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SQ18-000239	SI-1	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Complementary medicines companies	Mr Lawson: These concerns have been raised relatively recently in an intense way. But it should be noted that there are other companies that do use Australian ingredients and make complementary medicines and are able to meet the standards. The standard is about providing correct information to consumers about whether things were made in Australia or not. So, we will go through that process. But that can depend on the specific sector. In complementary medicine, for example, the ACCC has provided advice that, if different ingredients are put together and pressed into a tablet, that is made in Australia, but if a single ingredient is encapsulated, they don't believe that to be made in Australia. We had to go through that process and investigate because— Senator KIM CARR: Mr Lawson, it's a bit more complicated than that. How long have you been engaged with Sanoff? Mr Squire: The various companies that made representations to the minister and/or the Australian Made Campaign Ltd—I'd have to take on notice and get the exact date when those concerns were raised. Senator KIM CARR: All right	Spoken	42	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000240	SI-2	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Complimentary medicines	Senator KIM CARR: We're not talking about tomatoes. We are talking about complimentary medicines. Senator Canavan: The point Mr Lawson is making is that these laws are generically applied, or the test at least is applied in other sectors. So, obviously, decisions made in regard to one sector need to be consistent with how the approach is across others as well. There is a balance here of considerations that must be made. Senator KIM CARR: The problem we have here is that there is a matter of urgency. There are 29,000 Australians employed in this industry. They are directly affected by these decisions. My anxiety is that you don't seem to be taking this as a matter of urgency. Senator Canavan: I don't agree with that. We are engaging the sector, as Mr Lawson as outlined. The changes would only need to be made by 1 July next year. We are happy to take it on notice and check with the minister for more detail about what the government is considering at the moment. I understand your interest in it. The government also takes this matter seriously. That is why we are engaging the sector. Senator KIM CARR: Can you take on notice whether or not it is possible to achieve this by regulation— Senator Canavan: I'm happy to take it on notice. I don't know myself. Senator KIM CARR: My anxiety is that if it does require legislative change there's no way that is going to be dealt with in the current parliamentary environment in that time period. Senator Canavan: I couldn't comment. I am not familiar with this legislation. I will take it on notice. Mr Lawson: One point to note is that there is a court case going on at the moment and if that court case goes to the position the company has put, and says the AMCL's actions aren't appropriate, that would change the circumstances. There are a range of possible— Senator KIM CARR: It could take months. Mr Lawson: There are a range of possible ways that need to be explored to address this issue. Ministers are very apprised of the issue and very concerned about it and want to make sure that a good, well-principled solution is found as quickly as possible. Senator KIM CARR: Sure. The problem is that this is a matter that can't wait for months for resolution. It has been going on now well over 12 months. You would have been advised about this certainly for as long as I have been, and I suspect well before I was. This has been going on for well over 12 months directly for me, and I suggest much longer for you. Minister, you'll take that on notice presumably. Senator Canavan: Sorry, what was the question? Senator KIM CARR: How long has the parliament known about this problem? It is my contention that you've known about this for well over 12 months and now you're waiting on the outcome of a court case, which in itself could take months. Mr Lawson: I didn't say we are waiting on the outcome of a court case. That case is going on. We are also in parallel looking at the issues and providing advice to the minister. Senator KIM CARR: I'd like to know if it's possible for this to be resolved by regulation as distinct from legislation. Senator Canavan: Yes, we've taken that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much.	Spoken	43	31/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000241	SI-3	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Defence Trade Controls Act	Senator KIM CARR: Defence have indicated that they put in a late submission on the Defence Trade Controls Act—it was after the normal close of submissions—because they were consulting with people. One of the agencies they said they consulted with was the department of industry. When was the department of industry consulted? Ms Urquhart: I know that we have been in conversations with Defence about the review. Obviously we are very interested in it from the point of view of our science policy and in particular because we supported Professor Ian Chubb, former Chief Scientist, when he undertook the chairmanship of the committee involved in the original legislation. I'm not aware of the specifics of consultation in relation to a late submission, so that particular matter I would need to take on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. It's a highly controversial submission. As you know, a wide range of organisations disputed very strongly the contentions put by the defence department, which was seeking to broaden its powers. The Academy of Science, for instance, described it as a power grab and said that it was an overreach. I'm interested to know who in the department was consulted and at what level the department was consulted. How did that occur—was it by meeting, phone, email or letter? What advice was tendered? I would have thought the submission was in sharp contrast to the advice you've tendered to this committee in regard to the operations of the Defence Trade Controls Act—namely, that there have been no breaches of the current act. I'm interested to know whether different advice had been tendered to the defence department. Ms Urquhart: As I said, I need to take on notice that specific matter in relation to the late submission. There have been many conversations in particular between my division and the Department of Defence around the review, in particular at manager level as the review has progressed. I'm aware of those conversations and I've taken a particular interest in them, but I would need to take on notice the specifics of those exchanges about that late submission. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Have you spoken to the reviewer, Dr Vivienne Thom? Ms Urquhart: I have not specifically, no. Senator KIM CARR: Has the department or any officer of the department? Ms Urquhart: I believe the manager of the section involved has— Senator KIM CARR: When would that have occurred? Ms Urquhart: but I'd want to confirm that. Senator KIM CARR: What date did that occur? Ms Urquhart: I would need to confirm that. I believe it may have been email exchanges, but I'll need to confirm.	Spoken	44-45	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000242	SI-4	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Advice to Minister on defence control trade	Ms Urquhart: No, Senator. What I indicated was that in the submissions being submitted from CSIRO and ANSTO the usual process is for context setting and for advice to the minister about those submissions. Senator KIM CARR: And no issue brief? Was there an issue brief presented to the minister on this matter? Ms Urquhart: We are talking about CSIRO and ANSTO submissions. There would have been briefing for the minister about those submissions. They would have discussed the issues and provided background. Senator KIM CARR: That's it? That's the only advice this department has provided to your minister? Ms Urquhart: I'm not sure that— Senator KIM CARR: Do you want to take that on notice? Dr Smith: We'll take it on notice. Senator Canavan: We'll take it on notice. I have not advice on that.	Spoken	46	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000243	SI-5	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Labour hire	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay. How many people in the department have you recruited through labour hire? Ms Kelly: We might have to get someone to provide that information if that's available. Mr Medland: Indicatively, we've got about 300 contractors working in the department. Senator KIM CARR: And all 300 are on short-term contracts? Mr Medland: Yes. They'd vary depending on the needs of the relevant division. Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me where they are—perhaps on notice? Mr Medland: Yes. My preference would be to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Of course. Mr Medland: We captured that information through our onboarding system and we'd need to do a bit of an analysis of that. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. How many are recruited through labour hire? Mr Medland: I would say the bulk of those would be recruited through labour hire, but we'd need to look at our onboarding system and then reconcile that with the contract in the finance system. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Is there a particular savings involved with the employment of contractors in this way? Mr Medland: I think the employment—or engagement, I should say—of a contractor would really be to meet the needs of the relevant division. It might be for a short-term period. For example, at the end of the financial year we might have a spike in accounts payable, which means we need to engage additional contractors to try to deal with that peak, and then, as we move into the new financial year, there's no need for that. Again, you'd look at the costs and the benefits of engaging a contractor over, say, a non-ongoing or ongoing staff member. Senator KIM CARR: But it's only for the short term. Mr Medland: Generally it's only for the short term and it's to meet a specific need, but you'd need to look at each individual engagement. Senator KIM CARR: Sure, but you will be able to tell me how many long-term labour hire engagements you've got. Mr Medland: Again, we'd need to look at every— Senator KIM CARR: Sure. Can you take that on notice then? Mr Medland: We can take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p>	Spoken	48-49	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000244	SI-6	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Charter Letters	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The charter letters have been issued, I'm told. Is that the case? Senator Canavan: That's my understanding, although I can't comment for Minister Andrews directly. Dr Smith: I think the ministerial arrangements have been issued. I'd have to take it on notice on charter letters. Senator KIM CARR: I understand that charter letters have been issued. I'm seeking on notice copies of those charter letters. Senator Canavan: Happy to take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	50	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000245	SI-7	Carr, Kim	Corporate	MOPS staff	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The other thing that interests me is that I see that Minister Andrews has nine personal staff—MOPS staff—and you, Minister, have 12. Is that correct? Senator Canavan: I can't comment on Minister Andrews but my understanding is I have 12 ministerial staff and that has been the case for some time. If it's different I'll correct it. Senator KIM CARR: I just wonder why the difference. Senator Canavan: I can't comment on why. Those staffing arrangements are obviously set by the Prime Minister's office. Senator KIM CARR: I have the public document. There are some variations. Some ministers have 13. The Minister for Defence has 16. The Treasurer has 17. The Prime Minister has 32—that's always been an interesting one, I've found—sorry, 52. How could I get that wrong? The Deputy Prime Minister has 32. Why do Minister Andrews's staff numbers appear to have gone down? Senator Canavan: I can't answer that question. It's a matter for the Prime Minister's office and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Senator KIM CARR: Would you take that on notice? Senator Canavan: I'm happy to take it on notice. We'll obviously have to consult with PM&C.</p>	Spoken	50	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000246	SI-8	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	R&D Target	<p>Senator KIM CARR: For registered entities, the target was 15,500. The number that actually registered was 15,200. That is not a huge differential. So you must have an idea of whether you can expect a continuing decline in R&D spending in Australia. Ms Mulder: I am happy to take it on notice, but I'm pretty sure that our estimate for this year is on par with what we have this year. At the moment, in terms of registrations, we are on par with the 2016-17 income year.</p>	Spoken	53	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000247	SI-9	Carr, Kim	Economic & Analytical Services	General return for R&D	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I was recently reading the British business case study for their nurse review. They were putting a figure of 20 per cent on the general return for R&D. Would you agree with that assessment? Mr Cully: I am not aware of that report— Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could take that on notice and see. Mr Cully: I will take that on notice. There are a range of contested estimates—</p>	Spoken	54	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000248	SI-10	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	R&D forecast	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it the case that you are assuming that business research and development expenditure will rise—or fall—in coming years? Mr Lawson: I'm not able to answer that question. We don't have a forecast— Senator KIM CARR: You don't know? You just don't know? Mr Lawson: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	56	27/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000249	SI-11	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Previous forecast data	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Sure. But this is the operational department. This department actually knows whether or not these measures work or otherwise. That's been my direct experience. They actually know a lot more about this scheme than Treasury. In my experience, Treasury has not been able to get these predictions forecast right on one single year since this scheme was introduced. Mr Lawson, that's correct, isn't it? Mr Lawson: I would have to take those on notice. Senator KIM CARR: I can assure you, my assessment is correct—not one single year. We are relying on a group of people that provide you with forecasts and assessments, and they won't give you the detail, despite the fact that this department has the operational experience of actually how this scheme functions. I'm just wanting to know, if you can't provide us with the forward data, you must be able to provide us with the data on the previous three years. I would ask that you provide on notice the estimate of research and development expenditure claims against non-refundable and refundable offsets for the last three financial years. Mr Lawson: Senator, we have the cost-to-revenue of those claims over last year but we don't have available to us the tax. We have registration data that we get, but we don't have— Senator KIM CARR: Well, give me what you have. Mr Lawson: Yes.</p>	Spoken	57	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000250	SI-12	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	R&D taxable income	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me the level of taxable income that has been generated by these companies that have received the refundable R&D tax incentive over the past seven years? Mr Lawson: No, Senator, because it is confidential. We don't have— Senator KIM CARR: You don't have individual— Mr Lawson: We don't have individual details. Should the parliament pass the legislation, there will be transparency of the program. Senator KIM CARR: You don't have it in aggregate? Mr Lawson: We don't have in aggregate the taxable revenue of those. Senator KIM CARR: Who does? Mr Lawson: I presume Treasury. Senator KIM CARR: So it is an ATO matter? Is that a question that I should put to the ATO? Mr Lawson: It is. Senator KIM CARR: Is not a question you can take? Mr Lawson: We wouldn't be able to— Senator Canavan: Let's take it on notice. Obviously, we will do what we can. Senator KIM CARR: If you don't have the data in your system, would you ask the Treasury to provide it? Senator Canavan: Happy to try.</p>	Spoken	57	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000251	SI-13	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Jobs created by R&D companies	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much. Are you able to tell me how many jobs have been created by those, I think, 10,000 companies in this cohort? Mr Lawson: Again, we'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	57	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000252	SI-14	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	Registered R&D firms	<p>Senator KIM CARR: All right. I trust you are seeking to get an increasing number of firms spending on themselves and claiming this. The figure from memory is that less than 45 per cent of companies spend money on themselves in terms of their innovation. A few years ago, the number of firms registered was about 7,000, so you've got it up to, with individual firms, 13,000, which is a good thing. Can you tell me where these 3,000 firms are coming from? Ms Mulder: I would have to take that on notice. I can tell you their expenditure as an aggregate, if that's useful, but in terms of the sectors I would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: How many of these firms are multinationals or altogether international firms? Ms Mulder: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	60	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000253	SI-15	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	Registrants in tax loss	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Would you know how many individual firms have been in receipt of the incentive while in a tax loss situation? Ms Mulder: For the 2016-17 income year, I can tell you the number of registrants in tax loss, noting that these are Ausindustry figures versus the ATO's. That figure is 7,173. Senator KIM CARR: For how long did you say? Ms Mulder: That was the 2016-17 income year. But it is worth noting that that's what they tell us, versus— Senator KIM CARR: I understand that. But that was for that year. That's the number of firms that were in tax loss. Can you tell me for how long they were in tax loss? Ms Mulder: No, I can't. Senator KIM CARR: That's not known? Ms Mulder: I'm happy to take that on notice, but I'm not sure that we would know that at the point of registration.</p>	Spoken	61	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000254	SI-16	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	R&D Tax audits	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I come back to this question of audits? You say you don't want to reveal how many audits you undertake—is that the proposition? Ms Mulder: The number of assessments that we undertake is very much linked to our compliance strategy and the integrity of the programs, so we don't tend to publicly go into that level of detail and that amount of information. Senator KIM CARR: But the ATO tell us how many audits they undertake. Why can't the department of industry? This is post facto. I can understand why you would say it's confidential because of your compliance strategy for the forthcoming year, but it must be a matter of public record how many you undertook in the last year. Ms Mulder: I understand it's not a matter of public record, but, certainly, I'm happy to take it on notice and explore what we can. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p>	Spoken	61	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000255	SI-17	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	Taxpayer alerts	<p>Senator KIM CARR: There were five taxpayer alerts issued by the ATO and AusIndustry in 2017 regarding the R&D incentive. They dealt with the usual: R&D, software development, construction activities and agriculture. What do you regard as the impact of those alerts? Ms Mulder: I would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: How many tax alerts in 2018 have been issued? Ms Mulder: I don't think there have been any taxpayer alerts in 2018. Senator KIM CARR: None at all? Ms Mulder: I'm happy to check that, but I don't think so. Obviously, they're undertaken jointly with the ATO.</p>	Spoken	61	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000256	SI-18	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Tax on Multinationals	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Specifically in terms of multinationals, what action are you taking? Ms Mulder: I would have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Because that's the name of the bill: making sure multinationals pay their fair share of tax in Australia. How are multinationals being targeted? Mr Lawson: It's a standard omnibus bill name, that name and other measures. Senator KIM CARR: It's misleading? Mr Lawson: The full title of the bill was the part that you described plus 'and other measures'. Senator KIM CARR: So it could mean anything? I just want to know how multinationals have been targeted with this particular measure. Ms Mulder: Our compliance approach is based on a risk assessment. We look across all sectors and all sizes of business. Senator KIM CARR: Sure, but in particular—and you've taken this on notice—how are multinationals particularly affected? Ms Mulder: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	62	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000257	SI-19	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Manufacturing Fund	<p>Senator KIM CARR: If that's the case, I will just follow up what you were asking on the auto program, so long as we can go back to those matters. I'm just wondering. In regard to this new announcement, this is the funding coming out of the advanced manufacturing fund; is that correct? Mr Power: Yes, Senator, that's right. Senator KIM CARR: How much of that \$100 million has been distributed? Mr Power: These are the last two components of that \$100 million program. Senator KIM CARR: Sorry? Mr Power: They're the last two. The \$100 million had six components. The first component was a grants component, which was \$47½ million. There were two rounds of grants that occurred under that component. Both of those rounds have been run now, and contracts for round 1 have been negotiated. Round 2, I understand, is in the process of being negotiated, but we can give you some more information on that. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. That will be picked up in the previous question I put on notice. I just want to be clear. Has all the money been committed for the fund? Mr Power: All of the measures under it have been. Another component was a tariff concession. That has been put in place. That was a reduction in revenue, if you like. There was \$20 million for CRCPs. That round has been run, so money would be committed under that. There is also a \$4 million fund for early-stage research, run through the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre. That program is underway, and those moneys have been provided to the growth centre. They are distributing those. And the programs that we've just spoken about, those being the graduate program and also the innovation labs, are both open now and are in the process of receiving applications. Senator KIM CARR: I'll just be clear about this then. How much of that fund is uncommitted? Mr Power: I would say, Senator, that for the specifics of that we'd take it on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Mr Power: Certainly for the graduate component, which we just talked about, which is \$5 million, we're just taking applications on that, so that wouldn't be committed as yet. A component of the innovation labs is \$7 million to support businesses to access services. Again, that's just opened. We're in the process of receiving applications, so we won't have committed funds to particular contracts as yet. I would expect that the bulk, if not all, of the \$47 million grants has been committed, but we can take that on notice, unless my colleagues can add anything.</p>	Spoken	64-65	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000258	SI-20	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Innovations Labs	<p>Mr Power: For the innovation labs we, at the moment, are in discussions with the AAAA, who will provide us a detailed project plan, and we will strike a contract with them, subject to that plan meeting all the requirements. That will occur quite quickly over the next period. Senator KIM CARR: What's 'the next period'? Mr Power: We have an initial proposal from the AAAA, and we indeed do have a contract in relation to the Victorian lab. AAAA has also got a contract with the Victorian government, which is also contributing funds. When we receive the final details of that, which I expect to be in the next 30 days—but I have to take on notice the exact date— Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Mr Power: and we receive that proposal, then the contract will be written soon after that.</p>	Spoken	65	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000259	SI-21	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SRI Tables	<p>science tables, what's the process? Is there a ministerial sign-off? Mr D Wilson: Yes, Senator, there is. Senator KIM CARR: What was the date on which you completed compiling the tables? Mr D Wilson: I'd have to take that on notice. If I recall, I would say it was around mid to late August where we may have had the close-to-the-final version of the tables. Senator KIM CARR: When you say you had the final version— Mr D Wilson: Close to final, yes, that's right. Senator KIM CARR: What do you mean by 'close to final'? It's either final or it's not. Mr D Wilson: As I think I said in my earlier evidence, the process involves a census right across government. There are a large number of agencies and a large number of entries into the tables. Senator KIM CARR: Let's be clear then, Mr Wilson. When were the tables finalised? Mr D Wilson: I will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: When were they delivered to the minister's office? Mr D Wilson: I will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: They would have been presented as a brief for signature, would they not? Mr D Wilson: That's correct. Ms Urquhart: We brief about the science tables with the minister commencing in the portfolio, as you'd expect, but, in terms of formal briefing, that came sometime later. The initial briefing was mainly focused on the process of the budget tables. You'd expect some backgrounding. Just in terms of the specifics of when exactly we finalised the tables and provided the briefing, we really do need to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Do they go to Minister Cash, or do they go to the new minister? Ms Urquhart: We have briefed successive ministers in respect of the process of the budget tables. The process, as you would expect, commences early in the year. We frequently have discussions about— Senator KIM CARR: I understand all that. I want to know when these tables were finalised. Ms Urquhart: We are unable to tell you now, Senator. We are happy to take it on notice. Senator KIM CARR: I also want to know whether or not they went to Minister Cash. That will tell me, won't it, when you finalised it? Mr D Wilson: The final tables did not go to Minister Cash. Senator KIM CARR: You said they were close to being finalised in August. Mr D Wilson: I think my evidence earlier there was that it was mid to late August when they were close to being finalised. Senator KIM CARR: All right, mid to late August. Let's be precise. What happened between then and now? Ms Urquhart: Senator, to be clear: Mr Wilson is talking about when we were finalising the tables, we think, but we are unable to be precise about when exactly they were finalised. We need to check our records. Senator KIM CARR: It's an awfully long time to finalise these tables, isn't it? Ms Urquhart: We would need to confirm that with you, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: Did you discuss with the minister's office the release of the tables? Ms Urquhart: Yes, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: That would have been contained in the brief: 'Recommendation: sign these tables.' Ms Urquhart: Yes, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: You'll give me the date of that brief, won't you? Ms Urquhart: We can certainly advise you when we informed the minister formally about the budget tables. Senator KIM CARR: And how long they sat in the minister's office—you can tell me precisely that, can't you? Senator Canavan: I think we've taken that on notice. We're happy to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: When the order for the production of documents appeared in the Senate, did you discuss that with the minister? Mr D Wilson: What documents are you referring to? Senator KIM CARR: These documents; the science tables. Did you notify the minister that the notice of motion had been put down in the Senate? Mr D Wilson: I think the minister's office were aware of that information. Senator KIM CARR: They were aware? You didn't have to notify them? Ms Urquhart: That is correct. Senator KIM CARR: The advice from the department was there prior to Senator KIM CARR: How often has the National Science, Technology and Research Committee met? Ms Urquhart: I would need to take on notice the list of meetings of the National Science, Technology and Research Committee since the Commonwealth Science Council's establishment, but they are publicly available. Senator KIM CARR: You can tell me when it last met. Dr Mitchell: It last met on 27 July 2017. Senator KIM CARR: What was its agenda? Dr Mitchell: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	65-66	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000260	SI-22	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	National Science, Technology and Research Committee	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How often has the National Science, Technology and Research Committee met? Ms Urquhart: I would need to take on notice the list of meetings of the National Science, Technology and Research Committee since the Commonwealth Science Council's establishment, but they are publicly available. Senator KIM CARR: You can tell me when it last met. Dr Mitchell: It last met on 27 July 2017. Senator KIM CARR: What was its agenda? Dr Mitchell: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	67	31/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000261	SI-23	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Commonwealth Science Council	<p>Ms Urquhart: The work program of the Commonwealth Science Council and the timing of the next meeting are both under active consideration as we speak. Senator KIM CARR: How long have they been under active consideration? Ms Urquhart: In order to be precise with you, from initiation of formal consideration, when Minister Andrews came into the portfolio, we briefed her about the Commonwealth Science Council, and there has been consideration in different forms since then. Senator KIM CARR: You can confirm that Minister Andrews has approached the Prime Minister with the proposal for another meeting? Senator Canavan: I think we might have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: And the date on which that approach was made. Ms Urquhart: There have been discussions between ministers about the Commonwealth Science Council, its value, the work program, the benefits to date, so I can say— Senator KIM CARR: That's not the question I asked you. I asked when did the minister—does she call herself the minister for science or the minister for industry? What's her title? Senator Canavan: Industry— Ms Urquhart: She's the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology. Senator KIM CARR: She is formally responsible for science. When did she approach the Prime Minister about the next meeting. Ms Urquhart: We need to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: And the agenda? Ms Urquhart: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: The council was scheduled around August, and I take it that the leadership coup got in the way of that. Is that right? Was it proposed to have a meeting? Was it planned? Was a meeting scheduled? Senator Canavan: I don't believe so. Senator KIM CARR: Ms Urquhart, was a meeting actually scheduled? Ms Urquhart: I don't believe so. Senator KIM CARR: When was the last time a meeting was discussed? Was it back in August 2017? Ms Urquhart: No, sooner than that. Senator KIM CARR: When was the last time a scheduled meeting was discussed? Ms Urquhart: It would depend on who that discussion was with. Senator KIM CARR: Because there have to be ministers as well, I agree. Ms Urquhart: I'm aware of discussions within the last week or two, and prior to that. Senator KIM CARR: The ministers had the discussion, not the department officials. When did the ministers propose a meeting? Can you tell me that? Ms Urquhart: To be clear on your question: are you asking me when the minister proposed— Senator KIM CARR: Not this minister; I already asked you when she contacted the Prime Minister to seek or propose a meeting. When did the previous minister, who was actually a parliamentary secretary responsible for science, canvass a proposal with the Prime Minister about a meeting? Ms Urquhart: I need to take that on notice. The secretariat for the Commonwealth Science Council is the Office of the Chief Scientist. There have been discussions at different times about scheduling. You asked about the previous minister, what conversations occurred, when and in what form. We would need to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: There's a big difference between the Chief Scientist saying, 'What about a meeting?' and the minister doing anything about it, isn't there? Ms Urquhart: It would depend on the conversation. Senator KIM CARR: When was a formal proposition put forward for a science meeting after 17 August? Senator Canavan: We might take that on notice. I have been informed by the minister's office that the minister and the Prime Minister have discussed a date for a new meeting of the Science Council.</p>	Spoken	67-68	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000262	SI-24	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Science Prizes Committee	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Who appoints the prizes committee? Ms Urquhart: As I mentioned before, AusIndustry manages the process. I can give you the make-up of the committee for last year: representatives of the Academy of Science and the president of the Academy of Science; the president and representatives of the Academy of Technology and Engineering; representatives from the business sector; and the Chief Scientist chairs the committee. Senator KIM CARR: The Chief Scientist. I see. And who are the representatives from the business community? Ms Urquhart: I don't have those names with me. Ms Ryan: I can help you with that one. The business community representative represents the physical science sector. That's Ms Denise Goldworthy from Alternate Futures Pty Ltd. Senator KIM CARR: I see. Can you give me a list of the names on the committee, please? Ms Ryan: Yes, I can give you that. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much. And do you know what the terms of service are? There must be a— Ms Ryan: I'll take that on notice and give you a terms of reference.</p>	Spoken	69	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000263	SI-25	Patrick, Rex	Industry Growth	Seafood Origin Working Group Paper	<p>But there was to be a report that was to come out of the department. Ms Manen: That's correct. The government's currently considering the outcomes of those consultations. Senator PATRICK: What does that mean in terms of time frames? I note the chair will describe a situation where it took me 15 minutes to get a date out of someone—I hope that doesn't happen. What's your aim point here? This is to get something out from this group that's been stood up since November 2016—that's two years, basically. Ms Manen: What I would say as well is that Minister Littleproud is also taking consultations with the fast-food sector on voluntary adoption of the origin labelling, and so the consideration of the outcomes of those consultations will feed in. Senator PATRICK: How long has that fast-food sector consultation been going for? Ms Manen: I understand Minister Littleproud is holding another consultation in November, but you'd be best to direct those questions to him. Senator PATRICK: November, fantastic. And then there'll be some further consideration. What then happens? What's the next step? Ms Manen: I'd also note that, just recently, state and territory food ministers have sought advice from the Consumer Affairs Forum to consider and provide any further information in light of new evidence on the matter of seafood origin. Senator PATRICK: What's the deadline for those submissions? Ms Manen: I'm not aware of any issues related to that. CAF consideration would need to be directed to the Treasury. Senator PATRICK: Once again, I'm trying to get an understanding. I don't think anyone would have a feeling that it's okay for government to just coast along with no deadlines. That's really perfunctory, and it's not what is expected by taxpayers. I'm a former project manager: you work out what it is you need to do, you assign resources and you set yourself a deadline. Have we been through that process in relation to this group? Mr Power: We definitely have. As you are aware, there was a lot of work done by the department, both consultation with Minister Laundy and analysis. As Ms Manen just said, there are a couple of processes undertaken, one by Minister Littleproud. The fact that the food ministers have referred it to the consumer affairs forum now means that it's a process not within the department's control. That will now need to be considered by the consumer affairs forum, the dates of which we don't have here in front of us. Senator PATRICK: Can you get a hold of them? Mr Power: We will be able to, from Treasury. That process is not within the department's control; it will need to play out. We can get those dates for you on notice about when those meetings will occur, and the departments will facilitate it as quickly as possible. But there is the consideration of ministers. It's a COAG forum so it will be about getting it on that agenda. Senator PATRICK: I understand there can be some difficulty there. In that planning process, can you provide the committee with the relevant planning documents that set out your strategy to getting to the conclusion of this task? Would you be able to provide those on notice to the committee? Mr Power: We could but I could let you know that, for example, the referrals to different committees were things that were not planned. Senator PATRICK: I understand that. A plan is just that: a plan, and you have to react to changes. If you could provide us with what the plan was, what the deadline was, what you were thinking of, or perhaps any updates on the way. Dates always seem to be a problem for government. Coming from private industry, for every task, you are assigned a deadline. You might not always get there but it focuses everyone. It worries me that people don't have a date in their mind as to when this might be concluded. That's what I am trying to get to. Can you have a look through documentation that will inform the committee when that will occur?</p>	Spoken	72	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000264	SI-26	Carr, Kim	Australian Space Agency	Space Agency Consultation	<p>Senator PATRICK: The first statement I made at the last hearing was: 'I was out of the room and missed the date that the headquarters is moving to South Australia.' Has it been determined yet? Mr Muffett: The public announcements about the location of the agency were on 1 July 2018. The government then asked the head, Doctor Megan Clark AC, to consult closely with state and territory ministers, and we were to provide advice back to the government by the end of the year. I'd like to pass on the apologies of Doctor Megan Clark—she is not in the country at the moment. Senator PATRICK: Is she on the earth is the next question? Mr Muffett: That is a good question. We haven't quite got there yet. She is on the planet. We have undertaken extensive consultation across all states and territories. Megan has met with most first ministers personally. And we are at the stage of providing that advice to government by the end of the year. Senator PATRICK: Perhaps on notice, could you provide some details of that consultation—who you have consulted with, who has been met with—to get a feel for that. Mr Muffett: I'm happy to run through the broad construct now if that is of use; otherwise, I can take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	73	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000303	SI-27	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Formal briefing from the Space Agency's CEO	<p>Senator KIM CARR: We get the story that every state has put a bid in for it. I can tell you now, we have a policy position of opposing that proposition. Minister, we will be seeking a formal briefing from the Space Agency's CEO. I understand one of the normal conventions is six months within the regular date of an election, we get access to senior public servants. That is the case, isn't it? Dr Smith: I'll take that on notice. It depends on the timing. But, yes, I'll take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Sure, but I think you'll find that we're really awfully close to that measure. But I will be seeking a formal briefing on this matter. CHAIR: I think, Mr Muffett, you can take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	73	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews

SQ18-000266	SI-28	Carr, Kim	Australian Space Agency	Space Agency Charter	Senator KIM CARR: We'll have a look at that in a minute. You said the charter is going to be published. Can I get a copy of it? Mr Muffett: I will take that on notice.	Spoken	76	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000267	SI-29	Carr, Kim	Australian Space Agency	Space Agency Staffing	Senator KIM CARR: In regard to staffing, how many staff do you have? Mr Muffett: We have an ASL cap of 20 for this financial year. Senator KIM CARR: So how many do you have effectively full time at the moment? Mr Muffett: I'll take that on notice, more so because we use a variety of different ways. ASL is the one we usually use, which is 20. But we've got people seconded in, for example, from the Air Force to support us, and that goes to our broader mission of how we grow the sector, as a whole, across the whole of government. Senator KIM CARR: Can I get some understanding of how many staff you've got, what their classifications are and what their roles are. Can you tell me how many comms staff, how many policy staff and how many managers you've got? Mr Muffett: I can take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you, that would be good. How many staff have come across from the old civil space section of the department, so from the regulatory functions department had? Mr Muffett: Four staff would have come across from that old section, but I'll take that on notice to make sure they were specifically from that team.	Spoken	76	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000268	SI-30	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Gender balance science prizes committee	Senator O'NEILL: From nomination to actual success, I just wanted to ask about the format of the group. I know you indicated that you would give, on notice, a detailed outline of the people who were on the board who made the decision—that is, the science prizes committee. What is the gender balance of that committee? CHAIR: We've already had this question, Senator O'Neill, so we are going over old ground. Senator Carr has already asked this question. Senator O'NEILL: Are any of the members on the committee Male Champions of Change? Ms Urquhart: The Chief Scientist is on the Male Champions of Change for STEM group. I would need to defer to my AusIndustry colleague and just confirm the names of the panel before I would be able to tell you the other memberships. Ms Ryan: We can provide a list of the names on the panel. We don't, at the moment, have a cross-reference as to who are Male Champions of Change. Senator O'NEILL: Maybe, when you're doing that, you could just have a look at that. If you've got Male Champions of Change at the level of the Chief Scientist and you can still only get one out of seven up for women, I expect that's reasonably concerning to women. It certainly is to me. Ms Ryan: We can provide that on notice.	Spoken	79	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000269	SI-31	O'Neill, Deborah	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Women in Science Strategy	Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. That's a good point to shift over to the Women in Science Strategy. Could you give a general update. I know that you made some comments, Dr Mitchell. CHAIR: Again, we did cover this three-quarters of an hour ago as well. Senator O'NEILL: I was here, but I don't think we got complete coverage. Could you particularly go to the scope of the work with regard to science, technology, engineering and mathematics—each of those areas. Ms Urquhart: As I think Dr Mitchell mentioned earlier, the strategy is intended to help coordinate the government's efforts to increase women's participation in STEM—in particular looking at actions to improve gender equality. The department has been in an active consultation process, particularly leveraging the consultation process run by the Academy of Science for its decadal plan, but also separate to that. Our intent is to consult fully across industry, education and the STEM sector to inform development of the strategy. Senator O'NEILL: So the scope of the work is not just science. Does it consider technology, engineering and mathematics as well? Ms Urquhart: That's correct. Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. With regard to the consultation around that, who is being consulted and when have these consultations occurred? Ms Urquhart: As I said, we've been leveraging the decadal plan consultations. I don't have with me a full list of participants at each of those sessions. There have been sessions interstate. For that matter, I don't have with me right now the list of people that we've been consulting. But I can say, for example, that I was at ANU only yesterday or the day before speaking to Elanor Huntingdon, a very prominent engineer at ANU. We've had two meetings with her. I was discussing the issues also with Nalini Joshi very recently. That wasn't a formal consultation. Those are just my conversations. The team itself has also been engaging different people in the sector. Senator O'NEILL: If you can provide on notice an outline of who you've been consulting and when those consultations occurred, roughly, that would be good.	Spoken	80	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000270	SI-32	Storer, Tim	Geoscience Australia	Satellite Based Augmentation System	Senator STORER: The government, in response to the review of Australia's space industry capability, are committed to provide \$173 million from 2016-17 until 2021-22 for better GPS for regional Australians, previously known as the Satellite Based Augmentation System—SBAS. Can the department explain what steps have been taken so far on this matter? Mr Muffett: That's under the responsibility of Geoscience Australia, so I'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	82	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000271	SI-33	Storer, Tim	Australian Space Agency	Space technologies to improve agriculture	Senator STORER: I'm very interested in the statement that 1.4 million companies can benefit from space in Australia, including 170,000 in agriculture. How is the department using the application of space domain to increase efficiency in agriculture and fisheries? Mr Muffett: I might have to take the details on notice, but the broader statement there is that what we're looking to do as the Australian Space Agency is articulate how we can use the space technologies to actually improve agriculture. As an example, we recently presented to the chairs of the RRDCs—the Regional Rural Development Centres—to say, 'These are the space technologies and these are the opportunities that rural communities could potentially use.' That's the intention of that statement. If that suffices, we'd have to take the rest on notice.	Spoken	82-83	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000272	SI-34	Carr, Kim	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	AIMS external revenues	Senator KIM CARR: I notice that you made a point in your statement of saying that external revenues are up by 30 per cent. Thirty-four per cent of that is from the Australian government. Dr Hardisty: No. Senator KIM CARR: That's what your annual report says. Dr Hardisty: Sorry, of the total external revenue—yes. Senator KIM CARR: That's what it says here. Dr Hardisty: Sorry. I thought you were asking a different question. Yes, you're right. Senator KIM CARR: That's what it says: Australian departments and agencies and Australian industry partners together are 89 per cent. I'm just looking at your table here. It says two per cent is from state governments—state governments are always reliable—and the Commonwealth is providing 34 per cent. Dr Hardisty: Of the external revenues? Senator KIM CARR: External revenues. This is on top of your appropriation. It would be fair to say that tends to jump around a bit. I wonder if you could take this on notice and give me a breakdown of which departments provided you with that money. Can you put in the same information you have for the last four years? Has that moved up and down?	Spoken	91	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000273	SI-35	Carr, Kim	Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)	Post-graduate students working at AIMS	Senator KIM CARR: ... Finally, I noticed on the annual report that the number of post-graduate students working at AIMS has actually declined. That's right, isn't it? Mr Mead: I will probably have to take it on notice just to absolutely clarify it. The numbers fluctuate up and down a little bit. In part, it depends on whether or not we're directly employing them or we're providing funding. Generally, post docs are a joint appointment. Often the pointing authority changes quite a lot. There is more fluctuation associated with that than the numbers might show.	Spoken	91	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000274	SI-36	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Defence Trade Controls Act Review Report	Senator KIM CARR: Have you seen a copy of the report from Dr Thom? It's been with the government—I think it's the 19th of April; I might have given it an earlier date before. Have you seen a copy yet? Dr Williams: No, I've not seen a copy of that report. Senator KIM CARR: Has anyone in CSIRO seen a copy of it—it's not been provided to the CSIRO? Dr Marshall: Not to my knowledge. Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice. Dr Marshall: Certainly, Senator.	Spoken	102	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

1	alleged there was a Chinese data breach. Are you familiar with that article? Dr Marshall: Vaguely, Senator; I recall it. Senator KIM CARR: Vaguely; I see. The article makes a suggestion that... CSIRO has spent tens of millions of dollars upgrading its cyber security and information systems since a data breach linked to a Chinese national. Was there in fact a data breach? Dr Williams: Senator, I'm not quite sure which Chinese person you're talking about. If it's the one that left the country and we chased them, there was no data breach. But I can say that— Senator KIM CARR: Sorry, can you repeat that? Dr Williams: If it's the one who left the country, and I think moved to France, the final conclusion was that there was no breach. However, Senator, I can— Senator KIM CARR: I'm trying to be clear about that. Dr Williams: I'm not quite familiar with the specific statement you're talking about. Senator KIM CARR: Let me be just clear. What you said was that the allegation was that the person returned to China, and you're saying in fact this was an officer of the CSIRO who actually went to France. Dr Williams: I think on this one, I'd have to take it on notice because I haven't got— Senator KIM CARR: I want to be clear—if you wouldn't mind. It's quite a serious allegation that's been made against CSIRO. Dr Williams: Yes, it is. What I would say, Senator, in— Senator KIM CARR: I think it's important to get to the bottom of it. Is there anyone here that can help you with that article? This is The Financial Review, 3 April 2018—maybe someone can get it for you. Dr Marshall: Senator, we certainly upgraded CSIRO's cybersecurity facilities, but we started that process in 2015 not because of an alleged breach but simply as a matter of good security practice. Senator KIM CARR: I would expect nothing less. This is an important matter, given that the allegation's been made that our premier science agency has been penetrated by a foreign government. It's alleged that the Parkville facility in Melbourne was essentially rumbled and the person concerned in 2013 fled to China, and you're saying that's not right. Dr Williams: I'm trying to work out which document we're talking about, because I haven't got the document you have. Senator KIM CARR: Is it possible for one of the officers to show you the article? Senator Canavan: I have the article here. What you're referring to is an alleged breach that occurred in December 2013, I think. Senator KIM CARR: That's the one. Minister. It goes on for page after page— Senator Canavan: Sorry, November 2013. Senator KIM CARR: denigrating the CSIRO, and we now discover that it may not be factually correct. It's obviously been provided by— Senator Canavan: Obviously if there's no-one here, I'd be happy to take it on notice. Senator KIM CARR: I think Dr Williams is telling us— Dr Williams: Now we know which one it is. What I would say is that in 2015 we worked with the Australian Signals Directorate cybersecurity board who looked at CSIRO and did find it a high-risk agency in terms of foreign powers' desire to hack into our system. We worked closely with them, and in 2017 they gave us what is effectively a clean bill of health in terms of the security level we operate in. Senator KIM CARR: Fair enough. It's not unreasonable for you or the security agency to suggest that you are an agency of high interest to foreign governments. I'd suggest not just one government but many governments. Dr Williams: I'd agree with that. Senator KIM CARR: But this is an article that spent a considerable amount of energy suggesting one government, pointing to an incident which appears to be factually correct. Is that— Dr Williams: Can we come back on notice and give you the report of what we did from that? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please. I'd like to know your response to these suggestions. I'd like to know your response to the suggestion that you spent millions of dollars after a Chinese data breach, given that that's the thrust of the article. Dr Williams: We spend millions of	Spoken	103-104	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
2	Senator KIM CARR: That's in your time. Take it on notice: has any officer of the CSIRO, or anyone associated with the CSIRO, been prosecuted for breaches of the Defence Trade Controls Act or any of the associated acts? Dr Marshall: We'll absolutely take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: And, if it's true, can you give me what the circumstances are. When I've asked this question I've been told there have been no breaches—of all the licences that have been issued, no breaches. If that information is incorrect, I'd ask you to correct it. Dr Williams: We're prepared to do exactly what you say.	Spoken	105	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
3	Senator KIM CARR: Do you have any external reviews? Dr Williams: The most recent one was the ASD, working with the Australian Signals Directorate. That was a two-year period of, effectively, reviewing how we operate, how we manage and how we work. Senator KIM CARR: So there was the Signals Directorate. Have any other security agencies had a look at this? Dr Williams: I'd have to take it on notice as to whether we employ external bodies to— Senator KIM CARR: I just want to know whether we rely entirely on your word or whether there is any other, external, verification. Dr Williams: I know exactly what you're saying and I will go back. We do test hacks and we see how it works. But I'll find out whether external bodies are involved.	Spoken	105	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
4	Senator KIM CARR: The Public Research Agency Charter—has the minister issued a statement of expectations? Dr Marshall: No, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: When was the last one that you received? Dr Marshall: Under Minister Hunt. Senator KIM CARR: How long ago was that? Senator Canavan: It would have been around a year. Dr Marshall: About a year. Senator KIM CARR: Secretary, can you tell me if there is any expectation there will be a new statement issued? Dr Smith: I'll get the relevant officer for you to check. Senator KIM CARR: If you wouldn't mind, thank you. Ms Urquhart: We are just checking on the date for you, Senator, about when Minister Hunt issued the statement of expectations. Senator KIM CARR: But when is the new one being issued? Is there expected to be a new one? Ms Urquhart: I don't think there is an expectation in the immediate term. We did brief Minister Andrews on her commencement with the portfolio about the statements of expectation for the science agencies. Senator KIM CARR: I see. What's the status of the Public Research Agency Charter with CSIRO? Given the blank looks, I'd say none. Dr Marshall: I might need you to explain your question a little bit more, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: You don't know what it is? Dr Marshall: Are you asking about our act? Senator KIM CARR: The status of the Public Research Agency Charter. Dr Marshall: The CSIRO charter? Senator KIM CARR: It's a CSIRO charter, yes. I can see them scramble for the files, so I presume you haven't had one for a while. Is that right? Dr Marshall: Just give me a moment, Senator. There hasn't been one for quite a while. Senator KIM CARR: That's right. Tell me when it was. When was the last one? Dr Marshall: We might take a moment to look that up, Senator. Sorry, Senator, we'll have to get back to you on notice. Senator KIM CARR: On notice. It hasn't been lost in the archives somewhere, has it? Senator Canavan: I think you're about to find it! Dr Marshall: Just the date, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: It's no good asking you what you've done to implement it, is there? You'd have to find it, for a start. That'll be the first thing—to find it. Dr Marshall: I believe it was some time ago. Senator KIM CARR: It was, yes. Does it have any force at all within the department at the moment? Ms Urquhart: Your reference to the Public Research Agency Charter— Senator KIM CARR: The Public Research Agency Charter. Ms Urquhart: I've been working in science responsibility since 2013 and I haven't heard mention of the Public Research Agency Charter in that time. Senator KIM CARR: Really, haven't you? You'd better check the files as well. Ms Urquhart: I had. Senator KIM CARR: You have? You'll find one that I signed. Ms Urquhart: I said I had better check the files, Senator. Senator KIM CARR: You'll find it there. You're telling me that was the last one? Ms Urquhart: I'm not aware of one being issued since 2013. Senator KIM CARR: So it has no status. Dr Marshall: I think that charter is also embodied in our public comment policy. Senator KIM CARR: It's a bit more than that. It actually goes to a range of responsibilities the CSIRO has in government. Perhaps you should take it on notice and see what the status is. I get the feeling it has none. Ms Urquhart: If I might comment, the statements of expectations that I've seen— Senator KIM CARR: That's a different thing. Ms Urquhart: Sure, but they do also go into responsibilities and expectations from government. Senator KIM CARR: I see. Are you telling me it's been superseded by that? Ms Urquhart: I can't say that, Senator, because I've not heard mention of the Public Research Agency Charter. Senator KIM CARR: Why don't you take it on notice and find out what its current status is, and then we'll find out whether or not it has any. Ms Urquhart: Certainly, Senator.	Spoken	106-107	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000279	SI-41	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Main Sequence Ventures fund	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the innovation fund—our chairwoman asked some questions on this before—is there public reporting on the projects you're running? Dr Marshall: On the ON program, the science accelerator, there is certainly a lot of reporting, mainly to the government. Senator KIM CARR: But is there annual reporting? Will it find in the annual report the specific projects? Dr Marshall: For the ON program, it is mentioned in the annual report and on our website. For the fund, we have a separate website, called Main Sequence Ventures, which is the name of the fund. You will find the portfolio investments and other information there. Senator KIM CARR: Can I get this clear. Is the Main Sequence Ventures fund different again? Dr Marshall: It's just the operating name of the entity that manages the fund. Senator KIM CARR: Why do you have two names? Dr Marshall: Because some of the money in the fund is the government's, some is CSIRO's and the bulk of the money is large private investors, some superannuation funds and so on. We felt it prudent to set up a separate entity to manage the fund and to hold all of the capital. Senator KIM CARR: There is public money involved. What is the reporting requirement for the public money? Dr Marshall: I'll try to explain this exactly. Can I just clarify: you are asking beyond the portfolio investments that the fund makes for reporting beyond that? Senator KIM CARR: I'm interested in knowing what you are doing with public money? Dr Marshall: Investing it in these portfolios. Senator KIM CARR: But where do I find that publicly reported? Dr Marshall: On the Main Sequence Ventures website. Senator KIM CARR: Not in your annual report? Dr Marshall: We touch on it in the annual report, but the details of the portfolio are probably fuller on the website than they are in the annual report. Senator KIM CARR: The public part of this was money from the wi-fi fund was it? Dr Marshall: Some money from the proceeds of Wi-Lan, yes. Senator KIM CARR: And money from appropriations? Dr Marshall: No. We invested approximately \$30 million of CSIRO funds, proceeds from Wi-Lan and another \$70 million of federal government money. The remainder is private money. Senator KIM CARR: What page do I find it on in the CSIRO report? Dr Marshall: I'll get that information for you. Senator KIM CARR: I'll put the rest on notice if you say it's already here and I've missed it somehow. That is what you are telling me, isn't it? Dr Marshall: The most immediately accessible source of information on the portfolio is on the website, and it's very public. Senator KIM CARR: That meets the normal Auditor-General's requirements, does it? Dr Marshall: It's standard practice for all Australian venture funds, so it absolutely meets those requirements and the requirements of the Australian Financial Services Licence. Senator KIM CARR: Madam Secretary, are you satisfied that it meets the requirements in terms of the Auditor-General's specifications? Dr Smith: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	107-108	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000280	SI-42	Ketter, Chris	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Consumer data right	<p>Senator KETTER: Just coming back to the issue of the consumer data right: the exposure draft that has been released includes derived data within the consumer data right. So, if we proceed on that basis and derived data is included, can you tell me whether there is any algorithms or intellectual property produced by Data61 that would be captured by this derived data? Dr Williams: In what sense do you mean derived data will be involved, Senator? Senator KETTER: As I understand it, the consumer data right is looking at the types of data that will be included within the CBA. Dr Williams: There are three elements to that: one is the machine-to-machine learning, the APIs; the other is the security aspect; and the third is the consumer aspect. Each one has got its own different layer. I would assume that, where Data61 have done some unique development, we would own the IP within CSIRO of that work. Senator KETTER: Are you telling me that would not be captured by the consumer data right under the heading of 'derived data'? Dr Williams: That is a question I couldn't answer, because it's a very technical question. Senator KETTER: Could you take that on notice? Dr Williams: Yes.</p>	Spoken	108-109	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000281	SI-43	Ketter, Chris	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Data61 competing with non-government funded start-ups	<p>Senator KETTER: Has Data61 ever ended up competing with non-government funded start-ups? Dr Williams: That would be a question I could not answer, and I'm not sure whether I could answer it if I took it on notice. Senator KETTER: If you could take it on notice— Dr Williams: I'll take it on notice and try to answer it.</p>	Spoken	109	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000282	SI-44	Ketter, Chris	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Blockchain	<p>Dr Williams: We have done a number of things on blockchain. We could organise a presentation on the whole thing for you, if you wish, because we have the experts in Data61. We have looked at using it for a range of opportunities. We talked earlier about smart money, but it's also been talked about for contract management, there's potential for IP management and there's potential for provenance of food chain. So there's a whole suite of areas where the concept of blockchain is potentially of use and of value. Senator KETTER: Is this information published somewhere? Dr Williams: Most of it will be on the Data61 website if it's published. On the Data61 website within CSIRO there will be an explanation of that or we'll be able to organise you a special presentation. Senator KETTER: Okay. CHAIR: Dr Williams, I'll take you up on that offer. I am a co-convenor of the Parliamentary Friends of Blockchain group, so I'll definitely take you up on that. Dr Williams: That can be done quite easily. Senator KETTER: I think Senator Hume has asked what you are currently doing with blockchain. Can you tell me what work is planned for the future with core blockchain? Dr Williams: At the moment in time, no. I could not tell you. Senator KETTER: Do you want to take that on notice, or is there nothing planned? Dr Williams: There may be things planned. While we are in the planning phase, we could take that on notice and tell you what we have in the stream. I think the better way would be for you to take up the offer of a presentation. Then you will see the full suite of things we do in this area.</p>	Spoken	110	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000283	SI-45	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	NAIF projects	<p>I'm going to ask four questions for each of the projects: What was the date the investment decision was made? What was the date NAIF made the drawdown facility available to the proponent? What was the date the proponent first accessed that facility? How much of the funding have available proponents drawn down through the facility? Ms Walker: I'll have to take on notice some of that detail. I can take the Onslow project, which was the first project approved, and I think it's a good case study to take you through those time lines. I think we made the initial conditional approval on that project in August 2017. The final investment decision was made in September 2017. It was conditional upon a number of things, but one of them was the environmental approvals. From memory, those environmental approvals, which are outside the proponent's control and outside NAIF's control, are with the WA regulator and were issued in April 2018. Ms Belletini: Correct. Ms Walker: Then the loan documents could not—they were signed after the approvals came through. I think the private sector lender signed those early in May. Then the state, as the lender of records, signed those documents at the end of May. Financial close was in June 2018. Drawdown, then, is a matter for the proponent. All of our construction deals, the actual drawdown, will be completely dependent on the program for the construction and for the proponent. The first drawdown, on that one, was 22nd June 2018. And it's drawing down—I think the final drawdown is forecast to be June this year on that project. Senator Canavan: This financial year, obviously. Ms Walker: Yes; 2019, sorry. All projects will have a lengthy gestation period, in terms of the regulatory approvals. That was regarded as reasonably quick, I understand. The drawdown will usually be between six and 12 months. Some projects can be 24 months, depending on the size of the project, the complexity and when the money is actually needed. Senator KETTER: I accept all of those complications and different aspects that might arise, but I'm just interested in the actual information. So the date of the investment decision, which you tell me for Onslow was September 2017—and, yes, there were other things that happened subsequently, but let's just go with the investment decision. What was the date that the drawdown facility was first made available—was established? Ms Walker: That would be financial close, which was 7 June. That's actually when they first drew down the funds. Financial close is when all of the conditions precedent to lending have been satisfied, and there can be many. So that was the first drawdown, June 2018. Senator KETTER: So the first drawdown by the proponent was 22 June? Ms Belletini: Yes, that's correct. Senator KETTER: My question is when— Ms Walker: Sorry. That's the first NAB drawdown on 7 June. My apologies. Senator KETTER: the facility was made available— Ms Walker: From financial close? Senator KETTER: And that was what date? Ms Walker: That was 7 June 2018. Senator KETTER: And how much of the funding available has the proponent drawn down? Ms Walker: I think it is about \$5 million of the funds. Again, I would have to take it on notice, but they would be drawing money from NAB, as the other lender, and us. So you sort of tend to draw down— Senator KETTER: I'm just interested in the NAIF drawdown facility. Ms Walker: No, but it's relevant the date of our drawdowns, because you don't put the NAIF—it depends on what their financing structure is and what makes sense optimally, in terms of structuring it, as to when the NAIF money is actually drawn down. Senator KETTER: Okay. Ms Walker: And that will vary on every project.</p>	Spoken	111-112	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan

SQ18-000284	SI-46	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Contractual services for the NAIF	<p>Senator KETTER: As I understand it, there has been \$2 million spent on contractual services for the NAIF over its period of operation. We've got \$5 million out the door in terms of drawdowns for projects. Senator Canavan: I'll have to check those figures, and I'm happy to take them on notice. Obviously, over that period we've had to staff an organisation from scratch—not just the directors of the board but the CEO as well as other staff. As Ms Walker outlined, all of the projects that are being funded will take years to come to culmination, so the actual spending and drawdowns of funds will coincide with those construction time lines.</p>	Spoken	114	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000285	SI-47	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	NAIF board	<p>Senator KETTER: What about on the board of NAIF itself? When the board was first established, more than 40 per cent of the board was made up of women. Now there's only one woman left on the NAIF board. Ms Walker: It's really a matter for the minister. Senator Canavan: It's a matter for the government. Yes, you're correct. We also, of course, appointed, as the inaugural chair, Ms Sharon Warburton as a female chairwoman for the board. As I outlined earlier, Ms Warburton resigned unexpectedly and voluntarily. I was very keen to make sure we had the right person, the best person, for the job to be chair, and I think the proof is in the pudding. As I said, I have spoken to all the directors about the right person to appoint as chair. While I would have loved to have had the opportunity to replace Ms Sharon Warburton with a female chairwoman, in the end Mr McCormick has proven himself to be a very effective chair, and that's incredibly important. I'm happy to put on record that the government is doing all it can to make sure the remaining vacancy on that board is filled by a female so that we can seek to meet the government's objectives to boost female participation on boards. Senator KETTER: Minister, did you consider any women for the role that Mr Rolfe has filled? Senator Canavan: Yes, of course, there were women that were put forward. Again, Mr Rolfe has remarkable experience in infrastructure finance. He's worked for state governments; from memory, he was a coordinator-general for the former Queensland Labor government. The overriding consideration for me there was to have someone who could boost the relationship we have with some of the jurisdictions, particularly Queensland, so that's what put Mr Rolfe ahead of other potential candidates. Senator KETTER: I mean no disrespect to Mr Rolfe, but did you seek advice and get a short list for that position? Senator Canavan: Absolutely, yes. Senator KETTER: How many women were on that short list? Senator Canavan: I will have to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: If you could take on notice how many women and how many men were on that short list. Senator Canavan: Absolutely.</p>	Spoken	115-116	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000286	SI-48	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Indigenous Reference Group	<p>Senator KETTER: So, there is this Indigenous Reference Group of eight Indigenous people who are experts in their fields, and you meet twice a year. Senator Canavan: The ministerial forum aims to meet twice a year. The Indigenous Reference Group meets more regularly than that. Mr Coffey might have information on how regularly. And I meet with the Indigenous Reference Group from time to time outside of the ministerial forum meetings. Senator KETTER: And are there plans— Senator Canavan: And the NAIF has also expressed that they— Ms Walker: Yes, I've had at least three meetings with them, and some of those were also with significant stakeholder groups that they were canvassing to help put together their recommendations for the ministerial forum—so, right across a number of stakeholders. Senator KETTER: Are any recommendations for improving NAIF's engagement with First Nations Australians coming out of this process? Senator Canavan: I know that they're certainly discussing those elements. Because the next report's coming from the ministerial forum, I might just take that on notice the details in regard to that. Senator KETTER: Okay. I would be interested in the recommendations, and perhaps, Ms Walker, if you are able to tell us what recommendations NAIF would be planning to adopt. Ms Walker: Given that at the moment it's not my report or my recommendations, I think I should leave it until it's public. Senator Canavan: I'll take it on notice and we'll come back to the committee with any response from ourselves or relevant comments from NAIF. Senator KETTER: Then, Minister, if the government's planning to adopt any of the recommendations from the Indigenous Reference Group. Senator Canavan: Yes.</p>	Spoken	117-118	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000287	SI-49	Ketter, Chris	Strategic Policy	China Mining 2018 congress	<p>Senator KETTER: My final line of questioning is in relation to the CHINA MINING 2018 congress and expo that ran from 18 to 20 October. Minister, were you registered to attend that event? Senator Canavan: I did plan to attend that event. I'm not sure if I was formally registered or not. Senator KETTER: You don't know whether you paid— Senator Canavan: I would have to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: My information is that registration fee was about \$1,053 Australian. Senator Canavan: I would have to take it on notice. Senator KETTER: Did the department pay for the minister to speak at the event? Senator Canavan: I think we might take that on notice. I'm not sure. Senator KETTER: Were any of your staff registered, and if so how many? Senator Canavan: Again, I'll have to take that on notice. Senator KETTER: It's sound like we are going to take these all on notice. What was the cost of it? Were you meant to be part of an Australian delegation, Minister? Senator Canavan: I was planning to attend that particular conference, but it was only going to be myself, staff and departmental officials. Mr Lawson: We'll check it further, but we have no sense that the department paid for any registration fees for that. Senator KETTER: Were airfares paid? Senator Canavan: We'll take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Did the department purchase sponsorship or exhibitors fees for the conference? Mr Lawson: We understand that Geoscience Australia were at that conference, so we'll follow up on that. Senator KETTER: Minister, can you tell us when you cancelled? Senator Canavan: I might take that on notice. Senator KETTER: Are you concerned that Australia wasn't represented at this, apart from Geoscience Australia? Senator Canavan: Obviously I was planning to attend, but that did not eventuate. Senator KETTER: Can you tell me why you cancelled? Senator Canavan: I'll take that on notice. Senator KETTER: You can't tell me why? Senator Canavan: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	120	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000288	SI-50	Patrick, Rex	Northern Australia and Major Projects	Request for documents	<p>Senator PATRICK: Mr Wilson, I want to go to an answer you provided to the references committee. A FOI request had been made and the department responded saying that documents exist that fall within the scope of the FOI request. There were lots of section 22 exemptions—the information is not relevant to the request—but there were three documents where portions did fall within the request. Maybe it was just a misunderstanding, but I asked for you to table those three documents and what I got back was something different. The FOI applicant has subsequently received at least one of the other documents, and it wasn't common with what you had tabled. I'm just getting to the point: there are two documents that exist that have not been released under FOI that I think fell within the request that I made in the references committee. Ms Chard: Since your question in the committee, there were documents that were released under FOI in relation to the FOI request. There was some information in that FOI request that was redacted. The grounds are the deliberative processes of the department, and I appreciate you've made the comment previously in the inquiry that those grounds don't apply to your question on notice in the Senate inquiry. When we answered your question originally, we sought to summarise the information that was in those documents. On your second question—your supplementary question—following our summary of that, you've asked if we fully disclosed all of the information that relates to assessing community sentiment, and we're currently reviewing those documents to determine if there is anything in those documents that falls outside of what has already been released in the FOI request. Senator PATRICK: But to be really clear, the question I'm asking from a Senate perspective is simply that you table the two documents that remain in that FOI request. I don't want a summary; I simply want you to table the two documents. They are documents which, in the FOI world, have a section 47 deliberative claim over them. Those claims do not apply to the Senate—those particular exemptions. What's the issue with simply tabling or providing those documents to the committee? Ms Chard: Senator, we can take that on notice. It is actually a different question to the supplementary question that you asked following the Senate inquiry. Your question was: was there any additional information pertaining to assessing community sentiment? I appreciate I'm getting into semantics, but we can take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	122	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan

SQ18-000289	SI-51	Ketter, Chris	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	MoU with AMSA	Senator KETTER: The inquiry recommended: ... that NOPSEMA and Australian Maritime Safety Authority update their Memorandum of Understanding ... Are you doing anything about that one? Mr Smith: Yes, I've already spoken to the CEO of AMSA. We have discussed the merits of that recommendation. We've agreed that we will refresh the MOU before the end of this year. Senator KETTER: Was the MOU last updated in 2009 or 2013? I've seen differing reports about that. Mr Smith: I can't confirm that. It was before my time with NOPSEMA. Senator KETTER: The Senate inquiry was provided with information which referred to a 2009 MOU, but then there was an ATSB investigation into the death of Mr Kelly, I think it was, and that referred to an AMSA-NOPSEMA MOU updated at 2013. Perhaps you could take that one on notice. Mr Smith: Yes. I can tell you that we're working off the 2009 version. I'm not aware of the 2013 version, but I have heard reference to it along the lines you've mentioned. Senator KETTER: Is that something you can check out for us? Mr Smith: Yes.	Spoken	124	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000290	SI-52	Patrick, Rex	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	Time frame for environmental plans	Senator PATRICK: I'm now recalling that it was in the Great Australian Bight one. There was a chapter put together by the secretariat, no doubt based on submissions from you, that went through the process. I recall it was quite a lengthy process. What's the typical time frame from front to back? Mr Smith: For the environment plan? Senator PATRICK: No, for approval, because you need all of the things to be approved. Mr Grebe: The environment plan is usually the longest and the one started first, so it's probably the most relevant to your question. Obviously, it depends in large part on how many iterations the proponent needs to modify and resubmit. In its shortest, the decision time frame can be 30 days. That's the statutory time frame for us to make a decision after a plan has been submitted for assessment. It's very rare. Out of last 15 or so environment plan decisions, for example, all of them required at least one modification, resubmission or additional information, so they are all longer than 30 days. The median environment plan time frame from submission to a final decision, which we publish and make public on our website, for drilling environment plans—I would have to take on notice the exact number—is in excess of 100 days.	Spoken	130-131	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000291	SI-53	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Main Sequence Ventures Fund meeting Auditor-General's requirements	Senator KIM CARR: I'll put the rest on notice if you say it's already here and I've missed it somehow. That is what you are telling me, isn't it? Dr Marshall: The most immediately accessible source of information on the portfolio is on the website, and it's very public. Senator KIM CARR: That meets the normal Auditor-General's requirements, does it? Dr Marshall: It's standard practice for all Australian venture funds, so it absolutely meets those requirements and the requirements of the Australian Financial Services Licence. Senator KIM CARR: Madam Secretary, are you satisfied that it meets the requirements in terms of the Auditor-General's specifications? Dr Smith: I'll take that on notice.	Spoken	108	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000292	SI-54	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; • Any available photographs of the function; and • Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000293	SI-55	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, can the following please be provided: •List of functions; •List of attendees; •Function venue; •Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); •Details of any food served; •Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; •Any available photographs of the function; and •Details of any entertainment provided.	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000294	SI-56	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000295	SI-57	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Facilities upgrades	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000296	SI-58	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000297	SI-59	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Media monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? Can an itemised list of all Auslander Contract Notice numbers for all media monitoring contracts in that period please be provided?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000298	SI-60	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? What advertising and information campaigns did the Department run in the relevant period? Can an itemised list of all Auslander Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in that period please be provided?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000299	SI-61	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Promotional merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? Can an itemised list of all Auslander Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided? Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000300	SI-62	Bilyk, Catryna	Strategic Policy	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the financial year commencing 1 July 2017 please be provided? This list should include the costs of: •Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel; •Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials; •Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed; •Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided; and •Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000301	SI-63	Bilyk, Catryna	Corporate	Social media influencers	What was the Department's total expenditure on social media influencers during the financial year commencing 1 July 2017? What advertising or information campaigns did the Department use social media influencers to promote? Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided? Can an itemised list of all Auslander Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000302	SI-64	Gallacher, Alex	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Radioactive waste at Woomera	1. Who regards to the radioactive waste at Woomera, what is cubic meterage of the waste and level of waste is it? 2. Who owns the waste? 3. Who has responsibility of the waste in terms of its current and future storage? 4. Are there any prohibitions on the land at Woomera being used as a National Radioactive Waste Management facility?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000304	SI-65	Siewert, Rachel	AUSI - Support for Business	Business Grants Hub	1. When was the Business Grants Hub set up? 2. How many and what grants programs rounds has it overseen so far since inception? 3. Does the Department require applicants for these program rounds to pay an administration fee? 4. If so, how much? Please provide a breakdown for each program round overseen to date. 5. Does the process take a percentage of the program funds for administration? 6. If so, what percentage is taken? 7. The target for 2018-19 is 30 program rounds. Please provide the 2018-19 year to date figures. 8. When will the 2019-20 target be released?	Written		1/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000305	SI-66	Hanson-Young, Sarah	Northern Australia and Major Projects	National Radioactive Waste Management Facility	<p>•Given that the planned regional ballots have been halted due to legal proceedings does the Department have new plans to measure community sentiment in order to give effect to the repeated commitment that 'broad community support' would be required to advance any radioactive waste facility siting? oCan any documents relating to this be tabled? •Can the Department table any documents relating to who would operate and manage the facility? oCan the Department confirm whether ANSTO will be expected to operate any facility? oCan the Department table any documents relating to the development of a process to identify and select an operator? •Can the Department table any documentation on the status of any sites outside of the three under active consideration in South Australia that have been suggested as a possible site for a national radioactive waste management facility? •Have nominations been received for a site near Leonora in WA or at Rosehill Station near Brewarrina in NSW? oIf so, have these nominations been accepted by the Minister and what is their current status? •Can the Department outline any actions it has undertaken in response to the recent Senate Economics Committee Inquiry into the siting process for the proposed NRWMF? oCan the Department table any formal response to the Committee? oCan the Department table any further advice it has provided to the Minister? •Does the Department accept the position outlined by the federal nuclear regulator ARPANSA that there is no pressing urgency to move intermediate level waste from the ANSTO Lucas Heights facility to any future NRWMF? •Can the Department provide an update on the status of reclassification and re-containment works for radioactive waste at the Woomera site in northern South Australia? oWhat work has been done? oWhat work is planned? oWho is conducting this work? oWhat is the timeline on this work? oCan the Department supply a detailed breakdown of the costs associated? •What steps have been taken in order to advance the development of a dedicated National Radioactive Waste Management Function? oWhere will this be located? oWhat are its terms of reference? oWhat is its FTE staff allocation? oWhat is its budget?</p>	Written	1/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000306	SI-67	Leyonhjelm, David	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Firearms owners	Will ANSTO let law-abiding firearms owners use the range on ANSTO land, as they did without incident last century? What revenue would ANSTO generate from allowing private use of the range once more?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000307	SI-68	Patrick, Rex	Northern Australia and Major Projects	Submissions on National Radioactive Waste Management Facility	1. With respect to the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility site selection process, the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is accepting submissions that the Department's website says "will be one of the factors the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia may take into account when determining broad community support for the Facility." A. How many submissions have been received? B. Will these submissions be made public? C. If so, when will they be made public? D. If not, why not?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000308	SI-69	Patrick, Rex	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)	Gippsland 3D Marine Seismic Survey	Mr Brebe testified that CGG will have another opportunity to revisit their proposal regarding the Gippsland 3D Marine Seismic Survey. 1. Will this be done by way of a new application or by way of an updated application? 2. If by way of new application: A. Are there any statutory/regulatory restrictions on the number of applications that can be made? B. Is there any charge for an applications and, if so, what is the charge? 3. If by way of updated application: A. Are there any statutory/regulatory restrictions on the number of updates that can be made to an application? B. Is there any charge for updating an applications and, if so, what is the charge? C. Is there any time limitations for submitting an update to an application? 4. Are applications/updated applications made available on a public website. If so, please provide the website address.	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000309	SI-70	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Advanced Manufacturing	When measuring the size of the advanced manufacturing sector the Department aggregates the value of three industry subdivisions - Subdivision 18 Basic Chemical and Chemical product manufacturing; Subdivision 23 Transport Equipment Manufacturing and Subdivision Machinery and Equipment manufacturing https://www.industry.gov.au/funding-and-incentives/manufacturing/supporting-advanced-manufacturing 1. Does the estimate of the size of the advanced manufacturing sector for 2016/17 include the employment, sales and service income, value added and R&D and exports from the automotive manufacturing sector? 2. Was the department quantified the impact on employment, exports, research and development, value added and sales of the advanced manufacturing sector (as defined by the Department) arising from the closure of the automotive industry? 3. When will the Departments 17/ 18 estimate of the size of the automotive manufacturing industry be available? 4. What are the latest estimates the Department has on the investment, exports, research and development expenditure by the of automotive manufacturing industry? 5. Given closure of automotive manufacturing – was a policy choice of this government – are the alternative program measures put in place of a scale to compensate for that loss or will we see further reduction in the size of advanced manufacturing when the statistics come for 2017/18? 6. What performance targets for induced or new business investment were set for the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Fund? Have these targets been achieved? 7. What performance targets for induced or new business investment are set for the Automotive Transformation Scheme? Have these targets been achieved? 8. What assessment has the Department done on the impact of energy prices and gas availability has for the chemical and chemical products industry – another key sector in advanced manufacturing? 9. What policies or initiatives are in place to support that industry deal with record high gas prices? 10. What is the status of the reform of regulation of industrial chemicals (NICNAS)? 11. What forums of industry stakeholder consultation does the Department have with industry on the impact of energy prices and gas availability? 12. What is the Department's assessment of the likely impact of energy prices on the chemicals industry and plastics industry and advanced manufacturing more generally?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000310	SI-71	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	GDP Growth and Advanced Manufacturing	1. Does the Department have an estimate of the contribution that manufacturing industry makes to GDP growth? What forecast does the Department have for that contribution? 2. Noting the Office of the Chief Economists assessment (Resources and Energy Quarterly March 2018 p 11) that "after 2019 mining's contribution to GDP growth is projected to moderate ". Given that mining has accounted for 12% of GDP growth in the last five years – what role if any, does the department see for advanced manufacturing in filling that growth gap or alternatively does the Department have a view on which sector will fill that gap?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000311	SI-72	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Advanced Manufacturing Fund	In regards to the \$100 million Advanced Manufacturing Fund. 1. How much has been distributed and to whom has it been provided? 2. How much money is uncommitted from that fund? 3. Do you think this scale of investment will expand the advanced manufacturing sector significantly?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000312	SI-73	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Auto Innovation Lab	1. What was the process followed for the selection of the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association to host the automotive innovation labs (Announced on October 24)? 2. What gap in product design services exist in the automotive component industry? 3. Were other facilities or institutions considered for the delivery of the innovation labs? 4. What consultation with the automotive industry was taken in regard to developing the initiative? 5. Are firms receiving grants to develop programs under the initiative required to use the services of the new innovation labs? 6. What is the expenditure profile for the initiative? How much of the funds remain uncommitted?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000313	SI-74	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Support to Bindaree Beef	Referring to p 32 of the PBS statement and the \$5.525 million proposed to assist Bindaree Beef? 1. What is the nature and purpose for the assistance to Bindaree Beef? 2. Under what program is the assistance being provided? What other businesses are eligible for this support? 3. What was the process for determining the need for support and who approved the assistance being provided? 4. How much of the funding is uncommitted?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

					<p>1. Note that the Department Annual report says that there were 3000 firms who were new to the program - What are the requirements on firms to access the R&D incentive? How do these requirements compare against those in place for firms wishing to access government grants? 2. What do we know about the cohort of firms that enter each year? What sectors are they in? 3. Does the Department have an estimate of the taxable income generated by businesses who have received the refundable R&D Tax Incentive over the past 7 years? 4. What is the number of businesses over the past seven years are yet to generate taxable income? 5. Does the Department have an assessment of the employment outcomes of the companies in refundable cohort? 6. What assessment or evaluation of the outcomes of the incentive does the Department have? 7. The recently released BERD data shows a decline in Australia's R&D spending, has the Government modelled the impact on BERD through the proposed reduction in the R&D Tax Incentive? 8. Does the Department consider there is a relationship between amended or reduced R&D support from the R&D Tax Incentive? 9. The NZ Government recently announced the introduction of a 15% R&D credit, which is nearly 4 times as attractive as the proposed base rate of 4% in Australia-for larger firms? Has the Government modelled the likely impact of the NZ policy in attracting Australian companies moving their R&D to NZ? 10. Is the Department aware of any financial companies providing funding on commercial terms for companies in tax loss? 11. Are there separate audits undertaken on firms receiving R&D assistance from general tax audits? 12. If not, how many tax audits have been undertaken in 2017/18 that included reference to R&D? 13. Is there an ongoing assessment of businesses in the program separate from consideration of their eligibility for the tax offset? 14. For example does the Department know how long individual firms have been receiving the incentive while in a tax loss situation? 15. How many compliance actions have been taken against firms regarding the R&D Tax Incentive? 16. There were five taxpayer alerts issued by the ATO and AusIndustry in 2017 regarding the R&D tax incentive? (They dealt with business as usual R&D, software development, construction activities and agriculture) 17. What was the impact of issuing those alerts? 18. There have been no tax alerts in 2018 regarding R&D? Does that mean that there are no current concerns? 19. What other mechanisms do the ATO or AusIndustry have to ensure effective compliance in the incentive?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000314	SI-75	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	Research and Development					
SQ18-000315	SI-76	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	NISA Innovation Performance Indicators	<p>1. What individual internationally referenced performance indicators used to assess Australia's progress in implementing the National Innovation and Science Agenda? 2. What are the most current assessments of the performance of the Australian innovation system (internationally referenced) available?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
					<p>1. In responding to a question from Senator Carr, the Minister said that there had been a full regulatory impact statement process before any of the changes under discussion were implemented. Did this process indicate that complementary medicines made in Australia might not qualify to use the Australian Made logo? 2. Mr Lawson said that the issues had been raised with the Department "relatively recently in an intense way". (a) What do you mean by "an intense way"? (b) When were the issues first raised with the department? (c) When was the Minister first briefed about these issues? (d) Who was the Minister at that time? (e) Was the issue mentioned in incoming ministers briefs for any subsequent ministers? 3. Mr Lawson gave evidence that: "In complementary medicine, for example, the ACCC has provided advice that, if different ingredients are put together and pressed into a tablet, that is made in Australia". Can you confirm that this is the case, or are there more processes required before the ingredients that become the tablet qualify as "Australian Made"? 4. Can you supply a complete list of which complementary products qualify and which do not? 5. Mr Lawson stated: "The AMCL has advised the companies that they would need to change their arrangements by 1 July next year. So, there is time to address this issue. We are providing you with the factual material, but the government is certainly apprised of the issue, and concerned about the issue." (a) Have any of the companies indicated to you that in order to comply with the 1 July 2019 deadline, that they will need to start making substantive changes to production arrangements from the end of November this year - that these changes can take up to seven months to put into effect? (b) Have any companies indicated a sense of urgency about getting these issues resolved? 6. Senator Carr asked: "What are the policy options that are now available? Is there a matter that can be dealt with by regulation or does it require legislative change so that the ACCC can issue new guidelines?" Can we have an answer to this question please?? 7. As the Department considered whether there are any other interim options that could be put into place? 8. Could the ACCC be asked to pause taking any compliance action for a set period of time to enable an alternative solution to be found? 9. Mr Lawson gave evidence that: "There are a range of possible ways that need to be explored to address this issue. Ministers are very apprised of the issue and very concerned about it and want to make sure that a good, well-principled solution is found as quickly as possible." (a) Can you detail the "range of possible ways" that need to be explored? (b) How long might this exploration take? Or How quickly could it be done? (c) How often, when and which Ministers were "apprised of the issue and very concerned about it"? (d) Is Minister Andrews one of these Ministers? (e) When was Minister Andrews briefed about this matter?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000316	SI-77	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Complementary Medicines					
					<p>1. In regard to developing reforms to the anti-dumping system, at the Senate Budget estimates hearing 31 May this year the Minister (Cash) confirmed she had been presented a package from the Department, which was being considered by the Government. Can you outline the consultation process: (a) Who was consulted? (b) How many times were they consulted? (c) When were the consultations opened and closed? 2. Is there a package of reform? What is the status? 3. What is the nature of the reforms? 4. Did the Department's proposed forms include legislative changes? 5. Is the Department aware whether this package of reforms was presented by Minister Cash to Cabinet? 6. Did the Department get any formal feedback about the package before Minister Cash offered her resignation from the frontbench on 22 August 2018, during the events of the leadership spill? 7. Does the new Minister (Andrews) have the package? 8. Is there any indication whether the package is going to be brought to Cabinet so that it can be dealt with by this Parliament?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000317	SI-78	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Anti-Dumping Commission					
SQ18-000318	SI-79	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Anti-Dumping Duties/ Resourcing	<p>1. For 2016-17 the Commission collected \$70.6 Million in Anti-Dumping duties and \$13.7 million in countervailing duties- what was the value of goods that the duties were collected on? 2. How much duty was collected in the 2017-18 year? 3. What was the value of goods that the duties were collected on? 4. What analysis has been done to assess the impact of additional staffing resources for the Commission and additional revenue that would be collected?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000319	SI-80	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Duty refunds	<p>1. In 2016-17 of the duties collected- \$13.7 million was provided back to importers as refunds. What is the basis and policy approach for providing refunds? 2. What was the 'refund' amount for 2017-18? 3. What happens when the interim duty is lower than the final duty is the importer required to pay the difference to the Commission? If not. Why not? 4. Would implementing a system which saw the importer paying the correct amount of duty when the interim duty was lower than the final duty be WTO compliant? 5. Would it require legislative reforms? 6. Would it be a costly exercise in comparison to the expected additional revenue? 7. From 2012- 18 (at 31 Oct) the Commission had provided approximately 43 million in refunds to importers. What is the estimate of the amount received by the Commission if importers had to pay the difference between the interim duty and the final duty when the final duty was higher than the interim?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	

SQ18-000320	SI-81	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Commissioner's Note	1. The Dumping Commissioners note The potential for trade diversion in steel and aluminium and subsequent impacts – 27 July 2018 In "Future Actions Proposed" proposed to establish a statistically based and data-driven index that would be used to provide updates to me on movements in volumes and pricing on a monthly basis." Has the index has been established? 2. Does the index show any movement in the products that it is tracking meeting the threshold of above 3 per cent of 2017 volumes and emerging significant new sources? 3. Are there barriers to the information in the index being provided to industry participants or the public and, if so, how are these challenges been addressed? 4. The note says that further actions will also include: "increase efforts taken on anti-circumvention matters and work with other government agencies to ensure that the powers available to me under the Customs Act are applied effectively to ensure that circumvention practices, such as trans-shipment aimed at avoiding duties, are properly acted against in order to provide for an effective Australian trade remedy system." 5. What is transshipment? 6. Is this a concern? 7. How big a problem is this? 8. What is the relevant agency that you're working with on this? 9. What has been done so far?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000321	SI-82	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Goods Duty compliance at the Border	Background The Australian Border Forces' Good compliance Update from August suggests they examined \$27.3 million of goods subject to anti-dumping duties and detected duty underpayment or avoidance in approximately 46% of lines analysed culminating in a total duty underpaid by approximately \$4.8 million. This compares to a proportion of breaches identified as against total lines checked of 6.84% 1. Is this a significant concern to you given that anti-dumping duties are specifically levied to prevent material injury to Australian industry after detailed and expensive investigations by you? 2. Does the ABF consult with the Commissioner about the appropriate penalties and infringements for the underpayment of duties? https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Complyingwithyourobligations/Documents/goods-compliance-update-august-2018.pdf	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000322	SI-83	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Paper investigation(s)	Background In the current investigation on paper Exported from Austria, Finland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the Slovak Republic, the initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) for the investigation would be placed on the public record on or before 7 July 2018. It was then advised that the SEF would be placed on the public record no later than 1 August 2018, it was then advised that the SEF would now be placed on the public record no later than 30 September 2018. It was then advised that The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than 19 November 2018. 1. How confident is the Commissions that this new deadline will be met? 2. The decision referred to the WTO by Indonesia regarding the Commission's levying of duties of Indonesian origin what support does the Commission provide to assist the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in defending this decision?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000323	SI-84	Carr, Kim	Anti-Dumping Commission	Transshipment	Background In regards to the current investigation underway ADC 447 - Anti-circumvention Aluminium Extrusions exported through one or more third countries from the People's Republic of China – 1. Is this the first anti-circumvention transshipment case? 2. When is it due to be finalised? 3. What role does Border Force play in the investigation 4. What are the anti-dumping commission's investigation powers in relation to investigating transshipment? 5. What is the remedy available if there is a finding of anti-circumvention and transshipment? 6. Are there limitations to these powers? Would the learnings from this case so far indicate the investigative and remedy approaches are appropriate to the task?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000324	SI-85	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Automotive workers	Questions: 1.) What methods are being used to track the employment outcomes of former Holden Ford and Toyota workers? 2.) How many former Holden, Ford and Toyota workers have found new employment? 3.) How many of these jobs are classified as casual? 4.) How many former Holden, Ford and Toyota workers are still unemployed and what services are being provided to them?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000325	SI-86	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Chief Scientist meetings	1. On what dates and for what purpose has the Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel, met with: a. The Prime Minister b. The former Prime Minister Mr Turnbull; c. The Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, d. The former Minister for Jobs and Innovation, Senator Cash; e. The former Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Senator Sinodinos; f. The former Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Mr Hunt and g. Other Ministers (please specify).	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000326	SI-87	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Hydrogen Strategy Group	1. In regards to the Hydrogen Strategy Group: a. When was it established? b. Who established the group? c. What is the membership of the group? d. How were the members appointed? e. How many times and on what dates has it met? f. What items have been on the agenda for these meetings? g. What reports, briefing papers etc have been presented or produced by the group? Please attach those documents h. When is the Hydrogen Strategy group due to report, and to whom?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000327	SI-88	Carr, Kim	Office of the Chief Scientist	Roundtable on research quality	1. In regards to reports that the Chief Scientist held an invitation only roundtable on research quality: a. Did such a roundtable occur? b. On what date did it occur and where? c. Who was invited and who accepted the invitation to participate? d. What was the agenda of the roundtable? e. Who initiated the roundtable and for what purpose? f. It is reported that ahead of the meeting the Office of the Chief Scientist issued a number of potential recommendations. Is this true? g. If so, please provide a copy of the recommendations? h. If so, how were the recommendations devised? i. What are the proposed outcomes of the roundtable? j. How much did the roundtable cost?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000328	SI-89	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Meeting of the Commonwealth Science Council	1. At the last meeting of the Commonwealth Science Council: a. What was the membership of the Council? b. Who attended? c. Did the Prime Minister attend the whole meeting? d. What was the agenda? 2. What has been the membership of the Commonwealth Science Council at each meeting of the Council? Please include the dates of each meeting and the names of attendees 3. According to question on notice BI-124 the term of members of the Commonwealth Science Council ended on 2nd October 2018. a. Have new appointments to the Commonwealth Science Council been made? b. Have any current members of the Commonwealth Science Council been re-appointed or had their terms extended? c. When were these appointments and extensions made?	Written	5/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000329	SI-90	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	National Science and Research Priorities	1. When were the National Science and Research Priorities last reviewed? 2. When was the Department informed about the Minister for Education and Training's announcement about a review of the priorities? 3. What is the Department's involvement in the review of the priorities? 4. Which Department has policy ownership over the priorities?	Written	5/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000330	SI-91	Carr, Kim	Strategic Policy	Digital Economy Strategy	1. Following from the discussion paper released in September 2017 and 114 responses, what has happened to the Digital Economy Strategy? a. Will the Digital Economy Strategy still be released in 2018? b. Was the online discussion forum effective? c. How was the online discussion forum's success evaluated? d. How many ideas were posted on the online discussion forum? (8) e. How many responses were posted on the online discussion forum? In regards to the Science Prizes Committee can you provide a list of the membership, along with its terms of reference, number and dates of meetings in 2018, terms of service by each member, and who appoints them?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000331	SI-92	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Science Prizes Committee membership list	In regards to the Department of Defence submission to the review of the Defence Trade Controls Act, when was the Department of Industry consulted, with whom and on how many occasions, and what form did that consultation take?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000332	SI-93	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Submission to the review of the Defence Trade Controls Act	Has the Department prepared electorate briefs? If so, please provide a copy.	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000333	SI-94	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Electorate briefs	Please update the discretionary grants spreadsheet provided in response to Question on Notice no. BI-75 from the 2018-19 Budget Estimates, to provide budget, committed and non-committed funding from 2009-10 to 2023-24 for all identified programs and any other discretionary grant programs that may be established.	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000334	SI-95	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Discretionary grants	Please provide a list of all upcoming appointments - including those to boards, positions, working groups, committees - that are due to be made by the Minister in the next twelve months. Include and identify any positions that require cabinet approval and include positions like appointments to international bodies, or appointments as international counsellors. Please provide a list of all portfolio appointments - including those to boards, positions, working groups, committees - that are appointed by the Minister or Secretary. List the date of expiry of the appointment, and the length of term.	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000335	SI-96	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Portfolio appointments		Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000336	SI-97	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund	Please provide a list of each grant under the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating institution (including the federal electorate of each Australian based institution), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000337	SI-98	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Australia-China Science and Research Fund	Please provide a list of each grant under the Australia-China Science and Research Fund since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating institution (including the federal electorate of each Australian based institution), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000338	SI-99	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	R&D Tax registrations	For the R&D Tax Incentive please list by federal electorate: (a) Number of registrations (b) Number of registrations for the 43.5 percent refundable tax offset (c) Number of registrations for the 38.5 percent non-refundable tax offset (d) Number of registrations from manufacturing firms	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000339	SI-100	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Inspiring all Australians in STEM	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Inspiring all Australians in STEM since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), a short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000340	SI-101	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	Cooperative Research Centre	Please list for each CRC: (a) The federal electorate of its headquarters (b) Each university partner for each CRC	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000341	SI-102	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Number of Grants	For each federal electorate please list: (a) Number of business/management services/grants in 2018-19 to date, 2017-18, and 2016-17 (b) Number of Accelerating Commercialisation services/grants in 2018-19 to date, 2017-18, and 2016-17 (c) Number of Innovation Connections services/grants in 2018-19 to date, 2017-18, and 2016-17 (d) Number of Incubator Support Services services/grants in 2018-19 to date, 2017-18, and 2016-17	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000342	SI-103	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Automotive Diversification Program	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Automotive Diversification Program since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000343	SI-104	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000344	SI-105	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Global Innovation Strategy	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Global Innovation Strategy since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000345	SI-106	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000346	SI-107	Carr, Kim	AUSI - Support for Business	Advanced Manufacturing Growth Fund grants	Please provide a list of each grant under programs supported by Advanced Manufacturing Growth Fund since 2016, including the title of the project, the participating business/partner (including the federal electorate), short description, and amount of funding awarded	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000347	SI-108	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Staffing and Facilities	1. (a) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of Department facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL (b) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of CSIRO facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL (c) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of ANSTO facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL (d) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of AIMS facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL (e) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of IP Australia facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL (f) Please provide, by federal electorate, a list of NMI facilities, and staff at each facility by headcount and ASL	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000348	SI-109	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO Facilities	1. Why is the ANSTO Nuclear Medicine Facility not in full operation yet? a. When was it originally scheduled to be operative? b. What are the reasons why it has been delayed? c. How much of the \$168 million budget has been expended? Have there been cost over runs? 2. What is the current status of the proposed SynRoc facility? Has building commenced? When is it expected to be completed? 3. Has that been subject to the same problems and delays? 4. Have you been engaged with options to solve your problems by the Department? By Ministers or their offices?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000349	SI-110	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO operating loss	1. What is the primary reason for your approved operating loss in 2018-19? a. Your answer to Question on Notice BI-45 also makes reference to lower demand from established markets than previously widely forecast. Can you elaborate on that? b. What mitigation strategies have you put in place to ensure the Commonwealth gets its return on investment?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000350	SI-111	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO Enterprise SAP upgrade project	1. According to the annual report (page 112), there is reference to the ANSTO Enterprise (Ae) SAP upgrade project. How much have you spent on that project? a. Who implemented this project? b. What was the original budget for this project? c. What problems and issues have been identified? d. Have they been mitigated, or is there a plan to mitigate them? e. Are you aware of other agencies or Departments having similar problems with SAP?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000351	SI-112	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO's technetium generator line	1. In the independent report there is reference to a failure in ANSTO's technetium generator line. When was that fault? a. How did it occur? b. When did the line resume production? c. Why did it take so long to resume full operation? d. Does this line primarily service domestic customers? e. Are there still shortages of nuclear medicines in Australia? f. During the time the technetium generator line was down how did Australia source supplies of nuclear medicine? Did we stop exporting doses overseas? g. What is the arrangement ANSTO has with Lantheus Medical Imaging (LMI)? h. How was this arrangement made? i. Does the arrangement allow LMI to retain a proportion of mo-99 for use in the US? j. What is the arrangement with GSM? k. Rather than simply fix the generator line, it has been suggested that ANSTO decided to perform an upgrade to the line. Is this true? If so, why not just fix it?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000352	SI-113	Carr, Kim	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	ANSTO cost recovery	Is ANSTO prioritising cost recovery or profitability over servicing Australian needs for nuclear medicine?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000353	SI-114	Gallacher, Alex	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Inventory of Radio Active Waste	Can ANSTO produce a detailed inventory of low level and Intermediate level radioactive waste by geographical location and cubic metrage?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000354	SI-115	Ketter, Chris	Corporate	Department Contractors	1. Over the past 24 months, how many individuals have been carrying out duties within your agency who were not engaged as employees under Section 22 of the Public Service Act? Please provide a breakdown showing categories of duties, e.g. policy, ICT, program delivery. These could be in work arrangements such as labour hire, consultants, direct contractors etc. but are not limited to the categories mentioned 2. How many of these individuals have been providing services to the Department for greater than 12 months? 3. What was the reason for not employing these individuals under Section 22 of the Public Service Act?	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000355	SI-116	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	<p>outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit? d. How much was spent on this service in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 3. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost? c. How much was spent on this service in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 4. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by the NAIF to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 January 2016? a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals? b. How much was spent on these subscriptions in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 5. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the NAIF since 1 January 2016? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to? ii. What was the cost of the gift? b. How much was spent on gifts in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 6. Does the NAIF purchase bottled water or provide coolers? a. What is the monthly cost of this? b. How much was spent on this service in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 7. Does the NAIF provide fruit for the board or staff? a. What is the monthly cost of this? b. How much was spent on this service in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 8. How much was spent on the following services in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018 - present: a. Taxi hire b. Mousine hire c. Private hire care d. Fire car rental e. Bidesharing services f. Chartered flights 9. How many media or public relations advisers are employed by the NAIF? 10. Are media or public relations advisers currently independently employed by contract? a. Who are these contracts with? b. What is the value of these contracts? c. How much was spent on media or public relations advisers in financial year: i. 2015 -16 ii. 2016 -17 iii. 2017 - 18 iv. 2018 - present 11. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 12. How much did the NAIF spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored content in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? 13. How much did the NAIF spend on Twitter advertising or sponsored content in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? 14. How much did the NAIF spend on LinkedIn advertising or sponsored content in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? 15. How much has the NAIF spent advertising for recruitment in Sydney, Brisbane and Northern Australia, broken down by region for the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? 16. How much has NAIF spent on advertising in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? 17. Has NAIF engaged in any corporate sponsorships? a. Who were these sponsorships with? b. What was the purpose of these sponsorships? c. What was the value of these sponsorships, by case and year? d. What was the value of these sponsorships in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present, aggregated by recipient of sponsorship? 18. How much has the NAIF spent in legal costs in the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought? 19. Has the NAIF engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice? a. Social media i. What was the value of these services for the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present? b. Photography i. What was the value of these services for the following financial years, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00 Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000356	SI-117	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	AustCyber – Remit	<p>1. The Department of Industry's website states the Australian Cyber Security Growth Network "was established to help the domestic cyber security industry grow and become more capable and competitive, and to establish Australia as a leading force in the rapidly expanding global cyber security market." a. What has AustCyber done to help the domestic cyber security industry grow in the last 12 months? b. What are the Key Performance Indicators used to assess AustCyber's performance and how are they measured? c. Does AustCyber report on these KPIs to the Minister? i. If so, to which Minister/s? ii. How often do you report? iii. If not, why not? d. What has AustCyber done to establish Australia as a leading force in the rapidly expanding global cyber security market in the last 12 months? e. What are the Key Performance Indicators used to assess AustCyber's performance and how are they measured? f. Does AustCyber report on these KPIs to the Minister? i. If so, to which Minister/s? ii. How often do you report? iii. If not, why not? 2. The Cyber Security Sector Competitiveness Plan states the role of the Australian Cyber Security Growth Centre, now AustCyber, is to "set the direction for Australia's cyber security industry to advance and prosper and offer a trusted source of cyber security capability to organisations at home and abroad." a. What capability does the statement in the Sector Competitiveness Plan refer to where it says "offer a trusted source of cyber security capability to organisations at home and abroad"?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00 Karen Andrews
SQ18-000357	SI-118	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	AustCyber – Governance	<p>1. Before becoming AustCyber, the organisation was named the Australian Cyber Security Growth Network and the Australian Cyber Security Growth Centre. What were the reasons behind each of the three name changes? a. Who made the decision to rebrand and/or rename the organisation? b. Did the Minister approve the organisation's name change? c. If approval was not obtained from the Minister, who gave the authorisation or approval? d. Were they appropriately authorised via delegation to make that decision? e. Did the organisation undertake branding activities with each name change? f. If so, what was the cost of each branding activity associated with the organisation's name change? 2. What was AustCyber's budget in the 2017-18 period? 3. What is AustCyber's operational budget for the 2018-19 period? 4. What is AustCyber's budget in the forward estimates? 5. How many staff are employed by AustCyber? 6. What is the organisational structure of AustCyber and its staffing allocations? 7. Are the directors of the AustCyber board remunerated? a. If so, what are the remuneration arrangements of these positions? 8. Is AustCyber's work plan coordinated with either or both of these agencies represented on the board, Data61 and ASD? 9. Is there a representative on the board from Austrade?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00 Karen Andrews
SQ18-000358	SI-119	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	AustCyber – Trade Missions	<p>1. What is AustCyber's relationship to Austrade? 2. How does AustCyber's role and mission differ to Austrade, especially in relation to showcasing and exporting Australian cyber security businesses? 3. How many cyber security trade missions has AustCyber lead or organised in the last 12 months? 4. What were the trade mission destinations? 5. How many industry delegates took part? 6. Which Ministers took part? 7. How much did the trade missions cost AustCyber? 8. How many contracts were signed as a result of these trade missions and what was their total worth? 9. Does AustCyber report on the outcomes of trade missions to the Minister? a. If so, to which Minister/s? b. How often do you report? c. When was the last report completed and delivered by AustCyber? d. If AustCyber does not provide a report on the trade mission outcomes, please explain why a reporting requirement is not necessary. 10. Given AustCyber's mission, why do you take out exhibition stands promoting AustCyber at conferences in Australia? 11. How many exhibition stands have you used to promote AustCyber in the last 12 months and at how many Australian conferences? 12. How much has AustCyber spent on exhibition stands promoting itself at conferences in Australia in the last 12 months? 13. How much has AustCyber spent on staffing costs for the exhibition stands at Australian conferences in the last 12 months?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00 Karen Andrews

SQ18-000359	SI-120	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	AustCyber – Measuring effectiveness	<p>The establishment of the Cyber Security Growth Centre, later renamed AustCyber, was an action identified in the Australian Cyber Security Strategy 2016 to “bring together a national cyber security innovation network that pioneers cutting edge cyber security research and innovation through the National Innovation and Science Agenda.” The outcomes expected from the Growth Centre include: •Connections made between stakeholders, through the Growth Centre, deliver a multiplier effect on cyber security ideas and •The number of challenges being responded to increases, •More cyber security start-ups acquire capital to establish, •More cyber security solutions are developed and commercialised, •The number of cyber security businesses in Australia grows, •More Australian cyber security products and services are exported, •More international businesses invest in Australian cyber security research, innovation and solutions, •All businesses benefit from cyber security solutions commercialised with Growth Centre support.</p> <p>1. What progress has AustCyber made against each of these outcomes in the Cyber Strategy in the last 12 months? a. What are the Key Performance Indicators used to assess AustCyber’s performance against each outcome and how are they measured? b. Does AustCyber report on these KPIs to the Minister? i. If so, to which Minister/s? ii. How often do you report? c. If AustCyber does not provide a report on its performance against the KPIs, please explain why a reporting requirement is not necessary. The AustCyber website states “specifically, the role of ACSGN is to act as a multiplier and connector for the Australian cyber security industry” and “...ACSGN will also develop a set of metrics that measure the change in desired outcomes over time.” 2. Have the metrics for the desired outcomes been developed? a. If so, what are the metrics for each of the desired outcomes? b. How have the metrics been developed? c. Can you please provide an update on the achievement of each the metrics for each of the desired outcomes? d. If not, why haven’t they been developed? e. Do you report on these metrics to the Minister? i. If so, to which Minister/s? ii. How often do you report? iii. If not, why not?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000360	SI-121	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	AustCyber – Cyber security policy development	<p>1. The AustCyber website states “It is important to clearly define the role of ACSGN to avoid duplication with the agenda of several other organisations and agencies that have been recently created or reshaped to support the industry as part of the Australian Government’s Cyber Security Strategy.” a. What organisations and agencies did AustCyber identify as having possible duplication in supporting the Government’s Cyber Security Strategy? b. Does AustCyber develop policy on cyber security? i. If so, on what issues? c. Does AustCyber use the cyber policy unit in Home Affairs for policy development? i. If not, why not? d. Does AustCyber outsource any of its policy development on cyber security? If so, please provide details of all your contracts for the development of cyber security policy for the last two years, specifically: i. The nature of the project or policy, ii. The cost of the contract, iii. The name and location of the contractor, and iv. The nature of the procurement of each of the contractors. e. Was policy development restricted to employees who are Australian nationals? f. If not, please outline the nationalities of the contractors working on the policy development.</p> <p>2. The AustCyber website states one of its key goals is to “make Australia the leading centre for cyber education.” AustCyber is actively involved in establishing the national curriculum for the vocational sector, and accrediting cyber security courses at educational institutions. a. Was this goal in the original remit of AustCyber? i. Is this goal endorsed by the Minister? ii. If so, which Minister/s? iii. When was the goal endorsed? Cyber Security Strategy b. Is there any other Federal government department or government agency working on the national curriculum? i. If so, which agency/ies are they? ii. If so, isn’t AustCyber duplicating the work of those agencies? c. Is there any other Federal government department, agency or university working on the accreditation? i. If so, which agency/ies are they? ii. If so, isn’t AustCyber duplicating the work of those agencies?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000361	SI-122	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Data61 - Governance	<p>1. What was Data61’s budget in the 2017-18 period? 2. What is Data61’s operational budget for the 2018-19 period? 3. What is Data61’s budget in the forward estimates? 4. What is the organisational structure of Data61 and its staffing allocations? 5. How many staff are employed on a full-time basis by Data61? 6. How many of these staff are recognised cyber security experts, and who are they? a. What are the qualifications or accreditation of these experts? b. What areas of research are they recognised in? c. What are their publication records? 7. How many staff are employed on a part-time or casual basis for Data61? 8. How many of these staff are recognised cyber security experts, and who are they? a. What are the qualifications or accreditation of these experts? b. What areas of research are they recognised in? c. What are their publication records? 9. How many cyber security experts does Data61 formally collaborate with, including providing financial support, on cyber security research, and who are they? a. What are the qualifications or accreditation of these experts? b. What research is being undertaken / has been undertaken? c. Where has this research been published?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000362	SI-123	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Data61 – Research	<p>1. Since Data61’s formation in 2016, how many research projects have commenced, are underway, or have been completed, and what are they? Please include information on the following points in the response: a. The name of the project, b. The date the project commenced and anticipated date of completion, or completion date, c. The name and affiliation of the principal project manager, d. An assessment of the progress of the research, e. Whether the project is likely to lead to products or services that can be commercialised, f. The funding amount allocated to the project, and g. The source/s of the funds if funding is received outside of Data61. 2. How many researchers employed by Data61 hold security clearances and at what level? 3. How many researchers employed by Data61 do not hold security clearances? a. How many of these researchers are Australian citizens? b. How many of these researchers are foreign nationals? c. Of the researchers who are foreign nationals, what research projects are they working on and can Data61 confirm there is no need for a security clearance for those projects?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000363	SI-124	Carr, Kim	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Data61 - Scholarships	<p>1. Data61 CSIRO offers PhD stipend and top-up scholarships to domestic and international applicants working on co-supervised data-driven research projects. How many scholarships has Data61 awarded? a. What proportion of the applicants’ salary is funded by Data61? b. What is the selection criteria used to assess scholarship applications and how are they measured? c. Does Data61 report on the number of scholarships awarded to the Minister? i. If so, to which Minister/s? ii. How often do you report? iii. If not, why not? d. What are the lengths of the scholarships awarded? e. How many of these scholarships have been awarded to Australian applicants? f. How many scholarships have been awarded to international applicants? g. What universities or research institutions are the applicants affiliated to?</p>	Written	2/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000364	SI-125	Farrell, Don	Corporate	Administration Costs	<p>1. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new business cards for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018 (please include production, design, and printing costs)? 2. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new letterhead and personalised stationery for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018? (please include production, design, and printing costs) 3. What was the total cost incurred by the Department on new electronic equipment (including telephones, ipads, computers, laptops) for all Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Ministerial staff following the change of Prime Minister on 24th August 2018, and the subsequent reshuffle of the Government ministry on 28th August 2018?</p>	Written	5/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan , Karen Andrews
SQ18-000365	SI-126	Faruqi, Mehreen	Australian Building Codes Board	Australian Building Code	<p>1. Are there any mandatory guidelines for natural ventilation in the Australian Building Code? Please provide details. 2. Are there any guidelines for passive heating/cooling (overhangs) in the Australian Building Code? 3. Does the Australian Building Code mandate the option of natural drying of clothes as an alternative to dryers (ie including this in definition of dwelling)? 4. What guidelines pertain to hot water systems in new dwellings? Are these mandatory for a new dwelling? 5. Does the Australian Building Code mandate bicycle parking for each new apartment building/dwelling? a. Are there any plans to make this mandatory? 6. Does the Australian Building Code mandate electric vehicle charging for each new apartment building/dwelling? a. Are there any plans to make this mandatory?</p>	Written	5/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews

SQ18-000366	SI-127	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Hydrogen powered cars	Regarding the cars powered by hydrogen derived from ammonia that were developed and tested in the CSIRO Centre for Advanced Technologies at Pullenvale in Brisbane in August 2018: 1. Please outline the funding arrangements that led to this fuel development, and how many years it has been under development. 2. Who owns the copyright for this fuel technology? 3. What do you say to community concern that the federal government will sell off the recently developed technology to commercial interests? 4. Will the government commit to keeping the technology in Australia to be developed by Australian companies? 5. Please explain the boundaries between commercialisation and privatisation of commonwealth-funded intellectual property. 6. Please outline more detail about the carbon benefits of this fuel development, and the export potential for Australia.	Written	6/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000367	SI-128	Waters, Larissa	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Grant awarded to GISERA	Regarding the \$450,000 grant awarded in September 2018 to GISERA to measure the environmental impacts of fracking in the Northern Territory: 1. Have any discussions or correspondence between GISERA and the NT government, either before or after the grant was awarded, addressed the issue of how to manage real or perceived conflicts of interest between the study into the environmental impacts of fracking and GISERA's industry participants, namely — Australia Pacific LNG, Origin Energy, QGC, AGL and Santos? 2. Please outline all steps are being taken address conflicts of interest given that the outcome of the research into the environmental impacts of fracking in the Northern Territory could have a direct financial impact on GISERA's industry partners. 3. Please table a copy of the contract provisions which go to the independence of the research. Are there standard contract provisions, and if so, have these been used or modified in this particular grant project? 4. In an ABC article from September, entitled Australia Institute labels gas industry input in NT fracking impact research 'totally inappropriate' it says "Damian Barrett, director of CSIRO's onshore gas research and GISERA, "flatly rejected" the questioning of GISERA's independence, and cited established processes to ensure research was impartial. These processes included restrictions around voting rights for industry representatives, the publication of all peer-reviewed "public good" research and the denial of any company requests to alter, edit or respond to research reports written by CSIRO under GISERA." a. Are there any restrictions around the voting rights for industry representatives relating to this specific grant project? b. Has there yet been any votes relating to this project? Please provide dates and topics voted on. 5. What research methodology will be undertaken to measure the environmental impacts of fracking — will it be a desktop study using existing data, or will additional field studies be undertaken? What will the nature of those field studies be? Will public consultation occur? Will public submissions be accepted? 6. How long will the study take and when will its findings be completed? Will the findings or any report produced be released publicly? 7. Will the industry partners of GISERA have advance notice of any draft publication? Will those industry partners have any editorial influence over the study or its recommendations? 8. Please provide a list of other similar projects that GISERA has done for states or territories.	Written	6/11/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews	
SQ18-000368	SI-129	Waters, Larissa	Economic & Analytical Services	Resources and Energy Quarterly Major Projects List	Regarding projects listed in the September 2018 Resources and Energy Quarterly Major Projects List: 1. Why is Adani's Carmichael coal project listed in the "feasibility stage" column, not the "committed" column, considering Adani gave a "final investment approval" to the project in June 2017 and said in March 2018 that it is "100 per cent committed"? 2. If OCE thinks that Adani is committed why is the project not listed in the committed column? Do you disagree with Adani's statement that they are indeed "100% committed"? 3. The March 2018 edition of REQ states: it is unlikely that the output of the Adani mine will offset output from established Australian coalfields: Carmichael would mostly displace sales of lower grade Indonesian and South African coal into the important Indian market, where current Australian sales are comparatively poor. (p51) (a) Is this assessment based on any modelling or quantitative analysis? (b) If yes, can you please publish that analysis? (c) If no, what is it based on? A hunch? (d) Has OCE ever conducted any quantitative analysis of how a large new source of coal supply has affected other producers, including of different quantities of coal? If yes, please provide. (e) In July 2017 exactly this sort of analysis was conducted by market analysts Wood Mackenzie and reported by the ABC, with key figures such as Galilee Basin development leading to Hunter Valley coal output reductions of 86 million tonnes per year in 2030 (37%), falls of 17 million tonnes in the Bowen Basin and delays in developing the Surat Basin. Wood Mackenzie's analysis includes adjustment for the energy value of coal in each mine. Wood Mackenzie is a well-known analysis house who do a lot of work for the coal industry. OCE's contention that Galilee Basin coal is "unlikely" to displace other Australian coal is contradicted by Wood Mackenzie's quantitative analysis. Has Wood Mackenzie got it wrong or has OCE? (f) Will OCE be conducting quantitative analysis to support this claim? 4. The latest Major Projects List also lists the Rocky Hill Coal Mine in NSW as starting in 2019. a. Is the OCE aware that refusal of this mine was recommended by both the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and the NSW Planning Assessment Commission? b. Given these recommendations, why does OCE list the project as starting in 2019? c. Did OCE speak to any of the opponents of the mine in coming to this decision? Who did OCE speak to? Just industry?	Written	6/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan	
SQ18-000369	SI-130	Waters, Larissa	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	Adani application to NAIF	1. What is the status of Adani's application for NAIF moneys for their railway line, which application was vetoed by the Qld State Government in late 2017? 2. Has Adani sought to amend that application? 3. Has Adani lodged any fresh application for a shorter railway line? 4. Has Adani made inquiries of NAIF regarding any fresh or amended application for their proposed shorter railway line?	Written	6/11/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan	
SQ18-000370	SI-131	Hume, Jane	Science and Commercialisation Policy	Funding for science and research agencies	CHAIR: I have a question on the SRI tables. On an initial reading of those SRI tables, it seems that there has been a reasonable increase in the funding for science and research agencies since 2013 compared to the six years prior to that. I am wondering if the panel could outline the details of the increases for the CSIRO, ANSTO and AIMS specifically. Mr D Wilson: The Commercialisation Policy Branch are responsible for compiling the SRI budget table. As to your question with regard to the science agencies, CSIRO, ANSTO and AIMS, for 2018-19, ANSTO and AIMS will all increase and then, over the forward estimates, beyond the 2018-19 year—so 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22—there will be further increases. For CSIRO, from \$1,833 million up to \$1,837 million, ANSTO, \$242 million to \$225 million. In terms of the collective for the major direct R&D support programs from the government, from 2018-19 estimate through to 2021-22 we are going to see a net \$854 million increase over those three years. CHAIR: It is day four of estimates and my brain is not as sharp as it was on day one. What percentage increase is that? Mr D Wilson: On the increase from the 2018-19 year through to 2021-22, I'll have to come back to you about what that is as a percentage for that collective group. But in some of the other key major programs will be increasing. The research block grants, for example, will be increasing by 10.7 per cent over those years. The National Health and Medical Research Council competitive grant will be increasing by 4.1 per cent. The ARC competitive grant will be increasing by 7.5 per cent. One of the most significant increases is in the Medical Research Future Fund. That is increasing in 2018-19 from \$220 million up to \$646 million in 2021-22, recognising that government is making a significant investment into medical research through the Medical Research Future Fund over this forward estimates. That's, in effect, nearly a 200 per cent increase just in that program alone.	Spoken	58	25/10/2018 0:00	Karen Andrews
SQ18-000371	SI-132	Ketter, Chris	Northern Australia and Major Projects	Work by Korn Ferry	Senator KETTER: That sounds like a lot of money for what ultimately was an internal appointment. I understand you got advice about it. Did Korn Ferry do some work to shortlist a potential? Senator Canavan: There was a list of potential people that could be appointed. I might ask the department to outline in more detail what work was conducted by Korn Ferry. It was remis of me. Mr Lawson just reminded me that during this period we also appointed Mr Rolfe to the board to fill another vacancy. I just need to check if that was done on the back of the Korn Ferry work or separately.	Spoken	114	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan
SQ18-000372	SI-133	Patrick, Rex	Northern Australia and Major Projects	Letter from ATLA CEO	Senator PATRICK: I think that's probably sensible. Are the ATLA people in a similar boat? Do they have rise for some sort of application that might then disrupt the process again? Mr B Wilson: That would be a question, obviously, for ATLA. Their CEO did write to— Senator Canavan: To me, I think. Mr B Wilson: I think it was you, but it could've been the Flinders Ranges Council. We'd have to check.	Spoken	121	25/10/2018 0:00	Matthew Canavan