that was asked.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I am just confirming that Minister Macklin did write to the Prime Minister about the appointment on 29 January, and it was agreed through an exchange of correspondence. We will get back to you on the other matters that you raised.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Would you also take on notice: did that exchange of correspondence in any way deal with what I understand is the term limit upon an appointment of the CEO of this organisation?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> We will check that for you and get back to you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 24	6/9/13	14/11/13
53.	Australian National Audit Office	Ryan	Audit of Treasury's tax expenditures	<p><b>Ms Cass:</b> In relation to the methodology that we understand—and I am assuming here, Senator, that you are talking about the revenue gain method?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Yes. Revenue gain versus revenue forgone, if I am correct.</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> In terms of the specific one about superannuation, I will have to get back to you because I am not sure. But certainly the way Treasury has done it—they do it for a number of tax expenditures but not all of them.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Do Treasury advise you on which tax expenditures they do apply it to?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> They do not have a specific methodology to determine which</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 26	12/7/13	14/11/13

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				ones they apply it to, that is my understand, but again I would like to take that on notice just to be 100 per cent sure that we give you the information that you want.			
54.	Australian National Audit Office	Ryan	Treasury tax reporting procedures	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> In your update to the review, which was report No. 34 of 2012-13—I was quoting before from 2007-08—you say on page 18: ... this audit has found that the majority of the ANAO's 2008 audit recommendations, and the recommendations from the associated JCPAA review, have not been implemented.</p> <p>Has Treasury provided you with any particular rationale or reason for not implementing the recommendations of your reviews?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> As you say in the report Treasury has put forward where they have done some of this work and where they have not always implemented the recommendations. At times that has come down to where they put their priorities and resources, and in some instances that has gone to the tax reform process. They have certainly looked at where they could improve and implemented sum of our recommendations. I think the report sets forward where they have not.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> There is no list in the report, unless I have missed it, that they have applied it to these measures and the tax expenditure statement but they have not applied it to these?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> No, there is not.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Has that information been made available to the Auditor-General?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> I think it has and I can certainly tell you the ones where it has been done. I do not have that information with me now but we can certainly provide it to you.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 27	12/7/13	14/11/13
55.	Australian National Audit Office	Ryan	Treasury tax reporting procedures	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Sure, thank you. Did Treasury feed back to you any update on when they might meet that particular hurdle you have set them? If they did, I would appreciate any update on that, because I appreciate that is what you suggest, but there is nothing in there about whether they have agreed to it or not.</p> <p><b>Mr McPhee:</b> That is correct. We will endeavour to provide you with further information.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 27	12/7/13	14/11/13
56.	Australian National Audit Office	Cormann	Treasury tax reporting procedures	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Sorry, my question is very specific. You include here in your summary of findings a conclusion that there has been no measurable improvement to the reliability and quantification of the Treasury's tax expenditure estimates over time. Does that finding cover your assessment of how Treasury and the ATO are treating tax concessions for</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 28	12/7/13	14/11/13

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				<p>superannuation?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> When we were looking at these we were looking at the reliability rating. In the tax expenditure the reliability rating is stated. So we looked at what reliability rating was given to that tax expenditure item. That rating is given by Treasury and the ATO.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> But it is the biggest one. How do you go about it? Do you look at it in order of priority?</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> We would look at the materiality of them. We would look at the risks associated with them. I am pretty sure that it was included; but, to be sure to answer your question accurately, I would like to make sure we come back to you with the information.</p>			
57.	Australian National Audit Office	Cormann	Treasury tax reporting procedures	<p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> The thing is that you are now going back to a previous question. I had actually asked you a very simple question about your methodology, but in your answer you went back to what I asked you before. What I am interested in is knowing, in relation to the largest tax expenditure, to what extent you reviewed the methodology used by Treasury and the tax office to reach their conclusions and to what extent you reviewed whether the cost estimates that they came up with were reasonable. There has been out in the community for some time significant criticism from actuaries in the superannuation field and so on of the methodology used by Treasury. The allegation is that Treasury overestimates the tax expenditure—the cost of superannuation tax concessions—because it does not appropriately take into account behavioural change and a range of other related matters. I wanted to understand from you whether, in the context of your audit, that is something you looked at and, if so, to what extent.</p> <p><b>Ms Cass:</b> And now what I would like to say to you is that I would like to go back and make sure that we actually looked at what you are asking if we looked at rather than give you information here.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 29	12/7/13	14/11/13
58.	Australian National Audit Office	CHAIR (Polley)	Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> I want to return, Mr McPhee, to the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill. My understanding is that 80 provisions of the 110 in the new act replicate existing provisions under the current legislative framework. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr McPhee:</b> I do not have the details, but there are, understandably I think, a range of provisions which do replicate existing provisions.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I just wanted to clarify that for myself.</p> <p><b>Mr McPhee:</b> I am sorry, I do not have the detail. If we have it, we will come back to it.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 30	12/7/13	14/11/13

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59.	Australian Public Service Commission	Ryan	APSC AusTender Contract	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I turn to a contract that the APSC had from AusTender, the number being CN964021.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> I doubt we have anyone here who can help you with that. If you would like to tell us what the question is we will have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> It was just a \$10,000 contract for management advisory services. I was just wondering what management advisory services were.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> I have no idea. I will look it up for you.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Could I have some details on the scope of it. It is only a month and a half.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> Can you tell me who it was with?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Misha Coleman.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> I have no recall.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Just the description of what it was is all that I was after.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 53	12/7/13	14/11/13
60.	Australian Public Service Commission	Moore	Regional Indigenous employee networks	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Does the commission have any form of network or support mechanism that is open to people who are Indigenous or who identify as Indigenous?</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> Yes, several.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> They are across the board? They used to be. This is why I am asking what is happening now.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> They are across the board but they are voluntary.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes, and workloads intrude.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> Yes. It is the old thing—people will come if they see value; they will come if they have got the time. They wax and wane a bit in terms of their effectiveness, but I think most of those things do. The whole point about a network is that it relies on the strength of the ties within the group.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> There used to be a strong one in North Queensland, in Townsville. Is that still operating?</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> I do not for a fact know the answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It was formed as an independent mechanism that was funded from the commission that allowed people to get together. Townsville seemed to be a useful spot to do it simply because of the geographic base.</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> I do not think we fund a body in North Queensland. If I am wrong about that, I will correct it.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we find out what networks you do fund?</p> <p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That would be very useful.</p>	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 54	12/7/13	14/11/13

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61.	Australian Public Service Commission	Moore	Networks for disabled employees	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> And the same thing: are there any networks that are around for people with disabilities? <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> There are certainly networks amongst the HR fraternity. I am not sure whether there are networks— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Perhaps you could just take that on notice, if you have any information on that area, because I think there is going to be more and more focus in the public sector in that area.	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 54	12/7/13	14/11/13
62.	Office of National Assessments	Ryan	Discussions with Lowy Institute	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> But, without being an expert in the field, I realise that the questions one asks can give people a hint as to the way of someone's thinking. That is probably what this committee is more about than most things! Have you discussed Afghanistan with Lowy? <b>Mr Maude:</b> I have not participated in any of the exchanges with Lowy, so I would have to take that on notice.	FPA, Tuesday 28 May 2013, page 56	12/7/13	14/11/13
63.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – APSC data	Please provide the unscheduled absence data for the Australian Public Service Commission for the past five years, broken down by the type/classification of leave, position/APS level, gender and age.	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13
64.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – best practice	The Commissioner told Senate Estimates on Tuesday 22 May 2012 (Finance and Public Administration Committee Hansard, p91) that his role in regards to unscheduled absences within the Australian Public Service is to "promulgate best practice". What specific activities and what agencies has the Commissioner engaged with over the past five years with regards to unscheduled absences within the Australian Public Service that "promulgate best practice"?	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13
65.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – Secretaries' Board Meeting	When is the issue of unscheduled absences within the Australian Public Service next going to appear on the agenda for a Secretaries Board meeting?	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13
66.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – APSC directives	Has the Australian Public Service Commission ever issued a directive or recommendation to Commonwealth agencies and departments to raise the issue of absenteeism at their internal management and/or human resource meetings? If so, when did this occur and what stipulations did it contain? What actions were undertaken as a result?	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13
67.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – Commonwealth departments' data	Has the Australian Public Service Commission ever enquired of federal departments and agencies whether they have the capacity to break down their unscheduled absence data by type of leave, position level, gender and age?	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13

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68.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Mason	Unscheduled absences – State public service	Has the Australian Public Service Commissioner ever spoken with State Public Service Commissioners about public service absenteeism? With which State Commissioners have discussions been held? If no discussions have occurred, have meetings ever been sought?	Written	12/7/13	14/11/13

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69.	All agencies	Ryan	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
70.	All agencies	Ryan	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
71.	All agencies	Ryan	Staffing	How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13	14/11/13

				<p>reductions? Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>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>If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p>		<p>ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	
72.	All agencies	Ryan	Public Service efficiencies	<p>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>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>Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the 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?</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13
73.	All agencies	Ryan	Public Service efficiencies	<p>Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13</p>	14/11/13

				<p>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>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>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>		<p>APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	
<b>74.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Printing costs	<p>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?</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13
<b>75.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Graduate Recruitment	<p>Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.</p> <p>Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13
<b>76.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13

				<p>item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>			
77.	All agencies	Ryan	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>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>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>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>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>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>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>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>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>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>			
78.	All agencies	Ryan	Meeting Costs	<p>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>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>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>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13  OOSGG 11/7/13  ONA 12/7/13  ANAO 12/7/13  OCO 12/7/13  APSC 12/7/13  NMHC 12/7/13  DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13

79.	All agencies	Ryan	Program Launch Costs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
80.	All agencies	Ryan	Board Appointments	<p>Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
81.	All agencies	Ryan	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>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?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

82.	All agencies	Ryan	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
83.	All agencies	Ryan	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> <li>• When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
84.	All agencies	Ryan	Consultancies	<p>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>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</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
<b>85.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Media Monitoring	<p>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> <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> <p>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>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>86.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Social Media	<p>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>Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks).</li> <li>• Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?</li> <li>• If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future?</li> </ul> <p>Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)			
<b>87.</b>	All agencies	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	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>88.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>89.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Coffee Machines	<p>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.</p> <p>Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>Who has access?</p> <p>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>What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>of coffee?</p> <p>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>Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>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>Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>Who has access?</p> <p>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>What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
<b>90.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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).</li><li>• 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).</li><li>• 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).</li><li>• 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).</li><li>• 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).</li><li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</li><li>• What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li></ul>			
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91.	All agencies	Ryan	Grants	<p>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.</p> <p>Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
92.	All agencies	Ryan	Commissioned Reports	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
93.	All agencies	Ryan	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>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)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>• Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
94.	All agencies	Ryan	Stationery requirements	<p>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</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13	14/11/13

				<p>compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>		<p>OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	
<b>95.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Media Subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13
<b>96.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Travel Costs	<p>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>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>What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13

				<p>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>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>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>Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
97.	All agencies	Ryan	Legal costs	<p>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>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>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>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	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
98.	All agencies	Ryan	Education expenses	<p>What is the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13	14/11/13

				house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per 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.		APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	
99.	All agencies	Ryan	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information 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>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>5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> </ol>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>ii. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
100.	All agencies	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> <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>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>5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol 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</li> </ol>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
<b>101.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>102.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>103.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Corporate Cars	<p>How cars are owned by each department/agency? Where is the car/s located?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13	14/11/13

				<p>What is the car/s used for?          What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?          How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>		<p>ANAO 12/7/13          OCO 12/7/13          APSC 12/7/13          NMHC 12/7/13          DPMC 6/9/13</p>	
<b>104.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Taxi Costs	<p>How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	<p>OIGIS 5/7/13          OOSGG 11/7/13          ONA 12/7/13          ANAO 12/7/13          OCO 12/7/13          APSC 12/7/13          NMHC 12/7/13          DPMC 6/9/13</p>	14/11/13

105.	All agencies	Ryan	Hire Cars	<p>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.</p> <p>What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
106.	All agencies	Ryan	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>Please update details of the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>• How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>• What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>• Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>• What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
107.	All agencies	Ryan	Provision of Equipment	<p>For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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>Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.			
<b>108.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Electricity Purchasing	<p>What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>109.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>• Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>• 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>• How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</li> </ul> <p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>• Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>• 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>• How long is spent preparing and undertaking</li> </ul>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13

				<p>briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</li> </ul>			
<b>110.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Shredders	<p>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.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>111.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Protective security policy framework	<p>Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.</p>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>112.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Office Locations	<p>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department/Agency;</li> <li>Location;</li> <li>Leased or Owned;</li> <li>Size;</li> <li>Number of Staff at each location and classification;</li> <li>If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</li> <li>If owned, the value of the building;</li> <li>Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</li> <li>Type of functions and work undertaken.</li> </ol>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13
<b>113.</b>	All agencies	Ryan	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Department or agency:</li> </ol>	Written	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ONA 12/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 APSC 12/7/13 NMHC 12/7/13	14/11/13

				<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> <li>iv. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>v. How many are media managers?</li> <li>vi. How many organise events?</li> </ul> <p>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?</p>		DPMC 6/9/13	
<b>114.</b>	All agencies	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	OIGIS 5/7/13 OOSGG 11/7/13 ANAO 12/7/13 OCO 12/7/13 DPMC 6/9/13	14/11/13